

The Courier

a newsletter from your friends at
First Baptist Church
in Hamilton, Ohio



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

June, 2011

Honor

First Lady Laura Bush recalls one overnight visit with her husband in the home of his parents, the former President and Mrs. Bush. "George woke up at 6 a.m. as usual and went downstairs to get a cup of coffee," Laura says. "And he sat down on the sofa with his parents and put his feet up. And all of a sudden, Barbara Bush yelled, 'Put your feet down!'"

"George's dad replied, 'For goodness' sake, Barbara, he's the President of the United States.'

"And Barbara said, 'I don't care. I don't want his feet on my table.'"

The president promptly did as he was told, for as Mrs. Bush observes, "Even Presidents have to listen to their mothers." (John McCaslin, *The Washington Times* "Inside the Beltway" 11-12-03)

Graduation ceremonies will soon happen in every city. Young people will celebrate achievements, and some will learn to appreciate the phrase, "by the skin of their teeth!" No matter. For all, it's a time of transition to bigger and better things.

This is one of life's best lessons! A great many will exceed the doubts and fears of their parents and friends. They will go on to accomplish wonderful things. Even if they don't, most will settle into solid roles of good citizens, family men and women, and they will fill the job roles that keep our society moving. Yes, there will be some failures, and some who should have achieved great things never will. But, let's not focus there right now. Let's focus on the bigger picture of those who will take up their places in life and become responsible adults.

Today, we choose to honor them. We make a big deal out of things like graduations because they are true milestones in life. These students have achieved something worthy of our congratulations and celebrations. Whether they struggled to get here or thought it was a breeze, they are here. They will move on to further studies, or they will take up jobs. They

will begin to put that education to the practical use of daily living. We honor them for what they have done, for the promise they show, for the potential they possess, for the knowledge and skills they have developed, and for reaching a very significant point in life. We're proud of every graduate!

Now, let's hope they learn the bigger lessons of life that will serve them well regardless of age. Learn how to return the favor of honoring others. It's a bigger deal than one might think. In all life, regardless where one goes, what job one has, how high one rises, the ability to honor others is one of the most important life skills a person will ever possess.

Honor your boss.

Honor your spouse.

Honor your parents, your relatives (including your siblings!), your friends and others who play a role in your life.

Honor folks at church who have helped you more by their prayers than you know.

One of life's best lessons is recognizing all the people to whom you owe honor. Even if you become President of the United States, honor your mother and get your feet off her coffee table.

Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. (Romans 13:7 NASB).

—Bill Denton
Heartlight





**American
Baptist
Women's
Ministries**

ABW Circle Dinner

The ladies of the church are invited to the joint Circles' dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Family Center for a pot luck dinner. Our speaker will be Chris Crowthers, representing the Caring Closet organization. You are welcome to bring slightly used purses and jewelry for that organization's fund raising event. We will also have a Love Gift dedication and a rededication of officers. Care and Share items can be brought in for Camp Kirkwood. They are especially in need of batteries (AA, AAA, D), laundry detergent, 1" masking tape, children's Tylenol or Advil, and gift cards from Walmart or Staples. Come and enjoy the evening of fellowship.

Nancy Whipple, ABW president

June Missionaries of the Month:

India

David & Elizabeth Perkins

Betsy and David serve at Kodikanal International School (KIS). Students at KIS come from many different backgrounds. At KIS, they receive an excellent education, experience living together in community, hear/experience the Christian witness and participate in social service projects. David serves on the KIS administration team and as the elementary school coordinator. Betsy is the elementary school nurse and teaches health classes.

Nepal

Charles & Carole Sydnor

Bucky (Charles) connects Human Development and Community Service (HDCS), a non-governmental Christian organization based in Kathmandu, with its international partners and supporters. HDCS is committed to holistic mission in Nepal, and focuses on the great need for social ministries such as health, education, job training, and community development. Carole enables foreigners that come to work in HDCS-related hospitals to serve effectively, assisting them with orientation to language and culture. Both Carole and Bucky also assist NBCC with leadership development.

Bible Book For June Numbers

"The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26 (RSV)

Numbers is the fourth book of the Pentateuch. It is so named because the census it contains numbers people. The Hebrew title, "In the Wilderness," is more appropriate, for it is an account of the forty years in the wilderness and embraces laws and regulations attributed to Moses. Although it covers a forty-year history, it actually deals with only nineteen days at the beginning and six months at the end of the period. It gives a valuable picture of the religious ideas of the fifth century B.C.

PRAY for the American Baptist Churches in their individual ministries and as they are related to other church bodies locally, nationally, and world-wide.

—Madge Walters



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, June 23rd. We will leave the church at the usual time, 8:30 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and beverage and be prepared for a good day of work and fellowship.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham



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Raise High The Standard

There are two powerful lessons tucked away in one of the historical accounts of the people of God in their quest for the Promised Land (Exodus 17). Under Moses' leadership, the people of God had ventured from the Pharaoh, across the Red Sea into the Sinai. They had gone far enough into the wilderness that they had run out of water. They complained to Moses, "Give us water... Did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst...? Is the Lord among us or not?" (Ex.17:2, 3, 7). God told Moses to take the elders of Israel, and walk on ahead of the people. When Moses came to the mountain at Horeb (Horeb/Sinai means wilderness/desolation), he was to take his staff and strike the mountain. By this act of faithful obedience, water would come out of desolation for the people to drink. The answer to the people's complaint came in what seemed almost to be a throw away line in the narrative: "So Moses did this." In response, the massive "population on the move"—recorded as 600,000 men, in the addition to women and children—were satisfied by the provision of God. But God was not finished testing His people, causing them examine whether they would trust their God even in the darkest of moments. The Amalekites were next.

The Amalekites, a tribal people living in the Negev and in the Sinai Peninsula, attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. The plan of defense for the people of God was simple. Moses was to take his brother, Aaron, and an associate named Hur, to the top of a hill overlooking the battle grounds. They carried with them a secret weapon, unknown by the enemy, but was certain to protect them and bring them victory.

The secret weapon was their confidence in God as symbolized by the staff which God had anointed as His very own. As Joshua and his valiant warriors fought the enemy below, Moses held high above his head the staff of God. The text says "As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning; but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning" (Exodus 17:11).

After a long while Moses grew weary and could no longer maintain the staff above his head. So Moses sat on a rock, and Hur and Aaron positioned themselves on each side of Moses, holding high Moses' arms which held the staff of God. By day's end, the people of God had prevailed, and the Amalekites were defeated. That evening, "Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner (standard). He said, For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD" (Exo. 17:15-16).

Only the most naive among us would believe that there is any power in holding high a shepherd's stick, expecting an incredible rescue against overwhelming odds. The power

was not in the staff, but in the God upon whom Moses and the people of God depended. (The same misunderstanding developed among the people concerning the "power" of the Ark of the Covenant. They carried the Ark into battle as a talisman of great power, expecting its very presence to gain them victory.) **So it was that, in their obedience in holding high shepherd's staff, God rescued and blessed His people.**

In times of revival, I have heard of small groups of intercessors, calling themselves the Aaron and Hur societies, who, in the midst of the daily routine and struggles for Christian integrity, upheld godly leaders in prayer and support, prayed for the church, and interceded for those who needed to come to a deeper level of faith. These men and women held high the banner of a commitment to Christ; they raised the standard of faithfulness to their God so that the Spirit of God would move mightily on their behalf. In so doing, their desire was that God might receive the glory and honor unto Himself.

Scanning my bookshelves recently, I ran across a title that found special significance in the days of the Promise Keeper movement in the mid-1990s and into the early years of the next decade. Written by men highly-esteemed in the Christian community, the book described seven promises that were lifted high as challenges for the men of America to consider as they determined to

(From the Pastor's Heart, continued)

follow their God and serve His church. Hopefully, some of these promises sound familiar:

1. **A Man and His God**—A Promise Keeper is committed to honor Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and obedience to His Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **A Man and His Mentors**—A Promise Keeper is committed to pursue vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs his brothers to help keep his promises.
3. **A Man and His Integrity**—A Promise Keeper is committed to practice spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.
4. **A Man and his Family**—A Promise Keeper is committed to build strong marriages and families through love, protection, and Biblical values.
5. **A Man and His Church**—A Promise Keeper is committed to support the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources.
6. **A Man and His Brothers**—A Promise Keeper is committed to reach beyond racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity.
7. **A Man and His World**—A Promise Keeper is committed to influence his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission

The hymn writer, William Merrill, once penned these words:

*Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of Kings!*

*Lift high the cross of Christ,
tread where His feet have trod:
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!*

Like Moses, Aaron, and Hur, First Baptist people of God, must be absolutely committed to trusting the Lord in the challenging days of our wilderness journeys, raising the banner/standard of the Lordship of Christ high above all other commitments in our demanding responsibilities and lifestyles.

The Promise Keeper emphasis a over decade ago was the result of the moving of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men, not only in America, but the world over. It infused into our hearts a deep desire to love our God with integrity and enthusiasm and without

shame or embarrassment. Broken lives were rebuilt. Marriages were given new life. Worship took on new life as men of God, with tears streaming their faces, honored and blessed their God. Joy moved among the hearts of men, as the banner of Christ was lifted high over our lives.

The Promise Keeper principles still resonate as viable challenges to the lives of every man who desires to follow his Lord. It is my prayer that the church of Jesus Christ would find itself energized and wonderfully revived by the Spirit of God. It could even start here at First Baptist, beginning in the heart of every man who desires to be used of God.

What a great opportunity for each man among us as we prepare to stand firm for our Lord during this month in which Fathers are honored. Men, I hope you will determine to join me.

Under the banner of our Sovereign King,
Pastor

Budget Status Report

The Month of April, 2011

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$60,886
Offerings	<u>60,806</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 80)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$59,651
Offerings	<u>60,806</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 1,155

The Year Through April, 2011

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$247,213
Offerings	<u>227,885</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$19,328)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$239,989
Offerings	<u>227,885</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$12,104)

–The Board Of Trustees

KeenAger Monthly Trip

The KeenAgers are going to Boggstown, IN, Monday, June 13th. The cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch and the show and needs to be collected by Sunday, June 5th. They will be leaving the church at 9:30 a.m. There is a limit of 25 so please sign the list on the bulletin board soon.

–Bernie & Martha Griesinger



On Sunday, June 12th, during the morning worship service, it will be our joy to honor those in the church family who are graduating this spring or have recently graduated. A special recognition has been planned with Jeremy Spence speaking. We trust that you will be present to encourage these who have completed an important part of their lives. A luncheon to honor our graduates will be held immediately following the morning worship for the graduates and their families in the Family Center. Please join us as we encourage and challenge our grads. The following is a list of all those who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school from our church family. If your name is not on this list, please contact the church office so we know and may recognize you at our Baccalaureate Sunday Service.

Ohio State University
Alex Thiel

Miami University
Lauren Schwab

Liberty University
Stacy Dickman - Masters Degree

Hamilton High School
Emily Cain
Erin Gingrich
Corryn Tuly
Jessica Spicer
Traci Bommershine

Monroe High School
Logan Stanger

Fairfield High School
Adam Davidson

Harrison High School
Samantha Blackwell

Walnut Hills High School
Bethany Bartmess

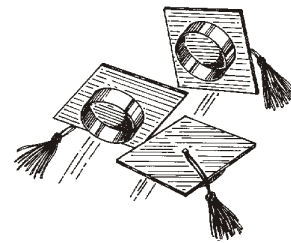
Ross High School
Jordan Allen

Talawanda High School
Michael Krall

Birthday Mail For Our Military

In June, two of our servicemen have birthdays—Andy Braun and Philip Dudley. In July, Ray Wallace and Jay Wallace have birthdays. Let us remember them with birthday prayers and wishes. Please place your birthday cards for them in the box in the coatroom marked "Military Mail" as soon as possible so that they can be mailed at the appropriate time.

—Judy Wallace
College & Career Co-Ordinator



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Ashley Dunman** for being chosen as Co-Salutatorian of the senior class at Cincinnati Christian School. Ashley has been accepted at Indiana Wesleyan University studying nursing. She is the granddaughter of Bertha Campbell.

Congratulations also to **Tammy Lynn Faber** who graduated from LeTourneau University, Houston, TX with a Master of Business Administration where she maintained a 4.0 GPA. Tammy is employed by Houston Independent School District, Manager of Furniture Services. She is the daughter of Mike and Gloria Faber.

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

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1132 Goodman Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Phone # 737-2087

Dylan
Hannah
Sydney

Totally Terrific Tuesdays

We have all the things lined up for a great summer on Tuesdays. There are a few changes for this year, so please read your schedule carefully. Due to the large number of kids registered last summer, we will need to have kids signed up as much as possible to make sure we have enough transportation. We have several adults that volunteer their time and vehicles for our excursions and we want to welcome them and thank them in advance for this year. The car seat laws have changed so much that if you have a child that requires one, you need to see Cheryl or Claire. Remember the age for Totally Terrific Tuesdays is completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Wonderful and Wacky Wednesdays

Since Awana is over until fall, our Wednesday nights are still going strong! We will have a class for 3 year olds to grade 3 together. We will be studying *"Thirteen Very Bad Days and What God did to Fix Them!"*. The fourth and fifth grade boys and girls will each have a separate Bible study class. Teachers are yet to be determined. If you can help with either of these classes, please let us know. We would like to have a couple of adult males to lead the boys class.

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries

Childcare Schedule

Summer is approaching and we are gearing up for vacations, sports, family reunions, etc. The nursery and toddler rooms desperately need your help! June's schedule has openings for childcare. The schedule for July and August have even more. If every approved worker would sign up for one time of helping out, we could fill the schedule for the rest of the year. Kinderchurch has been filled by the dedication of Dorothy Hollowell, Vicki Baker and Mike and Billie Gipson. Please help us out with this very important part of Sunday morning.

—Cheryl Motzer
Childcare Co-Ordinator



Our MOPS year has come to an end. It is sad and exciting at the same time. Sad because it is over and exciting to see what summer has in store for us!!! For our last meeting of the year we had our annual Spring Fling. We had a total of 24 moms in attendance. For this meeting we had a relaxed atmosphere with fellowship, games, prizes and food. I believe it was a great way to end the year!

We are planning many summer events including park outings for mom and kids and many mom only evenings too! Please let me know if you are interested in coming to any of our events or would like a list of them and I can send a copy to you. I hope that you have a blessed summer. Please keep our MOPS group in your prayers as we will start to plan for the next year in June.

Serving Him,
Kerri Miller

Upcoming Women Events Opportunities for Fellowship, Encouragement, Spiritual Growth and Service

Women's Christian Book Club

June 13: *"Thorn In My Heart"* by Liz Curtis Higgs

July 11: *"Eve's Daughter"* by Lynn Austin

August 8: *"Her Daughter's Dream"* by Francine Rivers

September 12: *"The Sacrifice"* by Robert Whitlow

Serve City Dinner

We will be providing a meal for Serve City Shelter on Thursday, June 23rd, at 6:00. We will be doing a cookout so will need some food items, helpers, and some monetary donations for the meat. Sign up sheets will be in the connector on June 5th. Thanks to all who helped with this project in April and especially to Jerry Hampton who cooked the meal.

—Nancy Whipple, Women's Ministry Team

Totally Terrific Tuesdays

Activities for kids who have completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade.
Younger children may attend if accompanied by a parent.
First Baptist Church of Hamilton www.firstbaptisthamilton.org 513.868.1412
Children's Directors: Claire Metzger and Cheryl Motzer

TTT shirts mentioned below are the Totally Terrific Tuesday shirts, which identify members of our group.
This year our shirts are lime green again. Cost will be \$3 each if you need a new shirt.

June 14: Innie–Making Shirts/Water Slides - You can make a shirt if you need one (lime green) or buy one to decorate. You will need to bring a swimsuit and towel for the water slides. Bring a sack lunch 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 21: Innie–Pottery/"Make It and Take It" Day at church; make lots of fun things to take home, as well as a pottery piece to take home later; wear old clothes as we will be getting messy! \$12 covers pottery, lunch/dessert, and crafts. Creativity begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

June 28: Outie–See the movie “CARS 2” at the Kerasotes Theater. Bring a sack lunch and we will eat before we go to the afternoon matinee. Cost for movie is \$4. (We won't be buying snacks) Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check for an adjusted time.

4th July Parade: We will be participating in the parade this year. Please see Claire or Cheryl for more information.

July 5: No TTT this week.

July 12: No TTT this week, as it is **VBS WEEK!** Come join us Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register at www.firstbaptisthamilton.org.

July 21: Outie–Bowling/Games - Bowling at Fairfield Lanes followed by lunch and games at Fort Liberty Park. Cost is \$2.00 for each game (shoe rental included). Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. Meet at 9:30 a.m. to leave at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. pick up time.

July 26: Outie–Miami University Recreation Center in Oxford for swimming. \$5/person for over 4 hours of fun! Wear your TTT shirt, bring a sack lunch, modest swim suit, shower necessities (if you want to take one), and a plastic bag to put wet suits in; lockers are there for storage. Meet at church at 9:30 a.m. Pickup at church at 2:30 p.m.

August 2: Outie–Run, Jump and Play \$8.00 for inflatables. Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **YOU MUST HAVE SOCKS!!!**

August 9: Outie–Newport Aquarium. Cost is \$11.00 for ages 2 - 12 and \$16 for adults. Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. We will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m. Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. Sign up is necessary by July 10th to reserve group rate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Participating kids **MUST** have an individual permission slip on file for this year. One slip will cover the entire summer. Kids from the same family cannot be on the same form. Forms can be filled out the morning of the event. Please allow extra time to do so. Please try to RSVP before the event so we can coordinate chaperones and transportation. Due to new laws if your child requires a booster seat you will need to provide one.

You can make reservations by calling the church (868.1412) or emailing Claire or Cheryl at firstbaptistchildren@yahoo.com Also, please try to have the **exact cash for fees**. If transportation assistance is needed, let us know. Be sure to check out the church website for any updates. :) ☺

Emergency numbers on the day of activity is: Cheryl 608-8468 or Claire 907-4375

Vacation Bible School 2011
Inside Out and Upside Down
On Main Street
July 11 - 15
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Teachers are still needed for "Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street", our theme for vacation bible school July 11-15. We need a couple of helping leaders in classrooms, toddler room helpers, a recreation leader and helper, help with transportation and snack helpers. Please call Cheryl or Claire if you can help in any way. Teacher books were given out at the meeting in May. Registration will start on Sunday, June 19, in the connector to register early. Music cd's will be available at that time. If you are a regular attendee of First Baptist or a VBS teacher, please register your child early.



4th July Parade
2011!

Plan on being with us for the annual 4th of July parade this year. We will begin working on the soon and would love your help! Line up will be at 9:00 a.m. on July 4th at the fairgrounds and the parade will start at 10:00 a.m. going down High Street. We enjoy seeing all the familiar faces sitting in the crowd and cheering us as we go by. Practice your VBS songs! We will be singing them for the crowds. Help us make a positive impression on the city of Hamilton. See Claire or Cheryl to reserve your spot.

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School

Donations For VBS
Teachers' Snack Room

Please mark you calendars now for VBS: July 11-15. We will once again be having a teacher's snack room for our hard working teachers! Please bring snacks - baked things, fruit, cheese, anything - to the kitchen on Sunday or anytime that week marked "Teachers Snack Room." Thanks!!

—VBS Snack Room Coordinator

VBS Can Change a Life!

Everyone loves it when kids invite their friends to VBS. That's how it's supposed to work. Teachers encourage the friend to come back the next day to give us the maximum amount of time we can have with them to pour God's love into their loves. So as a teacher, you feel a bit like you've failed somehow when the friend comes one day, but you never see them again. Disappointed, you conclude that you may not have had much of an impact on their life.

But don't be too sure...

Her mom wouldn't let her go to church. When one of the neighbors invited her to attend VBS one day, her mom grudgingly agreed she could go.

But just for one day.....

At the close of that day, she left with eyes shining, fists full of crafts and papers. The teacher must have hoped she'd be back, but they never saw her again. The teacher's name is long lost, and she can't remember any of the songs now, but she remembers that day. She remembers how much she liked the music, how much fun it was, and that she heard and believed that Jesus really is the Son of God. That one day ignited a spark and burned into her heart a hunger for God and the truth of his love.

Much later as a young adult, she was invited to church again. Her friends were surprised she not only agreed to attend, but quickly made a commitment to Christ as though this was something she had been waiting to do. Now active in a church in the Pacific Northwest, her eyes still light up when she talks about that one day in VBS. (VBSChangesLives.com)

We can make that difference in a child's life. Please join us for VBS this year. You never know what something you do or say will change a life forever.



Carpenter's Hands
Signs Of Love



Silent Dinner

The **Silent Dinner** for **June** will be Friday, June 3rd, at Northgate Mall. See you there!

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

June 5 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 June 12 - Betty Emenaker & Teen Helper
 June 19 -
 June 26 - Sharon & Dwain Brewer

One & Two Year Olds

June 5 - Aleesha Spence & Teen Helper
 June 12 -
 June 19 - Jerri & Brad Begley
 June 26 - Kerri Miller & Sydney & Noelle

Kinderchurch

June 5 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
 June 12 - Cheryl & John Motzer
 June 19 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
 June 26 - Billie & Mike Gipson



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the following Child Care Coordinator:

Cheryl Motzer - (868-1888)

Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

Thanks Dad!



Wednesday Family Dinners

June 1

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Gravy, French Toast, Hash Brown Casserole, Cinnamon Apples, Biscuits
 Hosts: Trustees

June 8

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
 Hosts: Chancel Choir

June 15

Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert
 Hosts: Deacons

June 22

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, Dessert
 Hosts: Deaconesses

June 29

Menu: **Freedom Celebration at Holloway Park at 5:00 p.m.**

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$4.00 per person for the meal; \$12.00 for a family. The cost for children under 12 years old who eat at the "Hot Dog" table is \$1.25. If they chose to eat from the main table, the cost is \$2.00. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

June Greeters

Jerry Hampton, Don Gingrich, Mike Gipson, Mary Petry, Evelyn Maddox, & Nancy Follmer



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Summer Dress

This is the same article I write each year at this time but the topic is one that we all need to be reminded about:

summer dress. As the weather gets warmer our clothes tend to shrink, either diapering or getting way to tight. In the CREW we strive to represent Christ in all we do including the way we dress. I hope that you will take some time to remember that we need to be respectful to others in the way we dress. As always, I have extra shirts, not nearly as fashionable as you would like, for anyone to wear if dress becomes an issue for you.

For the Ladies: Please remember that we ask you to cover your bodies up and wear shorts that are reasonable length. We know it may be difficult to find some of these in our culture but the way you dress says a lot about what you value. Also, please make sure to have a shirt or tankini with you when we go swimming and have water events. One last area that you need to be concerned with is how tight your clothing fits you. I know this is the fashion but please don't wear items which are overly tight. If so, just know that I will have an extra shirt for you to wear over.

For the Guys: Remember that we do not need to see every single muscle you have in your body. This means please don't wear tight shirts that show off the great body that God has given you and you have worked for. Remember to keep your pants/shorts up at your waistline, if this is a problem I can provide a belt from many different type of materials to assist you. No speedos or tight swim trunks when we are participating in water activities.

The goal in the way we dress is to make sure that as Christians we are helping our brothers and sisters think pure thoughts (Philippians 4) and not thinking about each other's bodies. If you have specific questions please don't hesitate to ask me as I will give you a straightforward explanation. Thanks for helping us have a great time in the CREW this summer.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4.8-9
TNIV

Gearing up for the Hot and Humid Weather,
Jeremy

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Nights: Church softball will be each Tuesday night, weather permitting, at the North End Softball Diamonds. Come support the First Baptist Softball team and enjoy the company of your fellow church members. Softball schedule can be found online and on Facebook.

June 5th: Last night of separate Sr High and Jr High CREW activities. Sr High we will be finishing our Generation Change series and answering your questions about money.

June 8th: New CREW Members will be joining us for Lifeline this evening. Join us as we meet our new members and get a kick start on the summer activities.

June 10: CREW Narnia Movie night begins at 5:30pm in the CREW room. We will be watching the 3 Narnia movies as we explore the thoughts of Aslan, world of Narnia, and all God has to teach us through these stories. Please bring a snack to share.

Baccalaureate Service June 12th: In the morning service we will be honoring our graduates and then feeding them a lunch afterwards. Graduates please make sure I have your reservations and form by Sunday, June 5th. In the evening we will start our summer Sunday night series: *Gospel Journey Maui*. This will be a 9 week series about conversation about God and how to bring them up with your friends. Each week we will watch a video segment and then have discussion on what we saw and how it applies to our life.

June 15th: Paint Blocks Night in Lifeline. Join us to pain your very own block in the CREW and leave a legacy for those who follow in your footsteps.

June 19 : No evening CREW activities to allow you some time enjoying your family.

June 22th: Wet N Wild Night for Lifeline. You won't want to miss this evening or come alone. Water balloons, games, slip n slide, and a whole lot of fun will be waiting for you and your friends. Important: I **must** have a medical release form by this night for you to participate.

June 29: Extended Lifeline Night until 11:00pm. Join us for regular Lifeline and then stay late as we play night games and other activities after regular church is out.

Summer Camp: If you have not registered for summer camp and would like to go to Camp Kirkwood please see Jan Smith to get more information.

Compassion Child: Just a reminder that we need to be to bring in money to support David, our Compassion child. Please put your money in the bucket down in the CREW room each week so that we can take care of him and his family. If you have any questions please see Jeremy.



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2011

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 12-17 - Jr Missions Camp (Gr. 4-6)	\$255.00
Director: TBA	
June 26-July 1 - Junior High (Gr. 7-9)	\$255.00
Director: Linda Miller	
July 3-8 - Senior High (Gr. 9-12)	\$255.00
Director: Judson College (Beth Atchison & Nathan Cooper)	
July 10-15 -New Adventure #1 (Gr. 3-4)	\$170.00
Director: Tim Lee	
July 15-16 - Beginners' Camp #2 (K-2)	\$100.00
Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent)	

First Time Camper Discount \$10
Bring-a-Friend Discount \$10

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay 1/2 of the fee of **those who attend First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps.

For additional information or registration forms, contact Jan Smith, 844-2918 or see her at church.

-Jan Smith
Camp Coordinator



Grounds Clean-Up Day A Success!

As chairman of the grounds committee, I want to thank, on behalf of the trustees, all the volunteers who pitched in on May 7th to spruce up the outside of the church. Because of the generous donation of labor, materials, tools, and refreshments a tremendous amount of work was accomplished. After grinding through seven straight hours of toil, including at least two hours of spreading a mountain of wood fiber onto the playgrounds, the group had transformed the grounds into something beautiful.

Special thanks go out to Ruthie Wallace and her mother, Becky Scripture, for planning, purchasing and planting with respect to the various flower beds and pots. Nick Emenaker's bobcat saved time and muscle. Mike Gipson's doughnuts and Ron Lakes' water kept our energy levels high. The other dedicated volunteers who assisted the trustees on the grounds crew were: Samuel Wallace, Joseph Wallace, Jerry Wallace, JK Walker, Jeremy Spence, Carl Schwab, Walter Petry, Mary Petry, Bill Imhoff, Tyler Dickman, Stacy Dickman, Brian Dickman, Aubrey Dickman, Dwain Brewer and Larry Bowling.

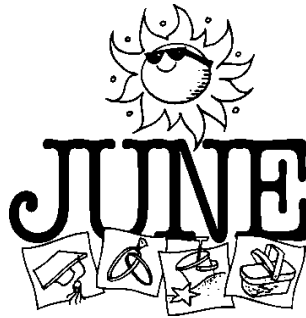
If I've inadvertently forgotten someone, please forgive me. To all those anonymous ones who asked the Lord to delay the rain, thank you. Your prayers were answered. And for all who helped one way or another, Hebrews 6:10 promises that "God...will not forget your work."

-Rod Anderson



The second half of the softball schedules were not available at the printing of this issue of The Courier. Please watch the calendar portion of the weekly bulletin for the weekly softball schedules.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2011</h1>						
			1 5:00 ABW Meeting 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Children's MovieNight 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	2 5:30 Music & Worship 6:30 ONE Ministries	3	4 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW Lifeline	6	7 9:30 MOPS Steering Men's Softball	8 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	9 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 ONE Ministries	10 5:30 CREW Movie Night	11
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Baccalaureate 12:00 Graduates' Luncheon 4:30 Board of Missions 4:30 Diaconate 6:00 Evening Celebration	13 9:30 KeenAgers to Boggstown, In 11:00 WMC Book Club	14 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" 6:00 Joint Circles Covered Dish Meeting Men's Softball	15 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline-Paint Blocks 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	16	17	18
19 Father's Day! 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship No Evening Service	20	21 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" Men's Softball	22 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline Wet n Wild 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	23 8:30 Matthew 25 6:00 WMC @ Serve City	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration	27	28 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outie" Men's Softball	29 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Extended Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	30		VBS Week July 13 - 17



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 - Ken Dulli
Evon Laubenstein | 15 - Lona McClain
Marilyn McAllister
Alex Thiel
Mandy Chaney | 26 - Katie Riczko |
| 2 - Tonya Bishop
Trina Sanchez | 16 - Sue Gambrell Peace | 27 - Mary Law
Fred Schilling |
| 3 - John Rish
Karen Schumm | 17 - Dale McAllister | 28 - Harold Lainhart
Lauren Schwartz |
| 4 - Trevor Allen
Robin Chamberlain | 18 - Tom Avance
Mary Walker | 29 - Maxine Hillman
Sam Murrell |
| 6 - Lois Ross
Betty Schwab | 19 - Branan Becknell
Philip Dudley
Mark Whipple | 30 - Blair Hampton
Carson Martin |
| 7 - Andy Braun
Matthew Riczko
Rob VanMeter | 20 - Joe Ford
Nathan Sommers
Johnnie Wallace | Note: Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us. |
| 8 - Sallie Minnich | 21 - Dick Inloes
Rachel Keller
Lillie Senior
Madeline Wallick | |
| 9 - Katie Simpson | 22 - Oliver Davis
Guy Gessendorf
Jenna Huff | |
| 12 - Amber Allen
Jean Bradbury
Marlene Collins
Jim Davis | 24 - Michelle Hampton
Josh Young | |
| 13 - Duke Baker
Dan Brandenburg
Audrey Wallace
Alexandra West | 25 - Molly Day
Dale Young | |
| 14 - Alice Danielle Roberts | | |

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Personal Notes

From Sheila Coyner (Cleta Paragin's sister)

I would like to thank your entire church for your prayers. They are much appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you!

From the Mays & Schilling families (family of Jesse Mays)

I want to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, love they showed to me and my family while my brother was sick and his passing, especially Pastors Metzger and Bill for their visits and my Sunday School class for their visitation at the funeral service. With all our Christian love.

From Mike Wallick, Director of the Chancel Choir

It has been six years since I was asked to take the leadership of the First Baptist Church Chancel Choir, and now that the music ministry is on firm footing, with talented accompanists and an effective worship team, I believe it is time for me to leave the position of Chancel Choir Director. I request that this resignation become effective June 19, 2011...I have been very blessed during the past six years to have worked with the finest accompanists a director could hope for, and greatly appreciate the unqualified support and encouragement Pastor Metzger, the choir, the music committee and all the members of the congregation have given me...I have loved working with the choir and thank all of them for their support and dedication to the music ministry at First Baptist Church...I know good things will be happening in the future with the music ministry at First Baptist Church, and please know that all my love and prayers are with everyone in the program. God bless all of you. In Christ's love, Mike Wallick.

Freedom Celebration

Join us Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:00 p.m.
for our Freedom Celebration at Holloway Park.

Come and enjoy

Food: Hot Dogs, Lemonade, Sno Cones,
Cotton Candy, and Popcorn.

Fun: Inflatables, Face Painting, Games.

Join us for an evening of
Food, Fun and Games for the whole family!

—Jill Walker
Family Life Committee

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