

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

July/August, 2011

30 Ways To Honor God This Summer

Ahhhhh, summertime! It's a time of backyard barbecues and homemade ice cream. A time for splashing in the water and basking in the sun. A time for road trips to see the Grand Canyon, and Grandma, too. And, what a marvelous time to behold the natural beauty all around us and make it a special point to honor our Creator, our Savior — our God. To help in that regard, we offer these 30 simple suggestions of ways to pay tribute this summer to the one who deserves all glory and praise:

1. Sit outside in the cool of the morning and meditate and pray.
2. Give \$20, \$50 or \$100 anonymously to someone in your congregation who is struggling financially.
3. Read through the book of Psalms aloud with the entire family.
4. If it has been a while since you had a child in your house and you are missing the stomp, stomp, crash of little feet ... borrow some kids for a day from their harried parents. Take them outside and show them how to have fun unplugged from electronic devices.
5. Write a letter of encouragement to a missionary or a member serving in the military overseas.
6. Mow the grass for a widow or elderly person.
7. Buy a DVD and, after watching it, send it to a missionary family with your "review" of the movie.
8. Ask each of your children to invite a friend from a less fortunate family to go with you on vacation.
9. Stay home, save gas and skip eating out one night, and donate the money to a soup kitchen or another ministry that helps the homeless.
10. Put together a family prayer list.
11. Send a thank-you card and a gift certificate to that older member who greets you with a warm smile and handshake each Sunday.
12. Make it a point to think about others. Overcome your self-focus.
13. Vacation close to home so that you will have money with which to be generous.
14. Don't just take a good book to the beach — take the Good Book.
15. Visit someone who shaped your life spiritually and thank them.
16. Bake cookies for Vacation Bible School.
17. Make a list of 10 ways God has blessed your life this year. Pick two or three and make them a blessing in somebody else's life.
18. Stop what you are doing in the afternoon and just think about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
19. Pay the toll or the lunch bill for the car behind you in line.
20. Give your minister an unexpected Sunday off and pay for him and his family to enjoy a special weekend doing something fun.
21. Read that book with a spiritual message that a friend recommended.
22. Plan a service project for your community and get teenagers involved in it.
23. Write or call a favorite childhood teacher to let that person know how your life turned out and how much you owe him or her.
24. Go on a mission trip instead of a vacation.
25. Make a list of New Year's resolutions that you didn't have time for in December. Complete them over the next six months.
26. Pretend one day this summer is Thanksgiving and volunteer at the homeless shelter downtown.
27. Pick up the phone and call a couple of people just to tell them you are thinking of them.
28. Go to a Little League baseball game and buy the losing team something from the snack bar.
29. Treat each day as a special gift from God and thank him for your many blessings.
30. Make a list like this of your own, only better.



American Baptist Women's Ministries

Missionary for the Month of **July**:
IM Latin America Desk
Susan Hegarty

Sue directs the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention's editorial group. She trains writers and pastors to produce Christian Education curriculum materials for 389 churches and their missions. She also serves on the Baptist Theological Seminary faculty. Sue is married to Cuban pastor Ramon Rodriguez and is active in her local church.

Bible Book For July James

"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."
James 2:17 (RSV)

The purpose of James was to recall Christians from error and worldliness to the moral demands of their faith. It is less mystical and philosophical than practical; it bears a strong resemblance to the Sermon on the Mount. Since it implies that Christian action is more important than faith, Luther called it "that epistle of stray." But actually it was aimed at correcting a misconception of Paul's antithesis between faith and works.

PRAY for the Educational Ministries of our denomination: preparation and publication of materials, nurturing our membership, colleges, and seminaries for training leaders.

Missionary for the Month of **August**:
IM Global Consultant
Stan Slade

Stan works with church leaders around the world to help them become more effective servants of Jesus Christ. He teaches in open-air workshops for those with little formal schooling or income, and also in high-tech classrooms for those with advanced degrees and notebook computers. Whatever the setting, Stan puts his own learning at the service of women and men who are investing their lives in the work of God's Reign. He loves to see followers of Jesus energized for mission through a fresh encounter with Scripture.

Bible Book For August Deuteronomy

"Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."
Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 (RSV)

Deuteronomy is the "second Law," or Repetition of the

Law. Much of the law in this book deals so truly with human life and with the way in which people should treat one another that its message to our conscience is clear now as it was long ago.

PRAY for the American Baptist Churches' outreach overseas through International Ministries, that the work of missionaries will continue to be multiplied in the growth of overseas churches and leaders filled with God's Spirit.
-Madge Walters

Matthew 25 Ministries

We will be making our monthly trip to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, July 28nd and also on Thursday, August 25th. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to WORK - bring your own sack lunch and beverage. Remember - this is NOT just for the KeenAgers, there may be young people who would like to come along and see if they can keep up with the "old geezers", everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

-Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

KeenAger July Trip

The KeenAger trip for the month of July is a B & B Riverboat Luncheon Cruise Monday, July 18th. Plans are to leave the church by 10:00 a.m. The cruise begins at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$30 which includes gasoline. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by July 10th. There is a limit of 30. Bernie will be in connector to collect for this trip.

KeenAger August Trip

The KeenAgers will be going to Entertainment Monday, August 15th, at 10:15 a.m.. They plan to leave the church at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$8.50 plus lunch. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by August 7th. There is a limit of 30.

-Bernie & Martha Griesinger

The Courier (ISSN 383367-29)
July/August 2011
Published monthly by:
First Baptist Church
1501 Pyramid Hill Boulevard
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Volume 46, Number 7/8

“Of Independence and Necessity”

(Reprise)

Caesar Rodney. Hardly a household name. In fact, very few would circle the right answer in a multiple-choice test describing who he was and what he had done. But the role he played in the early days of our nation was absolutely essential. Our second President, John Adams, described Rodney as “...*the oddest looking man in the world; he is tall, thin and slender as a reed, pale; his face is not bigger than a large apple, yet there is sense and fire, spirit, wit, and humor in this countenance.*” Rodney took his place in the formative days of our early history, at a very crucial time.

On June 30, 1776, a motion for Independence had been put forward in the Second Continental Congress that the colonies in America should be free and independent states. A committee had been formed weeks earlier to draft a document to express this sentiment. The crafting of this document had begun with a committee consisting of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston. But the actual writing of those words would not be a group effort. Two of the committee were logical choices—John Adams, from the small community of Braintree, near Boston, a New Englander; and Thomas Jefferson, from Virginia. Adams deferred to Jefferson, and the task was laid at his pen. After some “painful revision” of the draft with the assistance and encouragement of Adams and Franklin, the task was completed. Debate was to have begun on July 1, 1776.

In his book, *John Adams*, historian David McCullough observed that presumably, on that July 1st morning, everything that could be said on the question of independence had been already been exhausted in Congress, and the question could have been decided with little more conversation. But John Dickinson, from Pennsylvania, had resolved to make one last appeal to the delegates. His position had been that the colonies were premature in their desire for independence; that something still could and should be worked out with England. John Adams responded to Dickinson’s hesitation, making the case for independence.

Debate and conversation lasted for over nine hours. When the verbal dust settled, a preliminary vote was taken. Four colonies unexpectedly held back a positive vote:

- Pennsylvania stood with John Dickinson, and voted no.

- South Carolina voted no.
- The New York delegates abstained, saying they favored the motion, but lacked specific instructions.
- Delaware, with two delegates present, was divided. Delaware delegate Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, while George Read voted against. Rodney, also a delegate from Delaware, was absent during this vote.

While there was technically enough support to carry the motion, the Continental Congress did not want to go forward and declare independence without unanimous affirmation from all the states.

Rodney had been away from Congress in Philadelphia because his role as a Brigadier General in the Delaware militia forced him back to Delaware to squelch a Loyalist riot. After repeated attempts, McKean finally got word to Rodney that his vote for independence was desperately needed in Congress. All night, as the first of July, 1776, turned into the second, Rodney rode through a thunderstorm.

In her children’s book, *Once Upon a Time in Delaware*, Katherine Pyle pens this account of this critical moment Caesar Rodney played in our nation’s history:

“Philadelphia was eighty miles away, and the vote was to be taken the next morning. On went Rodney on his fresh horse. Daylight was gone. The moon sailed slowly up the sky, and the trees were clumps of blackness on either hand as he rode. At Chester, he again changed horses, but he did not stop for either rest or food. Soon, he was riding on again. It was in the morning of July fourth, that the rider, exhausted and white with dust, drew rein before the State House door in

(From the Pastor's Heart, cont)

Philadelphia. McKean was there watching for him. "Am I in time?" called Rodney as he swung himself from his horse. "In time, but no more," answered McKean. Side by side he and Rodney entered Independence Hall. There sat the delegates in a semi-circle. Rodney and McKean took their places. The Declaration of Independence lay on the table before them. It was being voted on. One after the other the colonies were called on, and one after another they gave their votes for it. The delegate from Delaware were called on. Mr. McKean rose and voted for it. Mr. Read was, as usual, against it. Then Caesar Rodney rose in his place. His face looked white and worn under its dust, but he spoke in a clear, firm voice. "I vote for Independence."

Rodney's vote moved Delaware to the side for independence, two affirmations to one negative. Of that moment: David McCullough, writes:

"Even more significant were two empty chairs from the Pennsylvania delegation. Refusing to vote for independence, but knowing the importance for Congress to speak as one, Dickinson and Morris voluntarily absented themselves from the deliberations, thus swinging the Pennsylvania vote to 3-2 in favor of independence...New York continued to abstain; but South Carolina joined the majority to make the decision unanimous in the sense that no colony opposed. And so, it was done; the break was made, in words at least. Twelve colonies had spoken as one, and with one abstaining, the result was the same. And so the day was won."

Declaring independence was one thing; winning it would be a whole different matter. There was much to be done in the months and years ahead, including waging a war that very few wanted. But to the task the members of Congress pledged their fortunes and their very lives.

As in any great undertaking, there were many key players in the drive for America's independence. But each one was critical, often at a precise moment. One can think of similar examples in the Biblical history of our faith journeys. Mordecai said it best to his cousin, Esther, "Who knows but you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 3:14).

In your daily walk of independence, you must be willing to ask yourself, "What has God called me to

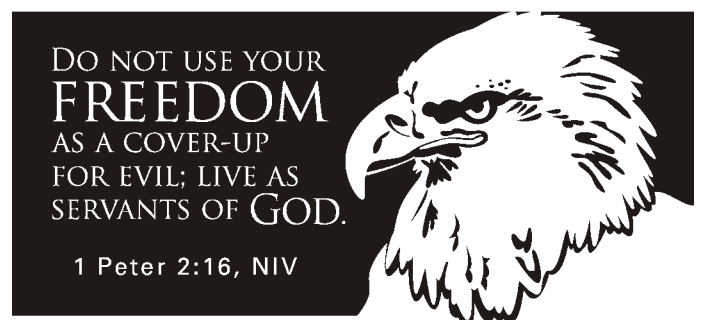
do?" It may be a significant thing, or something common, routine, and ordinary. **But understand that it is God who calls you to faithfulness; to attempt the challenging; to endure the routine; to cause you to stretch yourself; to dream dreams; to venture forth to accomplish what is right, what is good, what is required.** It really comes down to an issue of character.

We do not have to study the daily newspapers, or spend much time with national news broadcasts to realize that in many areas our nation operates in crisis mode—from the major crises in the Middle East, to our national economic recovery efforts, to our governmental leadership that seems to be obsessed with entitlements that will cause us to bankrupt our children and grandchildren's future. There is little disagreement among many of God's people who simply wonder if our nation will ever recover from the abandonment of our Godly principles and heritage.

God has called His people to make a difference. It is time for us to fall on our knees in humility and intercession for our nation. (2Chron7:13-14). This quest for independence as a nation began well; but it seems that all could be lost sooner that we ever would have imagined. Our wounds run deep; and we cannot heal ourselves.

It is time for us to examine ourselves, asking what we see there. We must give attention to key spiritual concepts that will make an impact in our nation—intercession, repentance, righteousness, holiness, purity of heart. We must listen to the quiet voice of the Spirit, and like our founding fathers, attempt the hard thing; the inconvenient; the impossible. Who knows but that *we too* have been called for "such a time as this."

Thinking of independence, and doing what is necessary,
Pastor



Pro Lifers Needed In July 4th Parade For Butler County Right To Life

On July 4th the Annual Bells of Independence Day Parade will take place in Hamilton. Right To Life will be in tier three of the parade starting at the Butler County Fairgrounds at 10:00 p.m. The theme is *Adoption Not Abortion* which is truly the loving option! We will gather at the Butler County Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Ohio Route 4 at about 1:30 p.m. Ask for directions to the Right To Life group entry when you get there. A ride during the parade and the return will be provided if needed! We will have a hay wagon and a truck to ride in, or one may walk as able. Families are especially encouraged to participate. If you haven't had the opportunity to do something for the pre-born babies now is the time! Please contact Mike Mignery for further information at 867-1832.

-Linda Wallace

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

Braun, Mark
9924-10 Northbrook Valley Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

Gambrell, Mandy
920 Sleepy Hollow Drive
Monroe, OH 45050
Phone # (513) 332-1487

Henson, Shirley
100 Capital Drive Apt. 111
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Phone # 863-1385

Hillman, Walter & Maxine
Email: ehillmaniiwalt@cinci.rr.com

Metzger, Adam & Tonya
110 Chapel Hill
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015

Budget Status Report

The Month of May, 2011

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$53,267
Offerings	<u>66,723</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$13,456

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$62,723
Offerings	<u>66,723</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 4,000

The Year Through May, 2011

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$300,480
Offerings	<u>294,609</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$5,871)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$302,712
Offerings	<u>294,609</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$8,103)

-The Board Of Trustees



Lance Corporal Matthew T. Lytle
(To Judy Wallace & First Baptist Church)

I received your package that you sent me in the mail. I would like to thank you for your support and I greatly appreciate you sending me a care package. It means a lot to know that your family, friends, and church supporting you, praying for you, and thinking about you every day while you are deployed. The conditions here now are not as bad as my last time being here in 2009 but it can still be pretty rough and no where near as advanced as Iraq. I am fortunate to work inside and out of the 140 degree heat and humidity and work in an air conditioned office, but with that advantage there are its disadvantages of working an average of 14 to 16 hours a day 67 days a week. We do get to relax on Sunday mornings and do not have to come into work until 11 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. I go to church in the evenings every Sunday I really enjoy it and look forward to it every week. It is what gets you by while you are out here. The way I look at is: chow to chow (chow is another name for breakfast, lunch, and dinner), Sunday to Sunday, pay check to pay check (the 1st and 15th are payday) and month to month. If you have smaller goals to a bigger goal it seems so much easier. That would make it 393 chows, 18 Sundays, 9 paychecks, and 4 ½ months down and about (can't give you an exact end date) 103 chows, 15 Sundays, 6 paychecks, and 3 ½ months left (give or take). Well once again I appreciate all that you have done to support me. If you want to know anything else, if I can tell, I will. Thank you.



Soft Ball Schedules (Second Half of Season)

June 2 # 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
July 5 # 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
July 19 BYE
July 26 # 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
July 26 # 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
August 2 # 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
August 9 # 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
August 16 # 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

–Brian Dickman

Wild & Wacky Wednesdays!

Our Wednesday nights are still going strong! We have a class for 3 year olds to grade 3 together. We are studying “*Thirteen Very Bad Days and What God Did To Fix Them!*”. The fourth and fifth grade boys and girls each have a separate Bible study class. Each week, we will have crafts, snacks, and lots of fun! And of course, we always have time for the playground!

New Believer's Class

We will be holding a New Believer's Class beginning sometime after VBS for the kids who have made decisions during VBS, church camp, or any other time. If you are interested or have a child that you would like to join us, please contact Cheryl or Claire..

Fourth of July Parade

When you read this month's courier, the 4th of July parade will be ready to happen or just past. We are going to say a big THANK YOU to anyone who helped with the float, walked the parade route giving out flyers for VBS, prayed, helped organize, or anything else. It is a big project and we are proud to represent our church in the parade in front of all Hamilton. This year's theme is our VBS theme “*Inside Out and Upside Down On Main Street*”. Please come out and show your support! We love to wave and say hi to all of you along the route.

Registration Open

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading Fall, 2011

Dear Upward Families,

Registration for 2011 Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading is now open! Join us for an exciting season of football and cheer leading as we launch our biggest season ever.

As with all Upward Sports Leagues, our Flag Football and Cheerleading league emphasizes competitive teams and equal playing time for all children. We expose the children to quality coaching and sport development as well as the Christian message. Upward emphasizes character and integrity.

Registration is open to all boys and girls entering grades Kindergarten through the 8th grade in the 2011-2012 school year.

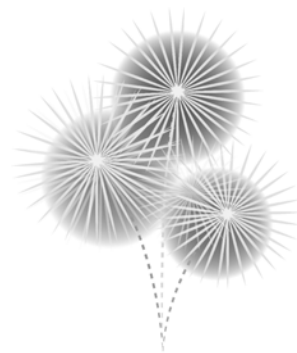
To find out more about the league for this fall, and to register online, please go to our website at www.cincyupward.org and follow the directions to the Registrations page, or click on the following link:

<http://www.cincyupward.org/cm/flagfootball-and-cheerleading/Registration.html>

Since we are a ministry with a message we believe is important for all children, we encourage you to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to sign up for the unique Upward youth sports experience. It is your support that makes this program the largest Upward Flag Football league in the nation!

Sincerely,

Your Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading
Leadership Team
flagfootball@cincyupward.org



Totally Terrific Tuesday Summer Schedule

Activities for kids who completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult.

July

July 4: Our church will be participating in the **4th of July Parade** in Hamilton. If your child would like to participate, please see Claire or Cheryl.

July 5: No TTT this week.

July 12: No TTT this week, as it is VBS WEEK! Come join us Monday - 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

Aug 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!!!

Aug 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.

Participating kids MUST have a 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 your reservation 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 are:
Cheryl 608-8468 or Claire 907-4375

-In His Work,
Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries



Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



Silent Dinners

The Silent Dinner for July will be held on Friday evening, July 1st, at Kenwood Mall and the August Silent Dinner will be Friday, August 5th, at Tri-County Mall. See you there!

Happy Birthday



No July or August birthdays

-Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Offerings and Holy Grounds Café

215 Main Street
Hamilton, OH 45013
737-0216

Restaurant Open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday with live music most Saturdays until 10 p.m.

Gift Shop - Prayer Room - Library

Owners Pastor Felix & Kim Russo



Vacation Bible School 2011

July 11 - 15

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

On Main Street, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways. So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

- **Heidi Claire**

Meet the lovely Heidi Claire, super-sleuth extraordinaire! She's in town to investigate some strange events on Main Street, looking high and low for clues to explain the unusual inside-out, upside-down attitudes and behavior she encounters. She's sharp as a tack-but on the wrong track. Slowly but surely, Heidi learns that Main Street is special, not because of some mysterious "secret" but because of Jesus and the difference He makes in the hearts and lives of people every day!

- **Chef Pierre Mon Frère**

With a heart even bigger than his mustache, Chef Pierre is near and dear to the hearts of everyone on Main Street. His job at the Brown Bag Bistro keeps him busy baking and delivering tasty treats to all his friends and neighbors. "Mon frère" means "my brother" in French, and that's exactly how Chef Pierre treats everyone-like family.

- **Justin Time**

As the local bus driver, Justin Time knows the ins and outs of Main Street better than anyone. He loves his town and the people in it-even though things might seem a little "backwards" most of the time. You can always count on Justin to go out of his way to lend a hand and make someone's day-"right on course and just in time!"

Teachers are still needed for VBS! We need a couple of helping leaders in classrooms, toddler room helpers, help with transportation, older crafts helper and snack helpers.

Please call Cheryl or Claire if you can help in any way. If you are a regular attendee of First Baptist or a teacher, helper, etc. please register your children early to help with an easier registration on the first morning of VBS.

VBS closing program is on Friday, July 15th, at 11:30 a.m. The kids will be sharing things they have learned throughout the week and how they have learned to be a hero to others, and most importantly to Jesus! The program will be followed by a light lunch. We hope to see you there.

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

VBS Meeting

VBS Meeting for all teachers, helpers, etc. immediately following morning worship service on Sunday, July 10. Many of you will already want to be stay to decorate your rooms. We will pass out any needed materials or supplies that you have not already received. And did I mention lunch will be served?! Please let us know if you cannot attend.

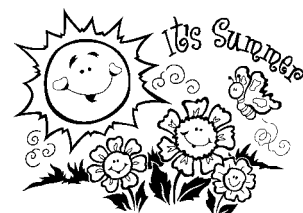
VBS Kickoff

Please join us as we drive on down Main Street for the VBS kickoff on Wednesday, July 6th, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. You and your friends will be able to register for Bible school and pick up a FREE CD of the great VBS music! We might just get a little wet, so wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! If you think about it, email Claire or Cheryl and let us know that you are coming so we can plan for some awesome snacks!

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



Beth Moore Simulcast

Saturday, September 10th
Redeemer Church
3431 Hamilton Middletown Road (State Route 4)
Hamilton, Ohio

Register at: Redeemer-Church.org
or call 513 291 1513

9:30 a.m. Event Begins with Continental Breakfast
and Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Session one begins with Worship with
Travis Cottrell
10:30 a.m. Beth Moore
11:30 a.m. Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. Worship and Beth Moore
4:00 p.m. Closing Worship

Breakfast and lunch are included

Tickets are \$25 per person, two for \$45, and group price
available for 10 or more.



Looking Ahead!

The fall trip to Oneida Baptist Institute is being planned
for October. You can start putting good used clothing,
coats, shoes, toys, etc. aside now for the trip. Watch for
more details in the September Courier.

—Jerry Hampton



“Big”

Presented by Encore Summer Youth Theatre
Parrish Auditorium
Miami University - Hamilton

Thursday - Saturday July 28 & 30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday July 30 - 2:00 matinee & 8:00 p.m.

The 1987 hit movie bursts onstage in this vibrant, funny
and touching musical. When frustrated adolescent Josh
Baskin wishes he were "big" and wakes up the next
morning a 30-year-old man, he discovers there's much
more to being an adult than he's bargained for—and learns
we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time.

A witty, moving, insightful book by John Weidman
("Pacific Overtures," "Assassins") and a dazzling,
energetic, heartfelt, contemporary score by David Shire
and Richard Maltby, Jr. ("Baby," "Starting Here,
Starting Now," "Closer Than Ever") makes this already
classic motion picture fantasy an unforgettable theatrical
experience.

Iris Patton - Party Guest
Jon Engel - Homeless Man
Chase Engel - Detective
Bob Borden - Orchestra Conductor
Tisha Patton - Orchestra
Mark Engel - Orchestra

Tickets - \$15, \$12 for kids & seniors over 65
To reserve tickets, call 513-675-KIDS

Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 17th,
at 5:00 p.m. in preparation for the second quarter
Business Meeting of the church. Items of business
which require church action should be presented at this
meeting. All elected officers of the church are on the
Advisory Board.

The Second Quarter Business Meeting will be
Wednesday, July 20th, at 6:45 p.m. Reports will be
heard from Boards and Committees and other items of
business will be acted upon. A very important item of
business at this meeting will be the election of a
Nominating Committee, whose responsibility will be to
seek out officers to serve beginning January 1st, 2012.
We trust that you will pray about those that you plan to
nominate. This is a great responsibility and in many
ways determines future action and ministries of the
church.



We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

Congratulations to those who had perfect Sunday School attendance for April, May, and June, 2011.

Nursery/Toddler

Marsha Helton
Cheryl Motzer

Beginner/Kindergarten

Isabel Brown

Middler/Junior

Isabella Wallace
Sydney Wilson

Seventh/Eighth

Anna Wallace
Audrey Wallace

Ladies of Tirzah

Ruthie Wallace

Senior High

Natalie Lakes

Homebuilders

Jerry Wallace
Doug Wallace

Keystone

Ron Gerth
Laverne Gerth
Chris Johnson
Mary Petry
Walter Petry
Fred Schilling
Irene Schilling
J.K. Walker
Mary Walker

FOCUS

Jean Grimes
Paul Grimes
Gary Swindoll
Imogene Swindoll

Parenting

Stan Brown

Office

Linda Gibbs
Dennis Metzger

Dependence Day

2 Chronicles 7:11-22

"If . . . My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Patriotism has not gone out of style. Independence Day is really dependence day for us. It is a day to reaffirm God's vision for America, the dream He gave to our founding forefathers, and the unique place our nation has in His strategy for history. The fourth of July is more than a day for picnics, firecrackers, and parades. It is a day for prayer for our nation, our leaders, and God's blessing on us.

Our scripture today holds out a grand promise with a great "if." It is a pledge by God to His people. If we humble ourselves, turn from the things that contradict His vision for our nation, and earnestly pray, He will forgive and heal our ills. "One nation under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance is a commitment to work for His righteousness and justice in every part of society.

The hope of America is not in her military might or natural resources, but in God's people, you and me, as our prayers become a channel through which He can bless our land. Goodness and greatness are inseparable. America's supernatural resource for greatness is humble prayer on "Dependence Day." God, please continue to bless America!

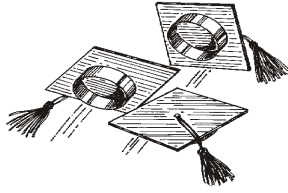
—Lloyd John Ogilvie
God's Best For My Life



Sunday School Promotion Day for those completing Kindergarten through 5th grade will be August 28th during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students should report to their new class on September 5th. Children under Kindergarten age are permitted to advance to the next age level on their birthday if the parents and teachers feel they are developmentally ready for the next class.

—John Motzer
Sunday School Superintendent





Congratulations To Our Graduates!

Results of those who responded to the questionnaire sent to recent graduates.

Jordan Allen - Jordan graduated from Ross High School where he was a member of the varsity tennis team. He will be attending Cincinnati State University in the fall majoring in nursing. Jordan's favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11; "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" Concerning First Baptist Church Jordan says, "If I was ever feeling like I wasn't walking in God's footsteps I knew that I could talk with friends at church and they would help me get back on the right path." Jordan received a marketing scholarship to help further his education.

Emily Cain - Emily graduated from Hamilton High School where she was part of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Teacher Academy, was secretary of Future Educators of America and a member of other clubs and organizations. She will be attending Miami University (Oxford) in the fall majoring in Early Childhood Education. Her favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:13; "*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*" About First Baptist Church Emily says, "FBC has helped me in my Christian walk because of Rev. Jeremy Spence. Jeremy has helped me through so much and has always been there for me. Through all of his lessons, I learned something new. He answered any questions I had and has helped me become a stronger Christian. Chris and Claire Metzger, Stacy Dickman, Linda and Larry Wallace, John and Ruthie Wallace, Mike and Dale Braun, and John and Cheryl Motzer have also helped me in my Christian walk. FBC to me is my home away from home." Emily has received many scholarships and awards including: Monroe Elementary Scholarship, Hamilton Community Foundation Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, and won a Rotary Award.

Adam Davidson - Adam graduated from Fairfield High School where he was a varsity football player, and active in the student body. He will be attending the College of Wooster majoring in biochemistry, playing football, and taking the MCAT in order to become an anesthesiologist.

Adam has these words to say about First Baptist Church, "First Baptist is an ever growing family that will never leave me alone in my walk of faith." Adam graduated Cum Laude with Honors diploma, and received many scholarships including the Wooster's Dean Scholarship.

Stacy Dickman - Stacy is graduating from Liberty University on July 8, 2011 with a Master of Arts in Religion-Biblical Studies. After completing her degree she will continue following God's in obedience. You will catch her following God by teaching in our Children's, Student, and Women's Ministries throughout the year. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:7; "For we live by faith, not by sight." Concerning her First Baptist Church family Stacy says, "I found Christ here, or rather He found me here. The congregation here is truly a family. You offered me acceptance and love from the first time I walked in, and you continue to pour out your love for us in so many ways. My family is so glad to be a part of the FBC family of Christ."

Erin Gingrich - Erin graduated from Hamilton High School where she was part of the National Technical Honor Society and the school's cosmetology program. She will immediately start using her skills by working in a salon cutting hair. Her favorite bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11; "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." About First Baptist Church Erin says, "It has helped me interact with other youth and make lifelong Christian friends."

James Green - James graduated from Hamilton High School and plans to attend Miami University majoring in fitness training. One day he hopes to get a degree in Culinary and become a cook. One of his many favorite Bible verses is Philippians 1:27-28, "Whatever happens, as citizens of heaven live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together with one accord for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved-and that by God." He also likes Psalm 23 and the Lord Prayer found in Matthew 6. James hasn't been attending First Baptist Church long but says this; "I have people that care for me here. It means a lot to me that they have things for the youth to do."

Michael Krall - Michael graduated from Talawanda High School where you could find him on the football field helping the Braves win games. He plans on attending Ohio University majoring in sports management. Psalm 23:4 is Michael's favorite verse, "Yeah, though I walk

through the valley of the shadows of death, I shall fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and staff comfort me.” These are his words about the help First Baptist Church has given him; “It has helped me become closer and understand my relationship with Jesus and my faith. First Baptist is my home away from home. It’s where I have spent more of my childhood.” Michael has received the following awards and scholarships: Ohio University Gateway Scholarship, Government & Politics excellence award, graduated with honors, Presidential Honors Award, and was selected to play in the East versus West all star football game.

Lauren Schwab - Lauren graduated from Miami University with a B.A in Journalism and Women's Studies. She will be continuing her education at Miami pursuing a M.S. degree in Family Studies with a concentration on nutrition and food security. Her favorite Bible verse is Matthew 17:20; “With faith nothing is impossible for you.” About First Baptist Lauren says, “I came to know Christ at the age of 8 through the wonderful ministry of First Baptist. As I have grown it is so comforting to know I have a church family praying for me and I have many friends in Christ.” Lauren has won many awards the past couple years including: National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador, Pork Ambassador, Ohio Pork Industry Queen, 4-H Media Reporting Award, 1st in the State of Ohio Swine Production Placement, Internships with Oxford press, Ohio Farms Bureau, and Miami's News and Public Information Office; many agricultural and journalism scholarships.

Logan Stanger - Logan graduated from Monroe High School where he was an avid athlete (baseball, basketball, and football), member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Thespian Club, and many other clubs and organizations. He will be attending Ball State University majoring in Math Education and Athletic Training while playing baseball. His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13; “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” About First Baptist Church Logan states, “I have been raised in the First Baptist Church along with my family (uncles, aunts, grandparents, cousins) and was baptized here. When I think of First Baptist Church I think of family and my faith.” Logan has won many awards and scholarships including: Captain of the baseball and football teams, All county and league teams, SWBL Pitcher of the year, Ball State Presidential Award, Butler County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship, Joe Nuxhall Foundation Award, Perfect Attendance, Monroe Athletic Boosters Club Award, Monroe Education Association Education Scholarship, Russ Efker Memorial Scholarship, W.E. Davis Citizen Award Scholarship, Ruth Yinger Memorial Scholarship, Kingdom Sports Center Award, Middletown

Kiwanis Memorial Award Scholarship, Ron Oches Memorial Scholarship, honor roll, Homecoming King, and many other scholarships.

Alex Thiel - Alex graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering. He will be moving to Washington D.C. to work as an engineering analyst for the Department of Defense (Navy). His favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. Alex says this about First Baptist Church, “It has been a firm foundation and source of support in my Christian walk; a constancy in an ever changing world. It has been a good spiritual home, and I am grateful for it all.” While at The Ohio State University he made the Dean's List, was part of the University Honors Program, and received the OSU Provost Scholarship.

Corryn Tuley - Corryn graduated from Hamilton High School where she was involved in the art department, especially photography. She will be attending Miami University majoring in business management and marketing so she can establish 2 businesses: a cupcake shop and a photography studio. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.” She has this to say about First Baptist Church, “First Baptist saved my life as a Christian. I had given up on finding a church that made me feel at home until Emily talked into attending a Wednesday night service. Everyone in CREW welcomed me with open arms and I have grown close to each and every person. They have become my family, and I appreciated them more than they can imagine.” Some of her artwork has been displayed at the Cincinnati Library and at many school functions, including Homecoming 2011.

Important!! We need all college students addresses as soon as possible. Please call Judy Wallace 942-1644 or the church office 868-1412.

—Judy Wallace
College/Career Coordinator





Child Care Schedule For July



Wednesday Family Dinners

Nursery (Morning)

July 3 - Claire & Chris Metzger
July 10 - Betty Emenaker & Teen Helper
July 17 - Claire & Chris Metzger
July 24 - Judy Wallace & Anna
July 31 - Vickie & Rick Baker

One & Two Year Olds

July 3 - Brandi Emenaker, Lauryn & Taylor
July 10 - Barb Begley, Kaitlyn & Lindsay
July 17 - Jerri & Brad Begley
July 24 - Sandra Imhoff, Lauren, Hannah, & Emma
July 31 - Ruthie & John Wallace

Kinderchurch

July 3 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 10 - Cheryl & John Motzer
July 17 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 24 - Billie & Mike Gipson
July 31 - Cheryl & John Motzer

Child Care Schedule For August

Nursery (Morning)

August 7 - Kerri Miller & Teen Helper
August 14 - Betty Emenaker & Teen Helper
August 21 - Tabitha Smith, Dylan & Hannah
August 28 - Claire & Chris Metzger

One & Two Year Olds

August 7 - Stacy Dickman & Teen Helper
August 14 - Faye Baker & Teen Helper
August 21 - Sandra Imhoff, Lauren, Hannah, & Emma
August 28 - Brandi Emenaker, Lauryn & Taylor

Kinderchurch

August 7 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 14 - Cheryl & John Motzer
August 21 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 28 - Billie & Mike Gipson

When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the Child Care Coordinator:

Cheryl Motzer - (868-1888)

July 6

Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Yada Sisterhood

July 13

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone

July 20

Menu: Baked Pork Chops, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Dessert
Hosts: FOCUS

July 27

Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dessert
Hosts: Trustees

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.

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are **required** to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

**There will be no Wednesday Dinners
during the month of August!**

July/August Greeters

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



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Life is About Change

As I write this post we have come off a great weekend celebrating our graduates and eagerly waiting the arrival of Daniel. (This should give you some idea of when the article was written). But, my guess is by the time you read these words my life would have changed, for the better. With all the things we experience in life change is definitely one of our constant companions whether or not we like it.

Technology is ever changing. Some people who love to stay on top of things will buy new technology about every 2 years and if you are an iPhone follower you may buy a new phone every year as things are updated and changed. The weather may change every five minutes as we in Ohio know about and it seems that no weatherman can ever get it right.

I believe there are three responses most of us have to change: embrace it (also create it), hide from it, or caught off-guard by it. Which one are you? For me I tend to be the embrace it type of person. It seems easier to navigate life after the changes if I can learn to embrace them as it happens and be flexible enough. This approach also has come out of being in youth ministry where it seems each year the youth culture and teenagers have changed enough that I must be mindful of. Yet, those of us who embrace change sometime lose sight of the great past and traditions.

Those who hide from change tend to resist it regardless of whether it is good based on "unnecessary" it is, at least for them. Anytime we fall into this category we run the risk of becoming irrelevant and "stuck" without growing.

The last group is caught-off guard by change. This has happened at to me at times, typically when I am busy without taking time to reflect and become aware of what is going on around me. This is probably the least favorite response because no one likes something to sneak up on us. Yet, invariably this will happen to us at some point in time. We just can't always be prepared for change.

Yet, in the midst of a culture of change we can be assured that our Savior's character never changes. The writer of Hebrews eloquently puts it this way; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13.8). The way he works may change but his character is always the same, and that is something we can cling to in this ever-changing world. So embrace Christ and live with change.

Embracing Christ over Change Today,
Jeremy

Upcoming Events:

Sunday Nights: On Sunday nights the CREW will be at a different house each week as we continue in our Gospel Journey Maui series. A full list of houses with dates will be made available soon.

Compassion Child: Just a reminder that we need to bring in money to support David, our Compassion child.

July 3: No CREW activities in evening.

July 4: Make sure to watch the parade and see the FBC float as it goes by. If you are interested in helping out with the parade: passing out flyers, riding the float, etc.; please see Cheryl Motzer.

July 6: Tentatively we will have a Wisdom From a College Student Night in the CREW. Stay tuned to see who will be our guest.

July 11-15: Vacation Bible School every morning from 9:00am until 12:15pm. See Cheryl Motzer or Claire Metzger if you would like to help and have not signed up already. We need someone to help with rec time during VBS, could that be you?

July 11 & 15: CREW Thank You outing for those CREW members who are helping out with VBS. One day will be a swim party and the other either bowling or miniature golf. No cost but please plan now to join.

July 20: CREW Wet N Wild Night. Join us for a great evening of water balloons and a 200 foot slip n slide. Must have medical forms on file to participate for this evening.

July 27: Extended Lifeline night until 11:00 p.m. We will be attending the Red's game at Great American Ballpark. The CREW will leave the church promptly at 6:00pm and please eat dinner before you come or bring money to purchase food at the game. Cost will be \$15 per person and the money is due **now!**

August 3: CREW Video Scavenger Hunt starting at 6:00pm and wrapping up around 8:30pm. Food will be provided but I need drivers and people to show up. You won't want to miss this CREW tradition.

August 17: CREW extended Lifeline night at the church starting at 6:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided but you need to bring the friends and snacks. We will wrap up our evening of games, devotion, and fun at 11:00pm. Please bring clothes for night games and appropriate shoes (probably not flip flops).

August 24: CREW Picnic at Holloway Park. Bring a food dish to share and we will provide the hot dogs, buns, and condiments. See you there.

August 28: CREW Pool party

August 31: CREW Team Building Activities during Lifeline. This will be a great way to gear up for our new Lifeline season as we learn to work as one for all these activities. Please wear tennis shoes this evening.



Awana Needs YOU!

It's hard to believe that we will start our Awana year again in less than 2 months! Leaders are needed for all age groups. Many have given over ten years of service and would like to take a break. We have dedicated listeners and leaders for the Cubbies, Sparks and T & T groups that would like to change areas. We cannot do this program without help. We will have a general meeting in August for all workers (look for date and time in the Bulletin the first week of August). If you have never worked with the kids in this awesome program, please consider doing something this year. We cannot stress enough that we need help.

Awana Kickoff

August 31st
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our annual kickoff for our Awana club year! Food and drinks will be provided. Information about Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training (T & T) clubs will be given out as well as registering your child. Come for the fellowship and fun!

Princess Party!

August 17th

The second annual Princess Party will be on Wednesday night 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. for girls ages Kindergarten-6th grade. Please come dressed as a beautiful Island Princess. Younger girls are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served after a special program. Look for more details in August.

Boys Night Out!

August 17th

All gentlemen are invited to a special "Boys Night Out" for ages Kindergarten - 6th grade! We will meet at church at 6:30 p.m. Look for more details in August. Younger boys welcome if accompanied by an adult.



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2011

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood for the **remainder of the summer** will be:

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2011</h1>					1	2 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
3 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	4 Independence Day!! Church Offices Closed! 10:00 4th of July Parade	5 9:30 MOPS Steering 6:30 Men's Softball # 4	6 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 VBS Kick-Off 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	7	8	9
10 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 VBS Staff Meeting 4:30 Board of Missions 6:00 Evening Celebration	11 9:00 VBS 11:00 WMC Book Club 12:15 CREW VBS Thank You Outing	12 9:00 VBS	13 9:00 VBS 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Children's Program 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	14 9:00 VBS 5:30 Board of Trustees	15 9:00 VBS 11:30 VBS Closing & lunch 12:15 CREW VBS Thank You Outing	16
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 5:00 Advisory Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	18 10:00 KeenAgers leave for B&B Riverboat Cruise	19 BYE Men's Softball	20 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 CREW Wet n Wild 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 2 nd Qtr. Business Mtg 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	21 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday (Thursday) "Outie" Bowling	22	23
24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration	25	26 9:30 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outie" Miami U Recreation Center in Oxford 6:30 Men's Softball # 3 7:30 Men's Softball # 3	27 6:00 Family Dinner 6:00 Extended Lifeline- Red's Game 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	28 8:30 Matthew 25	29	30
31 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 C.E. Board 6:00 Evening Celebration						

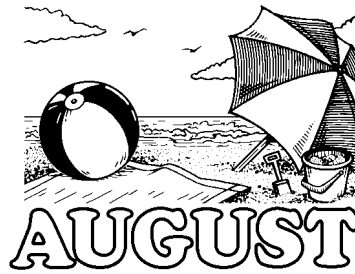


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1 - Aidan Gleason
Isabella Wallace | 13 - Merle Grubbs | 25 - Cameron Hampton
Jim Thomas |
| 2 - Bernie Griesinger
Shelley Lakes
Kattee Wells
Tabitha Wells | 14 - Ryan Finnerty
Anne Hazelwood
Connie Taylor | 27 - Mary Flo Braun
Chance Patrick |
| 3 - Bob Borden
Jewell Bowling
John Diedrichs | 15 - Isabell Johnson | 28 - Don Tragesser
Jay Wallace
Nancy Whipple |
| 5 - Betty Cross | 16 - Glen House
Skyler Yates | 29 - Ray Chambers
Paul Grimes
Natalie Lakes |
| 6 - Mark Hanna
Noah Krall | 17 - Justin Baker
Carole Busch
Benjamin Geiss
Madelyn Hall
Margaret Hoel
Mitchell Inloes
Emogene Kellum | 30 - Ralph Jones
Laurin Sprague
Zachary Dichtl |
| 8 - Amber Murrell Kiesel | 18 - Mary Ann Johnson
Kim Siman | 31 - Margie Braun
Jerry Busch
Patty Flack |
| 9 - Glendene Hall
Barb Hendricks
Hazel Scruggs | 20 - Peggy Avance
Kristy Buchanan
Erin Gingrich | |
| 10 - Alice Dungan
Beverly Flaig
Jill Walker
Ray Wallace | 21 - David Hazelwood
Tabitha Smith Spicer
Betty Bailes Zeller | |
| 11 - Melynda Hazelwood | 24 - Nathaniel Geiss
Doris Hartley | |
| 12 - Emily Rankey
Tim Swicegood | | |

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2011</h1>						
	1	2 9:30 MOPS Steering 9:30 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outie 7:30 Men's Softball #5	3 6:00 CREW Video Scavenger Hunt 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	4 5:30 Music & Worship Committee	5	6 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration	8 11:00 WMC Book Club	9 9:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outie 6:30 Men's Softball #1	10 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	11 5:30 Board of Trustees	12	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions 6:00 Evening Celebration	15 9:30 KeenAgers to Entertainment	16 7:30 Men's Softball #5	17 6:00 Extended Lifeline 6:30 Princess Party 6:30 Boys Night out 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	18	19	20
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration	22	23	24 6:30 Lifeline Picnic @ Holloway Park 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	25 8:30 Matthew 25	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School- Promotion Day 10:30 Worship 4:00 C.E. Board 6:00 Evening Celebration 5:30 CREW Pool Party	29	30	31 6:30 Lifeline Team Building 6:00 Awana Kick-Off 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands			



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 - Naomi Hoskins
Jeff L. Miller | 13 - Andrew Garver | 28 - Linda Wallace |
| 2 - Brenda Abney | 14 - Jeff Hollowell
Jared Messer | 29 - Josh Irwin
Olivia Hoskins
Alexandria Patrick |
| 3 - Lauren Imhoff
Todd Keith
Janet Lewis
Jerry Wallace | 15 - Diane Wallick | 30 - Johanna Hines
Atha Wallin |
| 4 - Madalyn Buchanan
Edna Hughes
David Zeek | 17 - Barbara Begley | 31 - Ed Allen
Samantha Blackwell
Malvrie Landis
Jack Maddox
Carl Schwab |
| 5 - Lauren Hampton
Edith Rish | 18 - Bill Burton | |
| 6 - Dale Braun
Shelley Ebbing
Erla Krastins | 19 - Dale Kimble | |
| 8 - Charles Campbell
Norbert Lerch
Doug Wallace | 20 - Kristen Bowling
Steve Martin
Jeff Schwab | |
| 9 - Karen Bell
Cindy Shalloe | 21 - Josh Day
Herb Murrell
Anna Profitt | |
| 10 - John Motzer | 23 - Emily Cain
Conner Gleason | |
| 11 - Janet Baker
Jessica Day
Judy Wallace | 24 - Don Lewis
Shirley Wade
Susan Wells
June Winkler | |
| 12 - Tim Schwartz | 25 - Bill Roberts | |
| | 26 - Ruby Gessendorf | |
| | 27 - Matt Acus
Elise Martin | |

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.

First Baptist Church
1501 Pyramid Hill Boulevard
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Phone: 513-868-1412



Personal Notes

From Ruby Gessendorf

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and notes of sympathy when Guy went to be with Jesus. My heartfelt thanks to Pastors Metzger and Brantingham for their prayers and visits with Guy through his long illness. Thanks to Nancy Follmer and Johnnie Wallace of the Funeral Committee and Mary Walker who helped them prepare a delicious lunch for the family in such short notice. I am grateful to J.K. and Mary who stood by us all the way.

From Evon Laubenstein

Thanks to Pastor Den and all the others who prayed for me and my family in the death of my sister, Evelyn. I appreciate so much the thoughts, calls, and cards from so many of you. It is great to feel the love and care from my church family.

From John Riczko

I praise and thank the Lord for a loving, caring and praying church family that knows the power of prayer. I thank Pastor Metzger for his visit and the many prayers, cards, and phone calls I received concerning my recent surgery and recovery. I am so blessed to be a member of First Baptist.

From Beth Griesinger Young

I have not thanked all of you for your prayers that I received while I was relearning to walk. As you know, through my aunt and uncle, I spent 101 days between UC Hospital and Drake Rehab. They didn't think I would walk again, but with your prayers, positive thoughts, and cards, we are on the road to recovery. Again, much thanks.



To Our Generous Church Family,

Aleesha, Daniel and I would like to say "thanks" for everything you have done to make Daniel's arrival wonderful. The baby shower, gifts, note of encouragement, and prayers all mean a lot to us.

Daniel's favorite song right now is "Jesus Loves Me" and we are sure that with our church family he will come to know the love of Jesus. We look forward to allowing you to share the love of Christ with him and your own love as well. Thank you for everything you have done for us.

–Jeremy, Aleesha, & Daniel.

The Courier is a monthly publication of The First Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ohio. Deadline for articles to be submitted is the fifteenth day of each month. The pastor: Dr. Dennis M. Metzger; Editor: Ellie Dinger. Our purpose statement: We are believers in Jesus Christ, called of God, Gathering for Worship; Instruction and Fellowship...Scattering for Care, Evangelism and Transformation of the World for His Kingdom.

Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 29 Hamilton, Ohio
--