

# The Courier

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*"A Light on the hill with a heart for the community"*

August, 2019

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## One Gospel, One Church, One Story

There is only **One Gospel**. That is that *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* John 3:16 (KJV) God has loved the world and has planned from before the creation to save the world by coming as God the Son, Jesus the Christ, to live a perfect life but die a sinner's death, taking our sin upon Himself and giving to us His righteousness, and thus, eternal life with Him.

There is only One Church, the saved through Jesus Christ, the people of God. *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:27-28 (ESV)

There is only **One Story** running through all of Scripture. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.* Ephesians 1:3-4 (ESV)

**One Gospel, One Church, One Story...** This is how we will refer to The Gospel Project. The Word of God is primary to our faith! We must devote ourselves to the Bible and know what it says and means. Consider these quotes...

"We find Christ in all the Scriptures. In the Old Testament He is *Predicted*, in the Gospels He is *Revealed*, in Acts He is *Preached*, in the Epistles He is *Explained*, and in Revelation He is *Expected*." Alistair Begg

"Scripture is Superior to all human wisdom." – John Calvin

"If you want to hear God speak, read the Bible. If you want to hear God speak audibly, read your Bible out loud." – Justin Peters

"If you're not confident in the authority of the Scriptures, you will be a slave to what sounds right." –

Matt Chandler

How well do you know the Word of God? Do you have a grasp on the sweep of the Great Story? It has been on our heart for almost two years to focus very intentionally on God's Word... **One Gospel, One Church, One Story...** and we are so excited that it is finally starting.

August 18th we will start the 3-year focus on THE GOSPEL PROJECT with a sermon and studies on God's Creation of EVERYTHING! Over the next 3 years we will walk through the Bible, together. We, children – adults – youth, will all be on the same story, same chapter, same page and even the same verse TOGETHER each week.

Our conversations will be unified around the same stories at the same time. The Bible can be confusing and intimidating at times. With our whole church on the same page we will be able to talk through the confusing parts and make it a lot less intimidating. Also, conversations between family members and friends, no matter the age, will be more streamlined when we are on the same section of God's Word.

Starting at the beginning, in Genesis, with creation, and moving through the Word of God in order, we will see clearly Jesus is God's plan from the beginning.

The logistics of the Gospel Project is divided into 12 volumes. Each volume will contain units and each unit is divided into sessions. For example, August 18th kicks off Volume 1 which is entitled *In The Beginning*. That Volume has 3 Units. The First Unit is *God Created Everything* and that unit has 6 sessions. Each session is a week. The first session is *God's Good World* and that is where we start off. We will be following that session's scripture on Sunday mornings, nights and Wednesday nights in all areas. See the chart on another page to see what's coming the rest of 2019.

If you are a leader, a teacher, or just interested, you

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# American Baptist Women's Ministries

## Giving Opportunity For July/August/September

During the months of August and September, ABW is collecting **peanut butter, cereal, ketchup, and canned fruits (especially peaches, pears, and pineapple chunks)** for a local food pantry. These items are always in short supply at food banks. Place your donations in the box in the coat room outside the Family Center.

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

Stan plays two different roles in the work God does globally through International Ministries. As a global consultant, he spends part of the time engaging directly in leadership training programs, both formal and informal, as a visiting teacher and coach. The rest of the time, Stan supports the work of other missionaries and of international partners as part of IM's home office staff. Whatever the setting, Stan puts his decades of study, learning and mission experience 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 . . . . . 11 Chronicles**

*"Praise the Lord, because He is good, and His love is eternal."*

II Chronicles 5:13 (TEV)

This book describes the reign of King Solomon. It records the revolt of the northern tribes led by Jeroboam against Rehoboam, King Solomon's son and successor, and continues an account of the history of the Kingdom of Judah until the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

**PRAY** that many persons may be brought into the Kingdom through the planting of new churches.

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## Belonging

The next *Belonging* will be on Sunday, August 11th after church from 12 to 2:30 p.m. with lunch included. If you have questions about, wish to become, or have recently become a member of First Baptist this class is for you. Please see Pastor Dan or simply show up.

## Operation Christmas Child Pick Up Party

We are having a Pick Up Party! It is for Operation Shoe Box Project. It will be on **September 15th** after both morning services in the Family Center. It will be hosted by Kids Church. All church members can help by donating shoe box items such as small toys, school supplies, socks, t-shirts and toiletries. **NO FOOD, TOOTHPASTE or LIQUIDS.** Place items in the large decorated collection box throughout the summer.

Written by Isaac Harvey and Lillian Harvey

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## KeenAger Opportunity

On **Friday, August 23rd**, the KeenAgers will travel to LaComedia Dinner Theater in Springboro to see "*On Golden Pond*" featuring Twiggy Cox. The bus will leave First Baptist at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$32. If you would like to go and do not have a ticket, check with Dave Hazelwood to see if there are any available.

-David & Janet Hazelwood

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## Matthew Ministries

The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, **August 22nd**. 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.

Matthew 25 Ministries is asking all churches to collect clean, used clothes. They will take all sizes for all seasons. Please bring them in between August 18th and 21st. Please place them in bags marked "Matthew 25".

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can find your resources online at:  
firstbaptisthamilton.org/GospelProject for adults  
firstbaptisthamilton.org/GospelProjectkids for children  
firstbaptisthamilton.org/gospelprojectyouth for youth

Please be praying that God will mightily honor His Word as we lift it up together. Invite your friends. Will you make a commitment to participate every week! This is going to be fun!

Be the Light!  
Pastor Dan and Katie

**August Sermon series:**  
**Gospel Project**

**August 11** One Story John 17:24; 2 Timothy 1:9 (Dan)

**August 18** God Created Everything: God's Good World  
Gen 1; Col 1:15-18 (Dan)

**August 25** God Created Everything: God's Good People  
Gen 1-2 (Chris)



**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, 2019.

Threes

Claire Metzger  
Eden Ellison  
Ewan Metzger

Berean ABF

Bud Braun  
Merle Grubbs  
Gary Swindall  
Imogene Swindall

Beginner/Kindergarten

Eugenia Sexton  
Elizabeth Ellison  
Ciaran Metzger

Parenting

Stan Brown  
Brian Begley  
Mary Brown  
Josh Day

Primary

Janet Day  
Emma Ellison  
Isabella Harvey  
Callum Metzger

Yada Sisterhood

Brenda Brown

Middler/Junior

Ian Harvey  
Elizabeth Metzger  
Lillian Harvey  
Isaac Harvey

Legacy Builders

Brianne Ellison  
Jim Harvey  
Chris Metzger

Office

Linda Gibbs

**Budget Status Report**

**The Month of June, 2019**

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$64,910
Offerings	<u>73,292</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 8,382

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$65,615
Offerings	<u>73,292</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 7,677

**The Year Through June, 2019**

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$395,937
Offerings	<u>359,323</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$36,614)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$382,283
Offerings	<u>359,323</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$122,960)

—The Board Of Trustees

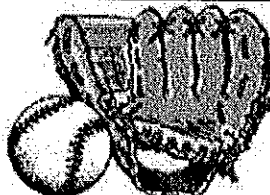


**Nominating Committee  
Elected**

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee at the Second Quarter Business Meeting on Sunday, July 21st. The responsibility of the Nominating Committee will be to search out men and women of the Lord's choosing to serve Him and the church, beginning in 2020.

- Andrew Coots . . . . . representing the Deacon Board
- Brenda Brown . . . representing the Deaconess Board
- Ann Brown . . . . . representing the Missions Board
- Thomas Ellison. . . representing the Trustees Board
- Katie Spradling representing the Christian Ed Board
- Dennis Dudley . . . . . member-at-Large
- Jerry Wallace . . . . . member-at-Large

Those filling offices for the coming years will help determine the direction of the ministry of First Baptist Church. The responsibility that this committee undertakes is an awesome one and your prayers are coveted as they begin this important task.



**Church Soft Ball**

Watch the weekly bulletin for the schedule!

—Bryon Simpson

Unit	Sunday	Wednesday	Adult and Student Session	Preschool and Kids Session	Key Passages
<b>Volume 1: In the Beginning</b>					
Unit 1: God Created Everything					
Session 1	8/18/19	8/21/19	God's Good World	God Created the World	Genesis 1 & Colossians 1:15-18
Session 2	8/25/19	8/28/19	God's Good People	God Created People	Genesis 1-2
Session 3	9/1/19	9/4/19	Sin & God's Good News	Sin Entered the World	Genesis 3-4
Session 4	9/8/19	9/11/19	Sin & God's Grace	Noah and the Ark	Genesis 6-9
Session 5	9/15/19	9/18/19	Sin & God's Authority	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11; Isaiah 55:8-9
Session 6	9/22/19	9/25/19	Suffering & God's Presence	The Suffering of Job	Job
<b>Unit 2: God Formed a Nation</b>					
Session 1	9/29/19	10/2/19	God Makes a Promise	God's Covenant with Abraham	Genesis 12:15; 17
Session 2	10/6/19	10/9/19	God Foreshadows His Promise	Abraham and Isaac	Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19
Session 3	10/13/19	10/16/19	God Provides for His Promise	Isaac & Rebekah	Genesis 24
Session 4	10/20/19	10/23/19	God Renews His Promise	God's Promise to Isaac	Genesis 25-26
<b>Unit 3: The Nation Grew</b>					
Session 1	10/27/19	HARVEST Party	God's Mercy to a Deceiver	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 27-28
Session 2	11/3/19	11/6/19	God's Gift of Love	Jacob & Rachel	Jesus 29-31
Session 3	11/10/19	11/13/19	God's New Name for Jacob	Jacob's New Name	Genesis 32-25
<b>Volume 2: Out of Egypt</b>					
Unit 4: God's People in Egypt					
Session 1	11/17/19	11/20/19	God Redeems Betrayal	Joseph Sent to Egypt	Genesis 37
Session 2	11/24/19	11/27/19	God Redeems Adversity	Joseph Explained Dreams	Genesis 39-41
Session 3	12/1/19	12/4/19	God overrides evil with Good	Joseph saved his family	Genesis 42; 45; 50
Session 4	12/8/19	12/11/19	God Hears His People	Moses was born and called	Exodus 1-4
	12/15/19	12/18/19	Christmas	Christmas' Program	
	12/22/19	12/25/19	Christmas	Christmas	
Session 5	12/29/19	1/1/19	God Frees His People	The Plagues & the Passover	Exodus 5-12

## Not Under Baskets But On Stands

I was contemplating a few verses in Matthew 5 one early morning, “*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.*” I couldn’t help but take the second clause literally; “*it gives light to all in the house*” (ESV). Does my devotion, the light stirred up inside of me, does it give off its brightness to those around me?

This is a passage I pass over too often. It’s easy to simply regard this as an injunction for others to evangelize random people in the community. While the gospel should be preached to every community, this passage is not *primarily* concerned with missionary work. Yes, we are to be the light of the world, but where does that world start? It is no surprise that I should be convicted of the last clause—the light in my home. But what is my house? First, I am a husband and a father; therefore, my home is my literal home, the place where I am the spiritual leader over my wife and daughters. I am also a pastor who preaches and teaches God’s word, a shepherd and overseer to numerous people. My home is those places wherein I have a direct influence.

This conviction came after preaching Sunday. There are plenty of times where I use illustrations and theological phrases that are convoluted and require too much logic for the speed at which I spit them. This doesn’t make me an intellectual and it certainly doesn’t make me wise, but I can be assured of what it does...it puts a basket over the light of my lamp. Theology and the historical narrative of church history are vital for every person in the pew. However, these sources of knowledge should be a prism for light and not a basket that hides it. I encourage other brothers who preach to not weave a basket out of the rich blessing of theological study and church history. I love preaching; and I love it because it is the opportunity to talk to people about the wonder of Jesus Christ, the sovereign grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in regenerating God’s people. We ought never to get in the way of that opportunity.

I was struck by this verse because I am lacking in patience and in the proper demonstration of all those virtues I believe spring forth from the Christian heart. When I am with my wife and children I too often take that time to put my candle out and rest it awhile. But this is my home! This should be the place where I set down my lamp *in order* to give off its light in greater capacity, where the oil is steady burning. I’ve carried the lamp around all day, but here is where the glow should shine in greater vibrancy. The home is the base for the lamp, the location of its stand, where we replenish and rejuvenate the light. The home is where our light is to replenish the exhausted lamps of our family.

I am to be a light, a leader, a chief influence in my home for how God displays his glory. This is with grace,

mercy, humility, strength, conviction, comfort, and peace. Am I patient with my children? Am I encouraging to my wife? Am I accessible to my congregation? Am I vibrant in my dependence on Jesus Christ? I will, prayerfully, spend the rest of the day considering the variety of baskets I cling to, that only serve to cover my lamp. I will ponder the stands that God has given me as opportunities to display the source of light with which he has graciously endowed me.

What does this mean for you, the reader? As Christians, we are all given this same conviction—we are to consider our lamps. You are just as much a light, leader, and influencer. Are you prone to place a basket over your light and leadership within those places you have a direct influence? What sorts of lampstands do you, should you utilize each day? These lampstands are the means for giving off light, they are conversations, attitudes, acts of service that specifically show the glow of your motivations—your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Do not hide the light! It is hard work, but it is necessary as it grows us to shine ever more brightly. Join me in conviction, to be a clearer lens through which Jesus Christ’s saving work can be seen. When you shine you encourage others to shine with you...so, light up the house!

—Christopher Osterbrock

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## First Students

Pastor Christopher is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, August 11th, in the gym following the 2nd service. This luncheon will serve as a get to know you for parents of students involved in First Student Ministry. Questions will be answered, details for the coming year will be given, and plenty of other conversations will be encouraged. Lunch and childcare will be provided according to the RSVP. Please let us know you are coming!

Rsvp at [firstbaptisthamilton.org/firststudents](http://firstbaptisthamilton.org/firststudents).

## Fall Retreat

We’ve set a date! The First Student Ministry Fall Retreat at Kirkwood Camp & Conference Center is scheduled for the November 1st–3rd. We will leave from FBC Hamilton Friday afternoon at 3pm and arrive at the church Sunday morning for 2nd service. All students, grades 7–12, are encouraged to be a part of this weekend. I’m really excited for this year’s fall retreat; it is going to be amazing!

For more details on this adventure please contact [chris.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org](mailto:chris.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org).

—Pastor Christopher



MOPS & MOMSnext  
of Hamilton

We hope you are enjoying some extra time with your little ones without some of the stress of the school year. We won't meet on Tuesday mornings at First Baptist until September 17th. We do have some fun activities planned for August and we hope you'll be able to join us for some of these! Our theme this year is *To The Full*. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it To The Full." John 10:10.

Meanwhile, the steering team is hard at work planning an exciting 2019-2020 MOPS year! Check the September edition of the Courier (as well as Facebook) for more details on the year to come.

Here's what's coming up in August:

**Tuesday - August 6th at 10:00 AM:** Back-to-School Play Date at Wilson Splash Pad.

**Friday, August 23rd at 5:00 PM:** MOPS and MOMSnext Family Picnic at Wilson Splash Pad. Bring a side dish and your own drink. MOPS provides chicken and paper products.

Watch [facebook.com/MOPSandMOMSnext](https://facebook.com/MOPSandMOMSnext).

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## Wednesday Nights!

Our Wednesday night groups start back up on August 21st. First Students (7th-12th grade) will meet from 6-7:30 and First Kids (Babies through 6th Grade) and adults will meet from 6:30 -7:30. Please register online at [FirstBaptistHamilton.org/WednesdayFirstKids](https://FirstBaptistHamilton.org/WednesdayFirstKids).

If you are a parent in First Kids please plan on sticking around the first 10 minutes to get a quick parent overview of how the Wednesday nights will work.

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## Back To School

Sunday morning, August 11th, we will be having a **Back To School Prayer Celebration**. Bring your backpack to church on Sunday morning and we will pray over it and give you a special treat to wear on your backpack to remember your church family and that Jesus has your back!

## AGE 70 ½+/RMD/TAXES

If you are over 70 ½ years young and have to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA or annuity every year, you have the option of making a **qualified charitable donation**, for example, to First Baptist Church, which could save you paying taxes on the distribution on next year's tax return.

Points to remember when choosing this option:

1. The distribution must be a **direct transfer** from the bank/institution/IRA or annuity holder to the charity. The distribution can not be in your hands or in a check to you personally.
2. Contact your IRA/annuity holder to set up the direct transfer. You may choose to donate all or a portion of your required minimum distribution.
3. At the end of the year, you will still receive a 1099R showing the distribution.
4. On your 1040 tax return, you report the full amount(or partial) distribution on the line for IRA distributions. On the line for the taxable amount, you would enter "0" if the full amount was a qualified charitable distribution and enter "QCD" next to this line. If you donate only a portion of your RMD, only that amount would be non-taxable, and you would count as income the rest of the distribution.
5. **CAUTION:** You **can not** make a qualified charitable donation and then also claim it as a charitable donation on Schedule A if you itemize deductions. This is not allowed.
6. There may be other things to consider depending on the type of IRA or annuity you have. If you have questions, contact your tax professional or you may ask me to clarify.

-Linda Gibbs

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## First Kids Ministry Meeting

August 18th we will be having a quick meeting for everyone who is involved on Wednesday nights with First Kids ministry. We will meet in the gym. This will be very brief. Please try to be there right after the second service.

-Katie Simpson

Director of Families and Children

## Missions Updates

### August Greeter Schedule (2019)

9:00 a.m.

- 8/4 Family Center: Juli Ford & Brandi Emenaker  
Sanctuary: Teene Campbell  
Door Greeter: Larry Bowling
- 8/11 Family Center: Teri Guynes & Brenda Brown  
Sanctuary: Carl & Jeanette Schwab  
Door Greeter: Josh Click
- 8/18 Family Center: Linda Stanger & Diana Bueker  
Sanctuary: Kathy Click  
Door Greeter: Dwain Brewer
- 8/25 Family Center: Nancy Follmer & Faye Baker  
Sanctuary: Bette Ruth & Evelyn Maddox  
Door Greeter: Larry Wallace

10:30 a.m.

- 8/4 Family Center: Lisa Sprague  
Sanctuary: Sharon & Dwain Brewer  
Door Greeter: Larry Bowling
- 8/11 Family Center: Cathi Thomas  
Sanctuary: David & Joyce Hall  
Door Greeter: Josh Click
- 8/18 Family Center: Julie Yantes & Kathy Click  
Sanctuary: Johnnie Wallace  
Door Greeter: Dwain Brewer
- 8/25 Family Center: Mag Baker  
Sanctuary: Teri Guynes & Brenda Brown  
Door Greeter: Larry Wallace

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### Ladies Bible Study Coming in September

Beginning September 20th, we will study Priscilla Shirer's *Breathe*. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of September, October and November in rooms 113-114 at 9:30 a.m. These studies are always so meaningful to each of us, and our leader, Mary Brown, keeps us focused. We always have lively discussions and enjoy each other!

All ladies are welcome to study with us. This is a short study and we will finish before Thanksgiving. Study books will be available in the connector September 1st. Watch the weekly bulletin.

Join us!  
Diana Bueker

On Wednesday evening, August 21, **Dan Chetti**, missionary to Lebanon (the country, not the city in Ohio) and the Middle East will be visiting our congregation. The Chettis are involved in Arab Outreach: Gospel for the Arabs by the Arabs. Their ministry, Enduring Love: Crossing Borders Changing Lives, supports 24 Arab Missionaries in 7 countries. Their focus is evangelism, discipleship and church planting. The journey to Jesus can be very treacherous for one born a Muslim. Despite the risks, many are making this journey. The Chettis have wonderful stories to tell.

Dan still teaches at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut but he and Sarah are also doing a lot of work with migrant people and migrant churches and following former students as they reach out in their Arab homelands "on the streets". Sarah will not be with him on the 21st. She will be visiting their daughter in Oregon.

You won't want to miss this update on Dan and Sarah's ministry which First Baptist Hamilton has supported for many years. **Plan to be present in Room 200 at 6 pm on August 21st!**

Another IM Missionary we support, **Dr. Bill Clemmer**, is living on the Congo-Uganda border, in the epicenter of Africa's second largest and deadliest outbreak of Ebola. Please remember the Clemmers in your prayers. His wife Ann, writes: "Someone visiting Goma from the U.S. this week told us that people are getting rid of their DVDs because they are no longer the preferable way to watch shows. If you have any Christian or geography DVDs or anything Sunday School or Bible related, we'd be happy to take them off your hands to use here." If you have any DVD's to donate there is a box marked DVDs for Clemmers on a table in the Family Center.

**Family Promise** is an organization here at home in Butler County which exists to help address the needs of children and families who are homeless by providing shelter, meals and comprehensive support services. They sent a message that they are in need of new towels, shampoo and rinse, combs and brushes, body wash, pump soap and hand sanitizer, etc. – all kinds of personal hygiene items. Please contribute to the box marked Family Promise on a table in the Family Center as you are able. We will collect items all through the summer and then deliver them on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

--Ann Brown



## Child Care Schedule For August

### Nursery (Morning) One & Two Year Olds

August 4 -  
August 11 -  
August 18 -  
August 25 -

### Toddlers

August 4 - Brianne & Thomas Ellison  
August 11 - Ashley Croucher  
August 18 - Juli Ford & Katie Spradling  
August 25 - Barb & Brian Begley

### Kiddiechurch

August 4 - Katie & Taylor Spradling  
August 11 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
August 18 - Sharon Brewer & Teen Helper  
August 25 - Shelee & Jim Ewen

### Kinderchurch

August 4 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
August 11 - Cheryl Motzer & Sydney Wilson  
August 18 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
August 25 - Cheryl Motzer & Helper

### KidsChurch (Helping Karen Buchanan & Nancy Whipple)

August 4 - Mary Brown  
August 11 - Cathi Thomas  
August 18 - Katie & Bryon Simpson  
August 25 - Janet & Mike Moore

## Child Care For Nursery

We are trying to open the nursery up on Sunday mornings because we have been blessed with so many new babies. If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please see Katie.

Do you have kids? Are they in First Kids/Student Programs on Sunday mornings or Wednesday Nights? If so please sign up to help at least once every other month in the nursery or KidsChurch. All Parents are encouraged to do their part in helping raise each other kids, along with their own, to know Christ. Visit the Children's Check-In area and sign up to work one Sunday every month or every other month!



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

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now 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.

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## Coffee, Donuts And Fellowship Time

As of August 11th, Coffee and Donuts will only be served in between both services at 10:30 in the Family Center and lobby area by the sanctuary. Donations are extremely appreciated! \$1 a donut and a \$1 a cup of coffee is suggested. We appreciate everyone's work on making this a time of fellowship between the two services. The Children's Ministry department also wishes to remind everyone that the kids that go downstairs get a lot of snacks throughout the second hour. By not bringing donuts down helps with messes and the sugar rushes kids may experience after one or two donuts. Thank you.

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## Retirement Celebration

We are celebrating Cheryl Motzer's retirement immediately following the second service next Sunday, August the 4th, in the Family Center. We will have refreshments and share lots of great memories of Cheryl's time here at FBC as Co-Director of Children's Ministry. All are invited to attend. Help us shower her with cards and gifts!

—Katie Simpson  
Director of Families and Children

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## Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

Osterbrock, Chris & Emily  
919 Park Avenue  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
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# August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
<b>4</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:00 Retirement Celebration for Cheryl Motzer 6:00 Evening Ministries	<b>5</b> 6:30 Cabinet Meeting (canceled)	<b>6</b> 10:00 MOPS & MOMSnext Back-to-School Play Date at Wilson Splash Pad	<b>7</b> 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Ladies Bible Study in Library 8:30 Open Gym	<b>8</b> 11:00 New Life Mission 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:00 First Student & Parents Luncheon 12:00 Belonging 6:00 Evening Ministries	<b>12</b> 11:00 Women's Christian Book Club @ Fairfield Library	<b>13</b> 10:30 Abell Circle 6:00 Smith Circle	<b>14</b> 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Ladies Bible Study in Library 8:30 Open Gym	<b>15</b> 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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## Personal Notes

### From Bettie Carmack

I so appreciate all the cards, calls, visits and prayers that the deaconesses and others have done for me. I cannot thank each one individually but I certainly do enjoy the visits and I miss coming to church. My daughter, Vickie, thanks everyone also.

### From Margie Sexton (wife of Jeff & sister-in-law if Genie)

Thank you so much for the card and especially the prayers after my accident and back surgeries. It means so much to receive your love and support during this time of recovery. I am improving and will be ready soon for the start of school.

### A Celebration Of Life

**Jean B. Riczko**  
77 years old  
1941 - 2019

Jean was a loving, caring, praying Christian lady with a smile that would melt your heart. Her love for her creator and Lord and Savior stood out richly all her life. The Lord truly blessed her with a loving friend and husband, John, for 61 years. Husband and wife for 57 years. She took her marriage vows very seriously and was a faithful and committed partner to John.

Two children Charles (Riczko) and Linda (Natiello). Spouses Beth (Riczko) and Rich (Natiello). 5 grandchildren: Nikki (Carmack), Matthew (Riczko), Tony (Natiello), Katie (Riczko), and Abby (Riczko).

She was a homemaker at heart. Loved her home. She had a great love for

her family, her church family, friends, and neighbors. She was active in the women's ministries at church. She had prayer partners that go back 40 years.

Jean had a special love for family gatherings for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, family vacations and visits to and from her two sisters, Kathy Conville and Barbara Riffel, in Pennsylvania.

Jean's prayer was to leave her earthly home in the light of day. The Lord answered her prayer on February 15th, 2019 when the Lord took her from her earthly home with the sun shining brightly to her eternal home in heaven with Him. God is good!

—Submitted by John Riczko

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## First United Methodist Church In Need Of Forks

The First United Methodist Church is in need of new or used forks in good condition for their *Feed The Hungry* program. Sometimes they can be purchased at the thrift stores for 10 cents. If you can help in this project, give them to Margorie Corley.

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