

# The Courier

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



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*"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"*

March, 2017

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## *From Daniels Den*

We have a long-standing 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.* We have identified our key values as a congregation: Missions, Prayer, Biblical Truth, and Caring. We have identified ourselves as being *a light on the hill with a heart for the community.*

George Barna has written widely on cultural trends, leadership and church growth. He defines vision as, "a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances." Vision is an identified target in the future that we will pray, plan, and dare to move toward until we resemble that mental image of that preferred God-imparted future.

Last month in the COURIER, I shared with you from the Revitalize Retreat we had Saturday, January 14, 2017. From that time of sharing, and prayer and discussions since, I shared what I believe to be God's vision for the future of First Baptist Hamilton. We will focus our precious time, energy and resources on reaching this vision by the end of 2019.

FBC Hamilton will be a congregation who does an excellent job of reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ through:

- 1) exciting and dynamic families with children ministries
- 2) relevant youth and young adults' ministries
- 3) purposeful and caring senior adults' ministries
- 4) relational and supportive community groups
- 5) inspirational and application-focused worship

We are at the beginnings of fleshing out this vision. I can tell you what I see so far.

**1) worship** - We as the people of God have the great privilege to gather together for worship. Excellence in music, preaching, the environment, and relationships

all share the gospel of Jesus. We are providing a worship experience through morning worship for those who are coming, but desire to include others who are not presently with us - the young and the older, those who join us through the internet and DVDs at home. We will need to explore other means of worship to bring people to Christ. Worship is the front door into the congregation, and there are other doors where people might enter such as MOPS, children, youth, or the friendship of community and service groups.

**2) community groups** - It is my goal to see every person in the congregation growing with a group for fellowship, prayer, discipleship, Bible study, inviting, and service. All FBC Hamilton community groups should share this same DNA and gospel heart. We will lay out a clear pathway to everyone being connected to a community group. Relationships are the glue that hold the church together. Community happens when we connect in small groups.

**3) children** - FBC Hamilton must become known as the church committed to children and their families. We have a strong foundation on which to build. The next step is to make children and young families our priority by allocating space, money and volunteers to take this ministry to the next level. I foresee us calling a full-time ministry staff specialist for children. I hope to have Claire and Cheryl focus on the preschool children and serve in children's ministry with this leader. We will remodel the children's space and increase security. We should move in this area sooner rather than later.

**4) youth and young adults** - The vision for youth and young adults has already begun under the ministries of Justin and Aaron. Student ministries have undergone restructuring and leadership development. New community groups and gatherings have been initiated. Students and young adults will be invited into the leadership and planning of the future of the

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## American Baptist Women's Ministries



### Giving Opportunity

During the months of January, February and March, ABW is collecting **peanut butter, cereal, ketchup, and canned fruits (especially peaches, pears, and pineapple chunks)** for the food pantry at the **One Way Farm**. These items are always in short supply at food banks. Place your donations in the box in the coat room outside the Family Center. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

#### March Missionaries of the Month:

Nzunga Mabudiga & Kihomi Ngwemi  
Haiti  
Philip & Corenne Smith  
Brazil

**Kihomi** and **Ngunga** serve as a vital link between International Ministries and the Haitian Baptist Convention. They both visit and preach in churches and serve through a variety of ministries.

**Ngunga Mabudiga** teaches theology at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, trains assistant professors in teaching and administers a scholarship program for elementary, high school and university students. He manages two projects: the goat and pig project for children and the clean water project for communities. He also administers the Cap Haitien Eye Clinic. **Kihomi** works with families in the areas of counseling, women's health, Community Health Evangelism and economic development. She also coordinates and advises the Women's Association of the Haitian Baptist Convention, representing women of all the Baptist denominations of Haiti at international conferences.

In Brazil, poor youths often choose life on the streets to escape the poverty of the slums and abusive families. On the streets, they are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, prostitution, substance abuse and violence.

With the blessing of the National Baptist Convention of Brazil, **Corenne and Phil Smith** serve through Hope Unlimited for Children, a residential program that rescues homeless street children ages 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education, and

job training. By the time they leave, all students have completed a paid internship and are employed.

**Corenne** works mainly with the older youth on life skills and serves as a surrogate mother to many of the children. After living in this safe, caring Christian environment, most of them decide to follow Christ. **Philip** is the program's president and CEO. He is an associate missionary serving in Brazil in a joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International.

### Bible Book of the Month . . . . . Ezra

*"O Lord God of Israel, you are a just God what hope can we have if you give us justice as we stand here before you in our wickedness?"*

Ezra 9:15 (LB)

Ezra deals with the return of the Israelites to the land of Palestine after their captivity in Babylon. The temple was begun, finished after many problems, and finally rededicated to the glory of God. The ministry of Ezra is described in some detail, stressing the intercession that he made to God for the wayward people of the restored community.

**PRAY** for those who suffer hunger, disease, and lack of shelter, and for Christians to become more sensitive to their needs.

### Baby Layettes

Don't forget that we are still collecting items baby layettes. If you see a bargain, please bring it in and give to Nancy Whipple (863-2309) or give to a greeter. (See last month's Courier for the list of items.)

—Nancy Whipple

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congregation. We must align children, students, and families to insure discipleship of the next generation.

**5) care** - There may be a better word, but what I have in mind is the care and support of those who are not yet or not able to be connected to a community group. There are persons who are shut-ins, in nursing homes, in the hospital, or not yet connected. Many of these have served Christ and His church for years, we would not that any would be forgotten or would slip between the cracks. I have talked with the deacons and deaconesses about this priority and they agree we must nurture all of our people. The pastoral staff cannot adequately meet all of these needs. It is the responsibility of all of us to share this ministry of mercy. Community groups care for each other, and others are not neglected.

The need of a clear gospel witness is great in our city and county. This light on the hill must "... tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders... so the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born - and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands." Psalm 78:4,6-7

Be the Light!  
Pastor Dan



**Lenten Season Series: Following Jesus**

- 3/05 part 1 The Cost of Following Jesus, Mt 8:18-22
- 3/12 part 2 Listen to Jesus Mt 5:1
- 3/19 part 3 Watch Jesus do Miracles Mt 8:2
- 3/26 part 4 Act like Jesus Mt 10:1
- 4/02 part 5 Follow Jesus to Jerusalem Mt 16:24-26
- 4/09 part 6 Follow Jesus to the Cross Mt 23:37-39; 26:39
- 4/16 part 7 Follow Jesus in the Resurrection Mt 28:18-20

## Budget Status Report

### The Month of January, 2017

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$ 81,342
Offerings	<u>63,881</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$17,461)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$73,607
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### The Year Through January, 2017

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-The Board Of Trustees



First Baptist Church has been invited to partner with First United Methodist Church in feeding lunch to the hungry at First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25th. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector. See Mike Gipson for further details.



**March 12th**

(Set your clocks up before you go to bed  
Saturday, March 11th)

## Aaron's Attic

Have you ever lit a candle or turned on a flashlight during a power outage at night? Or maybe just used your cellphone to find your way to bed without waking your spouse up? It's amazing what a small light can do in a dark room! As Pastor Dan preached through the 40 Days in the Word sermon series last month, I kept coming back to this verse in 2 Peter: "And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts" (2 Pet 1:19). The Word is a "lamp shining in a dark place." Have you been in a dark place and have had to cling to the light of the Word to get through it? The promises of God, found in His prophetic Word, sustain us in the dark valleys of our lives. And, typically, that's when we find ourselves grasping for them. But these are not the only dark places that the Word affects.

What about the hurts that have left your heart with emotional and/or relational scars? Or the shadows of doubt - doubting God's goodness, doubting God's plan, doubting God's justice - that have kept you from doing what the Lord has designed you to do? The Word of the Lord can speak into these heart issues and bring light into these dark places. As you spend time in His Word, looking & listening for the Lord, He will meet with you and speak into your struggles, scars, and doubts. He will cast the brilliant light of His Glory, which is reflected in His Word, onto & into every situation and thought that you are facing. It is something far more than psychological that takes place (though the Word can help there as well); it is a spiritual healing that is found in His Holy Word. The Word of God, through the Holy Spirit, has the power to cast out demons, the power to heal, the power to bring hope to the hopeless, healing to the broken, strength to the weak, love to the loveless, and new life to those walking in death. It is the most effective and powerful weapon that we have at our disposal. It is a wonderful grace unto us. Sadly, it is the grace and weapon that we most often neglect, myself included.

Our neglect of His Word is probably not something that happens by accident, especially when we acknowledge that our world is full of dark places and spiritual forces of darkness. We have many a co-worker, friend, or family member living in the dark. These colleagues and loved ones desperately need the Light of Life spoken into their lives. If we could be so bold as to find ourselves daily renewed in the Word of the Lord, then we would find ourselves able to speak those words of truth into the lives of those who are living in darkness around us. My

intention is not to guilt-trip us into reading the Word that will not prove to be effective-but to point out reality: we are at war with spiritual forces and Christ has called us to be a part of His army of soldiers who overcome by living in His love and obeying His Word. Our love for Jesus should compel us to be in His Word. If we are failing to do this daily, then we must pray that He would help us to love Him more and to realize our great hunger for His Word that sustains us. It will make us an effective witness of Jesus Christ and a lamp shining in a place that's been suffering a power outage since the Garden of Eden.

May the Word be that light to us daily and make us refulgent!

—Aaron Osterbrock  
Associate Pastor



## Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2017

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 18-23 - Jr High Camp (Grades 7-9)	\$330.00
June 25-30 - Junior Camp (Grades 4-6)	\$330.00
June 25-28 - New Adventure Camp (Grades 3-4)	\$250.00
July 2-7 - Senior High Camp (Grades 9-12)	\$330.00
July 7-8 - Beginner Camp (Grades K-2) (Includes parent)	\$160.00

\*grade = going into in the fall

**Early Registration Discount \$10 if postmarked by  
April 1st**

**First Time Camper Discount \$10**

**Bring-a-Friend (attending camp for the first time!)  
Discount \$10**

**Family Discount (2nd, 3rd, 4th ... member to  
register this summer) Discount \$10**

## Just-in Time's

## I Am

### Wednesday Nights

March 1st we will begin our new series "*Wise Choices.*" Paul says in Ephesians 5:15, "Be very careful then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise." So what does it mean to live a "wise" life? How is that even possible? What does it mean for me when I mess up and make unwise choices? The reality is that we all struggle with the tension between right and wrong, good and evil, best and worst, but what if wisdom was more than that? What if "walking wisely" had more to do with where your identity lies rather than the actions you take? As we look deeper into the truth about wisdom we will begin to unpack how the gospel is the only thing that can truly change everything. The gospel of Jesus Christ is where we begin to understand wisdom and where we begin to find our new identity and understanding. To walk wisely is to walk with Jesus.

The last Wednesday night of the month, March 29th, we will be OFF.

### Sunday Nights

On March 5th we will be playing Sardines in the basement of FBCH! If you've never played, you'll have to come see for yourself what it is! Any and all students are welcome! We start at 6pm and go to 7:30pm.

### Leadership Team

Leaders we will have team meetings on March 12th and 26th. Be sure to do the readings from our book.

### Looking Ahead

On April 2nd, we will be doing a Nerf War in the basement of FBCH! This is one of the best nights of the year so make sure to be there with all your friends! In April our Wednesday night series will be centered around the idea of what it means to submit to God as the ultimate authority in a Christian's life. Most teens struggle with the idea of submission to authority, but there is actually freedom found in submission.

Look for other updates on Instagram or Facebook @FBCH\_Students. For any questions please call Pastor Justin at (513) 658-2277.

—Justin Davis  
Youth Pastor

Jesus is the Great **I AM**. Ex. 3:14  
He paid my debt on Calvary.  
My heart is overflowing  
With His wondrous love for me.

**I AM** the BREAD OF LIFE. Jn. 6:35  
All your needs I will fulfill  
If you hunger for My word  
And remain in My will.

**I AM** the LIVING WATER. Jn. 4:13  
You will never thirst again  
If you drink from what I offer,  
And eternal life you'll gain.

**I AM** the SHEPHERD of MY FLOCK. Jn. 10:22-18  
No One will go astray.  
I freely lay My life down  
To keep the wolves away.

**I AM** the DOOR of LIFE. Matt. 7:7-8  
Merely knock and enter in.  
There is a home prepared  
In glory—free from sin.

**I AM** the WAY, the TRUTH, the LIFE. Jn. 14:6-7  
You'll know My Father, up above  
By looking on My face  
And sharing in My love.

**I AM** the NARROW GATE. Matt. 7:13  
There is no other way  
To heaven but the narrow road.  
Do not be led astray.

**I AM** the LIGHT—LIGHT of the WORLD. Jn. 8:12  
I shine for all to see  
The glories of eternal life . . .  
Come, follow after Me.

**I AM** the VINE; I'll graft you to Jn. 15:1-8  
The tree of life above.  
I'll help you bear the needed fruit  
To spread God's grace and love.

**I AM** the ALPHA and OMEGA—Rev. 1:8  
The beginning and the end.  
I always was, will always be—  
On that you can depend.

**I AM** the very SON of God. Jn. 1:1  
**I AM** the SON of MAN.  
The Father, SON, and SPIRIT:  
**I AM** the GREAT **I AM!**

—By Florence Jones  
Inspired by a sermon by Dr. Charles Stanley



**Awana Club**

February was a busy month with our Cubbies matchbox races, store night, Valentine's Day celebration and our big T&T Birthday party! March will not be slowing down!!! As you can see from the dates below we'll be continuing the racing theme with the Sparks Matchbox Race and our T&T Grand Prix. This will be our fourth year that we have a race for the adults in the church as well. Please let us know if you or someone you know needs help designing or building a car. We have car kits a plenty (some are even precut!) so please come pick one up at anytime!

With our Awana year finishing in May we are eager to help our kids continue working through their books. How can you help? You can pray for our children as they dig in to their Bibles and learn God's truth for them in key verses and promises that will stick with them. I can remember verses from my childhood, can you? We can also use sub listeners to come and help the kids, some children really appreciate having an adult all to themselves or in a small group. Such attention lets them know they are loved and important. Let us know if you can fill in occasionally for twenty minutes on a Wednesday.

**Awana March Calendar Update**

- 1 - Sparks Match Box Race
- 8 - Regular Club Night
- 15 - Mismatched Shoe Night
- 22 - T & T Grand Prix
- 29 - Regular Club Night

-Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,  
Awana Leaders

**Looking Ahead!**

**King's Kids Production**

***Star Quest***

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Vacation Bible School**

**2017**

**July 10-14**

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

Have you ever wanted to travel to the stars and explore space? Now's your chance to go with us on an adventure **to boldly go where no one has gone before...**well that's not really true! But we will be looking outward and inward and be marveling at God's creation and fantastic plan for us in our 2017 VBS *Galatic Starveyors*. As always we are deep into planning, organizing and so on,. Every Friday there is a team of dedicated people who are set building, skit planning, star painting and doing so much more. These Fridays are full of laughter, fellowship and work so if you're ever free, come visit there's always something to do!

We will be reaching out to all the children that have come/do come to any church event so please pray that they will be able to attend this year and cement their relationship with Jesus. VBS is a wonderful way to invite children and families to come to church, so be thinking about anyone you might know who needs Jesus and start telling them about it!

VBS will be July 10 - 14. We will announce a meeting closer to summer, but let us know if you want to be involved in anyway!

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

**Childcare**

Some Sundays you can spot those who have served dutifully in an area of childcare because they look a little tired! Did you know that some Sundays we have 4 babies, 6 toddlers, 13 two - four years old, 16 kindergarteners and 30 children plus in kids church! That's a lot of noise, stickiness, goldfish, glitter, movement, and more...most importantly that's nearly 70 children needing to see Jesus' love first hand in those willing to teach and build relationships with them. We only have an hour or so with some of these children, lets give them the best opportunities to heard about Jesus by committing to spend time with them. Please consider coming in and helping, the sign-up is outside the nursery and is looking a little bare.

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



## Summer Softball

Softball begins in April! If you would like to play on the men's team (games on Tuesday nights), please see Bryon Simpson. Watch the bulletin for sign-up dates. All games are played at North End (Ford's Field).

—Bryon Simpson  
Director of Sports and Recreation

## Rotary Presents Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Musical

March 15, 16, & 17 at 8:00 p.m.  
March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

At Parrish Auditorium

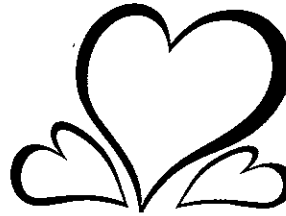
Tickets are \$16.00

To buy tickets visit their website  
<http://hamiltonohiorotary.com>  
or see Mag Baker or Larry Bowling

Fun For All Ages!!

## Matthew Ministries

The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, March 23rd. As usual, we would like to have a good working group to go. 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.



## From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

### E-Mail From God

### Take A Chill Pill

*"In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent."*  
—Psalm 4:4

Dear Child,

Has anyone ever told you, "Just sleep on it"? That's often good advice. Sometimes you'll be so angry about something that you can't see straight. That is not a good time to make a decision. When you are angry, you may blurt out something rude and later think, *I can't believe I said that.*

My advice is, just wait. When you're mad, don't act. If someone is forcing you to make a decision while you're mad, tell them, "I need some time to think about this. Let me get back to you." Then just chill out and pray about it. Ask Me what I think about the situation. Breathe deeply. Count to a hundred. Do whatever it takes to calm down. Yes, you have emotions. But you don't have to be a slave to them. I want you to control your emotions, not the other way around.

Your Peace,  
God

—Marilyn Bowling  
College/Career Coordinator



## Winter Reminder!

If Hamilton City Schools do not open on a week day because of snow or ice, the church will not be open that day either.



## KeenAger March Outing

The KeenAgers will be going to Miami University in Hamilton on **Friday, March 17th**, at 8:00 p.m. Hamilton Rotary is presenting *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Parrish Auditorium. The bus will leave church at 7:15 p.m. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

—KeenAger Activity Committee  
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

Hey MOPS MOMS, Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!

What a wonderful meeting we had in February. Listening to our couples share godly insight on digging deep to love in marriage was uplifting and encouraging. Thanks to all of our couples who volunteered to take questions from the audience on marriage, life, parenting, happiness, sadness, deep joy, and managing woes. Wow you guys did great thanks again! Behind all of our awesome meetings, stand awesome child care workers! We thank you again Moppet workers for your love and for helping us be better moms.

Did somebody say March madness? Wow! As a person who loves to better understand the impact of language, hearing the word madness out loud and celebrated is not so fun to me. I believe that we have a choice of speaking life into ourselves and to others and so I'm not going to say March is a madness month March is a month of Kindness! This month in MOPS we're going to focus on kindness and our devotional verse for the month is Proverbs 21:21 Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. Our speaker for the meeting is Mrs. Marilyn Bowling who will be helping us spring our gardens (physical and emotional).

As I focus more everyday on the impact that we each have on our world I can see God's purpose in this life he made. Seeking God; seeking righteousness; seeking right living; seeking to honor Him above ourselves; and seeking kindness in all that we do just makes for a fulfilled life far beyond what we could purchase with any pot of gold. Honestly, in doing these things we would not have time to focus on our negative and confusing stuff that just gives birth to more negative and confusing stuff. I am committing to giving that stuff to The Lord, so that I can experience the joyful life that God intended. I'm looking forward to a great March month and celebrating KINDNESS will all of you wonderful MOPS Moms.

\*As always we could use more moppet workers, even if you just want to be on a standby list in the case of a cancellation, we want your service. Your commitment to these moms and the children is so important and appreciated.

Love and All Glory to God!  
Heather Nguyen  
MOPS Coordinator

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## Child Evangelism Fellowship Visit

Sunday, April 2nd, following the morning service we will be holding a special training with Patricia Beatty. Patricia Beatty is a director at CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) in Cincinnati. CEF Inc. is a Bible-centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God and establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living. CEF is build to train, equip, and encourage us as a church to reach and teach children about Jesus. This training session will be designed to teach key ways to build upon our relationships with children and how to share the gospel with them.

This training is for anyone working with children and we encourage as many as possible to attend. We will be providing lunch and childcare also. There will be a sign-up in the connector closer to the date. We look forward to this event!

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



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## Help Decorate The Sanctuary For Easter

Easter arrives later this year -- on April 16th! It is not too early to order a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is still \$9 per flower. Checks should be made out to the church. Order envelopes are available in the connector and the office. Return your envelope to either Marilyn Bowling or Lois Anderson, or drop it in the offering plate, no later than Wednesday, March 29th. Those who purchase lilies can take them home following the Easter morning worship service.





## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

- March 5 - Krys Schramm, Sydney & Nik
- March 12 - Brandi & Nick Emenaker, Lauryn & Taylor
- March 19 -
- March 26 - Allison & Andrew Sommers

### One & Two Year Olds

- March 5 - Carolyn Dudley
- March 12 - Linda & Larry Wallace
- March 19 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay
- March 26 - Janet Day & Josh

### Kiddie Church

- March 5 -
- March 12 - Claire & Chris Metzger
- March 19 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
- March 26 -

### Kinderchurch

- March 5 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
- March 12 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
- March 19 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
- March 26 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd



## Childcare Schedule

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the Child Care Coordinator: Cheryl Motzer (868-1888)

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

– Childcare Co-Ordinator  
Cheryl Motzer



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### March 1

Menu: Fried Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Carrot Cake  
Hosts: FOCUS

### March 8 - Pastor Bill's 90th Birthday Dinner!

Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Cake & Ice Cream  
Hosts: Trustees

### March 15

Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Hosts: Adult Choir

### March 22

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Brown Casserole  
Hosts: Deacons

### March 29

Menu: Baked Pork Chops, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cherry Crumb Cake  
Hosts: Deaconesses

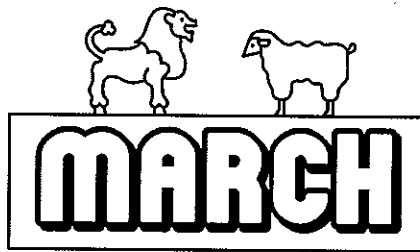
Reminder: Adults should contribute \$5.00 per person for the meal (including children who eat from the main table), \$15 per family (those living in the same household), and \$1.50 for children under twelve who eat from the hot dog table. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

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



# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1</b> 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana-Sparks Match Box Race 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer</p>			
				<p><b>2</b> 5:30 Board of Trustees</p>		
						<p><b>4</b> 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering</p>
<p><b>5</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 Student Ministries <i>Sardines</i> 6:00 Evening Ministries</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:45 MOPS Steering</p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:30 Adult Choir</p>			<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> Daylight Savings Begins 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 Evening Praise</p>	<p><b>13</b> 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:45 MOPS Bible Study 10:30 Abell/Holloway Circle 6:00 Smith Circle</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:45 Family Dinner 5:45 Awana-Mismatched Shoe Night 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:30 Adult Choir</p>			<p><b>18</b> 9:30 Tabitha Ministries Sewing</p>
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- 1 - Debra Clemens  
Tammy Gabbard  
Derek Hines
- 2 - Edward Allen  
Katie Ford
- 3 - Adam Begley  
Rich Hazelwood  
Cameron Jenkins  
Kelley Taylor Rion
- 4 - Jerri Lenehan
- 5 - Jacob Baker  
Jim Baker  
Bruce Helton  
Janet Messer  
Anne Ruwe  
Dave Walker
- 6 - Brandon Sapp
- 7 - Taylor Schuermann
- 8 - Barb Blevens  
Bill Brantingham  
Benjamin Nguyen  
Conner Nguyen
- 9 - Lauryn Emenaker  
Nancy Humbach  
Chris Metzger  
Keith Wallace
- 11- Betty Dulli  
Mikayla Laney
- 12- Janet Hazelwood  
Caitlin Jackson  
Debbie Miller  
Joey Sackenheim  
Dorothy Wallace
- 13- Elaine Tragesser  
Tyler Dickman
- 14- Christopher Arnold  
Stephen Campbell  
Charlotte Furginson  
Lauren Schwab
- 16- Rob Ruwe  
Barb Perkins-Salcido
- 17- Miranda Gabbard  
Billie Jean Gipson  
Gary Hetterich  
Emma Imhoff  
Durb Tuley
- 18- Hank Miller  
Lisa Stanger  
Jill Saylor
- 19- Zoe Caswell  
Paul Bryant
- 20- Michelle Harris  
Hannah Spicer  
Jim Yates
- 21- Riley Bowling  
Heidi Martin
- 22- Dwain Brewer  
Pat Gingrich  
David Hall  
Ciaran Joseph Metzger
- 23- Kristin Fryer
- 24- Lisa Witmer  
Brian Martin  
Jared Morris
- 25- Bill Corley  
Ryan Inloes  
Nick Wilson
- 27- Taylor Emenaker  
Lee Trent Yates
- 28- Michael Shalloe
- 29- Josh Braun  
Bob Stanger  
Freida Tuley
- 30- Savannah Millie Adams  
Danny Sparks  
Katie Hoskins
- 31- Ann Brown  
Samuel Jarrett  
Craig Keller  
Janice Russo  
Andrea Thomas  
Buddy Wallin

**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.

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## Personal Notes



### From the family of Earl Cotton

Thank you so much for the meat and cheese tray, the yummy pie and the bread and chips. During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us . . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. —Phyllis Cotton, Robin Johnson, Jim & Candy Yates & family.

### From Bernie & Martha Griesinger

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and visits during both our recent hospitalization and illness. As you all know, prayer is very powerful and does wonders in the healing process. Love you all!

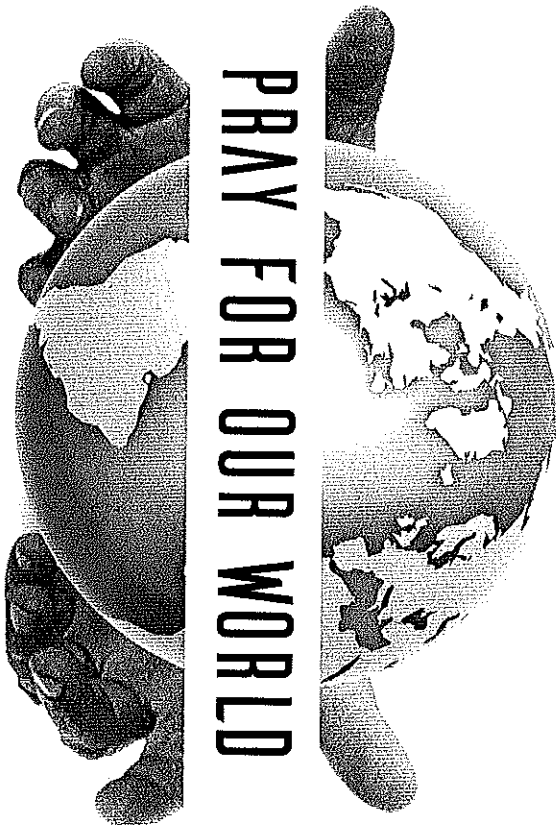
## Tabitha Ministries

We are seamstresses devoted to doing good, and making clothing for the needy. Our namesake is Dorcas, a friend of Paul and Peter as recorded in Acts. Tabitha is the Aramaic translation of Dorcas, and both names are used depending on your Bible translation. Tabitha was dedicated to helping the poor and giving gifts of mercy—mainly robes and other clothing. When she died, the women were so upset because they needed her, and her charitable ministry. They called upon St. Peter to help them and it is accepted that he raised her from the dead to continue her good works. We use “Tabitha” in her honor.

Our dresses and briches have reached many countries, and just recently Ann Clemmer took them to the Congo. Ann emailed us this week with a wonderful story. A young girl named Jemima was told by her teacher to remove the scarf she had tied around her clothes. Jemima was embarrassed and replied she could not remove it—the zipper was broken. Ann had a few dresses for such occasions, found Jemima and gave her one of our “especially made for Jemima” dresses!!

We are so blessed to have our talents and to have missionaries getting our clothes to needy boys and girls! PRAISE GOD!! Our next sewing date is March 18th. Our regular sewing times are the 3rd Saturdays of every month, 9:30--1:00. I am also in the sewing room on Tuesdays—come see what’s going on!!! —Diana Bueker

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