

# 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"

February, 2015

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## From Daniel's Den

*Bull's Eye for 2015*

On January 10, 2015, 55 leaders of First Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH met for a day of reflection and fun. We began the day focusing on Acts 2:42-47 as we reflected on the model of the early church.

After some worship and prayer, we considered how the Body of Christ is like our human bodies with multiple Systems that need to function properly to be healthy (see <http://www.churchleaderinsights.com/systems/?ls=tm> for a free copy). We then examined the Life-Cycles of the church as taught by George Bullard (see [http://sed-efca.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/stages\\_of\\_church\\_life\\_bullard.pdf](http://sed-efca.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/stages_of_church_life_bullard.pdf) for an overview of these ideas). Where do we put FBC Hamilton in the life cycle? What do we need to do to revitalize and find our new "prime"?

We had a good time in table groups celebrating the good things/ Woo-Hoo's of 2014. It was not so fun to discuss Challenges/ Unsolved Issues/ Needs Improvement / Ouchies from 2014.

The items voted by the group to celebrate (Woo-Hoo's) in 2014 were:

1. Pastoral leadership: Great Interim Minister in Rev. Steve Gage, continued pastoral care by Pastor Bill Brantingham, and New Sr. Minister.
2. Excellent Music ministries with our choir, musicians, programs, and Kings Kids
3. Steady statistics during interim: net membership up, giving has met our needs
4. Strong children's ministry (VBS, dedicated workers)

The items voted by the group to be the greatest challenges (ouchies) of 2014 were:

1. Technology: lack of membership data base, updated calendars, website getting stale
2. Cumbersome organizational structure:, need constitution review, raising up new leadership, communication

3. Vacancies on ministry staff
4. Need emphasis on outreach, bus, men's, recovery, young adult ministries
5. Need to increased involvement in small groups and volunteers in ministries

The conclusion at the end of the day was a discussion of where does our energy, focus, money, time, teaching, need to go in 2015? After dialogue in our groups we came together to consider Next Steps and Direction for 2015, we summarized with a **Bull's Eye for 2015**:

1. Intentional prayer for goals and ministries
2. Greater communication between boards, congregation, and updating the website and calendar
3. Reaching out to the community with partnerships in local ministries
4. Hire new Youth/Associate Minister
5. Rethink programs - college, youth, Wed. night, kids
6. Focus on small groups and greater percentage of participation
7. Welcome and encourage guests with an intentional process of engagement

I am excited as we begin to focus on this **Bull's Eye for 2015**. It will take all of our involvement to hit these goals this year. Our boards and committees will lead the way. You may have an interest in one or more of these areas. Let me know your ideas and how you would like to be involved. It will take all of us being faithful with our spiritual gifts, and tithes and offerings if we are to hit the **Bull's Eye for 2015**.

Pastor Dan





# American Baptist Women's Ministries

## Blanket Sundays–Disaster Relief

Blanket Sundays will be February 8th and February 15th. In natural disasters (tornado, hurricane, flood, fire, mudslide, earthquake, etc.) many people are left with little or nothing. Church World Service furnishes initial emergency service with blankets, mattresses, tents, etc. Suggested donation for a blanket is \$8.00. Checks should be made payable to American Baptist Women.

Don't forget that in February we will be collecting items baby layettes. If you see a bargain, please bring it in and give to Bertha Campbell (893-9808) or give to a greeter.

### Baby Kit (Layette)

- 4 Cloth Diapers
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Washcloths
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Diaper Pins
- 1 Sweater or Sweatshirt
- 2 Receiving Blankets
- (1 can be a knitted blanket)

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through the White Cross you can help prepare special recovery kits that provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. The contents of these kits are small things but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an on-going development program or when disaster strikes. Would you help Church World Service build an inventory of baby kits?

–Bertha Campbell

### February Missionaries of the Month:

Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Wayne & Katherine Niles

**Wayne** serves as a seconded missionary to Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He serves as the in-country liaison officer with IMA for financial and accounting matters and has been supporting an agricultural development project. Among other activities, the project distributes new seeds, disease resistant varieties of crops, and offers women's groups small loans to purchase machines for hulling, milling, and producing oil. **Katherine** is working with a group of Congolese Christian professionals in training community leaders to promote health in their

communities. She is also helping a church-related urban health center in make its medical ministry more holistic.

Nicaragua  
Drs. David & Laura Parajon

David and Laura Parajon serve through the non-profit organization AMOS Health and Hope, in partnership with rural communities. **David** is an internist and **Laura** is a family physician and both have training in Public Health. They work to bring health, hope and healing to the impoverished and vulnerable people of Nicaragua. Their work includes sustainable and preventive community health care programs, deworming campaigns, disaster relief, and services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

### Bible Book of the Month . . . . . Ruth

*“But Ruth answered, ‘Don’t ask me to leave you! Let me go with you . . .’”*

The book of Ruth is a short story. The characters all bear symbolic names that almost make it an allegory. Ruth means “companion”. Boaz means “strength” and Orpha means “disloyal”. The book has a simple message about true faith in Yahweh. It is not blood or marriage that most matters—rather faith. Ruth, although a Moabitess, is a perfect example of Israelite faithfulness at its best. We are reminded of the famous statement of steadfast devotion, “*Entreat me not to leave you . . .*” (Ruth 1:16-17). From the marriage of Ruth and Boaz came the house of David.

**PRAY** for troubled teenagers that they may know the reconciling love of God. Pray for families in the church and community that provide Christian nurture and guidance for children and young people.



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, February 26th. 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. Thank you.

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## Women's Ministry Opportunities

**Dressmaking:** The sewing room has been reorganized, lots of new fabric is available and we have a fun new project going to supply much needed pillowcases for Lil Wilson to take with her on a mission trip to Armenia. We are still happily making dresses and boy' shorts—if you remember we sent nearly 250 dresses and over 100 boys' shorts to our American Baptist missionaries last summer for their use on their mission fields. We are going to be working together on the third Saturday of each month to continue with these fairly easy projects. You do not need to be a skilled seamstress to help out and if you prefer to work at home kits are available for pick-up in room 108. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for a fun time of fellowship and service on the third Saturday of February at 9:30 AM (a delicious lunch will be provided by John and Cheryl Motzer).

**Serve City Dinner:** The Women's Ministry Council has committed our church to providing and serving a meal at Serve City Homeless Shelter on the third Monday evening of each month. If you would like to be part of this ministry by helping out with an occasional meal or by making a donation please contact Nancy Whipple.

**Ladies Bible Study:** The Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume sometime in late winter (we recessed to allow regular participants to take part in the *Transformed* campaign going on church-wide). When we resume we will be looking into Beth Moore's study on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, Children of the Day. Watch for information coming later.

**Looking Ahead:** In case you haven't heard, Beth Moore, renowned author and Bible teacher will be holding a week-end conference in Cincinnati in June. Watch for information on this as the time gets nearer. We usually have ladies from our congregation attending events such as this and it is rare for one to occur so close to home. Hopefully we will be able to participate. It will be a blessing for anyone who can go!



## Budget Status Report

### The Month of December, 2014

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$52,712
Offerings	<u>86,958</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$34,246

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$56,935
Offerings	<u>86,958</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$30,023

### The Year Through December, 2014

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$661,598
Offerings	<u>657,023</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 4,575)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$622,200
Offerings	<u>657,023</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$34,823

—The Board Of Trustees

## Church History

We are looking any information that you may posses that is related to our church. We especially need information that is related to Dr. John Brinkman. As I stated in the last Courier, everything received will be returned to the owner or put into the Church archives if so requested. My cell phone number is 937-477-1610. Our committee needs your help.

—Jim Powell



## Souper Bowl Of Caring Sunday

Sunday, February 1st, is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Please bring to church with you a can of soup or any other food item and \$1. Members of CREW will be collecting these items at the doors. Food items will be donated to a local food pantry and money will go to the Deacon's fund. Thanks for your participation!



Moms were encouraged and inspired at our January meeting and two new moms also discovered the blessing of MOPS. Thank you for supporting the MOPS ministry. We are especially grateful for those of you who watched our children and cannot reiterate it enough that we would not be able to have MOPS without you. Please continue to pray for the MOPS ministry and the eternal impact it can have on moms and their families.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 17th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is *Captivating Love: Love Languages of Children*. Shelley Robinson will be speaking to us on the five different love languages of children and will help us better understand how each of our children uniquely gives, receives, and interprets love. Whether it is words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, or physical touch, identifying the primary love language of our children will help enable us to love our children even better.

Several additional events are planned in February. The MOPS Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 10th from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church. Moms will also have the opportunity to be artists at a Moms Only Painting Night on February 12th at 7p.m. at First Baptist Church. The month will end with a fun community outreach event as we invite local moms to join us for an Open Gym Playdate at First Baptist Church on February 24th from 10a.m.-noon. Please contact me at [allison\\_sommers@yahoo.com](mailto:allison_sommers@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or if you want to get involved in MOPS.

Serving Him,  
Allison Sommers



## Summer Softball

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



## Upcoming Women's Christian Author's Book Club Books

**February 9:** Jill Brisco's *"There's A Snake In My Garden"*

**March 9:** Karen Kingsbury's *"Just Beyond The Clouds"*

**April 13:** Lynn Austin's *"Song Of Redemption"*

**May 12:** Laura Hillenbrand's *"Unbroken"*

**June 8:** Jan Karon's *"Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good"*

The Women's Christian Book meets the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Fairfield Lane Library. (February's meeting will be at Perkins on Nilles Road. March's meeting place will be decided at the February meeting.)



## Awana Club

We are continuing to work through the Bible in our Awana program. With various leaders preparing and sharing God's wonderful plan and love for us. The children are involved with learning their verses and we are so impressed with their dedication that we are challenging ourselves and the leaders to learn alongside the children as well. Please ask us what we've memorized this week as well!

The T&T Grand Prix is coming up this month as well on February 25th. This will be our second year that we have a race for the adults in the church as well. There is a display near the connector for inspiration and we will be holding a workshop at church for those who need help. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interesting in attending and we will set a date that works. We have car kits a plenty so please come pick one up at anytime!

### Awana February Calendar

- 4th - Regular Club Night-STAFF Meeting
- 11th - Regular Club Night
- 18th - STORE /Pockets Unlimited Theme Night (wear as many pockets as you can!)
- 25th - T&T Grand Prix

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer,  
Awana Leaders

## Annual Childcare Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, February 22nd

I forget how many years we have been hosting a thank you lunch for all who help in our childcare - its certainly a blessing for us to be able to sit down with each and every person and to thank you for your dedication and prayer in different parts of our children's ministry, from Awana, to baby sitting, to VBS, to Totally Terrific Tuesdays, Cherubs, Sunday morning childcare and so on. Not only will you be served with the original famous pizzas of John Motzer but you'll also be presented with many more opportunities to serve our children! Hope to see you there on February 22nd following the Sunday morning service. Please sign up in the connector.

## VBS 2015 Workshop

On February 17th we will be attending the annual VBS workshop at from 5 - 7, at Day Springs Church of God. Each VBS kit is showcased and although we already have a theme in mind, it would be great to have people attend with us to see if there is one that stands out. There is a bonus also that often kits are given away free so the more people we have attend the better the chance of winning! Please let us know if you want to join us and we'll save you a spot!

## “Unfrozen” Party

Saturday February 7, 2015  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Ages 4- 6h grade

Girls aged four through 8th grade, with Moms, Grandmas and Aunts of course! This is a fantastic event to bring girls to as we compare God's plan of Jesus as the Savior to the movie *Frozen*. With lunch provided (yes, we have been tasting and testing so much Frozen themed food its amazing we're still able to stand!), crafts, games and give aways we invite you to “Come and meet the Savior” with us on February 7th from 12 - 2 in room 200 - just follow the snowflakes!

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



## Winter Reminder!

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



**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!**



**From The Heart Of  
Becky**

**College Corner**

**E-Mail From God**

**Go After Love**

*“Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does.”-1 Corinthians 14:1 (The Message)*

Valentine’s Day is a wonderful time to remember that our Father’s love never changes and His heart is always open to receive us. May our college students feel His special love this Valentine’s Day. Our college students would love to receive a loving thought of encouragement from their First Baptist Church family. The wintery days can get cold and long when you are on a campus and a card in their mailbox really will help to pick them up!

Joey Braun (Capital University Law School)  
66 South Grant Ave. Apt. # 28  
Columbus, OH 43215

Jordan Brown (Cincinnati Art Institute)  
511 South 11th Street  
Hamilton, OH 45011

Andy Cain (University of Dayton)  
641 Hermay Drive  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Emily Cain (Miami University)  
1500 Alberta Drive  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Darin Chamberlain (Eastern Kentucky University)  
633 Big Hill Avenue Apt. P-121  
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Josh Click (Miami University)  
4215 Ryan  
Hamilton, OH 45011

Adam Davidson (Miami University)  
5741 Levy Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

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Logan Stanger (Ball State University)  
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Alex Wallace (Miami University)  
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Jonathan Zink  
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Hamilton, OH 45013

## Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

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Hamilton, OH 45013  
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**Cox, Herb & Denise (Twig)**  
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Hamilton, OH 45013  
Phone: 868-9581

**Day, Charlotte**  
7 Muriel Court #J  
Fairfield, OH 45014  
Phone: 602-6517

**Guynes, Dale & Teri**  
1031 Pond Ridge Circle  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
Phone: Dale 207-1885  
Teri 607-4941

**McComb, Allen & Glenna**  
5684 River Road  
Fairfield, OH 45014  
Phone: 829-2544

**Tamplin, Brad & Carla**  
66 McKinley Avenue  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
Phone: 737-2641



Cledith Humbach will be celebrating her 100th birthday, Friday, February 20th. Her daughter, Nancy, says that she believes that her mother is the eldest member of First Baptist Church and has been a member longer than anyone else (Easter, 1937). Cledith is now at The Barrington near Mason and has adjusted well to her apartment and surroundings. We would like to have a card shower for her. She would be thrilled! Her address is:

Cledith Humbach  
Barrington Apartments # 3303  
7222 Heritagespring Drive  
West Chester, OH 45069

## Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Child 2014

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for another Christmas giving season.

The Bible says, "He who gives to the poor will not lack. God has called us to serve others just as Jesus served others. He saved you so you might serve others and in so doing bring praise and honor to God's holy name. He blesses you that you might bless others."  
—Charles Stanley

Church family, we had a very successful year with Salvation Adopt-A-Child program. Our family at first Baptist bought for 110 names, 100 children and 10 senior adults. This was our fifth year helping out with the program from the Salvation Army. We have bought for 550 names over the past five years. You should be proud of yourself and how wonderful it is helping families out in our own community, Butler County.

First Baptist family, you make it easy for me to do this job because of your loving hearts, wanting to help kids for Christmas. The Salvation Army had 835 names this year. Other organizations also had names. There were about 5,000 that needed help in our own area. That is a lot of people needing help.

I want to say thanks to everyone who took a name and purchased toys and clothes for Christmas. I would like to thank Nancy Whipple for all the encouragement and blessing she gives to me for this project. I also want to thank everyone for the cash donations. They help a lot. I would like to thank anyone who helped me with the Adopt-A-Child program and there was a lot of help. I would like to thank the entire church family for letting us do this project and putting up with the distraction in the church.

In closing, I am proud of my brothers and sisters at First Baptist Church for helping out the needy families. Thank you!!

—Mike Gipson



## Hey CREW STUDENTS and Parents!

DARE 2 SHARE 2015 is coming!!

Yes! D2S is happening in March, and it's awesome that we're planning to be there!

The Dare2Share Student Conference- "FEARLESS" will be held in Columbus on March 6-7.

We will be part of a huge group of teenagers gathering from all around the area. We'll meet together, a huge mass of us, at Grove City Church of the Nazarene to learn about God's love through heartfelt worship, powerful teaching, and life-impacting dramas. We'll also be motivated and challenged to go out together- fearless, and share God's love with others!

**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

If you've never been to Dare 2 Share you should definitely talk to someone in CREW who's been before- they've all loved it! Also, you can watch the "*Fearless 2015 Student Conference Promo*" video on YouTube; and check out the D2S website at [dare2share.org](http://dare2share.org) for an idea of what this weekend will hold. We hope and pray you'll come and be a part of this life changing event that will give you a greater understanding of God's radical love, and motivate you to live out your faith in Christ.

We will be leaving from church after school on Friday, March 6th and will return late Saturday night. (Exact times will be given closer to event.)

The cost is \$65. This covers transportation, food, hotel, and event.

Sign up in the CREW Room or call Emily Cain to reserve your spot.

If you have any questions, please give Emily a call at 404-0927.

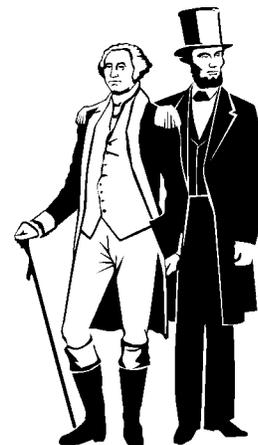
-The Youth Leadership Team



## KeenAger February Meeting

The KeenAgers will meet at the church for a game day on Monday, February 27th, at 11:00 a.m. They will order pizza and enjoy lunch together. Please sign the list on the KeenAger bulletin board.

-Dave & Janet Hazelwood  
Bertha Campbell



February

February 17th

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## Rotary Revels Present Big, The Musical

March 18, 19, 20 & 21 at 8:00 p.m.  
March 22 at 2:00 p.m.

At Parrish Auditorium  
Miami University Hamilton

**Herb Cox - Producer**  
**Bob Borden - Rehearsal Pianist**

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## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

February 1 - Natalie Lakes & Syd Wilson  
 February 8 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay  
 February 15 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
 February 22 -

### One & Two Year Olds

February 1 - Billie Gipson  
 February 8 - Lisa & Chuck Witmer  
 February 15 -  
 February 22 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay

### Kiddie Church

February 1 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
 February 8 -  
 February 15 -  
 February 22 - Allison & Andrew Sommers

### Kinderchurch

February 1 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 February 8 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
 February 15 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 February 22 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle



## 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: Tabitha Smith (652-1496)

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

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



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### February 5

Menu: Ham, Hash Brown Casserole, Corn, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Jello Cake  
 Hosts: Yada Sisterhood/Men's Class

### February 12

Menu: Beef Stew over Hot Buttered Noodles, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Cherry Crunch  
 Hosts: Keystone

### February 19

Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Vegetable Soup, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, Apple Crisp  
 Hosts: Trustees

### February 26

Menu: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Brownies  
 Hosts: Chancel Choir

**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 then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

## February Greeters

Nancy Follmer, Mike Gipson-Sub, Lois Grubbs,  
 Jerry Hampton, Sandy Keller, Mary Petry,  
 & Gary Swindall-Sunday School



**February 14**

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# February 2015

**1** Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
5:00 Transformed Small Group  
6:00 Evening Ministries

**2** 6:00 Transformed Small Group

**3** 9:30 MOPS Steering

**4** 6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana-Staff Meeting  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**5** 5:30 Music & Worship Committee

**6**

**7** 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering  
12:00 "Unfrozen" Party

**8** **Blanket Sunday**  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Board of Missions  
5:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:00 KingsKids  
6:00 Evening Ministries  
6:00 Transformed Small

**9** 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library  
6:00 Transformed Small Group

**10** 10:00 MOPS Bible Study  
10:30 Holloway Circle  
10:30 Abell Circle  
6:00 Smith Circle

**11** 6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**12** 5:30 Board of Trustees

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**14**

**15** **Blanket Sunday**  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Diaconate  
5:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:00 KingsKids  
6:00 Evening Ministries  
6:00 Transformed Small

**16** 5:30 Serve City Meal  
6:00 Transformed Small Group

**17** 9:30 MOPS  
7:00 VBS Workshop @ Dayspring Church of God

**18** 6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana-Store/Pockets Unlimited Theme  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**19**

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**21** 9:30 WMC Dressmaking

**22** 9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
12:00 Childcare Luncheon  
4:30 C.E. Board  
5:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:00 KingsKids  
6:00 Evening Ministries  
6:00 Transformed Small Group

**23** 6:00 Transformed Small Group

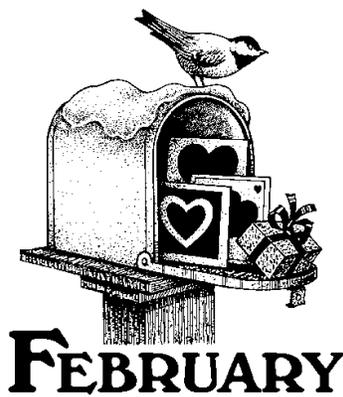
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**25** 6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana-T&T Grand Prix  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**26** 8:30 Matthew 25

**27** 11:00 KeenAger Game Day with Pizza @ church

**28**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--|--|--|
| 1 - Sophie Wallace   | 12 - Carol Dawson<br>Adam Davidson                                     | 23 - Bettie Carmack<br>Miyoshie Jenkins<br>Jill O'Hara<br>Aleesha Spence |
| 2 - Mike O'Hara  | 13 - Kaye Haberthier<br>Beulah Hampton<br>Rick Jackson<br>Lauren Keith | 25 - Chris Rolfes  |
| 3 - Sharon Brewer<br>LeiLing Brown<br>Mary Brown<br>Dennis Metzger | 14 - Noah Hampton<br>Sandy Morris<br>Nellie Roberts                    | 26 - Rosemarie Emrick<br>Allyson Payne                                   |
| 4 - Jacob Metzler<br>Caleb Sommers                                 | 16 - Debby Gibson  | 27 - Nikolas Acus<br>Betsey Kelly<br>Flo Gill<br>Helen Mullen            |
| 5 - Garry Day<br>Stephanie Mullins<br>Jeremy Spence                | 17 - Daniel Gabbard<br>Rachel Harris<br>Everett Hoskins                |  |
| 6 - Reva Hensley   | 18 - Jonathan Bell<br>Eric Dietrich                                    |  |
| 7 - Betty Powell<br>Kasey Jenkins<br>Leah Witmer                   | 19 - Josh Click<br>Emily Miller  |  |
| 8 - Chrissy Apgar<br>Betty Emenaker<br>Lainey Hanna                | 20 - Cledith Humbach<br>Cathi Thomas                                   |  |
| 9 - Rosie Smith  | 22 - Rod Anderson<br>Steve Cain  |  |
| 10 - Matthew Farris  |  |  |
| 11 - Suzanne Garver<br>Ricky Jackson                               |  |  |

**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 Nancy Humbach

I want to submit a thank-you to FBC for the wonderful visits to Mom and me, the prayer support, and especially the visits from Bill and Bert Brantingham, who continue to serve in spite of retirement. We have both been through a lot and are still a "work in progress".

#### From Evelyn Maddox

A big thank you to my wonderful church family for all the prayers, visits to the hospital and rehab, and for all the cards of encouragement. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family!

#### From Linda Stanger

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you so much for all of the support provided during my recent surgery. The offers of prayer, beautiful cards, and other caring gestures caused me to feel loved and covered in Christian care. I am fortunate to be a part of a church family lives and shares the love of God.

#### From Sally Williamson

Dear church family,

On behalf of my family, I sincerely thank everyone for the prayers and cards for our family during the illness and death of my brother, Lon. We are also deeply grateful for the delicious meal served on the day of his service. The chapel was perfect for our need that day. Thank you First Baptist for your concern and help.



### Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2015

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

	<u>Director</u>	
June 14-19 - Jr High Camp	Linda Miller	\$310.00
June 21-26 - Junior Camp	Kara Barton	\$310.00
June 28 - July 3 - Senior High Camp	Bethany Atchison	\$310.00
June 28 - July 1-New Adventure Camp	Tim Lee	\$225.00
July 10-11 - Beginners Camp	Kim Flach	\$135.00

**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**

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay a portion of the fee of **those who attend First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps. For additional information or registration forms, contact Camp Coordinator, Brian Chamberlain, 256-9384 or see him at church.

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