

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

January, 2015

Incomprehensible

Prologue

Before there was life on this planet, John 1:1-2
The Christ reigned with God on high.
They created the sea and the dry land, John 1:3
The sun, and the moon, and the sky.

They created the trees and the flowers,
The fruits of the land known as food;
They created man in their image Genesis 1:26
Then rested, and called it all "good".

Though the creatures forgot their Creator
As sin entered into each life, Genesis 3:8-24
The Godhead always had a plan Jeremiah 31:31-34
To reverse the sin and the strife.

Incredible Story

Our pre-existent Savior
Said good-by to his heavenly home;
Took the form of those He created; John 1:10-11
A manger became his new throne.

The angels named him JESUS: Luke 1:30-31
The son of God was He; Luke 1:32-33
Creator of the universe
Stepped into history.

He came to live among us. John 1:14
As one of us, He came to live.
His message: "love even enemies" Matthew 5:43-48
And be quick to forgive." Matthew 6:14-15

He did miracles and healings;
He spoke of heaven above
And eternal life for all
Who would follow him in love. John 14:1-3

Epilogue

Behind the manger was the cross; Matthew 26:31-32
It was always in God's plan.
Christ gave his life as an offering John 17:1-5
To rescue sinful man.

In agony and shame Hebrews 9:27-28
He hung upon that tree;
The perfect One who knew no sin,
Yet died - for you and me.

But we serve a risen Savior! Matthew 28:5-7
Three days later He arose
And appeared to friends and loved ones Mark 16:1-14
Before He left to go

Again to God in heaven
To retake his rightful place. Mark 16:19
If we love Him we will one day Mark 8:34-48
Get to gaze upon his face.

Yes, He's coming back in glory Mark 14:62
When the trumpet sound we'll hear.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We pray that day is near! John 3:16

By Florence Jones
Inspired by a Bible Study
By Pastor Dan Clemens
On December 3, 2014





American Baptist Women's Ministries

Giving Opportunity

For the months of January and February, we will collect **personal care products** for the food pantry at Serve City. Examples include but are not limited to: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, lotion, etc. Place your donations in the box labeled "Serve City" in the coat room outside the Family Center. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

Missionary for the Month of **January**:

Taku & Katie Longkumer
India

Katie and Taku serve as Development Workers with the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India where they have opportunities to train pastors and lay leaders within the 7,000 churches comprising the Council. Due to the tremendous diversity of the region, they are involved with more than 80 different people groups. In addition, they have opportunity to minister with the International Ministries Partners in other regions of India.

Bible Book of the Month Acts

Acts represents the second half of Luke's story of salvation. We see how God guides the process which brought salvation out from Jerusalem to the whole world. Acts is more than church history; it is the story of how God's providence worked through the apostles Peter and Paul to bring the church into being. Luke teaches us to look to the story of the earliest community for a vision of what it means to be followers of Jesus, expanding on themes of hospitality, sharing with the poor, piety, rejection of pagan religious practices, and persecution.

PRAY for your own church that you and your church family may have a deeper sense of urgency for the Christian mission this year. Pray for the Bible translators as they make God's work available to every person in their own language.

Upcoming Dates: Blanket Sundays—February 8 & 15

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.

Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board is made up of all elected officers of our church. The first meeting of this board will be on Sunday, January 18th, at 5:00. We will hear from boards and committees regarding their ministries and take care of any business items which should be presented to the church membership in the annual business meeting.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the church will be on Wednesday, January 21st, at 6:45 p.m. Your hearts will be encouraged as you hear how the Lord has worked among us in 2014 and the vision of the boards and committees for 2015.



We will be making our monthly trip down to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, January 22nd. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to WORK and bring a sack lunch and a beverage. Remember - this is NOT just for the KeenAgers. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.



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From Daniel's Den *Transformed!*



For many of us, the New Year offers a fresh start. Many of us have some goals for the New Year. Maybe you have some improvements you plan to make. Maybe your goal is to lose weight, eat more vegetables, exercise, drink more water, go to bed earlier, pay off credit cards, remember birthdays, improve relationships with family or friends, ride a bike, walk three times a week, join a gym, go back to school, look for a new job, get organized, de-clutter, read through the Bible, attend a small group.

Or maybe you are more like the cartoon Calvin and Hobbs where Calvin says to Hobbs, "Resolutions? ME? Just what are you implying? That I need to CHANGE?? Well, Buddy, as far as I'm concerned, I'm perfect the way I am!"

Instead of thinking about New Year Resolutions, how about we hope to be transformed?

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

TRANSFORMED: How God Changes Us is a church-wide seven session campaign that will guide and grow us as a church by exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives: **Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial and Vocational**.

The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning. But the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more. God's will is the only answer that promises to TRANSFORM our lives from the inside out.

Our goal is to unite as a church and be TRANSFORMED together.

At all levels of First Baptist Hamilton, we will have opportunity through worship, preaching, Sunday

School Classes, children's and youth classes/groups to focus on seven areas of our lives and invite God to lead us toward being transformed. You probably have a friend or family member who would like to join you on this journey. New classes and groups will be starting, so sign up at the Connector. Materials will be available January 4, 2015 to help us get started together.

I hope you will plan to join us for each week of this time. God will make a difference in our lives, and the life of our church, if we will commit to be transformed!

Be TRANSFORMED!

Pastor Dan



Schedule:

- 1-04 *TRANSFORMED* Introduction -
SETTING PERSONAL GOALS BY FAITH
- 1-11 1: *TRANSFORMED* in My Spiritual Health
HOW TO GET CLOSER TO GOD
- 1-18 2: *TRANSFORMED* in My Physical Health
FROM STRESSED TO BLESSED
- 1-25 3: *TRANSFORMED* in My Mental Health
CHANGE YOUR LIFE BY CHANGING
YOUR MIND
- 2-01 4: *TRANSFORMED* in My Emotional Health
HOW TO DEAL WITH HOW
YOU FEEL
- 2-08 5: *TRANSFORMED* in My Relational Health
FACING THE FEARS THAT RUIN
RELATIONSHIPS
- 2-15 6: *TRANSFORMED* in My Financial Health
TRANSFORMING HOW I SEE & USE
MONEY
- 2-22 7: *TRANSFORMED* in My Vocational Health
FACING GIANTS IN LIFE & WORK



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 October, November, and December, 2014.

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Homebuilders</u>
Marsha Helton	Jerry Wallace
	Judy Wallace

<u>Beginner/Kindergarten</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>
Karen Buchanan	Dwain Brewer
<u>Primary</u>	Jerry Hampton
Carolyn Dudley	Dolly Houser
	Janet Lewis

<u>Middler</u>	<u>Keystone</u>
Camden Lamb	Dennis Dudley
<u>Junior</u>	Mike Gipson
Lyndsay Begley	J.K. Walker

<u>Yada Sisterhood</u>	<u>Parenting</u>
Brenda Brown	Stan Brown
Ruth Gaskins	Mary Brown

Office
Barb Begley
Linda Gibbs

-Linda Gibbs

Perfect Attendance - January - December 2014

FOCUS - Janet Lewis
Parenting - Stan Brown
Yada Sisterhood - Ruth Gaskins
Office - Linda Gibbs



Budget Status Report

The Month of November, 2014

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$50,764
Offerings	<u>59,567</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 8,803

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$53,105
Offerings	<u>59,567</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 6,462

The Year Through November, 2014

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$608,886
Offerings	<u>570,065</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$38,821)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$565,265
Offerings	<u>570,065</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 4,800

-The Board Of Trustees

Kids Church

Kids Church is well underway for this new year. Children in grades 1 - 6 are welcome to come when dismissed right before the sermon. They are escorted over to room 200 with a restroom stop on the way. We keep track of attendance with a treat after attending 4 times and we have added a new way to get "points" - bring your Bible. Also a sticker will be added for each canned good brought. We will be collecting them all year long. Please make sure your child knows what you want them to do when church is over. Some go on their own to meet their families in a designated spot and some wait to be picked up. I enjoy spending time with your children. If you have any questions please call or text 470-7170.

-Karen Buchanan





To the Awana Clubs & Members of First Baptist Church

Matthew 25:35-40

“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’”

Greetings from your friends at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ!

Once again, we wish to extend our appreciation for an act of kindness on your part. Your generous donation of food to our pantry has helped us tremendously in this season of giving and sharing! It seems that requests for help are ever increasing and we are struggling to meet the needs of the people in our community. There are days when we have ten or more people contact us by phone, email, or simply knocking on our door! This means that there are a lot of folks that are struggling just to find a meal for their children and themselves. We know that we cannot feed everyone, but we have become known as a place to turn to for folks seeking a little help.

We cannot help every needy person in Hamilton by ourselves. We are just an average congregation with big hearts trying to serve our community. Teaming up with other churches in our city has allowed us to share with our neighbors. We have also been blessed with canned food collections conducted by two local companies. Amazingly enough, with these wonderful churches and companies helping us, we still cannot meet the demand for food for people right here in our own city! We are forced to turn away people almost every day because our shelves are depleted. We count as blessings donations from local churches like you, helping us reach out to our community, showing them that someone really does care, and that there is hope. By working together, both of our church families can help parents and children get the nutrition they need, and we can also share a little bit of God’s amazing love with them.

Please remember the people in our community as you pray, and our prayer is that you will continue to be blessed in all your works.

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Thank you once again for helping us help others.

In Christian Fellowship,

Kevin Dunaway, Elder
For the Laurel Avenue Church of Christ



All annual reports are due in the office **on disk** (Word Perfect, Word, or generic text file, if possible) by Monday, January 5th. Preparation time is needed to compile and print this valuable report.

KeenAger January Meeting

The KeenAgers are meeting at the Symmes Tavern on the Green Monday, January 26th, at 11:30 a.m. to have lunch together. Please sign the list on the KeenAger bulletin board

–Dave & Janet Hazelwood,
Bertha Campbell

Cherub Choir

The Cherub Choir will continue to meet this winter and spring during the first part of the KinderChurch hour. The Cherub Choir welcomes all children who are 3 years old by last Sept. 30 through Kindergarteners. We look forward to them sharing their music ministry on Sunday morning, May 17th.

Reminder: All articles for the monthly newsletter, The Courier, are due in the church office by the **15th of the month**. They can be emailed to Ellie at ellie.dinger@fuse.net. Articles received after the 20th may not be in that month's newsletter.

A New Set Of Wings

I was once a caterpillar,
Crawling all about the ground,
Looking for life's pleasures
Where'er they could be found.

I was content to inch along
In the muck and mire,
Low living contentedly,
Never aiming higher.

But, I was "born again" -
Given wings, that I might fly
Above the earth, which held me down,
To soar into the sky

To Look for my Creator;
To ponder Heavenly things;
Because He fitted me
With a lovely pair of wings!

"Behold, I Make all things new." 11 Corinthians
5:17

—by Florence Jones



Building Use Reminder

If use of the building is desired by a board or committee for an event it is sponsoring, a request form does not need to be submitted to the trustees for approval ahead of time. The sponsoring church entity simply needs to check with Ellie about the availability of the date and facilities desired.

However, there are several factors that sponsors must address prior to the event:

Who will monitor the activity? An adult from your board or committee should be present throughout the event and be designated as the person responsible for the care of the facilities and compliance with building use rules, especially if visitors will be in attendance.

If chairs and tables are to be rearranged in a room or the gym, who will do that and then put them back in place afterward? If your group is physically unable to handle that job, contact the trustees in advance for help.

Who will clean up your mess? Do not expect the church custodian to do so. He is not on call 24/7 to make special trips to the church to tidy things up after special events. Please pick up what you've dropped on the floor. Wipe off tables and restroom countertops. Wash kitchen utensils and dishes. Check faucets to ensure that they are not running. If your group needs extra help, contact the trustees in advance of the event.

If the event is to occur beyond the staff's normal work hours, how will you gain entry into the building and then secure the facility when you're ready to leave? For security reasons only a few persons have keys for doors and codes for the alarm. If no one in your group has such access then you will need to make arrangements with a trustee or another individual who does. Upon departure remember to turn out all lights and check the exterior doors to ensure that they lock behind you.

Attention to these details will preclude unpleasant surprises for staff, trustees and those using the facilities after your group.

—Board of Trustees



No Inappropriate Parking

Please keep in mind that the curb along the sanctuary and Christian Ed building is meant to be a quick rendezvous area to discharge or pick up passengers. It is a "no parking" zone. Vehicles should not be left along the curb immediately before, during, or after a worship service or special event. Doing so hinders speedy drop-offs and driver-passenger connections and can especially impede the mobility impaired by delaying or preventing their drivers from shortening walks to the car. Furthermore, traffic back-ups are unnecessarily exacerbated. To help alleviate congestion, drivers not needing to pick up anyone should exit via the upper parking lot. Remember, too, that only vehicles displaying the disability parking cards or license plates should park in the handicapped slots during services or events.

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

Baker, Faye & Jack
Phone: 889-5298

Lakes, Ron & Barb
5200 28th Street N
Lot 612
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Phone: 727-527-8862

January - April

Life Is a Gift



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.

Annual Pro Life Prayer March

All churches in the Butler County area are invited and urged to participate in the 28th Annual Butler County "Prayer March For Life", taking place on Wednesday, January 22nd, around the Butler County Courthouse from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. All churches, individuals, and families are encouraged to attend and pray together for an end to abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. If each church community would send just "12 disciples" or more, willing to pray together for an end to the killing of our modern day "Holy Innocents", we would have the largest diverse prayer gathering that Butler County has ever seen! Signs and church banners are welcome. The Prayer March will take place regardless of the weather!

—Mike Mignery
Butler County Right To Life



The first quarter Sunday School breakfast will be on January 11th from 8:30–9:15 a.m. in the Family Center. The menu is: Pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit, cereal bowls, pastries, coffee, milk, and juices. Thanks to a few dedicated men who come early to prepare breakfast for all those who attend Sunday School. If you have not joined us before, make plans to have a time of good food and fellowship before Sunday School. If you do not have a regular class or have not attended Sunday School in a while, this would be a great chance to get back into the swing of things! Everyone is welcome!!

—John Motzer
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent



Awana Club

We hope everyone is relaxed and enjoyed a great Christmas! We know the leaders have been resting so that they will be energized to start a 2015 in Awana!

Awana January Calendar Update

- 7th - Regular Club Night
- 14th - Regular Club Night
- 21st - Sports Fan Theme Night (wear your favorite sport/team shirt)
- 28th - Regular Club Night/Grand Prix car kits \$5

If you read through the Courier you should find a lovely letter from Laurel Avenue Church. All the donated food items given in love, were able to bless others through their great outreach ministry, so thank you for all the food given.

Thank you for all the dedication and hard work that went into Awana 2014, not only were the teachers amazing but the clubbers were very dutiful in memorizing verses, bringing their offerings and giving their all each week! Lets make 2015 awesome!

Grand Prix

We will be having our Grand Prix in February again this year and also inviting adults who would like to race against each other to participate. Every clubber will get a car kit this year and their car will be cut out and returned to them to get ready for the race. We will be scheduling a work day at church (date and time to be announced in January) to paint your car, have help with getting it to weigh the correct amount, etc. We are hoping that every T & T Clubber will participate this way. We will be sending a paper home with you in January.

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer,
Awana Leaders



January 19, 2015

Childcare Appreciation Luncheon

Tentative date: February 22nd immediately following morning worship. This luncheon is for all the people who have volunteered in Awana, childcare areas during morning worship, Vacation Bible School workers, and just about anyone who have done something for our children during the past year. We cannot do all of this without you and this is our way of showing you our thanks! More in the February courier, but just mark the date!!

“Unfrozen” Party

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

We would also like to invite the junior high girls if they would like to come!

Once upon a time.....every fairytale starts with that. And it usually has happy endings. We will look at the excitement of the movie Frozen and make it real for us today when Jesus was born and began our once upon a time! Please come dressed in your best frozen attire or in something blue and flowing. We will have lunch, a skit, a devotion time, a craft and prizes. I love Christmas time and the story of the manger and baby Jesus. We are just extending it into February this year and revisiting that special time of year. Please sign up to attend on the sheet in the connector so we can know how many to prepare for. Moms or grandmas, you can come too!

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



Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1st, is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring to church with you a can of soup or any other food item and \$1. Members of CREW and JV CREW will be collecting these items at the doors. All items will be donated to local food pantries. Thanks for your participation!



We are so grateful for those of you who faithfully volunteer to watch our children and pray for MOPS each month. Thank you for being a part of this important ministry that not only encourages moms, but truly impacts their entire family!

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 20th from 9:30-11:45a.m. Our topic will be Dare to Decorate: House Decorating. Lisa Yoder will be speaking to us about easy and simple ways we can decorate our homes without having to spend a fortune or hire an interior decorator.

In addition to our regular meeting, several fun events are planned for January. A Family Spirit Night is scheduled at the Bridgewater Falls Chick-fil-A on Thursday, January 8th from 5-8p.m. Moms will enjoy a night out at Cheddars near Northgate Mall on Monday, January 12th at 7p.m., and the MOPS Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, January 13th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church. January will end with a mom/child outing to Pogo Play in Blue Ash on Tuesday, January 27th at 10am. Please feel free to contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you have any questions or if you want to get involved.

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



Who I Am In Christ

John 17:23 The Father loves me as much as he loves Jesus

Ephesians 1:6 The Father accepts me in Christ, just as I am

Ephesians 1:7-8 The Father has lavished His grace upon me

1 Corinthians 6:20 The Father purchased me with the blood of His Son

1 John 3:1 The Father has poured out His love on me
Ephesians 2:10 I am my Father's workmanship, His "poem"

Zechariah 2:8 I am the apple of my Father's eye

I am safe and secure in Christ:

John 15:5 I am connected to Jesus like a branch to the vine

John 10:27-30 I am protected, held in Jesus and the Father's hand

2 Corinthians 5:21 I am the righteousness of God in Christ, therefore in Him I do measure up!

Romans 15:7 I am accepted in Christ to the glory of God

Romans 6:3-4 I died with Christ to the rule of sin and have been raised up to live a new life

Romans 7:4 I died to the law through the body of Christ

Hebrews 13:5 I will never be deserted or forsaken by Christ

I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who is my strength:

1 Corinthians 6:19 I am the temple of the Holy Spirit, who was given to me by my Father

Ephesians 1:13 I am sealed by the Spirit, who was given to me as a pledge of my full inheritance in Christ

Romans 8:14-15 I am led by the Spirit of adoption and am no longer a slave to fear; He enables me to cry out "Abba Father!"

1 Corinthians 12:13 I have been baptized by the Holy Spirit and placed into the body of Christ as a full member

1 Corinthians 12:4 I have been given spiritual gift(s) by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 I can be filled with the Holy spirit instead of leaning on substances to empower me

Galatians 5:16-18 I can walk by the Spirit instead of giving in to the lusts of the flesh

Divine Spiritual Faculties
Faith - Hope - Reverance - Prayer - Worship

—Submitted by Edith Rish



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

January 5 - Linda & Larry Wallace
 January 12 - Teene Campbell, Kathy Inloes & Joey
 January 19 - Lisa & Larry Dulli & Kylie
 January 26 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay

One & Two Year Olds

January 5 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
 January 12 - Debbie Miller & Megan & Emily
 January 19 - Ruthie & John Wallace
 January 26 - Emily Cain & Eric Dietrich

Kinderchurch

January 5 - Dorothy Hollowell & Vicky Baker
 January 12 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
 January 19 - Dorothy Hollowell & Vicky Baker
 January 26 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

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



Wednesday Family Dinners

January 7

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

January 14

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbeque Sandwiches, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Pies
 Hosts: Chancel Choir

January 21

Menu: Chili Soup, Hot Dogs with toppings, Tossed Salad, Loretta's Texas Sheetcake
 Hosts: Deacons

January 28

Menu: Chicken & Noodles, California Blend Vegetables, Fruit Jello, Rolls, Peach Cobbler
 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 then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

January Greeters

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



FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

ca. 1939-1940

submitted by Carl & Jeanette Schwab

The following two news articles are taken from the Hamilton Journal News column titled *Rosemary* by Stella Weiler Taylor. This column was the modern day Facebook, Twitter, texting, etc. It was the writers prerogative to pick and choose, add and delete for the occasion as to what the residents of Hamilton and others of Hamilton connections living elsewhere were socializing and living their lives. All of the Rosemary articles were compiled into a two volumn set in 1940.

The person of First Baptist connection was the Rev. John and Mrs John S. Brinkmans, (????-????). The church was on Court St.

Article title- **The Brinkmans** "To the Rev. and Mrs John S. Brinkmans, hearty congratulations on their recent anniversary. The sturdy bulletin board in the First Baptist church yard, with its sage and spiritual weekly greeting, has become a real friend, pleasantly anticipated while enroute to the postoffice. Brief but potent texts advise, comfort, and inspire the passerby. It is rather like meeting up with blackrobed prophet from Bible times, with hands upraised in blessing and a wise word to the weary wayfarer."

Title-**THANKS** "In a gracious note of appreciation, the Rev. John S. Brinkman, pastor of the First Baptist Church writes: I want you to know that I appreciate very much your word of congratulation and your interest and vivid description of the bulletin board in our churchyard. We are indeed anxious that many shall read the verses placed on the board. "Cordially, **John S. Brinkman**"

It might be noted that *THE BUDGET* newspaper, published in Sugar Creek, Ohio still gathers news articles of Amish church groups from the United States and around the world. One person within a church will write the article, forward to the newspaper, it will be published, then the newspaper will be sent to all subscribers. No Facebook here.

(Carl & Jeanette say, "The articles are copied directly from the book.")

First Baptist Church History

Pastor Clemens has asked me to work on a project that would result in a document outlining the complete history of our Church. This project is more that a one person endeavor, therefore, Bertha Campbell and Tom Avance have consented to be a part of this endeavor, as well Pastor Clemens.

This project would be enhanced if everyone who has any documentation regarding our Church, such as old Church bulletins, news paper articles and etc. Your parents and Grandparents may have left information which would be valuable to this project. Any documentation that you can provide to our committee will be returned.

Your help and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

–Jim Powell

Upcoming Youth Events

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

January 18: CREW will be having an extended Lifeline this evening. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

Small Groups: Small groups will start back up on January 11 for Junior Highers and Wednesday, January 14th for our Senior High groups. If you have a suggestion for your small group leader, please talk with them prior to this week.

Dare2Share: This year the Dare 2 Share conference is in March this year in Columbus. Plan now to come and invite your friends. More details to come.

VBS Showcase

January 31st
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Lifeway Christian Bookstore will be having a VBS showcase of the 2015 curriculums. Please tell Claire or Cheryl if you plan to attend.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 2015

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Service

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8:30 Sunday School
Breakfast
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:00 Board of Missions
5:30 CREW Lifeline
5:30 KingsKids

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Diaconate
5:00 Advisory Bd. Mtg.
5:30 KingsKids Kick-Off
6:00 CREW
6:00 Evening Service

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:00 C.E. Board
5:30 KingsKids
5:30 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Service

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11:00 Women's Christian
Book Club @
Fairfield Library

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5:30 Serve City Meal

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11:30 KeenAgers @
*Symmes Tavern on
The Green*

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9:30 MOPS Steering
Committee

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10:30 Holloway Circle
10:30 Abell Circle
6:00 Smith Circle

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9:30 MOPS

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5:00 ABW
6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
8:00 Chancel Choir

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

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6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana-Sports Fan
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Annual Business Mtg.
7:00 *Prayer March For
Life at Butler
County Courthouse*
8:00 Chancel Choir

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

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Have a happy, healthy,
blessed New Year!

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5:30 Board of Trustees

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8:30 Matthew 25

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8:00 Men's Prayer
Gathering

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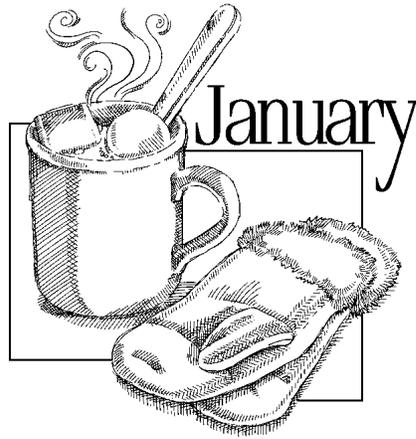
8:30 Leadership Retreat

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10:00 VBS Showcase



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 - Pat Brown
Janet Hetterich

2 - Charlotte Day
Tina Monhollen

3 - Fuz Buchanan

4 - Felicity Hines

5 - Alex Wallace

6 - Brian Begley
David Dawson

7 - Brenda Roddy

8 - Florence Jones
Thelma Stanger

9 - Robert Abney

10 - Mark Schumm

11 - Hannah Ruwe

14 - Jesse Brown
Nicole Campbell
Elyse Hendrickson
Norma Winkler

15 - Aubrey Jordon
Karl Metzler

16 - Ron Lakes
Sheryl Morrow

17 - Laney Austin Jordan

18 - Zachary Caswell
Rachael Click
Logan Andrew Sapp
Margie VonStein

19 - Ed Dawson

21 - Adam Metzger
Ted Soderholm

22 - Jeffrey D. Miller

23 - Tracy Beltz
Carla Tamplin

24 - Emma Caswell
Zeke Bowling
Larry Wallace

25 - Scott Dawson
Evelyn Maddox

26 - Ralph Lenehan

27 - Brittany Nesbitt
Candace Yates

28 - Lisa Rankey
Amy Wallace

29 - Verna Pickett
Charles Walters
Nancy Hoskins

30 - Maggie Baker
Orville Madden

31 - Robert F. Williams

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 Mary Flo Braun

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during my recent back surgery. It went well but I will have to have some therapy now for several weeks to build some strength in my legs. Thanks again to my First Baptist family.

From Don & Pat Gingrich

To our wonderful church family. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. A big thank you to the carolers who came to visit and sing. It was a blessing for us. Pray that we can be back in the fellowship soon.

From Hamilton Classical Conversations Campus Community (Home schooling Group)

Words can't express how grateful our Hamilton Classical Conversations Community is for your warm welcome and hospitality in letting us use your facility. Many blessings this Christmas and throughout the year! (Erin Grindstaff & CC Community)

From Dave & Mary Ann Keller

There are no words to describe how blessed Dave & I feel for all your prayers and support given so lovingly. Our thanks to each of you. You are truly the beautiful Hands of Jesus. How delighted Dave & I were to be honored by the carollers who appeared at our home with song and delicious cookies. Thank you to all of you. What a special gift you gave. Again I thank the people of First Baptist Church for the many prayers & support on our behalf. How grateful we are for a praying church body. God bless you!

From Fred & Irene Schilling

We wish to thank all our church family for the prayers, cards, and visits during Fred's treatments. His cancer has gone from the size of a baseball to the size of a quarter. It could not have done this without God hearing all the prayers from all our church family. Thank you! We love you all!



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