

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

January, 2016

From Daniel's Den 16 Trends Affecting FBC Hamilton in 2016

WOW! 2016! As I contemplate the new year with its possibilities and promise I am so excited. I am excited to begin my second year as pastor of First Baptist Hamilton. I am excited to have the ministry and support staff we now have. I feel so much more secure to have had the past year to build relationships with the congregation and the community. I am excited to see what God is going to do among us and with us in 2016.

As I was thinking about 2015 and 2016, I came across an article entitled **16 Trends in American Churches in 2016**, by Thom Rainer at ThomRainer.com. Many of his observations as a professional church sociologist indicate to me that we are on the right track. I would like to share several trends that I think we will see in the next year or so as we serve in the Kingdom of God. (The points are his, the comments are mine unless otherwise notes.)

Rainer says, "I have seen most of the following issues grow month by month in 2015, so I don't have to be the brightest person in the world to project them as major trends in 2016."

1. "Church security as the fastest growing ministry." I think we all recognize the need for increased security and procedures. We have made strides in this area with background checks and security cameras

2. "Decrease in worship center size and capacity." The large worship gathering is not as popular as it has been. Through multiple services and multiple sites, churches will follow this preference with smaller capacity worship centers" This is good news for mid-sized churches like FBC Hamilton. We are positioned to be small enough for intimacy, yet large enough to offer multiple ministries.

3. "Increase in successfully revitalized churches." We are in the midst of intentional revitalization. We

have seen the fruits already and look toward to future outreach.

4. "Rapid growth of coaching ministries for pastors and church staff." Coaching is a part of our ministry now with new staff and members who dare to lead in new areas of ministry.

5. "Increase in the numbers of churches in gentrified communities." Thousands of older urban communities are becoming revitalized. Churches are following the increased numbers of residents to these communities." A church does not have to be in a new neighborhood to reach people for Christ. Look for ways to reach the people who are already around you. God loves people everywhere!

6. "Increased emphasis on practical ministry training." We will be very intentional about spiritual discipleship and mentoring leaders, old and new, in 2016.

7. "Increasing emphasis on groups in churches." FBC Hamilton will have as one of our key emphasis for 2016 the development and invitation to new small groups for every attendee. "When church members are a part of some type of group, such as a small group or Sunday school class, they attend more faithfully, evangelize more frequently, and give more abundantly." Amen!

8. "Fewer segregated churches." A church that is not racially and ethnically diverse will soon become the exception instead of the norm." Praise God! I am thrilled that we are moving toward greater diversity and our ministries are with ALL people, period.

9. "The rise of the mini-denomination church." We are still very committed and are proudly a leader in the Miami Baptist Association and ABC-Ohio; but, we are not limited to ABC. We are pleased to partner in ministry with others of a Kingdom mindset.



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 Mark

"Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." Mark 1:11 (RSV)

Mark presents the story of Jesus emphasizing Jesus' actions rather than His teachings. He portrays Jesus as the Servant of God. That Jesus is the Son of God he proves, not by declaring how He came to earth, but by showing what He accomplished during His brief career and how His coming changed the world.

Mark concentrates on Christians who live under stress and shows how Jesus conquers the demonic forces that oppress people.

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 7 & 14
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 Nancy Whipple (863-2309) 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 17th, 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 20th, at 6:45 p.m. Your hearts will be encouraged as you hear how the Lord has worked among us in 2015 and the vision of the boards and committees for 2016.



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 21st. 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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10. "Increased pastoral tenure. For a number of reasons, the tenure of a pastor at a given church will increase. More pastors will make it to the five-year mark where the most fruitful years of ministry typically begin." I praise God for a calling to serve FBC Hamilton for the rest of my ministry. We pray for a decade or more.

11. "Rise of alternative ministry placement organizations." Just this past couple of years, we have seen the hand of God move through ABC systems and through other means.

12. "Increase in the number of Millennials who are Christians. I am projecting the number to increase from 15 percent of the generation to 18 percent of the generation." We must attract younger men and women to Christ. I am grateful for or MOPS Ministry, new worship ministries, small groups, children's and student ministries all of which are focused on sharing the gospel with Millennials.

13. "Accelerated decline of 100,000 American congregations.... Ineffective churches will decline rapidly as churchgoers are unwilling to be a part of congregations that are not making a difference." We will not be a part of this statistic. We are committed to bring the light of God's love to a dark world for life transformation.

14. "Churches no longer viewed favorably by many governmental units." All the more reason to serve our community with the light of God's love. People need the Lord, we must become His hands and feet to a lost and dying world.

15. "More bivocational pastors and staff." We are blessed with several gifted staff leaders who make their living some other way, but serve the church far beyond what we can afford to compensate them. Praise God.

16. "Dramatic changes in senior adult ministries. The baby boomers will not participate in the way most churches do senior adult ministry. They will force change, particularly from the entertainment model to an activist model." We have a majority of mature members. We have many opportunities for our senior adults to build relationships and serve in mission and ministry. We are a great church because of our high level of committed servants.

As you can see, in the trends that churches are facing in 2016, we at FBC Hamilton are well placed to meet the challenge of being the church of Jesus Christ for such a time as this. We will prayerfully move out and

be transformed as a body of believers who are called to make a difference in Jesus Christ in our community and the world. We ARE a light on the hill with a heart for the community!

Rainer concludes with:

But for other churches, new opportunities abound. For decades, churches could choose a path of modest to no change and do okay. That is not the case today. For those congregations that are eager and willing to face the culture in God's power and strength, they will likely see incredible opportunities for ministry and growth.

It is becoming that simple.

Change or die.

Friends, 2016 is a pivotal year in the life of FBC Hamilton. We will make decisions and chart a course over the next few months that will take us to new heights of ministry. This year we will see that we are reaching for God's future vision for FBC Hamilton. Our best years *ARE* ahead of us.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Dan

Leader Retreat 2016

Saturday, January 9, 2016, we will be gathering from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a Leader Retreat. All persons on the Advisory Board are encouraged to attend. This includes Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, Mission and Christian Ed Boards, staff, and also SS teachers and children and youth teachers/leaders. And then, I would invite anyone who wants to learn or be involved in charting the course for the future ministries of FBC Hamilton. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please sign-up on the ConnectCard, email, or call the office to register to attend. – Pastor Dan at dan.clemens@firstbaptisthamilton.org

Just-in Time's

This month will be a month to remember. It is finally time; the redesigned student room is ready!!

Here is an overview of events for January:

UNITED Kickoff

We will be joining several other churches in the area for an awesome overnight at FBCH. The night will include dodgeball tournaments, food, movies, games, and no sleep! It starts at 9PM on December 31st and goes until 8AM January 1st.

January 3

No student ministry tonight. We will be having a **PARENT MEETING** (4:30PM). This is an information meeting for all parents of students in our ministry or for parents who wish to get their student involved in the ministry who might have questions. My hope is to partner with parents to more effectively reach their child for the sake of Christ. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Also this night we will be taking time to pray over our mostly finished new student room (6PM)! Parents can stick around after the meeting, but I also invite those of you who are our pray warriors to come and set apart this new space for God's work to be done!

January 10

Those interested in joining our student ministry leader team as well as those currently on the team are to attend our first mandatory leader development class (4:00PM). Coming to this class does not make you a leader, but completing this class is the only way to become a leader. We will be meeting every second and fourth Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted) through May 2016. We currently have nine sessions planned. For more info please contact me.

Students and families are encouraged to join in on our praise and worship night (6PM). This will be a place for students to come worship God together in the fellowship of believers.

January 17

This is the moment you have all been waiting for...**STUDENT ROOM LAUNCH PARTY!!!** Students are invited to come open up their new space at FBCH starting at 6PM. Food and drink will be provided.

January 24

We will be holding our second leader development class starting at 4:00PM. All interested leaders as well as current leaders are to be there.

For students we will be having a family night, which means no evening activity. Family is important so spend some time with them this evening.

January 31

Come join in the fight. #NerfWar2016 Who will be the last one standing?

January 6, 13, 20, 27

For all Wednesdays this month we will be continuing our study in the Gospel of John and enjoying some time for breakouts into small groups. Starts at 6:30PM.

Please pay close attention to the schedule for this month and for further information about the upcoming year, look to the Annual Report.

–Justin Davis
Youth Pastor



Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 7th, is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring to church with you a can of soup or any other food item and \$1. Members of Student Ministries will be collecting these items at the doors. All items will be donated to local food pantries. Thanks for your participation!



All annual reports are due in the office, preferably by email, ellie.dinger@fuse.net or **on disk** (Word Perfect, Word, or generic text file, if possible) by Monday, January 4th. Preparation time is needed to compile and print this valuable report.



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, 2015.

<u>Nursery/Toddlers</u> Marsha Helton	<u>Homebuilders</u> Jerry Wallace
<u>Threes</u> Marilyn Bowling Ciaran Metzger	<u>FOCUS</u> Bud Braun Dolly Houser Carol Howard Bob Laubenstein Janet Lewis Allen McComb Glenna McComb Bill Roberts
<u>Beginner/Kindergarten</u> Karen Buchanan Eugenia Sexton Callum Metzger	<u>Keystone</u> Zeke Bowling Mike Gipson Isabell Johnson Mary Petry Walter Petry Margie VonStein Mary Walker
<u>Primary</u> Riley Bowling Elizabeth Metzger	<u>Parenting</u> Stan Brown Mary Brown
<u>Middler/Junior</u> Conner Bowling	<u>Office</u> Dan Clemens Linda Gibbs
<u>Men</u> Larry Bowling	
<u>Yada Sisterhood</u> Brenda Brown Ruth Gaskins	
<u>Legacy Builders</u> Chris Metzger	

Perfect Attendance - January - December 2015
Homebuilders - Jerry Wallace
FOCUS - Dolly Houser, Bill Roberts
Parenting - Stan Brown
Yada Sisterhood - Brenda Brown, Ruth Gaskins
Office - Linda Gibbs



Budget Status Report

The Month of November, 2015

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, 2015

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



The first quarter Sunday School breakfast will be on January 10th 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

KeenAger January Meeting

The KeenAgers are meeting at church in Room 200 for their Annual Game Day on Monday, January 4th, at 11:00 a.m. Bring your favorite board game and a friend. We will have lunch together. Please sign the list on the KeenAger bulletin board

–Dave & Janet Hazelwood,

★ Thank You! ★
★ Thank You! ★

To the Awana Clubs & Members of First Baptist Church

Hebrews 13:16

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

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! As you know, requests for help increase at this time of year, and these requests have depleted our pantry. Your donation of food could not have come at a better time! Because of your generosity, we are able to help more families than we had originally planned. The ability to provide food to Butler County's most needy families is vital to our mission to assist children, families and vulnerable adults to be safe, stable and self-supporting.

By working together, 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. In this holiday season, many families struggle to feed their children, and your amazing generosity and love has helped us help those in our community that need just a bit of hope and encouragement.

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.

For the Elders,

Kevin Dunaway
Laurel Avenue Church of Christ

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 a Sunday morning in May after Mother's Day.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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.

Adult Library

Our Adult Library is available to all for books to challenge your faith and deepen your walk with Christ. Our collection includes study and commentaries, biographies, Christian living, and Christian fiction. To borrow from the collection, please sign your name on the card provided in the back of the book and leave it on the table. While we have no designated check-out time period, we encourage you to return the book as soon as you have finished so that others may check it out too. Books should be returned on the card by the foyer window in the library.

We accept donations for the collection, but as space is limited, we prefer recently published titles and authors rather than older ones. No audio or video recordings, please. If you are uncertain as to whether or not a donation is needed, please see Cathi Thomas. We encourage you to “check out” this great resource for our congregation!





One mom recently described MOPS as her much needed sanity break, a place where she can come and find encouragement and rest from the challenging demands of motherhood. MOPS is enabling her to be a better mom. Thank you for supporting the MOPS ministry, for watching our kids and giving moms a much needed break, and for praying for all the families impacted by MOPS.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic will be Embracing Restoration: Upcycling. Designers Sara Ball and Sally Cook will be speaking to us on creative ways to upcycle items we may already have at home. Designer looks do not have to come with designer price tags. Moms will also be challenged to realize that we too can restore ourselves by turning our eyes to Jesus.

Other January MOPS events include the MOPS Bible Study on January 12th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church, a Learn-to-Crochet Moms' Night Out on January 14th at 7p.m. at Holly Harbert's home, and a fun gym playdate on January 26th at 10a.m. at First Baptist Church. Please contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you have any questions or if you want to get involved in MOPS.

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



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.

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

Hillman, Walter & Maxine
Phone: 1-360-422-6061

Kimble, Dale & Merle January 10 - April 7
17547 Bridal Court
Jupiter, FL 33478
Phone: 727-527-8862

Aaron's Attic

Raising Our Ebenezers In The New Year

Where has the Lord brought you over the past year? What kinds of battles has He brought you through? In what ways have you seen His blessing and movement in your life?

I challenge you in the new year to think about what the Lord has done for you in 2015. My family will be starting a new tradition this year by beginning 2016 with writing down the many ways that the Lord helped us in 2015. I challenge you to do the same. It's a way of remembering where the Lord has brought us, a way of raising our "Ebenezer."

Ebenezer means "stone of help" and is literally a rock that Samuel sets up to commemorate the Lord bringing the Israelites through a battle with the Philistines in 1 Samuel 7:12. The Israelites, in a rare moment of lucidity, were recognizing their complete dependence on the Lord.

May the Spirit of the Lord help our minds to be clear so that we may remember all of the ways that the Lord has brought us through this past year.

At our Sunday Night Worship Service on January 10th, a few people will be sharing five ways that the Lord helped them in 2015. I challenge you to think of at least five ways the Lord has been your help in 2015.

As we raise our Ebenezers, may our brothers and sisters in Christ be encouraged and may the Lord be glorified!

--Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor





Awana Club

We had such an awesome year in Awana 2015 and we look forward to the lessons and Bible passages that we will study in 2016! We wanted to share that as part of our offering at the end of 2015 we were able to create 12 “comfort” bags with Diane Bueker’s help that went to the Hamilton YWCA to give to the children in the Dove House (Battered Women’s Shelter). These bags were homemade drawstring bags containing a soft toy, a book, a blanket and a short note and will be given to children who visit a homeless shelter or rescue facility. This was an easy way for our children to take part in a service project that blessed other children and is one that we hope to revisit again in the future.

Our schedule for the month is as follows and we look forward to continue to work with all our kids exploring the Bible!

Awana January Calendar Update

- 6th - Regular Club Night
- 13th - Regular Club Night
- 20th - Sports Fan Theme Night (wear your favorite sport/team shirt)
- 27th - Regular Club Night

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.

–Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer,
Awana Leaders

Childcare

There is a new sign-up sheet in the connector for volunteers. We would like to share exactly who is in each group to give an insight on what childcare at our church actually consists of.

The Nursery is for new born babies up until one year of age, these children require cuddles, feeding, diaper changing and various stages of playing. Stories are read and rocking with lullabies also.

The Toddlers are children aged one to those who turn two by August 30th. These children experience more

playtime, but appreciate stories read also. They have snacks (provided in the room) and are encouraged to use the bathroom if able, if not there is a diaper area. There are opportunities to color (we heard this was also an adult activity to reduce stress now!), and blow bubbles!

Kiddie Church is for children aged 2 (before August 30th) until they are four by August 30th. There is still free play here but it is more structured with a Bible lesson, simple craft, snack and worship time (all provided in the room). There are a few diaper incidents more the majority of these children are potty trained.

Kinderchurch is for four year olds until they enter first grade, again this is a structured time with free play, activities, Bible lesson, snack, crafts, games, music and in the warmer months time on the playground!

KidsChurch is for children in first through sixth grade and is organized and taught by Karen Buchanan with various volunteer parent helpers. This year Karen is using the Gospel Project material that explores the Bible in detail, through a multi-media dimension. There are still crafts, music, games and of course snacks!

With the exception of KidsChurch where the children are dismissed from the sanctuary, all of the childcare continues from Sunday School time. There is no KidsChurch during Communion Sundays to allow children to participate during the service. Totalling up all these areas we have 260 spaces to fill for the year, with at least two adults needed in each area! If you have a child in any of these areas, please consider taking a turn in any of these areas and help support our church by ministering to our children!

Upcoming Events

There will be a special boys event only on a Saturday this year, please watch for upcoming details as we confirm dates and activities. Girls will be having a girl only morning also, possibly jewelry themed.

We just wanted to give everyone a heads up that we will be working with Sunday School to host our Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. If you have the will power to buy and store candy ahead of time (not us!) then we would appreciate it, thank you!



January 18, 2016



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

January 3 -
 January 10 -
 January 17 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna
 January 24 -
 January 31 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay

Toddler

January 3 -
 January 10 -
 January 17 -
 January 24 -
 January 31 -

Kiddie

January 3 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 January 10 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 January 17 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
 January 24 -
 January 31 -

Kinderchurch

January 3 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 January 10 -
 January 17 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 January 24 -
 January 31 - Claire & Chris Metzger



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 Claire or Cheryl.



Wednesday Family Dinners

January 6

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

January 13

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

January 20

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

January 27

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.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 2016

3
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 4:30 Student Ministries
 Parent Meeting
 6:00 Evening Programs

10
 8:30 Sunday School
 Breakfast
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 4:00 Student Ministries
 Leader Class
 5:00 Board of Missions

17
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 4:30 Diaconate
 5:00 Advisory Bd. Mtg.
 6:00 Student Room
 Launch Party
 6:00 Evening Programs

24
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 4:00 C.E. Board
 4:00 Student Ministries
 Leader Class
 6:00 Evening Service

31
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship
 ??? Nerf War
 6:00 Evening Programs

4
 11:30 KeenAgers Game
 Day @ Church

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

18
 5:30 Serve City Meal

25
 6:30 Cabinet Meeting

5
 9:30 MOPS Steering
 Committee

12
 9:30 MOPS Bible Study

19
 9:30 MOPS

26

6
 5:45 Family Dinner
 5:45 Awana
 6:30 Student Ministries
 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
 7:00 Praise Team
 7:30 Chancel Choir

13
 5:45 Family Dinner
 5:45 Awana
 6:30 Student Ministries
 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
 7:00 Praise Team
 7:30 Chancel Choir

20
 5:45 Family Dinner
 5:45 Awana-Sports Fan
 6:30 Student Ministries
 6:30 Annual Business Mtg.
 7:00 Praise Team
 7:30 Chancel Choir

27
 5:45 Family Dinner
 5:45 Awana
 6:30 Student Ministries
 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
 7:00 Praise Team
 7:30 Chancel Choir

7

14
 5:30 Board of Trustees

21
 8:30 Matthew 25

28

1
 Have a happy, healthy,
 blessed New Year!

8

15

22

29

2
 9:00 Men's Prayer
 Gathering

9
 8:30 Leadership Retreat

16
 9:30 WMC Sewing Day

23

30



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
Sydney Schramm

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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Women's Ministry Counsel Sewing Opportunity

Attention, ladies!! We have lots of sewing to do! Wayne Paulson took a suitcase full of dresses and britches to deliver to Thailand in January. Our supply is very slim. We need to work hard to replenish our supply as other missionaries are wanting them. The first sewing date of the new year is Saturday, January 16th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Come enjoy the fellowship and fun!



Personal Notes

From Linda (Wardlow) Byrd

I would like to thank everyone for all the love, support, and prayers this year. My husband, Curt, suffered terribly through two surgeries and eight months of off and on hospital stays fighting colon cancer. The cards and visits from First Baptist always put a smile on his face and warmed his heart. Thank you for caring.

From Hamilton Classical Conversations Campus Community (Home schooling Group)

On behalf of our entire Classical Conversations Community, I want to wish you a very merry Christmas and thank you for opening your church up to us each week! We love meeting here and feel so very blessed. May the Lord bless you and your entire church family! (Erin Grindstaff & CC Community)

From Marilyn Shearer

I just re-read all the beautiful, wonderful cards and notes you have sent to me this year as I went through my surgeries and rehabs. I am so appreciative of all the well-wishes, the visits, the flowers, the food and the gifts. You are simply the best church family and I'm so happy to be a part of it. I'll still be on my walker for awhile but you have also been a big help with that. Thanks so much for your prayers, your love, and your interest in my well-being. God Is Good!!

From June Winkler

Thank you to so many who remembered me while I've been dealing with a back injury. To the Wednesday evening prayer group, the choir as well as many other, thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, and most of all your prayers. What encouragement you've been. God bless you one and all, and again, thank you.

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