

# 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"*

*July/August, 2016*

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## From Daniel's Den "Be The Light!"

Consider where God has placed you. Where do you live? Who is in your family? Who are your neighbors? Who are your friends? Who do you work with? Who do you go to school with? Who do you shop, hunt, go to games with? Make a list of neighbors who have been in your home or you have been to the neighbors' homes. What clubs are you in? Who do you walk with or you exercise together. Are you were involved in coaching kids sports teams? How many different spheres of influence do you have?

Please take a few minutes and answer these questions. Write the names on paper. Make some lists of the people in your life.

We sometimes call these our spheres of influence. Your spheres of influence, the people you have in your life, are the places you are able to serve as the presence of Jesus. Which of the people on your list of the people you're in relationship with that don't know Jesus. Think about how you might keep those relationships healthy and moving forward?

Do the people in each of your spheres of influence have a church home? Do they go to church regularly? Do they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior? Have you strategically and prayerfully considered ways you could best serve as the presence of Jesus in each of those spheres and deepen your personal relationships. The closer the relationship, the more opportunity you have to ask questions and speak truth into their lives.

Get to know them better this summer. To deepen these relationships, you might have a cook-out or go to an activity and invite them to join you. Pray for God to give you a sensitive heart. If you feel the leading of the Holy Spirit, ask a few questions to engage them in a relational and even spiritual conversation. Here are a few questions that might be conversation starters.

1. What single thing would you like to make absolutely certain you do during your lifetime?
2. What character can you imagine yourself to be?

- (any period of history)
3. What are you reading?
  4. How are you growing personally?
  5. In your opinion, how does one become a Christian?
  6. How would you describe your father or mother and his/her impact on your life?
  7. Tell me about your mentor and his/her impact on your life.
  8. What do you think would probably surprise most people about you? Why?
  9. What is your greatest strength, and what are you doing to develop it?
  10. What do you consider to be two major turning points in your life?
  11. What is something you consider to be a great personal success? Why was it so significant?
  12. What is the key to maintaining balance in your life?
  13. What are 2 or 3 major truths upon which you have based your decision-making?
  14. Tell me about two of your life-long friends and why they have such an impact on your life. What made you choose them?
  15. In your opinion, who was/is Jesus Christ?
  16. Do you consider yourself a seeker of the truth?
  17. What is your spiritual background?
  18. Have you ever read the Bible?
  19. What are you living for? What do you value most?
  20. If your questions could be answered in a way that would satisfy you, would you then believe in Christ?

The key is simply to begin a conversation and then to listen to the heart of the one we are talking with. Sometimes it is hardest bringing up the gospel with our friends. We just need to keep asking questions that will reveal who they are. Listening is the key. Sharing Christ, inviting someone to worship with you or attend some activity at church, is not so much about telling your opinion, or correcting someone else. It is more about listening, asking questions, giving loving support, gently inviting people you know and care about to meet your friend Jesus and join you in seeking him.

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# American Baptist Women's Ministries

## Giving Opportunity For July/August

First Baptist Church is well-known in the community for its support of local food banks. Each month our church family will may donate a certain item for a local food bank. For the months of July and August, we will collect **barbecue sauce** and cans of **pork and beans** for the food pantry at New Life Baptist Mission. Place your donations in the box in the coat room outside the Family Center marked "New Life Baptist Mission". Please contact Nancy Whipple with any questions. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

Missionary for the Month of **July**:  
IM Latin America Desk  
Susan Hegarty

Sue's ministry in Costa Rica is two-pronged. The Pastoral Care for Women program specializes in courses that help women, especially those in abusive situations, find hope and personal growth from a liberating Christian perspective. Many of the program graduates go on to minister to others. Sue develops and teaches courses for this ministry and is revamping current class content and materials for republication.

With the Baptist Federation, Sue works to strengthen the ministries of churches and their pastors by teaching classes, Bible studies and workshops. She is a liaison with American Baptist mission teams that visit Costa Rica to develop fraternal relationships and assist with in-ministry projects.

## Bible Book For July ..... James

*"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*  
James 2:17 (RSV)

The purpose of James was to recall Christians from error and worldliness to the moral demands of their faith. It is less mystical and philosophical than practical; it bears a strong resemblance to the Sermon on the Mount. Since it implies that Christian action is more important than faith, Luther called it "that epistle of stray." But actually it was aimed at correcting a misconception of Paul's antithesis between faith and works.

**PRAY** for the Educational Ministries of our denomination: preparation and publication of materials, nurturing our membership, colleges, and seminaries for training leaders.

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

Stan plays two different roles in the work God does globally through International Ministries. As a global consultant, he spends part of the time engaging directly in leadership training programs, both formal and informal, as a visiting teacher and coach. The rest of the time, Stan supports the work of other missionaries and of international partners as part of IM's home office staff. Whatever the setting, Stan puts his decades of study, learning and mission experience at the service of women and men who are investing their lives in the work of God's reign. He loves to see followers of Jesus energized for mission through a fresh encounter with Scripture.

## Bible Book For August ..... Deuteronomy

*"Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."*

Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 (RSV)

Deuteronomy is the "second Law," or Repetition of the Law. Much of the law in this book deals so truly with human life and with the way in which people should treat one another that its message to our conscience is clear now as it was long ago.

**PRAY** for the American Baptist Churches' outreach overseas through International Ministries, that the work of missionaries will continue to be multiplied in the growth of overseas churches and leaders filled with God's Spirit.



The next scheduled Work Days at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, **July 28th and August 25th**. We will leave the church at the usual time, 8:30 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and beverage and be prepared for a good day of work and fellowship.

Matthew 25 Ministries is asking all churches to collect clean, used clothes. They will take all sizes for all seasons. Please bring them in between July 20th and 27th and also August 17 and 24th. Please place them in bags marked "Matthew 25".

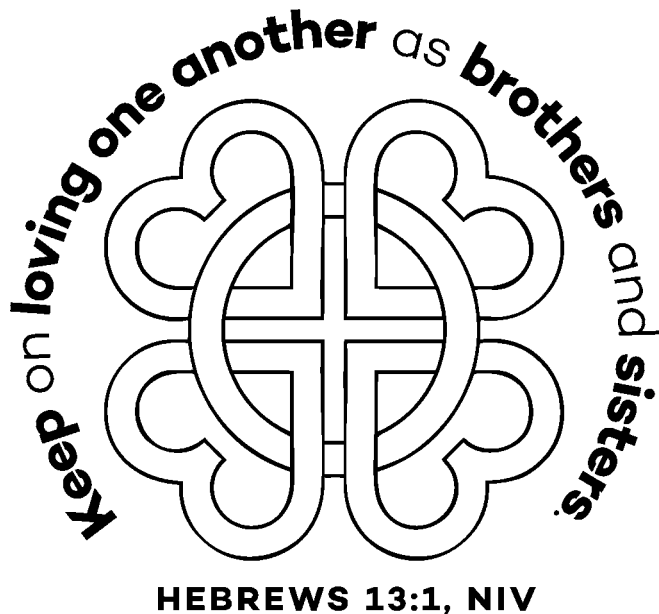
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Who have you invited to church in the past month? Who will you invite in the next couple of months? Begin praying and looking for a God provided opportunity to be an influence for Jesus where he has placed you.

This summer, *Be the Light!*  
Pastor Dan

### Pastor Dan's July 2016 Message Series: The Statutes Of Liberty

- 06/26 What is Liberty? Exodus 20:1-17
- 07/03 Dual Citizenship
- 07/10 The One and Only God Ex 20:3
- 07/17 The Object of My Affection Ex 20:4-6
- 07/24 What's in a Name? Ex 20:7
- 07/31 What a Difference a Day Makes, Ex 20:8-11
- 08/07 A Priority for Family Living, Ex 20:12
- 08/14 The Sanctity of Human Life, Ex 20:13
- 08/21 The Sanctity of Sex, Ex 20:14
- 08/28 It's a Steal, but not a Bargain, Ex 20:15
- 09/04 Ambush at Credibility Gap, Ex 20:16
- 09/11 Getting a Grip on Greed, Ex 20:17
- 09/18 The Great Commandment, Mt 22:35-40
- 09/25 The Great Commission, Mt 28:19-20



## Budget Status Report

### The Month of May, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$59,457
Offerings	<u>76,620</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$17,163

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$65,457
Offerings	<u>76,620</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$11,163

### The Year Through May, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$346,367
Offerings	<u>325,246</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$21,121)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$341,592
Offerings	<u>325,246</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$16,346)

-The Board Of Trustees

## Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 17th, at 5:00 p.m. in preparation for the second quarter Business Meeting of the church. Items of business which require church action should be presented at this meeting. All elected officers of the church are on the Advisory Board.

The Second Quarter Business Meeting will be Wednesday, July 20th, at 6:30 p.m. Reports will be heard from Boards and Committees and other items of business will be acted upon. A very important item of business at this meeting will be the election of a Nominating Committee, whose responsibility will be to seek out officers to serve beginning January 1st, 2017. We trust that you will pray about those that you plan to nominate. This is a great responsibility and in many ways determines future action and ministries of the church.

## Beulah's Blessings

When Beulah Hampton went to Heaven to spend eternity with the Lord, she left a unique gift to the church. She not only designated that a share of her estate go to First Baptist but she also specified that her bequest was to include a tithe. In keeping with current church policy, half of her \$34,150 total bequest has helped to pay down the mortgage. Her thoughtful generosity is one more example of her love of Jesus and His ministry through the church. Thank you, Beulah.

-The Board Of Trustees



## Soft Ball Schedules (Second Half of Season)

Watch the weekly bulletin for the schedule!

–Brian Chamberlain

## Wednesdays Evenings 6:30 - 7:30

Marilyn Bowling and Lois Anderson are working with our first through sixth grade girls to learn about Jesus and His impact on our lives and what our response should be. We have a small group of boys meeting in the gym with Jeremy Yantz, discovering God’s Truth and learning sports skills. He is helped by Megan Miller and Noah Hampton. Our younger groups of boys and girls are meeting in the Cubbies room with Jill and Claire, learning how to “taste and see” that the LORD is good and His plans for our lives. We will continue to meet through July but **NOT DURING VBS**, our last date will be July 27th. **THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN’S MINISTRY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST, IN ORDER TO GIVE US TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE NEW AWANA YEAR.**

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



**Awana Kickoff**  
September 7th  
5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, snow cones and door prizes! Register tonight and get \$10 in Awana bucks to start the new year out! You can order your shirts, purchase your handbook, and be ready to go when our new Awana year starts on September 16th!

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,  
Awana Commanders

## Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

**Hall, David & Joyce**  
4190 Bernnett Drive  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
Phone: 513-860-1318

**Morris, Ben & Sandy**  
1019 Bridge Hollow Road  
Somerset, KY 42503

## Sunday School Promotion Day

Sunday School Promotion Day for 2-year-olds through high school will be August 28th during the last part of the Sunday School hour. All these students should attend their new class on September 4th.

–Brian Begley  
Sunday School Superintendent

## New High Chairs

Please note that we have purchased new high chairs for the Family Center. If you use one, please clean it! No one wants to put their child in a dirty high chair!

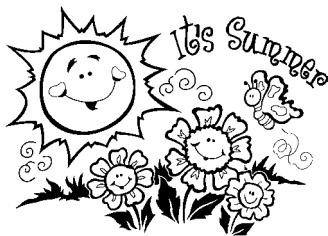
## KeenAger Opportunities

KeenAgers will be going out to breakfast or lunch on **Monday, July 18th**. Watch the weekly bulletin for further details.

Plans are being made for the KeenAgers to go to the U. S. Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson in Dayton on **Monday, August 15th**. Admission is free. We will have lunch at the museum. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m.

–David & Janet Hazelwood





Totally Terrific Tuesday/Thursday  
Summer Schedule

Activities for kids who are **ages 3 through completed 6th grade**. We follow current laws and First Baptist recommendations and will not be able to transport children in church vehicles if they need a booster seat. Parents will need to provide transportation.

**July 11-15: VBS - Submerged 4 years old - Completed 6th grade.** Come join us Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register at [www.firstbaptisthamilton.org](http://www.firstbaptisthamilton.org).

**July 19: Innie - Waterplay** at church. Bring a bathing suit, towel and a sack lunch. From 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **FOR ALL AGES!**

**July 26: Outie-Miami University Recreation Center in Oxford** for swimming. \$6/person for over 4 hours of fun! Wear your TTT shirt, bring a sack lunch, modest swim suit, shower necessities (if you want to take one), and a plastic bag to put wet suits in; lockers are there for storage. Meet at church at 9:30 a.m. Pickup at church at 3:00 p.m. **Swimming is from 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. . FOR ALL AGES!**

**Important Information!!**

Participating kids **MUST** have a permission slip on file for this year. One slip will cover the entire summer. Kids from the same family cannot be on the same form. Forms can be filled out the morning of the event. Please allow extra time to do so. Please try to RSVP before the event so we can coordinate chaperones and transportation. We are following current laws and First Baptist recommendations and will not be able to transport children in church vehicles if they need booster seat. Parents will need to provide transportation.

You can make reservations by signing lists in the connector or emailing Claire or Cheryl at [firstbaptistchildren@yahoo.com](mailto:firstbaptistchildren@yahoo.com) Also, please try to have the **exact cash for fees**. If transportation assistance is needed, let us know. Be sure to check out the church website for any updates. :) Emergency numbers on the day of activity are: Cheryl 608-8468 or Claire 907-4375.

-In His Work,  
Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer  
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries

**Submerged  
VBS 2016  
July 11-15  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

Have you been practicing your swimming?! We are all onboard to dive deep into God's word this VBS and become SUBMERGED in His truths! We have been praying and planning for this one week event and if you have ever been involved in VBS before you know it is a very busy and high energy week! We are still in need of teachers and helpers. VBS is only five days but we have the children at church for at least twenty hours that week, that's twenty hours to teach, show, share, and celebrate Jesus' love for them. For some kids this is the only time they hear about God and His desire to know them. We encourage you to think about helping out for one morning if you can. Also take a flyer to a friend and let them know that VBS is at our church and we would love to have their kids there...especially if you know someone who has kids and looks tired, we'll give them a break! Remember that VBS is for four year olds through completed sixth grade.

We will also be offering free breakfast before VBS this year, so if you are able to sit with kids as they come in and eat please do, and build those relationships! Transportation will be provided so see us if you need a bus ride. You can register online anytime on the church website: [www.firstbaptisthamilton.org](http://www.firstbaptisthamilton.org)

Be sure to invite your friends to join you on this adventure. Friday we will have the closing program starting at 11:35 a.m. in the sanctuary, so be sure to tell your parents, grandparents or family to see what we have done all week. Lunch of pizza and dessert will be served immediately following the program. We would like to also invite any of the church congregation to join us in celebrating the VBS week at the closing program.

**VBS Kickoff**

VBS Kickoff will be July 6th Holloway Park 6:00-7:30 p.m. Come and join the fun as we register for VBS, meet the teachers, sing some under the sea music and enjoy a cookout. There will be activities for all kid's ages. In case of extreme heat or rain, we will move the excitement to the Family Center

-Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer  
Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School

## New Believer's Class

We will be holding a New Believer's Class beginning sometime after VBS for the kids who have made decisions during VBS, church camp, or any other time. If you are interested or have a child that you would like to join us, please contact Cheryl or Claire.

-In His Work,  
Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer  
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries

## Donations For VBS Teachers' Snack Room

Please mark you calendars now for VBS: July 11-15 to help provide yummy snacks for all of the workers! Please bring snacks - baked goods, casseroles, fruit, cheese, anything - to the kitchen on Sunday or anytime that week marked "Teachers Snack Room". It doesn't have to be breakfast foods. We have had soup, mini sandwiches, etc too. Many of our teachers have been up at the crack of dawn getting ready and may not even get a break until 11. Thanks! And if you come during the week, stay and chat a while!

-Lil Wilson  
VBS Staff & Teachers Snack Room Coordinator

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## City Of Hamilton July 4th Parade

### Right To Life Invites You To Be A Voice For The Voiceless

Butler County Right To Life invites us to walk with them in the City of Hamilton's 4th of July Parade Monday, July 4th, to show support for the dignity of all life from the womb to the tomb! Line-up is at the Butler County Fairgrounds (Tier 4) located at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Ohio Route 4 between 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Ask for directions to the Right To Life group entry when you get there. A ride during the parade and the return will be provided if needed! Participants will be walking, however, limited seating will be available. Families are especially encouraged to participate. If you haven't had the opportunity to do something for the pre-born babies now is the time! Please contact Mike Mignery at 867-1832 or Sarah Kissel at 477-5701 for further information.



## LADIES, JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!

Christian Authors Book Club  
Meeting Date-The second Monday of every month.  
Meeting Time-11:00-12:30 (lunch after at Perkins)  
Location-Fairfield Lane Library, 1485 Corydale Drive  
Questions-call Nancy Follmer (863-3816)  
or Judy Farris (777-0139)

### 2016

July - *War Room* by Ted Dekkerohn Grishom  
August - *Hiding In The Light* by Rifqa Bary  
September - *Hinds Feet On High Places* by Hannah Hurard  
October - *The Advocate* by Randy Singer  
November - *Pilgrimage: My Journey To A Deeper Faith In The Land Where Jesus Walked* by Lynn Austin  
December - *The River* by Beverly Lewis

### 2017

January - *Shady Grove* by Janice Holt Giles  
February - *The Living Room* by Robert Whitlow  
March - *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived The Holocaust* by Edith Beer and Susan Dworkin  
April - *The Little Woman* by Gladys Aylward

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## Just-in Time's

Let's not talk about the fact that it's July already... There is still plenty of summer to be had! June was an exciting month as we celebrated our seniors who graduated and sent nine students off to the middle school camp at Kirkwood! It is a blessing and a joy to be a part of such a unique and transitional part of student's lives. The move from elementary school into middle school, or middle school into high school or high school into adulthood is both exciting and frightening. Big decisions are made, friend groups might shift, new hobbies and sports might be taken up. Families face the ups and downs that come with having a teenager and pray their child will make the right decisions in life as they leave the home. It's a beautiful mess-that teenage life! Our mission in the student ministry is to walk with students, encouraging them in their walk with Christ in hopes that they would choose to follow Christ for a lifetime. We do that by living the life Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to live, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). More specifically, we seek to live lives that reflect Paul's heart for the Thessalonians, "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:8). That's the heart of our leaders. And not only do we want to walk with students, we want to walk with their families as well. We want to partner with you, mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, or guardian. As they say, "It takes a village." Well, I believe it definitely takes "the church." Let's continue to partner together as we lead the next generation through some of the toughest transitions they'll ever go through!

Here are the important dates for July:

### July 3 (Sunday)

We are off for the holiday. Go watch some fireworks!

### July 6 (Wednesday)

We will be doing VBS Prep for those students who are serving during the week of VBS. This is a mandatory training. Your attendance is important. Please make every effort to be there.

### July 10 (Sunday)

Pool party and cookout! Students bring a side item or drink and we'll provide the meats. We will leave FBCH at 5:30pm. Feel free to meet there if you'd like. We'll be back at FBCH for pick up at 8:00pm.

Address: 6444 Liberty Fairfield Rd. Liberty Twp, OH 45011

### July 13 (Wednesday)

No evening ministries. VBS during the day. Come serve the Children's Ministry!

### July 17 (Sunday)

Join us for a summer praise and worship night! 6pm-7pm.

### July 20 (Wednesday)

No evening ministries. LIFT Camp.

### July 24 (Sunday)

Nerf War 2.0 - Bring your nerf guns and ammo. We'll begin at 5:30 and go until 7:30.

### July 27 (Wednesday)

Bonfire at Holloway Park. 7:30 to 9:30. Students bring a snack to share. We'll have s'mores and hotdogs to roast.

### July 31 (Sunday)

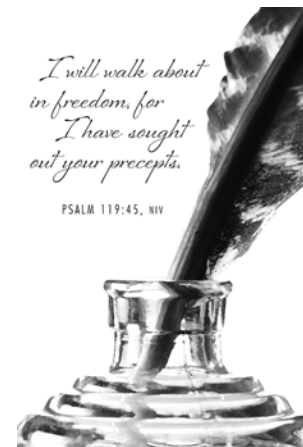
Family Night Off

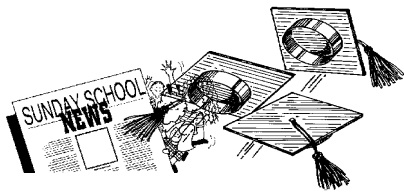
*We will be breaking for the month of August. We hope to host a parent meeting during the month of August (TBA) to fill you on the coming semester and to hear from you about what's going on on the home-front. We will kickoff the Fall semester with a UNITED event on August 31st here at FBCH! Students won't want to miss this. Stay tuned for further details about the awesome stuff we have planned for the Fall!*

For further updates please follow our Facebook page. If you have any questions, call Justin at (513) 658-2277.

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## Congratulations To Our Graduates!

Results of those who responded to the questionnaire  
sent to recent graduates.

### Rachael Click

Rachael graduated from Lakota West High School and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Rachael says “I really enjoyed going to the Dare2Share Conferences which helped me understand my faith better and also learned how to share my faith with others.”

### Jessica Day

Jessica graduated from Fairfield High School. She is undecided about her future plans but she would like to be a cardiologist. She says that during her time at First Baptist she has learned: “To believe in prayer . . .it works! To always have faith because prayers will be answered to His liking!”

### Taylor Schuermann

Taylor graduated from Saint Xavier High School and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati majoring in Business-Finance. Taylor says, “One of the most important things I have learned while growing up at First Baptist is that people have been and continue to be invested in me and my life. From the time I was in the nursery, I have been surrounded by people who have loved, supported, and prayed for me. I appreciate knowing that while I move on to the next stage in my life I will continue to be loved and supported by my First Baptist Church family.

### Audrey Wallace

Audrey graduated from Middletown Christian High School and plans to go to Miami University majoring in Early Education. Here is what Audrey says about First Baptist, “This church has constantly been a reminder to me of what’s most important in life—Christ. First Baptist has continually brought me to Christ, realizing He is where true life comes from.”

### Noëlle Wilson

Noëlle graduated from Fairfield High School and will be attending the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash majoring in Pre-Med. About what she has learned during her time in First Baptist Church that you will carry on to the next

stage in her life Noëlle says, “Not only is God with you, but so is your church family.”

**Important!!** We need all college students addresses as soon as possible. Please call Marilyn Bowling 863-2435 or the church office 868-1412.

–Marilyn Bowling  
College/Career Coordinator

## We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

Psalm 122:1

Congratulations to those who had perfect Sunday School attendance for April, May, and June, 2016.

### Nursery/Toddlers

Marsha Helton  
Ewan Metzger

### Threes

Claire Metzger  
Ciaran Metzger

### Beginner/Kindergarten

Callum Metzger  
Eugenia Sexton

### Primary

Elizabeth Metzger

### Junior

Isabel Brown

### Senior High

Justin Davis

### Legacy Builders

Chris Metzger

### Office

Linda Gibbs

### FOCUS

Bruce Helton  
Dolly Houser  
Carol Howard  
Glenna McComb  
Jill O’Hara  
Bill Roberts

### Keystone

Isabell Johnson  
Ron Lakes  
Mary Petry  
Walter Petry  
Jim Powell  
J.K. Walker  
Mary Walker

### Yada Sisterhood

Kathy Click  
Brenda Brown  
Ruth Gaskins  
Lil Wilson  
Parenting  
Stan Brown





## Child Care Schedule For July

### Nursery (Morning)

July 3 - Krys Schramm & Sydney  
July 10 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna  
July 17 - Linda & Larry Wallace  
July 24 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay  
July 31 - Cathi Thomas

### One & Two Year Olds

July 3 -  
July 10 -  
July 17 -  
July 24 - Ruthie Wallace & girls  
July 31 -

### Kiddiechurch

July 3 - Julie Yantes & Teen Helper  
July 10 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
July 17 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton  
July 24 -  
July 31 -

### Kinderchurch

July 3 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
July 10 -  
July 17 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
July 24 -  
July 31 -



## 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: Cheryl Motzer - (868-1888). Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

-Cheryl Motzer (868-1888)  
Childcare Co-Ordinator

## Child Care Schedule For August

### Nursery (Morning)

August 7 - Krys Schramm & Sydney  
August 14 - Linda & Larry Wallace  
August 21 - Cathi Thomas  
August 28 -

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As you can see, the childcare schedule has a lot of empty spaces.



## There will be no Wednesday Dinners during the months of July and August!

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



## Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2016

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood for the remainder of the summer will be:

July 3 - 8 - Senior High Camp	\$330.00
July 8 - 9 - Beginners Camp	\$160.00

- 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 1/2 of the fee up to \$150.00 of those who attend First Baptist regularly to attend ABC camps.

For additional information or registration forms, contact Brian Chamberlain, 256-9384 or see him at church. You are encouraged to register on line at [www.campkirkwood.net](http://www.campkirkwood.net)!



## Get Ready to Join the Realm!

Have you ever wished there was a quick and easy way to stay up-to-date with everything going on at First Baptist?

Realm ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)) is a new online, cloud-based application that First Baptist is releasing to the congregation over the course of the summer to help us stay better connected with each other, church activities, and opportunities for service in the community. Every Friday between July 1st and August 26th, I will send out email invitations to a group of members and regular attendees, inviting you to set up your own Realm account. Realm is accessible from any computer or mobile device with an internet connection. There is currently not a mobile app, but one is in the works and is scheduled to be released before the end of the calendar year.

With Realm you can...

- Stay informed about upcoming church events, activities, and service opportunities and register for those you are interested in attending.
- Join groups and communicate with group leaders and other group members.
- Provide encouragement, participate in discussions and share digital resources with other members of your groups.
- Quickly and easily access current contact information for other individuals (depending on privacy settings).

Realm is a safe and secure online environment and access is restricted to those who receive an invitation. Furthermore, once you set up your account, you will have the ability to customize your privacy settings to fit your own needs.

**Note:** I can only send invitations to those individuals who have previously provided their email address via Connect Card. If you have not done so already and would like an invitation to Realm, please indicate your email address on a Connect Card during the month of July. Additionally, no children under age 13 will be permitted to join Realm, even if the child has his or her own email address.

I understand that I have probably raised more questions than I have answered. That's okay! This will be a learning experience for all of us. I plan to lead a few short information sessions on Realm in the coming months, but for the time being please feel free to contact me with **ANY** questions or concerns. You can reach me in the church office (868-1412) Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or send me an email anytime at [martha.griffin@firstbaptisthamilton.org](mailto:martha.griffin@firstbaptisthamilton.org).

Your Realm Administrator,  
Martha Griffin



## **The Meaning Of The 13 Folds In the American Flag**

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776.

Have you ever noticed how the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, Ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you will see flags folded and now you will know why. Share this with the children you love and all others who love the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom."

–Submitted by  
Rev. Wm. C. Brantingham

**Celebrate**  
**THE**  
**FOURTH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# July 2016

<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Services</p>	<p><b>4</b> Independence Day!! 10:00 4th of July Parade</p> <p>Church Offices Closed!</p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 MOPS Steering Committee Men's Softball</p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:00 VBS Kick-Off 6:30 Student Ministries - VBS Prep 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer</p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Deacons 5:30 Student Ministries Pool Party &amp; Cookout 6:00 Evening Services</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 VBS 11:00 WMC Book Club @ Lane Library in Fairfield</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 VBS</p> <p>Men's Softball</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 VBS 6:30 Children's Ministries 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 VBS 5:30 Board of Trustees 7:00 MOPS Moms' Only TBA</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>World Mission Conference @ Green Lake</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200 5:00 Advisory Board 6:00 Evening Services</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>KeenAger Breakfast or Lunch</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" Waterplay @ church</p> <p>Men's Softball</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:30 Children's Ministries 6:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Business Mtg</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 VBS 11:30 VBS Closing &amp; lunch</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Student Ministries Nerf War 6:00 Evening Services</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30 Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outie" Miami U Recreation Center in Oxford 11:00 MOPS Miami Whitewater Wet Park</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:30 Children's Ministries 6:30 Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:30 Student Ministries Bonfire @ Holloway Park</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30 Matthew 25</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Services</p>					<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Young Adult Taco Night @ Osterbrocks</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|---|---|--|
| 1 - Aidan Gleason<br>Isabella Wallace   | 15 - Isabell Johnson  | 28 - Don Tragesser<br>Jay Wallace<br>Nancy Whipple                   |
| 2 - Bernie Griesinger<br>Shelley Lakes  | 16 - Glen House<br>Skyler Yates   | 29 - Natalie Lakes   |
| 3 - Bob Borden<br>Jewell Bowling<br>John Diedrichs                            | 17 - Justin Baker<br>Carole Busch<br>Benjamin Geiss<br>Madelyn Hall<br>Margaret Hoel<br>Mitchell Inloes<br>Emogene Kellum | 30 - Rosie Burtis<br>Ralph Jones<br>Laurin Sprague<br>Zachary Dichtl |
| 4 - Theophilus Osterbrock   |   | 31 - Jerry Busch   |
| 6 - Elizabeth Ellison<br>Mark Hanna<br>Noah Krall                             | 18 - Kim Siman  |  |
| 8 - Amber Murrell Kiesel  | 19 - Jeanette Yantes  |  |
| 9 - Glendene Hall<br>Barb Hendricks<br>Sydney Spicer                          | 20 - Peggy Avance<br>Kristy Buchanan<br>Erin Gingrich   |  |
| 10 - Beverly Flaig<br>Jill Walker<br>Ray Wallace                              | 21 - David Hazelwood<br>Tabitha Smith Spicer<br>Betty Bailes Zeller   |  |
| 11 - Melynda Hazelwood  | 24 - Nathaniel Geiss  |  |
| 12 - Vivian Bowling<br>Emily Rankey<br>Tim Swicegood                          | 25 - Cameron Hampton<br>Julie Yantes  |  |
| 13 - Colt James Chamberlain<br>Merle Grubbs                                   | 26 - Ellie Meder  |  |
| 14 - Charlotte Kate Braun<br>Ryan Finnerty<br>Anne Hazelwood<br>Connie Taylor | 27 - Mary Flo Braun<br>Chance Patrick   |  |

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Saturday

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6:30 Bible Study & Prayer

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9:00 Men's Prayer  
Gathering

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 Evening Services

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9:30 MOPS Steering  
Committee

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6:30 Bible Study & Prayer

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5:30 Board of Trustees  
7:00 MOPS Moms' Only  
Night TBA

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 Evening Services

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9:00 KeenAgers to US Air  
Force Museum @  
Wright Patterson in  
Dayton  
11:00 WMC Book Club @  
Lane Library in  
Fairfield

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6:30 Bible Study & Prayer

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Young Adult Grill Out @  
Osterbrocks

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
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Diaconate, CE  
Boards in Rm 200  
6:00 Evening Services

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6:30 Cabinet Meeting

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10:00 MOPS Playdate TBA

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6:30 Bible Study & Prayer

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8:30 Matthew 25

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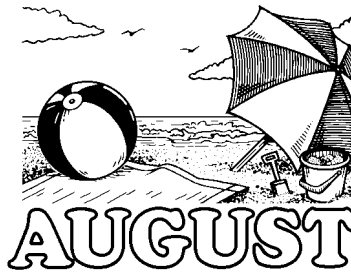
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Promotion Day  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 Evening Praise  
Service

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Student Ministries  
UNITED Event  
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

1 - Naomi Hoskins  
Jeff L. Miller

2 - Brenda Abney

3 - Betsey Dietrich  
Lauren Imhoff  
Todd Keith  
Janet Lewis  
Jerry Wallace

4 - Madalyn Buchanan  
David Zeek

5 - Guy Bauer  
Lauren Hampton  
Edith Rish

6 - Dale Braun  
Shelley Ebbing  
Erla Krastins

8 - Charles Campbell  
Norbert Lerch  
Doug Wallace

9 - Braydon Wilson Boyd  
Brennon Walter Boyd  
Cindy Shalloe

10 - John Motzer

11 - Janet Baker  
Jessica Day  
Judy Wallace

12 - Simon Nguyen  
Tim Schwartz

13 - Barbara Begley  
Andrew Garver

14 - Jeff Hollowell  
Jared Messer

15 - Diane Wallick

18 - Bill Burton

19 - Dale Kimble

20 - Kristen Bowling  
Steve Martin  
Jeff Schwab

21 - Josh Day  
Herb Murrell

23 - Wendy Bauer  
Emily Cain  
Conner Gleason

24 - June Winkler

25 - Bill Roberts

26 - Ruby Gessendorf

27 - Matt Acus  
Elise Martin

28 - Jaxon Rion  
Linda Wallace

29 - Josh Irwin  
Olivia Hoskins  
Alexandria Patrick

30 - Johanna Hines Mackey  
Atha Wallin

31 - Ed Allen  
Samantha Blackwell  
Malvrie Landis  
Carl Schwab

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## Personal Notes

### From Peggy Avance & family

On Thursday morning, May 5th, God called our beloved husband and father home to live with Him. We want to thank all of our church family for prayerfully standing by us at this time. Your words of encouragement, cards, and many other acts of kindness were appreciated. Thanks to Pastors Dan, Aaron, and Bill for their visits, prayers and words of encouragement. For the men who faithfully came to visit him was so uplifting. He appreciated their visits so much./ We thank the ladies for serving a delicious meal to our huge family. Tom loved his Lord and served him faithfully with gladness for many years. We have a praying and caring church. God does answer prayer. Thanks again for all your love and prayers. God bless you all.

### From Faye Baker

I would just like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and visits for my brother, Ron Bolton, during his illness and homegoing. It is wonderful knowing you have such a wonderful church family. Thanks, everyone. You are great!

### From Curtis Bradbury, Carla & Carin

Next month I will have been here 10 years. In that time I've had quite a few surgeries. Now that Jean is not well, the compassion, visits, cards, and prayers show the love of a great church! Thank you everyone!

### From the Brown, Dietrich, & Maggard families

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and kind words in the death our great-grandson, Easton Maggard. We never know how precious our blessed hope is until it is put to the test. We are so grateful God has provided a place for him.

### From Erin Grindstaff & Classical Conversations (Home Schoolers)

Our Classical Conversations families are so very grateful to be able to meet each

week at First Baptist. Thank you for welcoming us each week and for all you do to make our experience there a great one!

### From Taylor Schurmann

Thank you very much for the study Bible you gave me for my high school graduation and for the graduation luncheon. Both are greatly appreciated.

### From the Spradling-Earls families

A note to let you know you are much appreciated. Your prayers and kindness mean more than you know.

### From Joyce Thall

I so much appreciate your prayers, cards, and thoughts. Please know I dearly love my church family. You have been so warm, welcoming, and loving to me. I am blessed and every day I do feel better!

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