

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

June, 2015

From Daniel's Den

What are you planting this summer?

My favorite singer/song-writer is Andrew Peterson. He has a song I like called, "Planting Trees". He sings about planting a tree in his yard, then about a friend adopting a child, and finally about raising his own kids. Planting is a metaphor of investing in other's lives to reap for eternity. The bridge of the song says:

So sit down and write that letter
Sign up and join the fight
Sink in to all that matters
Step out into the light

Let go of all that's passing
Lift up the least of these
Lean into something lasting
Planting trees

Summer time is the best time of year to reach the community around us. The weather and relaxed mindset opens doors that are closed during the other months. Everyone is out and about. Our neighbors and community are playing in the park, cutting the grass, walking the dog. We have a chance to strike up conversations. We have unprecedented opportunities to make connections with people we may never see any other season. These relationships that we plant could yield everlasting harvests.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6)

There are several things FBC Hamilton is doing this summer to plant for the future.

We are attending and serving our community with 28 other churches partnering through the **Unity City-Wide Faith Based Alliance Community Picnic** on Saturday, June 20, 2015 where food will be served, entertainment and games will be from 11:00 - 5:00 at the Booker T. Washington Community Center just across the river. What a great group of people are organizing this event. The purpose statement of the **Unity City-Wide Faith Based Alliance** says: *"We will glorify God through unity, fellowship and brotherly love, while promoting the*

Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a working ministry laying aside all denominational differences to strengthen the community we serve, according to Biblical principles." Our guiding scripture is Psalm 133:1-3 which says in part *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"* Plan to fellowship, bring your lawn chair. Get involved. Plant seeds of unity in our community.

Children are looking for things to do in the summer (and their parents are looking for ways to keep them busy!) We have opportunity to plan seeds that will last in our ministry of the **"Journey Off the Map" FBC Hamilton VBS** July 13-17 from 9:00 -12:15. This will be a life changing experience for children, youth and adults who serve together to share the love of Christ. You can invite kids! You can be the driver to bring children. You can be a leader or helper to make this ministry happen. Our children also have the opportunity to take part in Totally Terrific Tuesdays 10-2, and Wacky Wednesdays 6:45-8:00.

We have opportunity to plant seeds in the lives of students this summer through our **CREW** Ministry. Our Youth Team has a great summer of activities, Bible studies, gatherings planned for this summer. Do you have a young person in your family or who you know who you could help plant the gospel in? Share the list enclosed in this COURIER and invite them to come. Or, let us know and we'll invite them.

What will you do to plant seeds of fellowship and faith this summer? Is your Sunday School class or small group planning a cook-out or get-together? Summer is the perfect time. Be sure to invite your family and friends who might be looking for a church home.

Have you thought about having a neighborhood gathering at your house just to invite and get to know your neighbors? You might look for opportunities to include new people around you. If you pray for it, you will find an opening to ask them where they go to church. If they do not have a church family, invite them to come with you on Sunday or Wednesday night this summer.

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**American
Baptist
Women's
Ministries**

ABW Joint Circles' Dinner

Ladies, please join us for the ABW Circles' Dinner on Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. at church. All food items will be provided for a cost of \$6.00. The only thing you might want to bring is a donation for Camp Kirkwood, such as paper towel, copy paper, children's tylenol, etc. Our speaker will be Pastor Dan Clemens. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

See you there,
Nancy Whipple, Chairperson

June Missionaries of the Month:

Haiti

Steve & Nancy James

After 14 years of medical mission work at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Steve as a doctor and Nancy as a nurse, the Haitian Baptist Convention invited Steve and Nancy to return to Haiti to help with medical assistance to Christian faith-based community health centers. Working as medical consultants, Steve and Nancy serve as members of local Christian health teams providing physical, mental, and spiritual health in Jesus' name to those suffering in darkness. They feel blessed to be a part of God's healing work in the world.

Nepal

Carole Sydnor

Carole serves in two different roles in the work God is doing around the world through International Ministries (IM). She is a part-time member of the IM home staff, helping with the coordination and logistics of special events. In her other role, Carole maintains the partnering relationship of IM with two primary organizations: Nepal Baptist Church Council and the Human Development and Community Service (HDCS). Serving non-residentially, she carries out her duties by correspondence and least once-yearly visits to Nepal. Her ministry focuses for these two partner organizations are promoting their special projects, including White Cross, and working to seek full-time service placement of the personnel needs.

Bible Book For June Genesis

Genesis describes and records the creation story. It further relates the origins, early days, years, and millennia of human kind and other life forms or creatures. Abraham is one of the central figures. He is remembered for his faithfulness and obedience to God. The story continues with Jacob who is renamed Israel and with the sage of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph survives in Egypt and his achievements represent God's providential care for Israel and all the families of the earth. We may draw from these sin stories that given people as they are (vulnerable beings) and given the world as it is (a corruptible power) neither people nor the world can survive unless God intervenes in some drastic way to save them.

PRAY that American Baptists become actively concerned with the violence that surrounds and penetrates the family. Pray for volunteers that serve in various fields of American Baptist mission work.



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, June 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.

KeenAger Monthly Trip

Just a reminder!! The KeenAgers are going to a Cincinnati Reds game on Wednesday, June 10th.

-Dave & Janet Hazelwood
Bertha Campbell

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Budget Status Report

(Continued from front - Daniel's Den)

We are planning strong, challenging services for the summer and we expect you to attend and bring your friends and acquaintances.

Friends, *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. What are you going to sow into people's lives this summer?* Peterson's song ends:

So many years from now
Long after we are gone
These trees will spread their branches out
And bless the dawn

These trees will spread their branches out
And bless someone

Planting,
Pastor Dan

Update From Your Associate Minister Search Committee

Your Search Committee (Pastor Dan, Charles Campbell, Jan Smith, Cathi Thomas, David Walker, Rebecca Scripture, Laurin Sprague) have been very diligent about seeking God's leading in calling our new Associate Minister. In April they selected four very capable candidates to interview via FaceTime. In May they selected two outstanding gentlemen of the four to bring to Hamilton for a visit and interview. It is expected they will select the one candidate to present to the Advisory Board, and introduce to the congregation by mid-June. It is probable that our new Associate Minister will begin ministry by the first of August. Please continue to pray for the committee and the search process that God's will is clear.

Update From Your Leader Cabinet

A new venture this year has been to meet with a group of our leaders who we are calling the Leader Cabinet. This group is made up of the Sr. Minister, Moderator (Janet Baker), Clerk (Teene Campbell), "Treasurer" (Larry Bowling), and the Chairs of the Boards of Christian Education (John Wallace), Deacons (Jerry Wallace), Deaconess' (Carol Howard), Missions (Mike Braun) and Trustees (Jim Baker). We have discussed various topics regarding the future vision and direction of our congregation. Please pray for this group of leaders that they will discern God's will to lead us to follow God's vision to reach our city and county for Jesus.

-Pastor Dan

The Month of April, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$54,318
Offerings	<u>53,826</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 492)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$55,531
Offerings	<u>53,826</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$1,705)

The Year Through April, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$218,954
Offerings	<u>226,409</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 7,455

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$210,524
Offerings	<u>226,409</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 15,885

-The Board Of Trustees



On Sunday, May 31st, during the morning worship service, it was our joy to honor those in the church family who are graduating this spring or have recently graduated. We trust that you will be an encouragement to these who have completed an important part of their lives. A luncheon to honor our graduates was held immediately following the morning worship for the graduates and their families in the Family Center. Please join us as we encourage and challenge our grads. The following is a list of all those who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school from our church family. If your name is not on this list, please contact the church office.

Hamiton High School
Alexander Sprague

Cincinnati Christian HS
Chloe Cochran

Middletown Christian HS
Samuel Wallace

Talawanda High School
Joey Sackenheim

Ball State University
Logan Stanger

University of Northwestern OH
Ray Wallace

Miami University
Emily Cain
Amy Wallace

Lincoln Memorial University
Megan Miller

Ohio University
Mark Whipple

Capella University
Heather Nguyen

Northern Kentucky University
Teri Horsley



Awana is officially over for the summer, but that doesn't mean we are not planning ahead! There is a lot to do this summer to make sure we have another great year that starts on September 9th!

We are very proud of all the hard work from the kids that attended every Wednesday. If you didn't finish your book, take some time this summer to start memorizing verses and you can come back in the fall all ready to go again!

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Commanders

Wednesdays Evening Programming

We are dividing into groups this year similar to Awana: Ages 2 - going to kindergarten; completed kindergarten - completed 2nd grade; then split boys and girls completed 3rd grade - completed 6th grades. **Completed Grades 3-6 Girls will meet in room 208 upstairs.** We need an additional lady to help with the devotion every other week. The girls will be learning the basics of being a Christian example among their friends and also doing a craft. **Completed Grades 3-6 Boys will meet in room 107.** We are still looking for an energetic dad to take the boys for a summer of sportsmanship and teamwork. What does that mean? We would like them to learn a few basics of a sport, maybe a few over the summer and the sportsmanship that goes with it as a Christian with a devotion and snack as well. Please see Cheryl or Claire as soon as possible!!!! The Wednesday night classes will start on June 17th.

Community Unity Picnic

June 20, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come together for food, music, fun, games, and worship for the entire family. This is the fourth annual community picnic organized by the City-Wide Faith Based Alliance. The picnic will be held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, 1140 S. Front Street. Everyone is invited to this free picnic!!

Totally Terrific Tuesdays (Thursdays)

This year we have divided up the ages into more appropriate activities for the ages attending. We will all go roller skating on the first outing and also go to Miami Rec Center for swimming together. The completed schedule will be on the bulletin board downstairs by the lower door. Sign up sheets will be there also. The schedule will also be on the website to look at and on the monthly calendar. With Hamilton City Schools starting so early in August, we have cut the activities off the last week in July, but may add something the first Tuesday in August for those not starting yet. Also the older group (Grades 3-6) may be going on Thursdays as to not conflict with transportation, etc.



The second half of the softball schedules was not available at the printing of this issue of The Courier. Please watch the calendar portion of the weekly bulletin for the weekly softball schedules.

--Brian Chamberlain
Sports & Recreation

Crew 2015 Summer Calendar JUNE

- 3 Wednesday:** Welcome New Crew Members!
#uneverguessthespeaker 6:45 - 8:00
- 7 Sunday:** Summer Kick-off: Gutter Sunday #sundae
#ginormous 6:00 - 7:00
- 10 Wednesday:** #mysteryspeaker 6:45 - 8:00
- 12 Friday:** Adventure Golf/ Pizza/ Flashlight Tag
6:30 - 10:00
- 14 Sunday:** No Crew
- 17 Wednesday:** Duct Tape Bible Night 6:45 - 8:00
- 20 Saturday:** Booker T. Washington Community
Picnic- Family Event
- 21 Sunday:** No Crew- Father's Day #hugadad
- 24 Wednesday:** #idkthespeaker 6:45 - 8:00
- 28 Sunday:** Swim Party @braunhouse 1:00 - 4:00





More than 35 moms and their families were blessed by MOPS this past year. We are so grateful for your support and prayers of this vital ministry. Special thanks goes out to Sharon Brewer, Karen Buchanan, Carol Busch, Teene and Charles Campbell, Debra Clemens, Kathy Click, Janet and Josh Day, Carolyn Dudley, Mike Gibson, Barb Hendricks, Cheryl Lambertson, Cheryl and John Motzer, Betty Schwab, Becky Scripture, Lisa Sprague, Gary Swindoll, Cathi Thomas, Jill Walker, and Nancy Whipple who generously volunteered their time to watch our children at meetings this past year. Thank you for serving God through MOPS!

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and for the Steering Team as it meets over the summer to plan for the upcoming MOPS year. Moms and their families also have the opportunity to stay connected over the summer while we break from our monthly meetings by participating in several different events planned throughout the summer.

June 11th @ 7:00 p.m. Family Night @ Flubs in Ham.
June 23rd @ 10:00 a.m. Cincinnati Zoo

July 9th @ 7:00 p.m. Moms' Only TBA
July 13th-17th @ 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. VBS at FBC
July 28th @ 10:00 a.m. Miami Whitewater Wet Park

August 13th @ 7:00 p.m. Moms' Only Pool Party
August 25th @ 10:00 a.m. Wilson Wet Park

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for September 15th when we will kick off another great year of MOPS! Feel free to contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you have any questions or want to get involved with MOPS.

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



Journey Off The Map

VBS 2015

July 13-17

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

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "*This is the way; walk in it.*" Isaiah 30:21. We are going on an expedition to discover how we can walk in the direction of our lives where God wants us to go.

VBS Kickoff

July 8th

Holloway Park

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come and join the fun as we register for VBS, meet the teachers, sing some "campfire" 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers still needed for helping hands in the classrooms, transportation, publicity, and most important job of all: CHILDCARE! Yes, babies and toddlers ages 1 & 2 need someone to read, play with or be rocked! The more helpers we get would mean that workers can take a few minutes to visit in the teacher snack room, watch the opening, or just take a break. So far we have one person signed up to help. We need a transportation person who will pair up with another adult and pick up any children that may need a ride. We are pleased that the CREW will be canvassing some areas with flyers and door hangers to get the word out about VBS. Please take a few flyers to pass out around your neighborhood or even on the sidewalks during the July 4th parade. They will be available downstairs on the table by the lower parking lot door, or upstairs on the table in the connector.

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

Donations For VBS Teachers' Snack Room

Please mark you calendars now for VBS: July 13-17. We will once again be having a teacher's snack room for our hard working teachers! Please bring snacks - baked things, fruit, cheese, anything - to the kitchen on Sunday or anytime that week marked "Teachers Snack Room." Thanks!!

–VBS Snack Room Coordinator

Plastic Bag Sleeping Mats

Attention All Crocheters! Would you like to learn how to use all those plastic grocery bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc) for a practical and useful project? Come and learn how to create sleeping mats for the homeless.....a wonderful ministry and a way to recycle at the same time. We will be donating all completed mats to local ministries, such as Transitional Living and Serve City. Come to a session on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:30pm in Room 113-114 to begin your first mat! You will need a size "P" crochet hook, scissors, and plenty of plastic bags! Even if you don't crochet, you can help by learning how to cut and prepare the plastic bag "yarn". For questions, see Cathi Thomas or Ann Brown.

Request For Church Information

The History Committee is in need of information of any special event which took place from the 1950s to the present. At the present time, we are especially interested in the Pastor Hurst era, 1950-1960s. The resources on hand are limited, because we have not been able to locate church bulletins during this era. Church bulletins are an excellent source of this kind of information, so if you can help in any way, please contact one of the committee members. As an example we are requesting information on the following church programs:

- Boy Scouts: when was it started, who was involved, what was the Troop number and when was it discontinued?
- Jail Ministry: when was it started, who was involved, etc.
- Pictures of church buildings, old, remodeled, new

These are just a few that come to mind, but we are certain there are other worth including in the history paper.

Memories Of First Baptist Church

Do you have a special memory or two of your time as part of the First Baptist church family? If so the church history committee would like to hear from you. Please take time to share your favorite memory/memories in writing and give them to a member of the committee or put them in an envelope to the attention of the Church History committee and drop them off in the church office. We are hoping to include a "Special Memories of FBC" section in our church history. Thank you for taking time to share.

—History Committee
Pam Howard, Naomi Hoskins,
Nancy Follmer, & Jim Powell



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2015

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 14-19 - Junior High Camp Grades 7 - 9 Director: Linda Miller	\$310.00
June 21-26 - Junior Missions Camp Grades 4 - 6 Director: Kara Barton	\$310.00
June 28 - July 1 - New Adventure Camp Grades 3 - 4 Director: Tim Lee	\$225.00
June 28 - July 3 - Senior High Camp Grades 9 - 12 Director: Bethany Atchison	\$310.00
July 10 - 11 - Beginner Camp Grades Kindergarten - 2nd Director: Kim Flach	\$135.00

**Early Registration Discount \$10 if postmarked by
April 1st**
First Time Camper Discount \$10
**Bring-a-Friend (attending camp for the first time!)
Discount \$10**
**Family Discount (2nd, 3rd, 4th ... member to register
this summer) Discount \$10**

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay 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 her at church. You are encouraged to register on line at www.campkirkwood.net!

—Brian Chamberlain
Camp Coordinator

Flag Day
June 14, 2015



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

June 7 - Krys Schramm, Syd & Nicolas
June 14 - Linda & Larry Wallace
June 21 - Angie Inloes & Ashley
June 28 - Heather & Simon Nguyen

One & Two Year Olds

June 7 - Janie Millard & Teen Helper
June 14 -
June 21 - Ruthie Wallace & Wallace girls
June 28 -

Kiddie Church

June 7 - Claire & Chris Metzger
June 14 - Claire & Chris Metzger
June 21 - Vicky Baker & Sharon Brewer
June 28 - Deb Clemens & Anna Wallace

Kinderchurch

June 7 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
June 14 - Lois Anderson
June 21 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
June 28 - Claire & Chris Metzger



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery and toddler rooms if you would like to sign up or check when you are on the schedule. Just a reminder that all child care workers should try to trade with someone if they are unable to do their scheduled day. Please try to report to the room by 10:15 a.m. to make the transition easier for the children and Sunday School teachers in those areas. If you have trouble finding someone to trade with or something comes up at the last minute, please call:

Cheryl Motzer home 868-1888
cell phone 608-8468 (texts welcomed)

Thank you for this very important ministry to our families.



Wednesday Family Dinners

June 3

Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Hosts: Keystone

June 10

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Ice Cream Sundaes
Hosts: FOCUS

June 17

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, Peach Cobbler
Hosts: Trustees

June 24

Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Loretta's Texas Sheet Cake
Hosts: Chancel Choir

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

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

June Greeters

Stacy Dickman, Nancy Follmer, Jerry Hampton,
Sandy Keller, & Mary Petry
Mike Gipson, Substitute

Gary Swindall, Sunday School Greeter

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

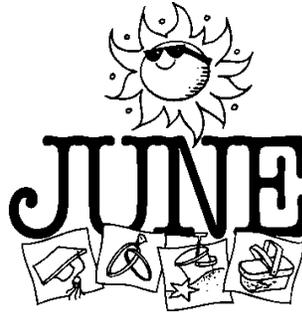
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

June 2015

	1 6:30 Pastor's Cabinet Meeting	2 9:30 MOPS Steering 6:30 Plastic Bag Sleeping Mat Making 8:30 Men's Softball # 1	3 5:00 ABW Meeting 6:00 Family Dinner 6:45 CREW 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 5:30 Music & Worship 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	5	6 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 CREW Gutter Sundae 6:00 Evening Programs	8 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library	9 6:00 Joint Circles Covered Dish Meeting Men's Softball	10 KeenAgers to Red's Game 6:00 Family Dinner 6:45 CREW 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer	11 5:30 Board of Trustees	12 6:30 CREW Adventure Golf, etc.	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 4:30 Board of Missions 6:00 Evening Programs	15 5:30 Serve City Meal	16 Men's Softball	17 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Children's Programs 6:45 CREW - Duct Tape Bible Night 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer	18	19	20 11:00 Community Unity Picnic @ Booker T. Washington Community Center
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22	23 Men's Softball	24 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Children's Programs 6:45 CREW 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer	25 8:30 Matthew 25	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 VBS Meeting 1:00 CREW Swim Party 4:30 C.E. Board 6:00 Evening Programs	29	30 9:30 MOPS Steering Men's Softball				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--|---|--|
| 1 - Ken Dulli
Evon Laubenstein | 14 - Emma Elizabeth Owens
Alice Danielle Roberts | 26 - Jordan Allen
Katie Riczko |
| 2 - Trina Sanchez | 15 - Lona McClain
Marilyn McAllister
Alex Thiel
Mandy Chaney | 27 - Mary Law
Fred Schilling |
| 3 - John Rish
Karen Schumm | 16 - Steve Gage
Sue Gambrell Peace | 28 - Lauren Schwartz |
| 4 - Trevor Allen | 17 - Dale McAllister | 29 - Maxine Hillman |
| 5 - Josiah Spence | 18 - Tom Avance
Mary Walker | 30 - Neil Burtis
Blair Hampton
Carson Martin |
| 6 - Lois Ross
Betty Schwab | 19 - Branan Becknell
Philip Dudley
Mark Whipple | 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. |
| 7 - Andy Braun
Matthew Riczko
Rob VanMeter | 20 - Joe Ford
Nathan Sommers
Johnnie Wallace | |
| 8 - Jim Beltz
Sallie Minnich | 21 - Dick Inloes | |
| 9 - Katie Simpson | 22 - Kathy Click
Oliver Davis
Jenna Huff | |
| 12 - Amber Allen
Jean Bradbury
Marlene Collins
Jim Davis | 23 - Daniel Spence | |
| 13 - Duke Baker
Dan Brandenburg
Mike Jones
Audrey Wallace
Alexandra West | 24 - Michelle Hampton
Josh Young | |
| | 25 - Molly Day
Dale Young | |

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Personal Notes

From Marla Dunman & Guy Campbell

Marla & I cannot begin to thank you all enough for the way you demonstrated God's love to our family. Pastors Dan and Bill did a wonderful job at our mother's funeral service. The meal that followed afterwards was prepared and served by such humble servants. The kind comments, cards and flowers were such a blessing to our hearts. Our mom was so blessed to be a part of First Baptist Church. *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."* Galatians 6:9

From Ed Elam

Praise report, our prayers were answered. I received a good report from my doctor. I want to thank all my good friends at First Baptist Church and all the Prayer group who prayed for me during this time of a health issue. I am home and doing well at this time. God bless FBC of Hamilton. As you know, my time at FBC goes back to the church down town up until I retired and moved to Florida. God bless all of you and I miss the church very much.

From the Grubbs Family

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for our mother and wife, Lois. As you know flowers were one of her favorite things. Thank you also for all the kind cards, prayers, and thoughtful expressions. Our family is especially thankful for all the prayers and words to get us through this sad time but taking joy in knowing we will see our mother and wife again.

From Merle, Mike, Kim, Teri, Amy, & Beth (Grubbs)

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the prayers and cards that Lis received during her illness and her going home to be with our Lord and, of course Toni, both of whom she loved dearly. Thanks to Pastor Dan for his visits, especially the evening she passed away. Thank you also

to Nancy and her crew for the great lunch after the funeral. We feel very blessed to be part of such a loving and caring family. We love and appreciate all that you did during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for all of us.

From Dick Law

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Wednesday Night Prayer Group for you prayers for me. I am out of the hospital and except for the COPD, the I brought on myself, I'm not too bad. Pastor Brantingham's visit is always a breath of fresh air and he leaves with me feeling better. He is very special to me and to our church. Hope to see you all soon.

From Serve City (Linda Kimble)

Thank you all so much for your generous donation! When we work together God can do great things!

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