

The Courier

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FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH of HAMILTON

"A Light on the hill with a heart for the community"

June, 2019

From Daniel's Den **The Scandal of Biblical Illiteracy**

Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. (president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY) wrote an article entitled: "The Scandal of Biblical Illiteracy: It's Our Problem", (Jan. 20, 2016), in which he said:

"While America's evangelical Christians are rightly concerned about the secular worldview's rejection of biblical Christianity, we ought to give some urgent attention to a problem much closer to home--biblical illiteracy in the church. This scandalous problem is our own, and it's up to us to fix it."

"Researchers George Gallup and Jim Castelli put the problem squarely: "Americans revere the Bible--but, by and large, they don't read it. And because they don't read it, they have become a nation of biblical illiterates." How bad is it? Researchers tell us that it's worse than most could imagine."

"Fewer than half of all adults can name the four gospels. Many Christians cannot identify more than two or three of the disciples. According to data from the Barna Research Group, 60 percent of Americans can't name even five of the Ten Commandments. "No wonder people break the Ten Commandments all the time. They don't know what they are," said George Barna, president of the firm. The bottom line? "Increasingly, America is biblically illiterate.""

"This really is our problem, and it is up to this generation of Christians to reverse course. Recovery starts at home. Parents are to be the first and most important educators of their own children, diligently teaching them the Word of God. [See Deuteronomy 6:4-9.] Parents cannot franchise their responsibility to the congregation, no matter how faithful and biblical it may be. God assigned parents this non-negotiable responsibility, and children must see their Christian parents as teachers and fellow students of God's Word."

"Churches must recover the centrality and urgency of biblical teaching and preaching, and refuse to sideline

the teaching ministry of the preacher. Pastors and churches too busy--or too distracted--to make biblical knowledge a central aim of ministry will produce believers who simply do not know enough to be faithful disciples."

"We will not believe more than we know, and we will not live higher than our beliefs. The many fronts of Christian compromise in this generation can be directly traced to biblical illiteracy in the pews and the absence of biblical preaching and teaching in our homes and churches."

"This generation must get deadly serious about the problem of biblical illiteracy, or a frighteningly large number of Americans--Christians included--will go on thinking that Sodom and Gomorrah lived happily ever after." (end of article)

<https://albertmohler.com/2016/01/20/the-scandal-of-biblical-illiteracy-its-our-problem-4/>

First Baptist's Gospel Project Journey

I agree 100% with what Dr. Mohler has said. I think First Baptist Hamilton places a high value on Bible believing, Bible teaching, Bible preaching as a core value of our congregation. We want to help people be biblically knowledgeable.

Because of our call to share the Gospel and the whole counsel of God with the next generation, I am excited to announce we are embarking on a three-year journey together with the **Gospel Project** published by LifeWay. The **Gospel Project** provides chronological, Christ-centered Bible studies that immerse the entire church family in the story of the gospel in *every part* of the Bible — God's plan to rescue His people from sin through His Son, Jesus Christ. We have actually been using the Gospel Project in Children's Worship for a couple of years and are now planning to take it church-wide.

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**American
Baptist
Women's
Ministries**

ABW Joint Circles' Dinner

Our ABW Circles will meet at church for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:00 p.m. Chris and Emily Osterbrock will be sharing with us. The meal will be provided at a cost of \$6.00 per person. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Thank You!

A thank you to our congregation for again supporting the blanket program of Church World Service. We donated \$520.00 to purchase blankets to be used globally during crisis situations. Thanks for your faithfulness!

Serve City

On Monday, June 17, the Circles will provide the meal at Serve City.

Nancy Whipple, ABW

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.

Nancy and Steve are supported as commissioned missionaries working jointly with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and American Baptist International Ministries, as well as with their Mission Partnership Team and Network.

Bible Book For June I Chronicles

"He will be the one to build a temple for me . . . "
I Chronicles 17:12 (TEV)

I Chronicles in part relates the same events as II

Samuel, but from a different viewpoint. It contains the story of David, prefaced with nine chapters of genealogies. The genealogies cover the period from Adam to the Jews' return to captivity. Repetition means importance. It is a caution not to neglect this part of the Bible.

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.

Giving Opportunity

During the months of May and June, ABW is collecting **peanut butter, cereal, ketchup, and canned fruits (especially peaches, pears, and pineapple chunks)** for a local food pantry. These items are always in short supply at food banks. Place your donations in the box in the coat room outside the Family Center.



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, June 27th. 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 June Outing

The KeenAgers are invited to the home of Charles and Teene Campbell for a picnic Tuesday, June 18th, (rain date Thursday, June 20th). Bring a covered dish to share. We will collect money to pay for the chicken.

—Dave & Janet Hazelwood

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We believe that God's gospel project began "In the beginning" and continues today in the hearts and lives of His people. It is our greatest hope and the means by which we are free to love, serve, and follow Jesus Christ. The **Gospel Project** points people of all ages to the good news of the gospel and equip them to live gospel-filled lives individually, in community, and on mission.

The Gospel Project provides a chronological, Christ-centered Bible study plan for every age group in your church: preschoolers, kids, students through adults. These studies are age-appropriate, easy to teach, and aligned by Scripture to help our entire church grow in the gospel together. The same scripture is used at each level on the same Sunday. What children are learning will be the same scripture as their friends, parents and grandparents are studying. And, we plan to add the element of the aligning the sermons in the worship service to give even further depth with the same passage of scripture.

By following the same schedule across the whole church, friends and families will be able to talk about scripture together. Small groups and family prayer at the dinner table can include reciting the scripture for the week or discussions around the passages they are working on. Sunday School, Sunday morning worship time (kids and adults), Wednesday night First Kids and First Students, even small groups of friends during the week will be peeling back the layers of one section of scripture before we move on to the next section chronologically, therefore digesting and meditating deeply on God's Word. Instead of trying to absorb two or three different lessons on various topics and parts of the Bible, we as a whole church family will go through the Bible together systematically using various mediums and styles to read, memorize, reflect upon, study, meditate, internalize, and be able to share.

The gospel story creates among us a new culture. People of all ages, groups, married, single, will see themselves differently, as they are in Christ, and in light of the work of Christ. A gospel culture is people who see the world and themselves through the lens of the gospel story. People changed by the gospel story invite others, through their words and works, to join the gospel journey.

We will launch the **Gospel Project** Sunday morning August 18. But as a Prequel, Pastor Chris and I will be preaching the "How the Story Ends: Revelation" *FIRST*, (like reading the last chapter of a book before you start the book) from July 7 through August 4. On August 11 I will preach an introductory message,

"One Story", before we launch the **Gospel Project August 18** with "God Created Everything, God's Good World".

More information will be coming. We are planning meetings with leaders and teachers of all levels to provide more details. One of those meetings will be June 23 after the 11:00 service in room 200 for all SS teachers, Wednesday night leaders, or small group leaders. You are encouraged to go to <https://www.gospelproject.com/> to preview the breadth of the project. If you want to talk about it, ask questions or make comments about the Gospel Project at First Baptist, please direct them to Katie, Claire, or me.

Please be praying that God will mightily honor His Word as we lift it up together. This is going to be fun!

Be the Light!
Pastor Dan

Sermon series for the summer:

PENTECOST

June 9 Wind and Fire Acts 2:1-13 (Dan)

June 16 Sons & Daughters, Old & Young Men Acts 2:14-21 (Chris)

June 23 Miracles, Wonders and Signs Acts 2:22-41 (Dan)

June 30 They devoted themselves Acts 2:42-47 (Dan)

How the Story Ends: Revelation

July 7 I know how the Story Ends Rev. 1:1-3, 22:7-21 (Chris)

July 14 Conflict Rev. 12:1-17, 21:7 (Dan)

July 21 Christ's Victory Rev. 1:5, 5:1-13 (Dan)

July 28 Judgment of Christ Rev. 16:5; 19:11; 20:12-13 (Chris)

August 4 Eternal Judgment Rev. 14:8-11; 18:2-24; 19:20-21; 20:1-15 (Dan)

Gospel Project

August 11 One Story John 17:24; 2 Timothy 1:9 (Dan)

August 18 God Created Everything: God's Good World Gen 1; Col 1:15-18 (Dan)

August 25 God Created Everything: God's Good People Gen 1-2 (Dan)

Budget Status Report

The Month of April, 2019

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$65,924
Offerings	<u>54,015</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 11,909)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$63,190
Offerings	<u>54,015</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$9,175)

The Year Through April, 2019

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$ 269,254
Offerings	<u>231,323</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$37,931)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$253,861
Offerings	<u>231,323</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$ 22,538)

—The Board Of Trustees

We Need Your Help – Trustee Board Update

The board of trustees is in the process of interviewing candidates for our open custodian/janitor position. We hope to have a new person in place by mid-May. The new person will be responsible for cleaning and janitorial duties only.

We are all accountable to preserve and maintain our beautiful building and property. We need your help in the following areas. If you or your group moves furniture (chairs, tables, etc.) for your event, party or meeting, please be responsible to return the furniture to its original position when you are finished. If you or your group uses the kitchen or kitchen supplies, please clean up any counters and tables that you have soiled. Also please wash, dry and return all pots, pans, utensils, silverware, etc. to their storage positions. Don't forget to wash, dry and return any dish towels and dish cloths that you use. Our boards and committees that serve dinner and clean up on Wednesday nights are also responsible to wash, dry and return all dish towels and dish cloths to the kitchen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

—Board of Trustees



June 14, 2018



We continue to provide a meal at Serve City on the 3rd Monday of each month. Call Nancy with any questions at 863-2309. Your support is greatly appreciated.

—Nancy Whipple

Opportunity To Serve

First Baptist Church is partnering with First United Methodist Church in feeding lunch to the hungry at First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, June 1st**. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector.

Preregister Now for VBS

It's quick and easy to register for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Game On!", July 9 – 13, for 4-year-olds through completed sixth grade. Go to www.firstbaptisthamilton.org, click on Vacation Bible School, complete the form, and submit. You'll have no paperwork to complete and remember to return. Martha Griffin will be in the connector with her laptop the Sundays before VBS to register children if you don't have access to a computer, tablet, or cell phone. Preregistering is a great help in preplanning, purchasing supplies, and registering the other children from the community who come on the first day. We are planning an online check-in and attendance kiosk each day. VBS workers, please remember to register your own children, including toddlers and those in the nursery.

Fairfield Free Lunches

No Cost or enrollment required. Open to all children ages 1-18. Adult meals will be available for purchase for \$4.00—cash only. First come, first served! Meals must be consumed on-site. Serving dates: May 29th - August 15th. No meals served on July 4th, 5th, and August 5th. Meal locations and times:

Pinnacle on Pleasant, 5001 Pleasant Avenue, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday - Friday.

Fairfield Acres, 94 Sammy Drive, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Monday - Friday.

Tylers Creek, 7777 Wildbranch Road, 12:30- 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Tattoos On A Baptist Pastor

I was asked to say something about my tattoos, which is no surprise to a conservative Baptist pastor...why would I have tattoos when they are traditionally seen as sinful? My explanation is far less personal and far more biblical. The tattoos that I have—many of which came about as soon as I was old enough—come out of a heart that desired to express worship in some capacity with the content of the tattoo. But the issue that is raised concerning sinfulness is one that must be approached with Scripture. So what is it about tattoos that is traditionally seen as antithetical to biblical holiness? I believe there is no better verse to start with apart from Leviticus 19:28. As good Bible-readers, we ought to seek the context for this verse. We read Leviticus 19:19–37 as a unit in order to bring light to this particular section of the priestly code of ethics. The context leads me to ask, why is etching the skin with ink considered alongside necromancy and prostitution?

Adam Clarke (1760–1832) explains the process of tattooing in the ancient times among both savages and civilized peoples. Soldiers would often take the mark of their country or their military general as a political impression. Priests or slaves of some particular idol would receive a similar image, name, or symbol. God's Word is connecting tattooing to the occult practices of ancient groups surrounding Israel. However; among God's people the imprinted image, emblem, or creed—whatever the language—was to be the Mosaic Law. Scripture dictates the Law was to be used as a sign and memorial upon the arm, hand, and forehead (Exodus 13:9, 16; Deuteronomy 6:8; 11:18). God's covenant people were to cut God's words, metaphorically, into their heart.

John Calvin (1509–1564), strangely enough, relates positively to tattooing according to Paul's statement in Galatians 6:17 where the apostle considered his various scarring to be bearing the marks of Christ. Calvin, negatively, speaks of tattooing in terms of false worshippers who imprint their deity, not Christ, upon themselves. The reformed Baptist pastor and theologian John Gill (1697–1771) sees both modern and ancient tattooing as the act of marking oneself or another for service to a particular idol, or as a possession of a pagan temple. We observe similar kinds of scarification played out in 1 Kings 18:28 where the priests of Baal and Asherah anointed themselves and incised their bodies to both draw sacrificial blood and to mark themselves for their gods (this type of etching was enacted as a means to conjure the god and to bring about a physiological response to the priest who undoubtedly became ecstatic, emotional, and given to "prophetic" ravings). In relation to the wider context of Leviticus 19, families in Israel and the surrounding cultures would

often set their relatives apart, giving them as possessions of the temple in order to receive allowances of food and money; they did this through giving children or wayward adults to become prostitutes. This isn't so ancient a practice; it was actually the impetus for missionary Amy Carmichael's ministry in India during the 1900s. A particular altar-child or enslaved adult would be conditioned in a particular fashion, either with a haircut, with branding, with a bead or jewel embedded into their forehead, or with tattoos of the idol's image, initials, religious pictography, etc.

With such a background in mind, we can understand the correlation of tattooing with temple worship. But is it always in the negative? Another question to ask, how often is tattooing actually mentioned in Scripture? See the following for the negative connotations: Leviticus 19:28; 1 Kings 18:28; Revelation 13:16–17; 14:9–11; 19:20; 20:4. From a theological perspective, the act is less about the deformation of skin and far more about the giving of oneself over to idolatry—the whole self becomes devoted to an idol. The sin, as with most sins, is a concern of heart and not of flesh alone. As we recognize elsewhere in Scripture, even those who give to the poor and pray to the Father can do so as an act of treasonous sin—seeking to place glory upon themselves rather than acknowledging the glory of God (Matthew 6). It is with this attitude that we look to the positive language of rendering to God what is due to him. Let's look at the positive mentions of tattooing in Scripture.

Interestingly enough, the Hebrew word in Leviticus 19:28 is used in later Rabbinic writing to explain the way a slave's emancipation from bondage might be "tattooed" into his hand, so that he may never be enslaved again (Jastrow, 680). This rings very true in the Christian understanding of Isaiah 44:5, those who are redeemed of the Lord etch upon their hands that they are His. Look at a few of these positive mentions: Isaiah 44:5; Ezekiel 9:4; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; 1 Peter 2:8; Revelation 7:3, 9:4, 14:1, 22:4. Included in the list are two references to God's temple. I include these because of the way we have seen tattooing as a reference to temple prostitution. In the New Testament we see that our very bodies are the temple of the Lord; not only that, but we are living stones who are engraved as the image of God, the body of Christ, just as each stone of a temple would be engraved with the name of the deity.

At the risk of exhausting pages to each of these verses, consider for what reason would God carve His seal into His peoples' foreheads? This is an issue of marking possession, making holy in the strictest sense—setting apart. Of course we have no power in making ourselves Christ's possession simply by tattooing His name upon our faces (a tattoo placement I would never encourage!). But we have a duty to give

ourselves wholly unto Christ's possession. This is my fallible reason for the tattoos I have. I don't encourage tattooing, but I think the issue of imprinting anything on the skin is more an issue of God's glorification through the human body than anything to do with the skin itself. What else do we do with our bodies that might be of greater issue than ink? Whose temple do I reflect more with my actions and speech? Tattoos are only skin deep on their own; I've known many Christians who have tattoos of all sorts of sinful things that no longer reflect their redeemed hearts. There are plenty of practices we do that are more reflective of idolatry than those things listed in Leviticus 19; things far more sinful than cutting our hair a certain way, wearing particular styles of clothing, or putting ink in our bodies. As I look at my tattooed arms I pray that Christ is far deeper embedded in me than this ink; deeper within my conscience, my determination, and my boldness for preaching His Gospel day in and day out. No one needs a tattoo to say that prayer, or might it help you?

Personally, where I fall on the tattoo issue has far more to do with being a good steward of my money rather than any prohibition of imprinting upon the skin. A person who is working to pay off abundant student loan debt ought not to spend excessive amounts of money on something as frivolous as tattoos—no matter how theologically accurate they might be!

—Christopher Osterbrock

Ridgeway Soccer Camp And Vacation Bible School

Once again we will head to Ridgeway Elementary to host another Soccer Camp and Vacation Bible School June 5th - 7th starting at 9:30-11:30. If your child goes to Ridgeway please sign them up at Firstbaptisthamilton.org/RidgewayVBS. If you are interested helping please attend a brief meeting in the Library right after church at noon on June 2nd. We have lead teachers and professional soccer coaches lined up already but we still need more volunteers.

Annual Drive-In Movie Night

Wednesday Night, June 12th, we will have our Annual Drive-In Movie Night in the gym. Kids will make their own cars out of boxes and we will watch *The Jungle Book* to get us excited for Vacation Bible School. We will have popcorn and snow cones. Movie starts at 6:30 and event starts at 6:00.

Golf Anyone?

If you are interested in playing golf with a group of men from church please email or text Bryon Simpson at bsimp1979@yahoo.com or 513-403-4101.

—Katie Simpson
Director of Families and Children

Matthew Ministries

After our neighbors to the north in the Dayton, Ohio area were devastated by several tornadoes on Memorial Day night, several groups deployed to help people there, including Matthew 25: Ministries.

Almost all of the M25M trucks were deployed to the region on Wednesday after just returning from helping the recently tornado-ravaged areas in Missouri. The U.S. has endured devastating tornadoes for 13 days straight as of today.

Matthew 25: Ministries is accepting clothing, diapers, non-perishable canned food, and anything that can be used in the cleanup. This includes personal care items, cleaning supplies, first aid items, cleanup supplies, tools, and more.

Read more on their web site to see how you can help—matthew25ministries.org.

—Mandy Gambrell

Hamilton Free Lunches

The Hamilton City Schools' Big Blue Food Truck will serve free lunches at the city's Spray Grounds this summer. Students 18 and under can enjoy a free lunch and anyone over age 18 can buy a meal for \$3. Lunches will be served 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the following parks:

Crawford Woods: May 30 & July 2
Jim Grimm Park: June 4, June 27, & July 23
Millikin Woods: June 6, June 25, & July 25
Brookwood Elementary School: noon - 1:30 p.m.
with the Lane Bookmobile: June 10, July 8, & July 29
Benninghofen Park: June 11, July 11, & July 30
Marcum Park: June 13, July 9, & August 1

All dates are weather permitting.



Our Awana year went super fast. With just over 100 children we have worked through several books of the Bible, shared many, many different verses (the sparks books had an average of 36 verses each, with the T&T books having an average of 33 each). It has been such an amazing year and we want to thank all those involved for making it so successful.

The TNT Grand Prix was held the last club night in May. The winners for Speed were Nathan Summers coming first, Chase Jackson coming second and Riley Bowling coming third. For design Lauren Brudzinski came first, Elizabeth Rose Metzger second and ELLIE WAITING ON CHERYL TO SEE WHO WAS THIRD!!!

Special thanks to Mike Brudzinski for setting up our track, and running the race and also for Andrew Sommers for his pit crew work.

Our Wednesday nights will be reshaped for the upcoming school year, we are excited to take these next steps with you as we continue to serve our children in the best possible way in teaching them about Jesus and His great plan for us.

Kiddie and Kinderchurch

Wow! We have covered so many books of the Bible already we will be moving on into Malachi and looking at how God provides. Following this we will start looking at the New Testament. As always each lesson takes time to bring the Bible study into focus on Jesus.



Happy Father's Day!
June 16th

On Sunday, June 9th, during the morning worship service, it will be 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. The following is a list of all those who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school from our church family that are known to us.

Miami University
Samuel Wallace

Ohio State
Alexander Sprague

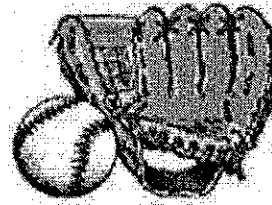
Fairfield H. S.
Brooke Begley
K.K. Begley
Sydney Wilson

Hamilton H. S.
Racheal Harmon
Max Hubble
Derek Tirey

Lakota West H. S.
Alyssa Witmer

Ross High School
Taylor Emenaker

Ursuline Academy of Cincinnati
Kalyne Schuermann



Church Softball Schedule

Please watch the calendar portion of the weekly bulletin for the weekly softball schedules.

--Bryon Simpson

Community Unity Picnic

June 22, 2019

11:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Come together for food, music, fun, games, and worship for the entire family. This is the eighth 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!!



MOPS & MOMSnext
of Hamilton

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June 2019

Now that another year of MOPS has ended, and most school years have ended, we hope you are enjoying some extra time with your little ones without some of the stress of the school year. While we won't meet on Tuesday mornings at First Baptist until September 17th, we have lots of fun activities planned for this summer and we hope you'll be able to join us for some of these!

May 28th, 10:30 AM: Play Date at Fort Liberty Playland (in case of rain, we will relocate to The Pig at Liberty Center).

June 15th, 10 AM - 3 PM: Moms' Day Out at New London Swim Club (swimming, crafts & vendors, cost is \$10)

June 25th, 10 AM: Play Date TBA

July 8th - 12th, 9 AM - 11:30 AM Vacation Bible School at First Baptist! Registration is now open at firstbaptisthamilton.org/vbs.

July 19th, 6 PM: Moms' Night Out at Ruth & Desi Culbertson's in-laws with swimming and appetizers.

July 30th, 10 AM: Play Date at New London Swim Club. \$10 per first person and \$5 for each additional. Swim, play tennis, playgrounds, grill out, concession stands and baby pool.

August 6th, 10 AM: Back-to-School Play Date at Wilson Splash Pad.

August 23rd, 5 PM: MOPS and MOMSnext Family Picnic at Wilson Splash Pad.

As always, make sure to check Facebook for the most up-to-date information on these events.

Wishing you and your family a fun, relaxing and safe summer,
Your MOPS/MOMSnext Steering Team

In The Wild Zoom In! Focus On Jesus! VBS 2019 July 8-12 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m

During June you will start to see various decorations go up in and around the building. Why do we decorate? To grab our children's attention, to make each room an irresistible environment and to make our building become very child friendly! Does this mean that VBS is purely decoration? 100% NO. Studies (according to Lifeway) that for some children and families VBS is the only time they will venture into a church building. All of our material we cater to fit us as a church, and is used to teach every child (and adult!) that Jesus is the ONE we need to zoom in and focus on. That He has an amazing plan of LOVE for each one of us.

Yes, we use coloring and activity sheets, games, snacks, and skits but we also build long lasting relationships with children and their families and use our Bibles to teach key lessons that are full of truth and love.

We always need extra hands, be it hands to glue, cut, play with, or pray. All of these hands help share God's love so let us know if you have a heart to help. There is always a spot for you!

VBS Staff Meeting

There will be a VBS meeting for leaders, assistant leaders, teen workers, or anyone interested to get final instructions or to ask any questions on Sunday, June 23rd, in the Family Center after the Modern Service. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there.

Donations For VBS Teachers' Snack Room

Please mark your calendars now for VBS: July 8-12. 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

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering 11:00 FUMC Lunch
2 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Evening Worship	3 6:30 Men's Softball #4	4 9:30 MOPS Steering Committee 6:00 All Circle's Dinner	5 9:30 Ridgeway Soccer Camp & VBS 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir	6 9:30 Ridgeway Soccer Camp & VBS 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	7 9:30 Ridgeway Soccer Camp & VBS	8
9 Graduate Sunday! 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:00 Belonging Class 6:00 Evening Worship	10 11:00 WMC Book Club @ Lane Library in Fairfield 6:00 Cabinet Meeting 6:30 Men's Softball #3	11	12 6:00 Student Ministry 6:00 Annual Drive-In <i>Movie Jungle Book</i> 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Choir	13 11:00 New Life Mission 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	14	15
16 Father's Day! 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship	17 5:30 Serve City Meal Men's Softball	18 KeenAger Picnic at Charles & Teene Campbell's home	19 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Women's Bible Study	20 KeenAger Picnic at Charles & Teene Campbell's home (Rain Date) 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	21	22 11:00 Community Unity Picnic @ Booker T. Washington Community Center
23 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:00 VBS Meeting / Gospel Project Meeting 6:00 Evening Worship	24 Men's Softball	25	26 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Women's Bible Study	27 8:30 Matthew 25 6:30 Modern Service Rehearsal	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Evening Worship						



Child Care Schedule

Nursery/Toddler (Morning)

June 2 - Kat & Hannah Overholts
 June 9 - Kat & Hannah Overholts
 June 16 - Sydney Wilson
 June 23 - Kat & Hannah Overholts
 June 30 - Katie & Bryon Simpson

Kiddie Church

June 2 - Katie & Taylor Spradling
 June 9 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 June 16 - Sharon Brewer & Teen Helper
 June 23 - Shellee & Jim Ewen
 June 30 - Claire & Chris Metzger

Kinderchurch

June 2 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 June 9 - Cheryl Motzer & Sydney Wilson
 June 16 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 June 23 - Cheryl Motzer & Sydney Wilson
 June 30 - Claire & Chris Metzger

KidsChurch (Helping Karen Buchanan & Nancy Whipple)

June 2 - Mary Brown
 June 9 - Cathi Thomas
 June 16 - Katie & Bryon Simpson
 June 23 - Janet & Mike Moore
 June 30 - Janet & Mike Moore



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 childcare workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:45 a.m. to help with the transition. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call Katie (255-2852). Thanks for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!



Wednesday Family Dinners

No Wednesday Dinners Until Further Notice

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 Greeter Schedule

9:00 a.m.

- 6/2 Family Center: Sharon & Dwain Brewer
Sanctuary: Allen & Glenna McComb
Door Greeter: Larry Bowling
- 6/9 Family Center: Juli Ford/Brandi Emenaker
Sanctuary: Teene Campbell
Door Greeter: Josh Click
- 6/16 Family Center: Nancy Follmer/Faye Baker
Sanctuary: Bette Ruth/Evelyn Maddox
Door Greeter: Dwain Brewer
- 6/24 Family Center: Linda Stanger/Diana Bueker
Sanctuary: Brad & Ron Gerth
Door Greeter: Larry Wallace
- 6/30 Family Center: Teri Guynes/Brenda Brown
Sanctuary: Carl & Jeanette Schwab
Door Greeter: Larry Wallace

10:30 a.m.

- 6/3 Family Center: Mag Baker
Sanctuary: Teri Guynes/Brenda Brown
Door Greeter: Larry Bowling
- 6/9 Family Center: Cathi Thomas
Sanctuary: Sharon & Dwain Brewer
Door Greeter: Josh Click
- 6/16 Family Center: Lisa Sprague
Sanctuary: David & Joyce Hall
Door Greeter: Dwain Brewer
- 6/23 Family Center: Julie Yantes/Kathy Click
Sanctuary: Johnnie Walkace
Door Greeter: Larry Wallace
- 6/30 Family Center: Mag Baker
Sanctuary: Teri Guynes/Brenda Brown
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Personal Notes

From Rae Ann Baumann (Organizer of Ladies-Night-Out Volleyball)

The Tuesday Ladies-Night-Out Volleyball League greatly appreciates having the use of your Family Center for our volleyball games. Thank you so much for allowing us to play each winter season.



Kirkwood Camp 2019

New Adventure Camp: June 16 - 19 | Grades 3rd & 4th
Beginner Camp: June 20 - 21 | K - 2nd Grade
Junior Camp: June 16 - 21 | Grades 5th & 6th
Junior High Camp: June 23 - 28

QUESTIONS? Please contact Kirkwood at director@campkirkwood.net or (937) 382-3535 for inquiries regarding camp registration.

Please pick up papers for scholarship applications from ABC and also First Baptist. Papers will be on the table outside of the church offices. Papers and applications can be returned to Katie Simpson.

FIRST STUDENTS

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and in our Newsletter for the latest updates!

VBS Camp Training - May 29, June 5, 12, & 26 - FBCH Room 100

If students sign up to doing VBS Camp (July 8th-12th), they must participate in 4 of the 5 training sessions.

Youth Camp

Completed 7th through Completed 12th grades are invited to attend RUSH/UNTD Camp June 17th - 21st. To register simply see or email Pastor Chris at chris.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org.

VBS Camp - July 8th to 12th - FBCH

-Chris Osterbrock

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