

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

March, 2015

From Daniels Den ***REAL LIFE for REAL PEOPLE***

There are two friends of Jesus who help me understand what the Christian journey is all about.

One was a woman who everybody gossiped about so she avoided people and being hurt. Jesus talked with and accepted her. He shared with her the "living water" of his life. She was transformed by the conversation. The first thing she did was tell her story to the people she already knew.

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:28-30 (NLT)

The other person was a man on the other side of the lake. Everybody had given up on him. He had "demons". He had a reputation. He had a past. But Jesus took time for him and the man was freed from his old life. The man was transformed by Jesus' love. The first thing Jesus told him was, "*go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.*" So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:38-39 (NLT)

Has Jesus transformed your life? Have you been freed from your past, your demons, your bad choices... your sins? Jesus wants you to do the same thing these people did; share the good news with others. The people you know... your family, your friends, the people you work with, the people of your community all want to hear that there is a way to live that is filled with acceptance and hope. They will listen to you because they know you.

We are coming to the time of year, and the time in the church calendar, when people are most open to an invitation to join you at your church. Easter! As I write on this snow, cold day I am anxious for the warmer days of March and April. Spring is a time of

new birth. Dead looking trees begin to bud. The flower bulbs that have been frozen in the ground come to life with color and fragrance. And people are looking for hope and warmth that can only be found in the love of God expressed in the resurrection.

The Bible, God's Word, is filled with stories of people who met Jesus and their lives were transformed. These were real people just like us. They believed so strongly in what Jesus had done for them that they dared to share it with the people they knew and loved. They wanted them to know this wonderful saving truth of Jesus, too.

During the Easter season, people are the most likely to accept your invitation to attend church or an activity of the church. Our choir is preparing a musical service for March 22 at 10:30. They are preparing to share this message to bring glory to God for his love and goodness. They have been preparing to share with the congregation the wonderful truth of the gospel. But they have also been preparing an opportunity for each of us to invite our family and friends who may not know or have not yet accepted the wonder of the gospel of love to come and hear and give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to touch their hearts with an invitation to be transformed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

The messages for March and April are designed to speak to Christians and not-yet-Christians. As we get to know the people Jesus met on His way to the cross, we will see that they were real people just like us. People who were blind to the things that matter and wanted to see the world of hope. People who were burdened with insecurities, destructive values and habits who got excited about meeting Jesus and were changed into healthier people. People who were so fixated on rules and habits that they couldn't enjoy the true freedom that God wanted to give them. These were real people who longed for real life. There are people like them in our lives today, too.

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American Baptist Women's Ministries



Giving Opportunity

For the months of March and April, we will collect **peanut butter, canned green beans, and boxes of cereal** for the food pantry at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ. Place your donations in the box labeled "Food Pantry" in the coat room outside the Family Center. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

March Missionaries of the Month:

Mabudiga & Kihomi Nzunga
Haiti
Philip & Corenne Smith
Brazil

Mabudiga teaches theology at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, trains other professors in teaching and writing books, administers a scholarship program for students and a "Kids for Kids" goat project for children and preaches in churches. He is also the Cap Haitien eye clinic administrator. **Kihomi** works with families in the areas of counseling, family planning, and women's health issues. She preaches in churches, and also coordinates and advises the Women's Association of the Haitian Baptist Convention.

Corenne and Phil Smith minister to children who are part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education, and training for future employment. Corenne works mainly with the older children, mentoring and helping them develop life skills. Philip serves under joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International, of which he is CEO.

Bible Book of the Month Ezekiel

Ezekiel, living among the exiles in Babylon, wants the people to know that God is everywhere. He reminds them that worshiping false gods has brought about this catastrophe, he emphasizes the need for a new personal relationship with God, and he assures them that God wants a new covenant of peace with

them. As you read this book, think of the Prince of Peace who has come to give you eternal life in His name. Be sure you have made your own personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

PRAY for the oppressed people of the world, that through God's love and mercy they might truly be free. Pray for our American Baptist ministry among Native Americans in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Montana.

Baby Layettes

Don't forget that we are still collecting items baby layettes. If you see a bargain, please bring it in and give to Bertha Campbell (893-9808) or give to a greeter.

Baby Kit (Layette)

- 4 Cloth Diapers
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Washcloths
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Diaper Pins
- 1 Sweater or Sweatshirt
- 2 Receiving Blankets
(1 can be a knitted blanket)

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through the White Cross you can help prepare special recovery kits that provide both tangible assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. The contents of these kits are small things but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an on-going development program or when disaster strikes. Would you help Church World Service build an inventory of baby kits?

—Bertha Campbell



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, March 26th. As usual, we would like to have a good working group to go. 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.

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Who will you tell the exciting news that Jesus has transformed your life? Who will you bring to share the music and message of the season leading up to Easter? Who do you know that would like to be set free from the weight of the hurts, habits and hang-ups of their life and receive the healing, freedom and freshness of a new season of life in Christ? Share the REAL LIFE God offers to REAL PEOPLE!

Messages for the Easter Season

REAL LIFE for REAL PEOPLE:
The people Jesus met on the way to the cross were people just like us.

- March 1 - An Outcast Man - Luke 17:11-19
- March 8 - A Blind Man - Luke 18:35-43
- March 15 - A Short Man - Luke 19:1-10
- March 22 - Cantata: *Two Crowns*
- March 29 - The Church People - Luke 19:28-22:6
- April 5 - The Women - Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Dan

Budget Status Report

The Month of January, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$ 59,356
Offerings	<u>49,481</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$9,875)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$57,895
Offerings	<u>49,481</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$8,414)

The Year Through January, 2015

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-The Board Of Trustees

Financial Peace University (FPU)

First Baptist Church will be having a FPU Class in March. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-week class on money taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. We will walk through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more!

Lesson 1 - Super Saving Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents

Lesson 2 - Relating With Money Nerds and Free Spirits Unite!

Lesson 3 - Cash Flow Planning the Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting

Lesson 4 - Dumping Debt Breaking the Chains of Debt

Lesson 5 - Buyer Beware the Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions

Lesson 6 - The Role of Insurance Protecting Your Health, Family and Finances

Lesson 7 - Retirement and College Planning Mastering the Alphabet Soup of Investing

Lesson 8 - Real Estate and Mortgages Keeping the American Dream From Becoming a Nightmare

Lesson 9 - The Great Misunderstanding Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving

The class will meet one night a week for nine weeks beginning on Sunday March 15th and go from 5:30 until 7pm in room 113 downstairs. It incorporates small-group discussions that help encourage accountability and discipleship. FPU teaches members how to handle money God's ways, and His ways work! The cost is \$99 to attend and includes all the materials for the class. Please see Larry Wallace 513-375-9470 for additional information. Scholarships are available and child care will be provided upon request.

Everyone is welcome to the first class free of charge to see if you like it!

-Larry Wallace

Help Protect-Get a Background Check

Five years ago the church adopted a policy to help reduce the chances of child abuse in connection with FBC-administered or sponsored ministries and activities. Criminal background checks are a key element of the policy, which was developed under the guidance of a Cincinnati law firm. The time has come to renew those examinations.

If you are an adult who has been entrusted with the care, supervision, control or oversight of minors then you must undergo a criminal background check in order to serve in that role. This requirement applies to Sunday school teachers, babysitters, MOPS and CREW volunteers, children choir directors, mission trip supervisors and so on. Persons who assist with children's activities on an infrequent or emergency basis don't have to have a background check as long as they are supervised by someone who has had one.

Over 100 volunteers have had background examinations since the policy was adopted back in 2010. The policy calls for fresh background checks every five years. Fingerprinting will not be required at this time, although it can be mandated, according to the policy. Credit histories will not be reviewed. The cost of the online criminal background checks will be covered by the church.

In order to begin the process, an authorization form must be completed and returned to the office or to Cheryl Motzer or Claire Metzger, the Directors of Children's Ministries. Seal it in the envelope provided. Because social security numbers must be disclosed, a lockbox is located in the office into which the envelopes can be placed. The numbers will be rendered illegible upon processing. If you have not received the form already but would like to continue or begin working with minors, please contact Cheryl or Claire. They also can provide copies of the church policy, for which another form will be needed acknowledging receipt.

Keep in mind that this policy did not result from suspicions about any church member's character. It was adopted as a reflection of the times in which we live to protect kids and the reputation of the church. And, it was adopted in the hope of reassuring parents, especially those who have yet to join our church, that FBC is concerned about safeguarding minors.



Chancel Choir And Orchestra Easter Cantata Presentation Sunday, March 22nd 10:30 a.m.

Two Crowns

(A Celebration of the Resurrection)

Created by
Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, & Rose Aspinall

Directed by
Laurin Sprague

Narrated by
Denise Cox and Mike Braun

Two crowns are place before Him
So Different to behold
Two crowns of different meaning
One of thorns
One of gold

Two crowns that tell the story
Of a blameless life laid down
The King of endless glory
Must choose between the crowns

So He give up all His riches
Sets the golden crown aside
Takes up the crown of torment
His royalty denied

He gives His life to free us
Takes our sins and takes our loss
And in return we give to Him
Three nails and a cross

By Randy Vader

—Lauren Sprague
Chancel Choir and Orchestra Director

Big Thank You!



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2015

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16) Jesus was a doer, not just a talker, and made it clear that Christianity is not a religion just of the heart and of the head, but of the hands as well--it must, of necessity, express itself in actions toward others.

Our city needs doers. We have people in our city that struggle to feed their children, and struggle to keep them warm as they head off to school. Thanks to the kind and loving hearts of the doers at First Baptist Church of Hamilton, working together we have been able to help many people, young and old. Through your kindness, we have shared warm gloves, scarves, and hats with our neighbors in their time of need. Also, thanks to the generosity of the Board of Deacons, we have been able to help many people by restocking our food pantry.

When we work together, we share more than scarves, or gloves, or hats, or bags of food. We share something that cannot be bought, but can be given away. We share the amazing, unconditional, unending Love of our Lord and Savior. Together, we let our lights shine through the darkness, and hopefully we can spread the peace that passes all understanding. That peace begins with a little gift that says someone cares, and someone loves you.

Thank you for being doers. May God continue to bless you and your good works!

—In His service

Kevin Dunaway for the elders
at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 14-19 - Junior High Camp	\$310.00
Director: Linda Miller	
June 21-26 - Junior Camp	\$310.00
Director: Kara Barton	
June 28 - July 3 - Senior High Camp	\$310.00
Director: Bethany Atchison	
July 10 - 11 -New Adventure Camp	\$225.00
Director: Tim Lee	
July 10-11 - Beginner Camp	\$135.00
Director: Kim Flach	

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 a portion of the fee of those who attend First Baptist regularly to attend ABC camps. For additional information or registration forms, contact Camp Coordinator, Brian Chamberlain, 256-9384 or see him at church.

—Brian Chamberlain
Camp Coordinator

KeenAger March Outing

February's Game/Pizza Day at the church has been moved to Monday, March 16th, at 11:00 a.m.

We will be going to Miami's Parish Auditorium on Sunday, March 22nd, to see Rotary Revels' *Big, The Musical* at 2:00 p.m.

—KeenAger Activity Committee
Dave & Janet Hazelwood
Bertha Campbell



March 8th

(Set your clocks up before you go to bed
Saturday, March 7th)



Awana Club

Awana March Calendar Update

- 4 - Regular Club Night/**Store Night**
- 11 - Cubbies Match Box Race
- 18 - **Character T-Shirt Theme Night**
- 25 - Sparks Matchbox Race

Looking ahead!!

Awana April Calendar Update

- 1 - NO CLUB (Spring Break - Hamilton)
- 8 - Regular Club Night
- 15 - **Neon Night Theme Night**
- 22 - Regular Club Night
- 29 - Regular Club Night

—Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Leaders

Vacation Bible School Journey Off The Map July 13-17 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Yes, we are already planning for VBS this summer. We went to the VBS showcase and are very excited to do Lifeway's program, "*Journey Off The Map*" for this year. Our main verse will be: "*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. That is our job to help our children find the way to Jesus! Sign up for your favorite place to work during this exciting week.

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



Childcare schedule

In addition to updating our background checks, we need to have e-mail contact information updated too. We can send group e-mail whenever the childcare schedule needs places filled. Please update on sheet that will be with the childcare schedule on the table in the connector.

Nursery - ages 0-12 months old.

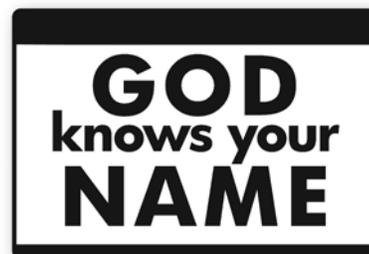
Toddlers - Ages 1-2

KiddieChurch - In room 101 downstairs. Ages 2-3. This is taught by Claire and Chris Metzger twice a month during the entire morning worship service. Vickie Baker and Sharon Brewer have taken the third Sunday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome to fill in the other Sunday or two. A lesson, craft and snack is prepared for each helper to use.

KinderChurch - in room 102 downstairs. Ages 4-Kindergarten age. The first 20 minutes of church time is set aside for Cherub Choir. Marsha Helton and Sydney Wilson are the directors that work with the group that is ages 2-Kindergarten. A lesson, craft and snack is prepared for the group that goes along with the Sunday school lesson for the day. Jill O'Hara and Dorothy Hollowell take the first and third Sundays. Cheryl Motzer, Noelle Wilson and Sydney Wilson take the second and fourth Sundays. A Fifth Sunday is always open for a volunteer to do.

KidsChurch - in room 200. Karen Buchanan has done a wonderful job for more years that we can count! The kids stay with their parents on the first Sunday of the month. After that, all other Sundays of the month the children are dismissed by the pastor right before the sermon to go to room 200 until the end of the service. We are trying to sign up a helper for Karen every week and would do the entire month.

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





Summer Softball

Softball begins in April! If you would like to play on the men's team (games on Tuesday nights), please see Brian Chamberlain. Watch the bulletin for sign-up dates. All games are played at North End (Ford's Field).

—Brian Chamberlain
Director of Sports and Recreation

Rotary Revels Present Big, The Musical

March 18, 19, 20, & 21 at 8:00 p.m.
March 22 at 2:00 p.m.

At Parrish Auditorium
Miami University Hamilton

Herb Cox - Producer
Bob Borden - Rehearsal Pianist

Tickets are \$16.00

To buy tickets by phone
513-737-PLAY

or visit our website
www.GHCTPLAY.com

Fun For All Ages!!

Church History

One of the greatest source of Church History is the Sunday morning bulletin. Should you have old bulletins, the committee would like to borrow them. They will be returned to you. Please contact one of the committee.

—Church History Committee
Merle Grubbs, Nancy Follmer,
Naomi Hoskins, Pam Howard,
and Jim Powell



**From The Heart Of
Becky**

College Corner

E-Mail From God

Take A Chill Pill

"In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent."
—Psalm 4:4

Dear Child,

Has anyone ever told you, "Just sleep on it"? That's often good advice. Sometimes you'll be so angry about something that you can't see straight. That is not a good time to make a decision. When you are angry, you may blurt out something rude and later think, *I can't believe I said that.*

My advice is, just wait. When you're mad, don't act. If someone is forcing you to make a decision while you're mad, tell them, "I need some time to think about this. Let me get back to you." Then just chill out and pray about it. Ask Me what I think about the situation. Breathe deeply. Count to a hundred. Do whatever it takes to calm down. Yes, you have emotions. But you don't have to be a slave to them. I want you to control your emotions, not the other way around.

Your Peace,
God

—Becky Scripture
College/Career Coordinator



Winter Reminder!

If Hamilton City Schools do not open on a week day because of snow or ice, the church will not be open that day either.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the MOPS ministry. February was a snowy month, and unfortunately our monthly MOPS meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for our March meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 17th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is Adventurous Journeys: Kid Friendly Vacations. A representative from AAA will be coming to speak to us about vacation planning. She will be providing insight on how to best travel with children and will also be sharing several kid-friendly destination ideas with us.

Several additional events are planned in March. The MOPS Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 10th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church. Moms will enjoy a game night on March 12th at 7p.m. at Lucinda Allgyer's home, and the month will end with a fun mom/child outing to the Cincinnati Children's Museum on March 24th at 10a.m. Please contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you have any questions or if you want to get involved in MOPS.

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



Unfrozen Party

The *Unfrozen Party* on February 7th was a huge success for about 16 of our young ladies and their chaperones! We had door prizes, made a sparkly bracelet, a pretty snow globe and had a very special frozen themed lunch. A special thanks to Hannah Imhoff, Emma Imhoff and Lyndsay Begley for their parts in the skit. We had a wonderful time with the frozen theme, but our main theme of the day was knowing that Jesus is our "happily ever after".

Women's Ministry Sewing Projects

We have good news about our pillowcase endeavor! I have spoken to a few of you and we have met our goal for Lil Wilson to take with her on her trip to Armenia on the 20th of March! If you have told me that you have some you are bringing, that is in our total count! Thanks so much for your dedication to this and to our sewing time together. We are going to meet the third Saturday of March, March 21st, to work on dressed and boy's shorts. Check the weekly bulletin closer to the time. I don't know about you, but I am anxious to get together again to continue our ministry. Be safe!

–Thanks
Cheryl Motzer



Help Decorate The Sanctuary For Easter

Spring arrives this month and Easter comes early this year. That means the time has arrived already for ordering a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is still \$9 per flower. Checks should be made out to the church. Order envelopes are available in the connector and the office. Return the envelope to either Marilyn Bowling or Lois Anderson no later than Sunday, March 15th. Those who purchase lilies can take them home following Easter morning worship on April 5th.



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

March 1 - Debby Gibson
March 8 - Carolyn Dudley
March 15 -
March 22 -
March 29 - Carolyn Dudley

One & Two Year Olds

March 1 -
March 8 -
March 15 -
March 22 - Jan Smith
March 29 -

Kiddie Church

March 1 - Claire & Chris Metzger
March 8 -
March 15 - Vicky Baker & Sharon Brewer
March 22 -
March 29 -

Kinderchurch

March 1 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
March 8 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
March 15 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
March 22 - Cheryl Motzer, Noëlle & Syd
March 29 -



Childcare Schedule

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!

- Childcare Co-Ordinator
Cheryl Motzer



Wednesday Family Dinners

March 4

Menu: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Jello Cake
Hosts: Chancel Choir

March 11

Menu: Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw,
Hush Puppies, Carrot Cake
Hosts: Deacons

March 18

Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole
Slaw, Cinnamon Crumb Top Cake
Hosts: Deaconesses

March 25

Menu: Chicken and Dumplings, Peas and Carrots, Fruit
Jello, Rolls, Brownies
Hosts: Yada Sisterhood/Men's Class

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 the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

March Greeters

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



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

March 2015

1
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Ministries

2
6:00 *Transformed*

3
9:30 MOPS Steering

4
6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana/Store Night
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
8:00 Chancel Choir

5
5:30 Music & Worship

6

Dare2Share in Columbus

7
9:00 Men's Prayer
Gathering

Dare2Share in Columbus

8
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Board of Missions
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Ministries

9 6:00 *Transformed*

10
9:30 MOPS Bible Study
10:30 Holloway Circle
10:30 Abell Circle
6:00 Smith Circle

11
6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana-Cubbies
Match Box Race
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
8:00 Chancel Choir

12
5:30 Board of Trustees

13

14

15
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Diaconate
5:30 *Financial Peace U.*
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Ministries

16
11:00 KeenAgers
Game/Pizza Day

17
9:30 MOPS

18
6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana/Character T-
Shirt Theme Night
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
8:00 Chancel Choir &
Orchestra Cantata

19

20

21
9:30 WMC Dressmaking
10:00 Chancel Choir &
Orchestra Cantata
Rehearsal

22
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Chancel Choir &
Orchestra Cantata
Two Crowns
2:00 KeenAgers to Big
@ Parrish
4:30 C.E Board
5:30 *Financial Peace U.*
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Ministries

23

24
Miami Association
Luncheon Meeting @ FBC

25
6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana-Sparks Match
Box Race
6:30 CREW Lifeline
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
8:00 Chancel Choir

26
8:30 Matthew 25

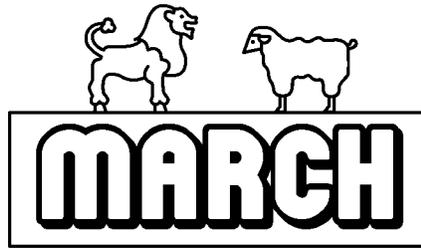
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29
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 CREW Lifeline
6:00 Evening Ministries

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

1 - Debra Clemens
Tammy Gabbard
Derek Hines

2 - Edward Allen
Katie Ford

3 - Adam Begley
Rich Hazelwood
Cameron Jenkins
Kelley Taylor Rion

4 - Jerri Lenehan

5 - Jacob Baker
Jim Baker
Bruce Helton
Janet Messer
Anne Ruwe
Dave Walker

6 - Jim Cornett
Brandon Sapp

7 - Taylor Schuermann

8 - Barb Blevens
Bill Brantingham

9 - Lauryn Emenaker
Nancy Humbach
Chris Metzger
Keith Wallace

11- Betty Dulli
Mikayla Laney

12- Janet Hazelwood
Caitlin Jackson
Debbie Miller
Joey Sackenheim
Dorothy Wallace

13- Elaine Tragesser
Tyler Dickman

14- Christopher Arnold
Stephen Campbell
Charlotte Furginson
Lauren Schwab

15- Oakley Wardlow

16- Rob Ruwe
Barb Perkins-Salcido

17- Miranda Gabbard
Billie Jean Gipson
Gary Hetterich
Emma Imhoff
Durb Tuley

18- Hank Miller
Lisa Stanger
Jill Saylor

19- Zoe Caswell
Paul Bryant

20- Michelle Harris
Hannah Spicer
Jim Yates

21- Riley Bowling
Heidi Martin

22- Dwain Brewer
Pat Gingrich
Ciaran Joseph Metzger

23- Kristin Fryer

24- Lisa Witmer
Brian Martin
Jared Morris

25- Ryan Inloes
Nick Wilson

26- Bertha Campbell

27- Taylor Emenaker
Lee Trent Yates

28- Michael Shalloe

29- Josh Braun
Bob Stanger
Freida Tuley

30- Chris Johnson
Danny Sparks
Katie Hoskins

31- Ann Brown
Samuel Jarrett
Craig Keller
Janice Russo
Andrea Thomas
Buddy Wallin

Note: Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us.

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Personal Notes

From Drew Baker (Son of Jim & Mag Baker)

Thank you for your uplifting card during this trying time. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated very much.

From Betty Emenaker

I praise God for His goodness! My gratitude to God for bringing me through a long and difficult illness. I am cancer-free! I want to thank you for your prayers said in my name, the many cards with words of encouragement, the phone calls, and visits when I was well enough to receive you. Nick and Brandi always let me know when you asked about me with your concerns. What a blessing that was to me! Thank you again and God bless you all!

From Linda Hoover

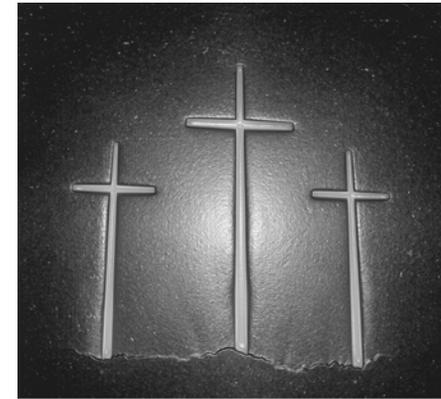
Thank you once again for all of your loving support, your words of encouragement, and your prayers as so many of you have walked this journey with us. I am doing well and hopefully will be completing my last chemo cycle very soon. God has strengthened me through this experience. I thank God for the lessons I have learned and am continuing to learn. They are powerful. We love you. (Linda & Brad)

From Ralph Jones

I would like to thank the many people for their prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recuperation in the hospital and Doverwood Rehab as a result of my recent stroke. I also want to thank Pastor Dan and Pastor Bill for their visits. This was very comforting to me during those times.

From Susan Powers & the Oakley Wardlow Family

We would like to thank the First Baptist Church family for all their prayers and condolences. Mom thought so much of all of you. Special thanks to Pastor Bill, his wife, and all the ladies who helped us on the day of the funeral. God bless!



For **God** did not

send his **Son** into the

world to condemn

the world, but to **save**

the world through **him**.

JOHN 3:17, NIV

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