



From Daniel's Den Broken Shells and Imperfect People

As Deb and I were walking along the sunny shores of the Gulf at St. Pete Beach, it struck me that we were walking on a lot of broken shells. It seemed that the sand was slowly being made under our feet. I looked up where sand comes from, "Sand is made from tiny grains of rocks and minerals. It can also be tiny particles of the shells of sea creatures. Some sand comes from the calcium (a mineral) in seaweed. Sand can be different colors. That's because shells, rocks, and minerals are different colors. Sand on beaches can be black, white, brown, green, yellow, or even pink!"

As I noticed the broken shells under our feet, I then looked around at the people. I saw such a variety of people, all shapes and sizes, nationalities. (I dare not describe them!) There were very few people on the beach that day who I would describe as "perfect", but a lot I would call "imperfect"! A fact which made me feel more comfortable and less self-conscious!

Broken shells and imperfect people... as I thought about that phrase, it reminded me: The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor 12:21-27)

Russell Moore says "What would it mean for your pro-life witness if your local congregation were served by a deacon or a worship leader with Down syndrome? What would it mean for your pro-life witness if the person reading Scripture this next Sunday isn't polished for performance but instead is

the stammering voice of an elderly woman in the beginning stages of dementia? It would signal that life is about more than perceived usefulness." [ONWARD: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel (Nashville, 2015), pp. 124-125]

Moore goes on to say, "Our congregations must be cultures of human dignity and human flourishing, workshops of kingdom reconciliation where people of different skin colors, income levels, national backgrounds and ranges of ability and disability love and serve one another.... Our churches must embody a culture of human dignity because we see bound up in that the gospel itself". (p. 126)

In an article entitled "THE BODY, THE GIFTS AND DISABILITIES: A LOOK AT 1 CORINTHIANS 12", Rick Langer gives thoughtful reflection on this idea.

"Paul offers the New Testament's fullest theology of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12. However, the very same chapter also offers a penetrating theology of the body of Christ, especially our relationships with those who are weak, less honored and less presentable. People we might today identify as the *disenfranchised* or *disabled*.

"A logic of reciprocity might entail that these people be less desirable, less honored and more dispensable. But Paul's theology of the body rejects the logic of reciprocity. He offers instead at least five specific affirmations regarding the value and importance of the "disabled" in the body of Christ.

"Those with disabilities are indispensable. In verses 21-22, Paul speaks metaphorically of an eye saying to a hand, "I have no need of you." Paul's response to this rejection is a dual affirmation: We all have gifts and all gifts are necessary. I wonder sometimes if we really believe this.

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American Baptist Women's Ministries



Giving Opportunity

During the months of March and April, 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. Thank you for your generous support of this ongoing project. Call Nancy Whipple with questions (255-7783).

March Missionaries of the Month:

Nzunga Mabudiga & Kihomi Ngwemi
Haiti
Philip & Corene Smith
Brazil

Kihomi and **Ngunga** serve as a vital link between International Ministries and the Haitian Baptist Convention. They both visit and preach in churches and serve through a variety of ministries.

Ngunga Mabudiga teaches theology at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, trains assistant professors in teaching and administers a scholarship program for elementary, high school and university students. He manages two projects: the goat and pig project for children and the clean water project for communities. He also administers the Cap Haitien Eye Clinic. **Kihomi** works with families in the areas of counseling, women's health, Community Health Evangelism and economic development. She also coordinates and advises the Women's Association of the Haitian Baptist Convention, representing women of all the Baptist denominations of Haiti at international conferences.

In Brazil, poor youths often choose life on the streets to escape the poverty of the slums and abusive families. On the streets, they are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, prostitution, substance abuse and violence.

With the blessing of the National Baptist Convention of Brazil, **Corene and Phil Smith** serve through Hope Unlimited for Children, a residential

program that rescues homeless street children ages 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education, and job training. By the time they leave, all students have completed a paid internship and are employed.

Corene works mainly with the older youth on life skills and serves as a surrogate mother to many of the children. After living in this safe, caring Christian environment, most of them decide to follow Christ. **Philip** is the program's president and CEO. He is an associate missionary serving in Brazil in a joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International.

Bible Book of the Month Galatians

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Galatians 2:20 (RSV)

When Paul wrote this letter, he was deeply troubled and distressed because he heard that the Galatians had been listening to false teachers. Paul tells of his own conversion and how he came to know that Christ was the Savior of all people.

PRAISE God for those faithful people in our churches who have a real sense of what the mission of the church is and who see themselves as part of that mission.

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 Nancy Whipple (863-2309) or give to a greeter. (See last month's Courier for the list of items.)
-Nancy Whipple

Matthew Ministries

The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, March 28th. 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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"If disabled members of the congregation are really members of the body of Christ, then they are also recipients of spiritual gifts. And if they have a spiritual gift, it is by definition a needed spiritual gift. In fact, it is *indispensable*.

"I think most churches view youth ministry as *indispensable*, but is a ministry to the disabled *indispensable*? It might be an expression of Christian love and mercy. But is it really *indispensable*? Will the body of Christ be weakened by a failure to include and enjoy the gifts of all its members? It is a provocative question.

"Those with disabilities are honored. Paul not only argues for the *indispensability* of our weaker members, but he also argues for their honor (verses 23-24). We are not merely to tolerate those who are weak; we are to honor them. It seems all too common for those with uncomfortable disabilities to be isolated rather than honored. Disabilities come with awkward sounds, uncomfortable movements and disruptions to business as usual. It is far easier to deal with challenges like this by isolating those who do such behaviors.

"But those who are isolated cannot contribute; those who cannot contribute are not needed; those who are not needed are not honored.

"Those with disabilities are accommodated. In verse 23, Paul speaks of how "our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty." He acknowledges the fact that certain accommodations need to be made. The easiest accommodations are required of our buildings-wheelchair ramps, elevators and wider corridors. The most difficult accommodations are required of our hearts. Accepting a member of the congregation sitting beside you and singing loudly, off-beat and in the wrong key requires accommodation. It is disruptive and demands space in our hearts, especially when it is not once in a while but every week.

"Those with disabilities are God-placed. The author of Hebrews exhorts us to offer hospitality because in so doing we might be "entertaining angels unawares." The implication is not so much that the person in question is literally an angel, but rather that this person has been sent by Jesus, and you are to receive him or her as you would receive Jesus Himself. Similarly, Paul reminds us that those who are less presentable, who are weaker, who are less likely to be honored, are placed in the body by the hand of God. It

is not the unfortunate consequences of the Fall but God who has "so composed the body" (verse 24). Neither you nor I nor any of our other companions in the body of Christ are accidents. We are intentions-intentionally placed by God Himself.

"Those with disabilities should contribute to unity, not division. Paul has many concerns for divisions within the Corinthian church, but a particularly notable one is found in verse 25. He desires that "there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another." It is not just faulty doctrine that causes division but also faulty relationships. Paul is clearly concerned that division might be caused by a failure to appreciate the indispensable gifts of those who are weak, less honorable or unpresentable. Let us be as diligent in watching out for failures of Christian community as we are in watching out for failures of Christian doctrine.

"A crucial question for us as leaders is, "How does our church treat those who are weak, less honored and less presentable?" Forming communities that value, honor, accommodate and accept those with disabilities is a central task of the gospel and an indispensable ministry."
(<https://www.efcatoday.org/story/body-gifts-and-disabilities>)

I had a friend, Jesse, in another church, who severe case of suffered with Cerebral palsy. CP is a group of permanent movement disorders that appear in early childhood. Signs and symptoms vary among people. Often, symptoms include poor coordination, stiff muscles, weak muscles, and tremors. There may be problems with sensation, vision, hearing, swallowing, and speaking.

One Sunday after the service, his caregiver came to me and expressed that Jesse wanted to be baptized... like *everybody* else. By this he meant, immersed. Jesse was bound to an electronic wheel chair. He was nonverbal except for squeals and shrieks, but when I prayed, he quietly closed his eyes and bowed his head. His worship consisted of lifting the one arm he could control up in praise. Jesse knew what was going on!

It took three men to carry Jesse into the baptismal pool. It took 8-minutes of the service, but we baptized him as a witness of his faith that Jesus loved and died for him, too. And Jesse let out a shriek that must have warmed God's heart!

(Continued from Daniel's Den)

Broken Shells and Imperfect People... We're all broken, imperfect, and disabled in some way. We all get ground up into the sand of life. Look at us! We're not perfect. May we be welcoming to all people no matter how broken or imperfect or "differently-abled" they might be. May we live the gospel and show the kingdom of God by seeing others as God sees them, and not as the world.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:37-40

Be the Light!

Pastor Dan

Wednesday March 6 is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Just like we observe Advent as a preparation for the Nativity at Christmas, **Lent** is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of **Easter**. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. This Lenten season, the teaching will be on **God's Plan for the Family**. May we commit this time to prepare for Easter, may our fast be to selfishness and giving more of ourselves to our primary relationships.

March-April series: God's Plan for the Family

- 03-03 Modern Family: How the Cross Reshapes the Home
- 03-10 1st Lent - Family is not First
- 03-17 2nd Lent - Man and Woman at the Cross
- 03-24 3rd Lent - Reclaiming Sexuality
- 03-31 4th Lent - The Road to and from Divorce
- 04-07 5th Lent - Parenting with the End in View
- 04-14 Palm Sunday - Family Tensions and Traumas
- 04-21 Easter - Free to Be Family

Budget Status Report

The Month of January, 2019

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$ 64,809
Offerings	<u>46,044</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 18,765)

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-The Board Of Trustees



MARRIED PEOPLE

The small group known as Married People had their first marriage retreat at the beginning of February at Hueston Woods Lodge. The retreat focus was on the Core 4 values of a marriage which were: have serious fun, love and respect, love God first and practice your promise. Within these core 4 values we covered communication, money and intimacy issues that arise in marriages. This retreat was lead by Dan and Deb Clemens along with John and Ruthie Wallace. Because the retreat was a success and because the people that attended it felt that it is very important to work on our marriages on a continual basis we decided that we would meet every 3 to 4 weeks and continue doing the curriculum that comes along with the Core 4 values. Our next meet up is Saturday, March 9th, at FBC in room 200 at 7pm. We should be done by 8:30. We would like to open this up to any married couples in the church (or outside the church) that might like to make marriage a top priority in their lives. Childcare is provided and we will begin with the 30 Day Kindness Challenge. To find out more about this simply come on March 9th or you can visit firstbaptisthamilton.org/marriedpeople.



Childcare

Awana Club

What a fantastic February we have had. We had some exciting weeks with both the Cubbies and Sparks having their matchbox races and also our first store night of the year! Mike Brudinski designed and built our racetracks for both the Cubbies and Sparks this year and they were space themed. Ewan Metzger won first place for the Cubbies, with Lillian Simpson coming in second. For Sparks Conner Wilson came first and Sophie Yantes came in second place.

Did you know that the TNT Girls and Boys are both collecting dimes to fund mosquito nets for children with our church sponsored missionaries, Dr. David and Laura Parajon?

The following are our dates from March, with the Western theme night we encourage all clubbers to dress up as cowboys/cowgirls and earn some bucks! All adults who take part with be gifted a sweet treat to eat!

Awana March Calendar Update

March 6 - Western Theme Night/Regular Club

March 13 - Regular Club

March 20 - Regular Club

March 27 - Regular Club

Looking forward to April. We will not be having regular club as various schools will have Spring Break and also to allow our families time to be together. We will be holding a special Family Easter Event on April 10th. More details will be shared in next months courier and the children will receive flyers.

KeenAger March Outing

The KeenAgers will be going to Miami University in Hamilton on **Thursday, March 28th**, at 7:00 p.m. Hamilton Rotary is presenting *Mary Poppins* at Parrish Auditorium. The bus will leave church at 6:15 p.m. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

-KeenAger Activity Committee
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

FIRST STUDENTS

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

Too often serving in the children's ministry can seem like a thankless job - from changing diapers to listening to verses or helping with bathroom breaks. (<https://ministry-to-children.com/church-nursery/>) These are seven reasons according to Ministry to Children why people should serve in church:

1. God is there. This may come as a shock, but the Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name.

2. It helps others. Your service in the children's ministry allows church goers to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children. In a way, your ministry makes it possible for the pastor to fulfill his ministry.

3. Baby's first impressions. The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery department. A positive experience in the church nursery is essential.

4. The most special assignment. When you serve in children's ministry, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us. You must be someone special to have a job that is so important.

5. Your own growth. Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a growing Christian is always a serving Christian. Jesus was known for putting others first, when you serve in the church nursery you are walking in his example.

6. Visitors first impressions. The children's ministry is often the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for your church. If they don't feel like their children are safe, they will not return - and rightly so.

7. Front-line prayers. Your service in children's ministry is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every childcare worker would spend several minutes praying over the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation. There is no better way to create an environment of spiritual nurture than to pray while you serve in the children's ministry.

Remember that God blesses those who serve his children. There are always opportunities to serve in children's ministry - please check out our information board by the check-in center.



MOPS & MomsNext of Hamilton

March 2019

Is it Spring yet? You know, I'm starting to think Punxsutawney Phil might not be a real meteorologist! Anyway, while we all wait for Spring to arrive, here's what MOPS has in store for the month of March.

Wednesday Night Discussion Group meets 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 at 6:30 PM

MOPS serves Wednesday night dinner on **March 6th** at 5:30 PM. This is a monthly fundraiser that allows us to pay for guest speakers, crafts and other activities. Anyone who volunteers at the Wednesday night dinner will earn a free MOPS meeting!

"Mom Set Free" Bible Study - Tuesday, 3/12 (9:45 - 11:00 AM): The third session of our "Mom Set Free" Bible study will continue with Chapters 7-9 in the book. Although reading ahead will allow us to have the best conversations, we understand how busy your schedule can be! If you're not able to read the chapters in advance, please don't let that prevent you from coming. We will review the chapters at the beginning. This month's Bible study deals with some of the struggles that prevent us from feeling set free as mothers - perfectionism, guilt and shame.

Moms' Night Out - Friday, 3/15 (6:30 PM): Join us for a fun girls night at Kona in Liberty Center. Please RSVP on Facebook so we know how many to expect!

Monthly MOPS/MOMSnext Meeting - Tuesday, 3/19 (9:45 - 11:30 AM): This month, we will be joined by Heather Reister, a Family & Consumer Sciences educator who will discuss meal prepping and freezer crockpot meals. We will make a spice mix to take home as well. Childcare is provided.

Mom & Child Outing - Tuesday, 3/26 (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM): Meet us at Jump & Jacks (7102 Office Park Dr, West Chester) for a play date. Our little ones can get their wiggles out while we catch up with one another. We will go to Donatos on Cin-Day Rd for lunch afterward.

We hope to see you at one of these activities this month!

With love,
The MOPS/MOMSnext Steering Team



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 has been invited to partner 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, March 9th. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector. See Mike Gipson for further details.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Reminder: All articles for the monthly newsletter, The Courier, are due in the church office by the **15th of the month**. They can be emailed to Ellie at ellie.dinger@fuse.net. Articles received after the 20th may not be in that month's newsletter.



Summer Softball

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

-Bob Burtis
Director of Sports and Recreation



March 10th
(Set your clocks up before you go to bed
Saturday, March 9th)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2019</h1>					1 9:30 Women's Bible Study <i>Jonah—A Life Interrupted</i> in Rm. 113-114	2 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
3 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern 6:00 Evening Worship	4	5 9:30 MOPS Steering	6 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana Western Theme Night 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 MOPS Discussion Gr 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir	7	8	9 11:00 FUMC Feed The Hungry 7:00 Married People
10 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern 6:00 Evening Worship	11 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library 6:00 Cabinet Meeting	12 9:45 MOPS/MOMSnext Bible Study 10:30 Holloway Circle 10:30 Abell Circle 6:00 Smith Circle	13 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 MOPS Discussion Gr 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir	14 5:30 Board of Trustees	15 9:30 Women's Bible Study <i>Jonah—A Life Interrupted</i> in Rm. 113-114 6:30 MOPS/MOMSnext Mom's Night Out @ Kona	16
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31 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern 12:00 Golden Girls Lunch 6:00 Evening Worship						



Child Care Schedule

Nursery/Toddlers (Morning)

March 3 - Brianne & Tom Ellison
 March 10 - Barb Keith
 March 17 - Sydney Wilson
 March 24 - Katie & Bryon Simpson
 March 31 - Ashley Croucher & Bri

Kiddie Church

March 3 - Katie & Taylor Spradling
 March 10 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 March 17 - Sharon Brewer & Camden Lamb
 March 24 - Shellee & Jim Ewen
 March 31 - Claire & Chris Metzger

Kinderchurch

March 3 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
 March 10 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd
 March 17 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
 March 24 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd
 March 31 - Claire & Chris Metzger

KidsChurch (Helping Karen Buchanan & Nancy Whipple)

March 3 - Mary Brown & Dale Braun
 March 10 - Katie & Bryon Simpson
 March 17 - Cathi Thomas
 March 24 - Mike & Janet Moore
 March 31 - Mike & Janet Moore



We have many slots available for our workers to sign up to be in nursery, toddler and kiddie church. Please see Cheryl if you can help out with any of these areas. We also would like to have someone to help out with Karen Buchanan during KidsChurch in room 109 during the sermon. If you have a child in any of these areas, please consider taking a turn to help out. A helper with Karen Buchanan would be someone to be with her, oversee restroom breaks, etc. as an extra adult. With our church growing in attendance, our workers need to grow in numbers too. Call Cheryl 608-8468, text, facebook, or see her at church to volunteer. Thanks so much.

Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!



Wednesday Family Dinners

March 6

Menu: Baked Potato Bar with all the trimmings,
 Tossed Salad, Cookies
 Hosts: MOPS

March 13

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage,
 Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Brown Casserole, Fruit
 Cup
 Hosts: Trustees

March 20

Menu: Ham, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole
 Slaw, Rolls, Pudding Cups
 Hosts: Berean Adult Bible Fellowship

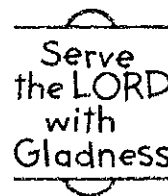
March 27

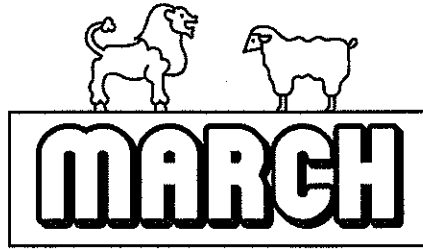
Menu: Fried Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans,
 Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Jello Cake
 Hosts: Adult Choir

Wednesday Dinner Cost Change Reminder

Adults should contribute \$6.00 per person for the meal (including children who eat from the main table), \$20 per family (those living in the same household), and children under three eat free, children eating from the hot dog table or PB&J sandwiches will be charged \$1 for each child. Be sure to make your reservation on the ConnectCard 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.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 - Debra Clemens
Tammy Gabbard
Derek Hines

2 - Edward Allen
Katie Spradling

3 - Adam Begley
Cameron Jenkins
Kelley Taylor Rion

4 - Jerri Lenehan

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

6 - Brandon Sapp

7 - Taylor Schuermann

8 - Barb Blevens
Benjamin Nguyen
Conner Nguyen

9 - Lauryn Emenaker
Nancy Humbach
Chris Metzger
Keith Wallace

11- Betty Dulli

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

13- Elaine Tragesser
Tyler Dickman

14- Christopher Arnold
Stephen Campbell
Lauren Schwab

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

20- Michelle Harris
Hannah Spicer
Jim Yates

21- Riley Bowling
Heidi Martin

22- Dwain Brewer
Pat Gingrich
David Hall
Ciaran Joseph Metzger
Steve Woollard

23- Kristin Fryer

24- Lisa Witmer
Brian Martin
Jared Morris

25- Bill Corley
Ryan Inloes
Nick Wilson

27- Taylor Emenaker
Lee Trent Yates

28- Michael Shalloe

29- Josh Braun
Bob Stanger
Freida Tuley

30- Savannah Millie Adams
Danny Sparks
Elliana Grace Spence
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 the Sandy Ammon

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and visits while I was in rehab after having total knee replacement. It meant so much to me.

From Flo Gill

Thanks again for lifting me up in prayer and showering me with cards in the passing of my sister, Ethel Stanifer. Keeping you in my thought and prayers for all you do for me.

Earn Extra Income While Helping Your Community

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a successful 2020 decennial census for municipalities across our nation. Census results are used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, they are used to draw political districts at federal, state and local levels, and affect the distribution of billions of dollars of federal funding to local communities for infrastructure and vital services like hospitals and schools.

Many Census jobs are available. We are hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Secondly, candidates can call 1-855-JOB-2020 for assistance or apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and assistance with the 2020 Census.

James Coggin
Recruiting Assistant
Columbus Area Census Office
james.c.coggin@2020census.gov

In The Wild - VBS 2019

We are continually preparing for Vacation Bible School (July 8th - 12th). From prepping decorations, to planning crafts, writing lessons, organizing groups etc we prayerfully plan for a safe, fun and Christ filled VBS. There are many ways to help, from praying for individual classes, to cutting out leaves, or running copies the list goes on. Any and all help is appreciated!

We are collecting Altoid tins for a craft and we are also in need of maps in any shape or size! These can be left in the office with Ellie.

Kiddie And Kinderchurch

Kiddie and Kinderchurch will be working through Jeremiah. We will focus on God's calling to Jeremiah, the covenant that was prophesied and how Judah was taken into captivity. Each session begins with both groups coming together for worship, and a short video based on the Biblical story. Every lesson makes connections between the Old Testament and Jesus and His salvation. Our numbers vary from a total of 10 - 30 children and we do appreciate teenage helpers. So if your teenager would like to sign up to help once a month, please let us know!

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