

# The Courier

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



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*"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"*

*May, 2015*

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## *From Daniel's Den It's my pleasure!*

One of the things I love about Hamilton is Chick-fil-A! I love their chicken! I love their clean stores! I love their polite servers! I love hearing "It's my pleasure!" I love their family values! I love that they are closed on Sunday! Much of what I love about Chick-fil-A are how they embody their corporate values... what they stand for... what defines them... what makes them who they are. One of those core values is to have an attitude of serving others.

Jesus spoke to his disciples on that last intimate night together and articulated His core values for his followers.

*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.... "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:12-17, 34-35)*

The value of loving service is the defining attitude of a follower of Jesus. This is the testimony of the scriptures...

*Matthew 20:27-28 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

*Galatians 5:13 ... serve one another humbly in love.*

*Ephesians 6:7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,*

One of my favorite songs was written by Steve Green in 1984. Read slowly through the loving service we are

called to share in these words. They challenge us to share the loving service of our faith in Jesus Christ with a lost and empty world.

### People Need The Lord

Every day they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eyes.  
Empty people filled with care,  
Headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain,  
Living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries,  
Only Jesus hears.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize, people need the Lord?

We are called to take His light  
To a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost  
For sharing Life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel  
All the grief they bear.  
They must hear the Words of Life  
Only we can share.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize that we must give our lives,  
For people need the Lord.

People need the Lord.

As I ask God for His vision to permeate our congregation, loving service is the value we care called to embody. By this everyone will know that we are Jesus' disciples, if we love and serve one another and our community. It's our pleasure!

—Pastor Dan Clemens

## ABW Joint Circles' Dinner

All of our ABW Circles will meet for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 200. Please bring a covered dish to share. All the ladies of the church are invited to join us.

–ABW President, Nancy Whipple

May Missionaries of the Month:

### **Lebanon Daniel & Sarah Chetti**

Dan & Sarah Chetti serve at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon. It is a Regional seminary drawing students from nine countries across the Middle East and North Africa. Dan teaches history of Christianity and Historical Theology. He also serves as a member of the faculty council and mentors students. For the past few years, Sarah has been pioneering a ministry among the foreign migrant women working as maids in Lebanon. Both are active in the International Church in Beirut and its Ministry Leadership Team, and they also lead a Home Group.

### **Laos & Thailand Matthew & Lori Mann**

Matt & Lori Mann serve in Laos and Thailand. In Laos, they work alongside a team of Lao Christians to rescue and protect victims of exploitation and human trafficking. This ministry involves a drop-in center for street and slum children, HOPE Home for street boys, HOPE Home for girl victims of human trafficking, and scholarships for vulnerable children. They also raise community awareness about issues such as child abuse, child exploitation and human trafficking. In Thailand, Matt works with the Karen Baptist Convention to develop Christian leaders and help villagers improve their livelihood through savings groups and village cooperatives.

## **Bible Book For May . . . . . Malachi**

*"I am the Lord, and I do not change."*  
Malachi 3:6a (TEV)

Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament canon. It's author is unknown. It's title comes from the opening words of chapter 3, "My messenger" (in Hebrew, "malachi"). Malachi is a book of passion.

The author loves the temple and its worship. He demands much of the priests in their office and values religious instruction. He goes beyond the laws of Moses to root God's will in the creation stories of Genesis (2:10). He ends as do the later prophets with a vision of that day when the Lord will punish the wicked and revive the just.

**PRAY** for the unity of purpose that draws Christians together from local to national levels as we seek to carry out the Great Commission within American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

## **Giving Opportunity**

'Tis the season for grilling! For the months of May and June, we will collect **barbecue sauce** and **cans of pork and beans** for the food pantry at New Life Baptist Mission. Place your donations in the box labeled "New Life Mission" in the coat room outside the Family Center. Please contact Nancy Whipple with any questions. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these".

## **Judson Village Donations**

We will be making another trip to Judson Village in May with items for their gift shop. Feel free to donate knick knacks, costume jewelry, or any other items you think the residents would be interested in purchasing. New items only! Place your donations in the box marked "Judson Village" in the coat room.



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, May 28th. 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. We need more people to be involved with this ministry!

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## Letter Carriers' Food Drive

In these last four or five years, Shared Harvest Foodbank in Fairfield has felt the strain of ensuring our partner food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters have sufficient supplies of food for a growing number of families. The National Association of Letter Carriers and rural carriers in Butler County are asking for your help in battling hunger during the upcoming "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive Saturday, May 9th. Since local carriers began participating in the largest one-day food drive in America in 1995, they have collected more than one million pounds of food... thanks to your generous help!

Letter carriers will pick-up donations while delivering your mail that day, so just set bags or boxes of non-perishable food items next to your mailbox. In addition to pick-ups on city postal routes in Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown, Monroe, Oxford and Trenton, rural carriers are picking-up food donations on rural routes too.

All of the food you donate goes to Shared Harvest Foodbank, which passes it along to soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters and other emergency food programs in Butler County. It's distributed during summer months when children in need are home from school and parents are faced with providing additional meals for them.

Imagine how much food could be generated if every person put out two cans of food on Saturday, May 9th! We ask for your prayers and your support. God bless you for your generosity.

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### Save The Date!!

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

**Unity**  
**City-Wide Faith Based Alliance**  
**"Building A Beloved Community"**

Booker T. Washington Community Center  
1140 S. Front Street

#### Unity Picnic

Come together for food, music, fun, games and worship for the entire family. This is the fourth annual community picnic organized by the City-Wide Faith Based Alliance

Everyone is free and all are invited!

## Budget Status Report

### The Month of March, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$54,501
Offerings	<u>70,842</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$16,341

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$49,375
Offerings	<u>70,842</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$21,467

### The Year Through March, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$164,636
Offerings	<u>172,582</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 7,946

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$154,993
Offerings	<u>172,582</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 17,589

—The Board Of Trustees



### An Opportunity For All

Saturday morning, May 2nd, at 8:30 a.m. we will gather at the church for our Annual Spring Clean-Up of our grounds. Weeds need to be pulled, shrubs, trimmed, flowers planted, mulch spread, litter picked up, etc., etc! There is a job for every one. Please bring hand spades, weed eaters, rakes, blowers, pruning loppers, shovels, pruning shears, etc. Come when you can, stay as long as your schedule will allow. We will be here from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you for using your time and talents to beautify the Lord's house.

—The Trustees

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### Spring Trip To Oneida, KY

Jerry Hampton, Jim Baker, and Mike Gipson will be making the spring pilgrimage to Oneida Baptist Institute on Monday, May 4th. The campus has approximately 450 teens grades 6 through 12 and are in need of all help possible. Please bring any good used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, etc. that you would like to donate to the building and place them in the coat room. Please put the items in plastic trash bags and mark them for Oneida. (Please, because of storage problems - NO donations after Sunday, May 3rd.) **Anyone** is welcome to ride along with them. Donations for gasoline are appreciated.



Awana Clubbers! We only have 3 more regular nights! Many of you are really close to finishing your book for the year and we are very proud of all the progress that everyone has done. Don't forget that the Awards, Fun Fair and last store are all on the same night. Invite your family and friends to share this special night with you.

**Awana May Calendar**

- 6th - Regular Club Night/Staff Meeting
- 13th - Regular Club Night
- 20st - Favorite Theme Night (your choice)
- 27th - Awards Night/Fun Fair in Family Center/Store

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,  
Awana Commanders

**LEGO Party**

April 25, twenty boys and ten adults gathered for a Lego Party in room 107 downstairs. We played games, lego bingo, had a skit, pizza and treats, a lesson, and each boy received a 3-1 Lego kit to put together and take home! Lego bingo was a lot of fun, especially with a certain British person calling the Lego figures and describing them to each eager boy waiting to get 5 in a row and yelling “Legos” instead of bingo. We also had a lesson from 1 Kings 17:7-24 about the widow and her son and sharing her giving her meager food supply with Elijah, God's prophet. God always has a plan for us, and we need to follow his directions in every way of our lives.

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



**When You Thought I Wasn't Looking**

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,  
and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you feed a stray cat,  
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I say you make my favorite cake for me,  
and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I heard you say a prayer,  
and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I felt you kiss me goodnight,  
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw tears come from your eyes,  
and I learned that sometimes things hurt,  
but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw that you cared,  
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I looked . . .  
and I wanted to say thanks for all the things  
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.



## “Lemonade”

Have you ever heard the old saying “*When life gives you lemons, make lemonade*”? Join us on the first Saturday in May as we look at a fun and fresh way to bring women together for a time of refreshment...not only with lemonade but with God's message of new life. This zesty event uses the popular concept of “upcycling” (if you don't know what that is come and find out!) to start the conversation about the new life we have in Christ. Stop by the table by the gym for more information and to purchase tickets (\$5 to cover the cost of refreshments and supplies).

**What:** LEMONADE - a fun event for women to celebrate spring, be refreshed and enjoy a time of fellowship.

**When/Where:** Saturday, May 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in room 200

**Why:** For a refreshing time of fellowship

**Cost of tickets:** \$5 to cover supplies and refreshments. Please purchase at the table by the gym by April 26.

**Bring:** A clean, old t-shirt for "upcycling" (it doesn't matter color or size) and a pair of sharp scissors if you have them.



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*“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone, a new life has begun.”*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

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## KeenAger May Outing

The KeenAgers will be going to the Historical Society in Hamilton Tuesday, May 19th. We will have lunch together following the tour. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. Please sign the list on the KeenAger bulletin board.

–KeenAger Activity Directors  
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

## April Showers Bring May Flowers But June Brings Beth Moore

Popular speaker and Bible teacher Beth Moore will be presenting a week-end conference at US Bank Arena in downtown Cincinnati on Friday evening, June 26 and Saturday, June 27. The Women's Ministry Team would like to provide an opportunity for a group from FBC to attend.

Because of the close proximity we plan to take the church bus on both Friday evening and Saturday morning. But we also realize that some women might like to join forces and stay the night in a downtown hotel. Some hotels are offering special rates for event attendees.

The cost for the week-end conference is \$69 and hotel prices range from about \$100-\$200 (for a room that sleeps 4). We will take orders for tickets and arrange for transportation. For those wanting to stay overnight in Cincy we will provide information about hotels but will ask for those people to make their own arrangements.

We would like to have tickets purchased by the end of May. Watch the table by the gym for more information on tickets and other arrangements as we get closer to the date.



## Serve City Update

Our dinners at the Serve City Shelter continue on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thanks to our MOPS group for serving the April meal. May is covered by the Smith and Holloway Circles and the June meal will be prepared by the Abell Circle. We appreciate the choir who did a meal in March.. Your continued support of this ongoing service project is greatly appreciated.

In His Service,  
Nancy Whipple, Women's Ministry Committee



**From The Heart Of  
Becky**

**College Corner**

**E-Mail From God**

**Have I Got A Plan For You!**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”—Jeremiah 29:11*

Dear Child,

Sometimes it seems like everyone, including your friends, your parents, and maybe even yourself, has a plan for you. Well, I have a plan for you, too. I created you with a plan in mind. It is your destiny—the reason you exist.

We have adventures to go on, you and I. There are new friends for you to meet and new places for you to explore. There will be tough times, but I’ll give you strength; and when you’re lost, I’ll show you the way back home. So when you need to make a decision, pray first and then listen. You will hear a whisper inside yourself. Trust me. I only want to bless you!

Your Trail Guide,  
God

—Serving in His name,  
Becky Scripture  
College/Career Coordinator



**Church Family Picnic**

Sunday, May 24th

Immediately following the morning worship service today, the Diaconate and the Board of Christian Education invites the congregation to gather in Holloway Park for a church-wide picnic. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and beverage. The congregation should bring your choice of salads, desserts, chips, etc., along with lawn chairs. There will be games for the kids, corn hole, and volleyball. Casual dress today. Please join us.

**KingsKids  
Presentation**

Sunday, May 17th  
6:00 p.m.

***Back To The Cross***  
**A Kids Musical Adventure Through Time.**

Created by Christy Semsen  
Arranged by Daniel  
Directed by Katie Simpson

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**Wanted: Memories Of  
First Baptist Church**

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

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

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**Olivia West In *The Miracle Worker***

Olivia West is in Greater Hamilton Civic Theatre's production of *The Miracle Worker* April 30th - May 3rd. Call 737- 7529 or her grandma Karen Buchanan 470- 7170 for tickets.

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**Women’s Ministry Dressmaking**

The ladies are invited to gather again Saturday, May 16th, at 9:30 a.m. to make dresses. Bring your sewing machines and sergers and your creativity. John Motzer will be serving lunch for us. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 16th**. Hope to see you!



## We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."* Psalm 122:1

Congratulations to those who had perfect Sunday School attendance for January, February, and March, 2015.

### Primary

Janet Day

### Middler

Alex Wallace

### Junior

Lisa Dulli

Trevor Allen

### Seventh/Eighth

Linda Wallace

### Homebuilders

Jerry Wallace

Debbie Allen

Brad Gerth

Maria Miller

Judy Wallace

### FOCUS

Rick Baker

Bob Borden

Bud Braun

Carole Busch

Jerry Busch

Dolly Houser

Carol Howard

Bill Roberts

### Yada Sisterhood

Kathy Click

Brenda Brown

Ruth Gaskins

### Men

Josh Day

### Ladies of Tirzah

Amy Wallace

### Parenting

Stan Brown

### Legacy Builders

Andrew Sommers

### Keystone

Zeke Bowling

### Office

Linda Gibbs

John Motzer

## VBS 2014 Journey Off The Map

July 13-17

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

We are working very hard to decorate for our journey to the unknown this summer. You will enter into the jungle and not sure where you will be going. But God knows, because He will be making the journey with us. Our key verse for the week is **"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. Wouldn't it be great if you came to the first day of VBS and knew your key verse and could repeat it to your leader! Registration will be online and at the connector table starting June 21st. We are looking forward to seeing you and going on this journey with you. Invite a friend, it may be the best thing that ever happened to them!

Register online at <http://www.firstbaptisthamilton.org>

For the adults out there, we still have positions to fill so we can offer the best VBS that we always do. Teen helpers please see Claire to sign up the area that you want to be in. **We also need to fill the specialty areas of snack leader and photographer.** An all staff VBS meeting will be later in the month of June for last minute instructions. A date will be announced in the June courier and the bulletins. Leaders can find decorating ideas on the Journey with Jesus 2015 board on Pinterest from either Cheryl or Claire if you follow either of us. Oriental Trading also has a good selection under the name "Walk His Way"

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

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## Corrections and Additions To The Courier

Please update your directory with these additions or changes. Call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

### **Borden, Bob**

110 Southport Road

Apartment # 8, Building 1

Spartanburg, SC 29305

### **Whipple, Nancy**

Email: [nancy.whipple16@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.whipple16@gmail.com)



Sunday School Promotion Day will be during the last part of the Sunday School hour on May 31st for all children completing grades 6 through 12. On June 4th, these students should report directly to their new class. All other school age children will be promoted in September at the beginning of the new school year.

—John Motzer  
Sunday School Superintendent



We had 20 moms attend April's MOPS meeting. One mom noted how MOPS has helped her grow in connection to God and other moms. Thank you for supporting the MOPS ministry. We are especially grateful for those of you who stepped in to be substitute childcare volunteers last month. We could not have had our meeting without you. Please continue to pray for MOPS and the positive impact it is having on families.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 19th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is *Valiant Motherhood: Spring Fling*. Moms will enjoy a fun morning as we celebrate motherhood and the end to another successful year of MOPS.

Additional MOPS events in May include a Moms' Night Out on Thursday, May 14th at 7p.m. at Lucinda Allgyer's house to prepare for our MOPS yard sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th from 8a.m.-6p.m. at Lucinda Allgyer's house, and a fun mom/child outing to Fort Liberty Park on Tuesday, May 26th at 10a.m. Please contact me at [allison\\_sommers@yahoo.com](mailto:allison_sommers@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or if you want to get involved in MOPS.

Serving Him,  
Allison Sommers



May 7, 2015



## Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2015

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

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

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

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay 1/2 of the fee up to \$150.00 of those who attend **First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps.

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

–Brian Chamberlain  
Camp Coordinator





## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

May 3 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
May 10 - Linda & Larry Wallace  
May 17 -  
May 24 - Carolyn Dudley & Teen Helper  
May 31 - Kathy Inloes & Ashley

### One & Two Year Olds

May 3 - Barb Hendricks & Gary Swindall  
May 10 - Emily Cain & Teen Helper  
May 17 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
May 24 - Barb Hendricks & Cheryl Lambertson  
May 31 -

### Kiddie Church

May 3 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
May 10 - Angie Inloes & Ashley  
May 17 - Vicky Baker & Sharon Brewer  
May 24 -  
May 31 - Deb Clemens & Anna Wallace

### Kinderchurch

May 3 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara  
May 10 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
May 17 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara  
May 24 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle  
May 31 - Cheryl Motzer, Syd & Noëlle



## 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 child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the Child Care Coordinator: Cheryl Motzer - (868-1888). Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

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



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### May 6

Menu: Beef Stew over Hot Buttered Noodles, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Loretta's Texas Sheet Cake  
Hosts: Chancel Choir

### May 13

Menu: Baked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler  
Hosts: Deacons

### May 20

Menu: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Brownies  
Hosts: Deaconesses

### May 27

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
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 then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

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## May Greeters

Stacy Dickman, Nancy Follmer, Jerry Hampton,  
Sandy Keller, & Mary Petry  
Mike Gipson, Substitute  
Gary Swindall, Sunday School Greeter



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# May 2015

**3**

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

**10** Mother's Day!

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship

**17**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Diaconate  
6:00 KingsKids present  
*Back To The Cross*

**24**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
12 :00 Church Picnic

**31**

9:15 Sunday School  
Promotion  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 CE Board  
6:00 CREW Lifeline  
6:00 Evening Programs

**4**

5:30 Spring Trip To  
Oneida

**11**

11:00 Women's Book  
Club at Fairfield  
Lane Library

**18**

5:30 Serve City Meal

**25**

**5**

9:30 MOPS Steering  
6:30 Men's Softball # 4

**12**

10:30 Holloway Circle  
10:30 Abell Circle  
6:00 Smith Circle  
8:30 Men's Softball # 1

**19**

9:30 MOPS Spring Fling  
10:00 KeenAgers trip to  
Historical Society in  
Hamilton  
7:30 Men's Softball # 2

**26**

8:30 Men's Softball # 1

**6**

5:00 ABW Meeting  
6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana/**Staff Meeting**  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**13**

6:30 Awana  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**20**

6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana-Favorite  
Theme Night  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**27**

6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 AwanaAwards Night/  
Fun Fair in Family  
Center/Store  
6:30 CREW Lifeline  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**7** National Day of Prayer!

**14**

5:30 Board of Trustees

**21**

**28**

**1**

**8**

**15**

**22**

**29**

**2**

8:30 Spring Clean-Up Day  
9:00 Men's Prayer  
Gathering  
9:30 Women's Ministry  
Council's *Lemonade*

**9**

Letter Carriers' "Stamp  
Out Hunger" Food Drive

**16**

9:30 Women's Ministry  
Council's  
Dressmaking  
4:00 KingKids Dress  
Rehearsal

**23**

**30**



# MAY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 1 - Harold Sapp  | 16 - Raegan Miles<br>Olivia West                       | 29 - Abby Gentry<br>Dorothy Hollowell<br>Heather Keith |
| 3 - Bob Arnold<br>Jeff Hazelwood<br>Tracy Scott<br>Douglas Rocco Sizemore                                    | 17 - Sydney Ruwe<br>Ashley Wilson                      | 30 - Alaina Faith Witmer                               |
| 4 - Logan Stanger<br>William Sizemore  | 18 - Ruth Gaskins                                      | 31 - Frances Bailey<br>Isaiah Witmer                   |
| 6 - Natalie Banks<br>Lisa Dulli<br>Lilly Gibson  | 19 - Darlene Gibson<br>Ron Herzog<br>Lucille Lancaster |  |
| 7 - Justin Zeek  | 20 - Danielle Williamson<br>Samantha Williamson        |  |
| 9 - Lyndsay Begley<br>Tonya Metzger<br>Paul Dudley<br>Alex Hendrickson<br>Nick Hounshell<br>Mary Ella Hudson | 22 - Elyssa Hines<br>Jeanette Schwab                   |  |
| 10 - Clinton Harris<br>Pauline Johnson<br>Omega Murrell  | 24 - Will Bowling<br>Josh Metzger<br>Marilyn Shearer   |  |
| 12 - Jerri Begley  | 25 - Tiffany Jordon<br>Abram James Simpson             |  |
| 13 - Bill Abrams<br>Denise Cox   | 26 - Juanita Hazelwood<br>Amanda Mason                 |  |
| 15 - Drew Helton<br>Priscilla Phillips Cress   | 27 - Joshua Chamberlain<br>Daniel Morris<br>Iva Voss   |  |
|  | 28 - Jerry Hampton<br>Geraldine Smith<br>Bryan Wallick |  |

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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Men's Softball Schedule  
(First Half of Season)

## Personal Notes

### From Crosspointe International Ministries

We want to thank you for the beautiful pillowcases you sent to Armenia. The residents of Hope House really liked them. We so appreciate your heart for missions. God bless you! (Some of the ladies made 75 bright pillowcases for Lil Wilson to take to Armenia on her mission trip.)

### From Flo Gill

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and concern during and after my surgery. I'm certain God's hand played a major role in the success of the surgery and the speedy recovery. What a joy to be a part of the family of God.

### From Erin Grindstaff (Classical Conversations-Homeschooling)

Words cannot express how grateful our CC community is for your generosity towards us. Being able to use your facility is such a blessing. A special thanks to Ellie and Curtis who are always so kind and helpful! Many blessings!

### From Jim Powell

The Powell family wants to thank everyone for their prayers for the restoration of my brother, Jerry's, eye sight. His eye sight is improving weekly and is now able to read a few lines in the newspaper. The improvement was dependent on keeping the eye pressure between 14 and 20. The latest reading was 16 through a change in eye drops. As long as he can maintain within the 14 to 20 range his eye sight will continue to improve. We thank everyone for their prayers, and request their continued prayers. **THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER!!**

### From Mary & J.K. Walker

This is a long over-due thank you for the cards, gifts, visits, and especially the prayers for me when I had a total knee replacement back in December. The recuperation period and rehab was long, due to other complications. Anyway, the "Lord is Good-All the Time" and I am now on the road to recovery. J.K. also had a 5 day visit to the hospital in March due to an intestinal blockage and again a few days in April. He, too, is very grateful to our wonderful church family for your care and concern for him during these periods of time.

April 21 # 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
April 28 # 4 @ 7:30 p.m.  
April 28 # 4 @ 8:30 p.m.  
May 5 # 4 @ 6:30 p.m.  
May 12 # 1 @ 8:30 p.m.  
May 19 # 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
May 26 # 1 @ 8:30 p.m.

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