

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

May, 2016

From Daniel's Den Deployed for Christ

We are focused on making disciples. Jesus gave this final commission, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19) In [DISCIPLE/SHIFT: Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples](#), Putman & Harrington say the fifth step is to move "From Accumulating to Deploying".

They say, "By deploying (or releasing), I mean they walk out of the discipleship process equipped and motivated to share their faith with the lost wherever they work or live or go to school - any place they interact with other people... They understand that they are ministers who serve wherever they go on the world... and win people to the Lord and disciple them as they serve as missionaries in the communities where they live." (p. 203)

We are in the business of going and making disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them (discipling) to obey everything Jesus has commanded us to live for Him.

For this reason, we have recognized two young people we want to further disciple to deploy them into serving Christ, and thus have designed **Internships** to disciple them on their way to defining their calling from Christ. Pastor Justin drafted a document which states, "The vision behind FBCH's internships is to establish up and coming leaders within the local church. By partnering with a ministry leader the intern will gain invaluable experience within a particular ministry as well as grow spiritually. An internship at FBCH seeks to develop a future leader of the church by developing their character and leadership in addition to their spiritual formation."

Joshua Click has been asked to serve as **Summer Intern for Youth**. He will be learning about youth ministry and helping to develop expanded youth ministry particularly as we look toward ministry for middle school students. Justin Davis will mentor Josh. Josh is a senior at Miami University and the son of Mark and Kathy Click.

Emily Miller has been asked to serve as **Summer Intern**

for Worship. She will be mentored by Roger Chamberlain and Laurin Sprague. She will have opportunity to experience worship design and leadership, as well as performance. Emily is a sophomore at Belmont University in TN, and the daughter of Wayne and Debbie Miller.

We are also deploying into our community to share Christ and make disciples of persons whose primary language is Spanish. Latinos are an under-served population in Butler County and the Mission Board feels led to initiate this local mission. For this reason, we have called **Rev. Ruben Calzado**, to be **FBCH Latino Pastor** to begin a **Latino Ministry** to the community. Ruben and his wife Yuseedy (pronounced U-C-D) and their son Samuel (age 8) will begin their ministry May 15. They will lead a worship service in Spanish starting in the Chapel, and begin making contacts in the community to share the gospel and disciple Latino members.

Also, as we seek to raise up and deploy maturing disciples into the community and beyond, we are examining our organizational structure to make it our ministry well-organized and biblical. We have shared with the Advisory Board and congregation the appointment of our **Constitution Review Committee**. They are Mag Baker, Larry Bowling, Mike Braun, Teene Campbell, Andrew Sommers, and Jerry Wallace. This committee will report to the Cabinet, who in turn will report to the boards and ultimately to the congregation for final acceptance of any revisions that are to be made in our constitution.

The Great Commission is not just for pastors and church leaders, but for every believer in Jesus Christ. We are to all to GO into our world with the light of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips. We are to all MAKE DISCIPLES as we follow Jesus together. We are to disciple those within our spheres of influence that "we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Heb 10:24) First Baptist, we are deployed for ministry!

Be the light!
Pastor Dan

(Continued on the inside)

ABW Joint Circles' Dinner

All of our ABW Circles will meet for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, June 14th, 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 have been serving in Lebanon for over a decade. Dan works at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, preparing leaders for ministry in the Middle East and North Africa. There he is an adjunct professor, a member of the Faculty Council and a student mentor and does research and writing on contemporary Christianity. Dan is currently promoting a strategic ministry concept called "Arab World Initiative". Sarah's main ministry is among the foreign migrant women working as maids in Lebanon. She founded Insaaf, an integrated center for domestic workers, and makes prison visits to women who have been arrested for lack of identification documents. Dan and Sarah are active members of the International Church in Beirut. They host small groups and Dan is a member of the Leadership Team, through which he preaches and coordinates mission outreach.

Laos & Thailand Matthew & Lori Mann

Laos is one of the poorest countries in the world and a target country for pedophiles and human traffickers. Because of poverty, lack of education and desperation, Lao children who live on the street, in slums or in impoverished families are targets of organized sex trafficking syndicates, both locally and internationally.

In Laos, Matt & Lori Mann work with street children, slum children and girls who have been sold or are at high risk of being sold to human traffickers. In order to help protect and restore these children, the Manns are involved in five main interventions: a daytime drop-in center for street and slum children, residential care for boys who were brought off the street and for girls who were victims of human trafficking or are at high risk of being victims, a scholarship program for children who would otherwise be sent to the city to beg and raising

community awareness about issues such as child abuse, child exploitation and human trafficking. In Thailand, Matt is also involved in leadership development and rural community development.

Bible Book For May Nahum

"The Lord is good; He protects His people in times of trouble; He takes care of those who turn to Him."
Nahum 1:7 (TEV)

The theme of this book is the judgment of Nineveh, the city that Jonah warned. God is sending Nahum to declare righteous judgment upon Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, which was the center of an empire that seemed to be unconquerable terror to the Jewish people. Its cruelties had created bitter hatred against it among many peoples, and by the latter part of the 7th century BC, wickedness had weakened it from within.

From Nahum's prophecy comes the great truth that in the long course of history, nations that are evil come under God's judgment, but we also see the merciful forgiveness of God when the Ninevites repented.

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.

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".



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May & June message series: **Survivor - Family Edition**

- 5/01 **True Religion** part 5... whatever you did ... for me.
Mt 25:31
- 5/08 **Survivor - Family** part 1 What God Can Do for Your Family
- 5/15 **Survivor - Family** part 2 How to Build a Marriage that Lasts
- 5/22 **Survivor - Family** part 3 How to Survive Conflict
- 5/29 **Survivor - Family** part 4 From Survivors to Overcomers
- 6/05 **Survivor - Family** part 5 Recipe for Successful Parenting
- 6/12 **Survivor - Family** part 6 What to Do with a Prodigal Child
- 6/19 **Survivor - Family** part 7 How to Raise Your Kids without Losing Their Respect
- 6/26 **The Statutes of Liberty** part 1
-Pastor Dan Clemens

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 14th. 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 14th! We ask for your prayers and your support. God bless you for your generosity.

Budget Status Report

The Month of March, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$69,249
Offerings	<u>57,262</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$11,987)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$66,056
Offerings	<u>57,262</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$ 8,794)

The Year Through March, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$212,903
Offerings	<u>167,910</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$44,993)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$200,892
Offerings	<u>167,910</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$ 32,982)

-The Board Of Trustees



An Opportunity For All

Saturday morning, May 7th, 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

A Word of Caution

Whenever you park your vehicle here at church, regardless of the time of day or night, remember to avoid leaving valuables in plain sight. There have been no incidents of break-ins here at FBC for a long while but there were some a few weeks ago at a church in New Miami which resulted in the theft of purses.

-Board of Trustees



Save The Date!!

June 11, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wow, its hard to believe that an entire Awana year is nearly completed, it seems like just yesterday that we were opening new packages with new material! It has been a delight to spend time with your children working through the Scriptures each week, we know it is sometimes a challenge to memorize verses especially when our week seems to be busy and packed but the effort really pays off. We have seen clubbers explain God's plan of salvation, answer questions and recall a great detail of wealth. It has made our hearts sing with joy on Wednesdays!

The following are the dates for May. After Awana ends we will not begin our Wednesday summer programing until June 15th Anyone who wants to support us in this ministry, please let us know as we work with all the children from babies on up, and we would like to split the children into age groups.

Awana May Calendar

- 4th - Regular Club Night/Staff Meeting
- 11th - Regular Club Night
- 18th - Favorite Theme Night (clubbers choice)
- 25th - Awards Night/Fun Fair in Family Center/Store

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Commanders

Childcare

As always we are looking to fill spots in all areas of childcare on Sundays. If you like to see smiling faces join our kids - they'll make your day! Without your valuable help we cannot watch our children and allow their families to go to worship.

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

Graduates Information

If you are graduating from High School, College, or a Trade School, please get your information to Marilyn Bowling and/or Justin Davis.

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!

KeenAger May Outing

The KeenAgers are going to a Cincinnati Red's game Wednesday, May 4th. The bus will leave church at 10:30.

-KeenAger Activity Directors
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

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.

Day, Charlotte
3342 Benninghofen Avenue
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Jessica
Hunter
Carlie

Phone # 341-0300

VonStein, Margie
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Aaron's Attic *Your Kingdom Come*

How often do you pray the Lord's Prayer? Do you prefer transgressions/transgressors, debts/debtors, trespasses/those who trespass against us, or sins/those who have sinned against us? This article isn't about that phrase but one that comes early on in the prayer. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." Have you ever wondered just what exactly we are praying when we pray that part of the prayer?

When we pray for the Lord's Kingdom to come, we are praying for His reign to be further extended. The Kingdom of God is the place where God reigns fully. We are praying that His reign expands over the Earth. The Kingdom of God continues to break into this world through His people, the Church (us), and to take back dominion from the kingdom of this world.

As I pray the Lord's prayer (typically on my drive into church in the morning), I pause at the end of certain phrases where I feel led by the Lord. I'll start, "Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy Name" (most of the time I put it into my own words) but then I typically pause and praise God for His Holiness and His Name that is above all Names. I encourage you to feel freedom in praying the Lord's prayer in the same way.

The part of the prayer where I always pause is right after I pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." Here I'll pray, "Lord reign in my heart." or "Lord, further Your reign in my heart." Then I'll pray in the same way for my family members, my extended family, and my church family. There is power in asking the Lord to expand His reign in our lives, and I would encourage you to make it a rhythm of your day.

The Lord's Prayer is a wonderful way to begin your communication with the Lord each day. Know that as you sincerely pray for His reign to expand in your heart and life, He will, indeed, do so, expanding His reign in you and furthering you as a reflection of our Lord Jesus.

May He expand His reign in each of our hearts this day.

—Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor

Local Short-Term Mission Trip To Camp Kirkwood

FBC is planning a local mission experience May 22-26, helping Camp Kirkwood prepare for the upcoming camping season. Participants will help in cleaning, painting, and grounds maintenance during the day and have fellowship in the evening. Meals will be provided and participants will be spending the nights at the camp. Please sign up in the connector if you are interested in being part of this mission experience. If unable to attend the entire session, you can sign up to help for part of the time too. See Ann Brown for additional information.

Casket Empty **New Testament Seminar** **Saturday, May 21st 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** **At First Baptist - Room 200.**

God's Plan of redemption Through History
The Story of the Bible Simply Explained
with Jesus at its Center

Lunch will be provided to all who RSVP by May 15th to: aaron.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org. Free Child Care will be provided but please RSVP with childcare needs.

—Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor



Serve City Update

Our dinners at the Serve City Shelter continue on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thanks to our Chancel Choir for serving the April meal. Your continued support of this ongoing service project is greatly appreciated.

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

What Was It Like To Be Mary?

What was it like to be Mary - Luke 1: 26-35
A young girl, meek and mild,
When an angel told her she's carry
God's one and only child?

What was it like telling Joseph Matt. 1: 18-19
A story he wouldn't believe
About that angelic visit
And the child that she had conceived?

What was it like to be Mary, Luke 1: 38
Doubted by neighbors and clan,
Ostracized and rejected
As she carried out God's plan?

What was it like to be Mary, Luke 2: 7
Being told that there was "no room"
Only shelter in a stable
For the birth place of Jesus, her son?

What was it like to be Mary - Matt. 2: 16-18
Fleeing the king's dread decree,
While boy babes were all being slaughtered -
But her child would set mankind free?

What was it like to be Mary Luke 2: 40
As she watched her young toddler grow,
Knowing that He was God in the flesh -
A sinless young man, white as snow?

What was it like to be Mary Luke 2: 41-50
On the way back home from the Feast,
Aware that Jesus was missing,
And finding Him talking with priests?

What was it like to be Mary Mark 1: 14-15
When Jesus was thirty years old
And stepped out into ministry
As the angel had foretold?

What was it like to be Mary - John 2: 1-11
To see water turn into wine?
To watch Lazarus come forth from the tomb?

To see sight restored to the blind? Mark 8: 22-26

What was it like to be Mary Luke 2: 34-35
As He preached what they didn't want to hear,
And she knew that her heart would be broken
As His path to Golgotha grew near?

What was it like to be Mary John 19: 17-37
At the foot of the cross that sad day,
Watching, through tears, as the life blood
Of Jesus was slipping away?

What was it like to be Mary John 19: 23-24
As the soldiers cast lots for His clothes?

As He was carried to the tomb? John 19:38
As three days later He arose? Mark 16: 5-6

What was it like to be Mary Luke 24:50-51
When He ascended into Heaven,
Knowing He died for her,
Knowing one day she'd see Him again?

What Was It Like To Be Mary?

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Luke 2: 19

By Florence Jones



Michael A. Folkes and our Team extends our heartfelt thank you to all that participated in the "MIC" Mighty In Charter Flint Water Initiative! Please view the attached video of the inception to the first truckload delivery that took place on Friday, April 15th in Flint, Michigan.

We met those in the economically disadvantage communities that were literally effected by the water crisis and was able to hear their stories. They were grateful to know that people like YOU reached out to assist them.

Because of you, we still have more truckloads of water to deliver to bless the homes/people of Flint! We thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do in the lives of others. Please connect with us on social media as our live links are below to see the upcoming footage.

CONNECT WITH US!

www.MightyInCharacter.com

Bettina Short

Public Relations/Marketing Manager
M.A. Folkes Company, Inc./Melbourne and Michael
Folkes Foundation

Just-in Time's

School's wrapping up, but we are still going full-steam! Expect a summer calendar to roll out here in the next few weeks. We are excited to announce our new student ministry intern, Josh Click! He will be working alongside myself this summer in a ten week internship. We are excited to lay some ground work to bring this student ministry to the next level! During May we will also complete our first Leader Development Seminar series. It has been a wonderful semester of learning and growing together as a team! With a special emphasis on discipleship, we will be looking to continue our pursuit of fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission. I would like to share an excerpt from the content we learned during LDS:

"Discipleship comes in many ways, shapes and forms. But for clarification sake, the discipleship we seek to live out in the student ministry is, as Jesus describes in John 4 verse 19, the process by which we equip others in the faith through their following closely of us. This is simply modeled after Jesus' master plan of evangelism. We first 'fish for people' (John 4:19) and invite them to 'come and see' (John 1:39). We, along with Jesus' invitation, invite that person to 'follow me as I follow Christ' (John 1:43, 1 Corinthians 11:1). We then equip them with God's Word by the Spirit's assistance (2 Timothy 3:16-17) so that they are fully trained (Luke 6:40). And finally, we release the spiritually mature individual to 'go and bear fruit' (John 15:16) on their own, creating disciple-making-cycles.

In case further clarification is necessary, Jesus' way to world conquest for his names sake is only through discipleship. This comes through one-on-one relationships lived out with gospel intentionality. If we want God's Kingdom to advance in our community (and I'm sure we all do) we must begin to each individually, but ultimately collectively, invest our very lives in generations after us. Teenagers comprise the church of today, but more importantly they are the church leaders of tomorrow who will faithfully carry out God's great commission through the great commandment. That is an important note for us today.

Without intentionally reaching and discipling the teenagers in our church we are unintentionally amputating the body of Christ. Lest we fail to open our eyes and see the danger we face, we will possibly miss the greatest joy we may never know, teenagers in our midst who are fully orbbed followers of Christ. God is calling us, yes you, to step into the darkness that is a teenagers life these days and walk with them, as they will let you, into the light. It will not happen unless we are intentional with how we live out our days on this spinning, ticking time bomb. What is the Spirit saying to you? Will you listen to Him and let Him lead you? Each day that passes where we place Christ's commission on the back burner is a day less that we have to be used by God in advancing his Kingdom. Let this tragedy be no more."

The heart of First Baptist's student ministry is to engage every student we encounter with the intentions of discipling them into lifelong followers of Christ. This is our God-given mandate, and to that end we will never cease.

Here are the important dates for May:

May 1 - Students, come on out to our monthly praise and worship service. Starting at 6pm in the sanctuary. Bring a friend and enjoy a night of worship and fellowship.

May 8 - Buy your mom some flowers and let her choose what she wants for dinner. We will be off this evening to celebrate Mother's Day.

May 15 - Our eighth and final leader development will be 4pm to 6pm. King's Kids will be having their play this evening from 6pm to 7pm. Students, we will be watching the play!

May 21, 22 - On May 21st, leaders will be carpooling to a student ministry training held at Rivers Crossing Community Church by King's Island. The event will be from 9am to around 12:30pm. Breakfast will be included and the event is totally FREE! We will leave FBCH at 8AM and be back around 1:30pm.

On May 22nd, students have a family night, so enjoy an evening with them! Or you can get a little extra time to study for those finals.

May 29 - Our all church picnic will be after church today! Let's celebrate the beginning of summer with food and family!

May 4, 11, 18, 25 - We just wrapped up God's Story: Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Redemption. Now we will be taking a look at how our story is actually apart of God's story! Our Story will be three parts, Before Christ, At Christ, and After Christ.

On Wednesday **May 25th**, we will be having another UNITED event! This time it will be hosted at Fairfield West Baptist (5345 Muskopf Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014). We will be doing a Color War! This means **you should wear clothes to get messy and wet in. Bring a towel.** We will meet to carpool from FBCH at **6pm**. The event will go from 7pm- 9pm. Feel free to arrange rides to and from FWB. We will be back to FBCH around **9:30pm**. Oh, and did we mention, it will be totally FREE!! Bring friends because they wont want to miss this.

For further updates please follow our Facebook page, go to goo.gl/P5BIry to see our Google Calendar and go to goo.gl/jnSSnq for a downloadable PDF version of the calendar. If you have any questions, call Justin at (513) 658-2277.

-Justin Davis



**From The Heart Of
Marilyn**

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,
Marilyn Bowling
College/Career Coordinator



Church Family Picnic

Sunday, May 29th

Immediately following the morning worship on May 29th, 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, and hamburgers and beverage. John Wallace will graciously be our grill master again this year! Please bring your choice of salads, desserts, chips, etc. to share along with your lawn chairs. There will be games for the kids, corn hole, and volleyball. Please dress casually and come!!

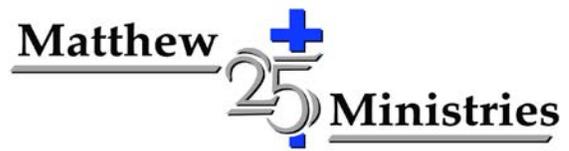
**KingsKids
Presentation**

Sunday, May 15th
6:00 p.m.

Legends At Camp Kirkwood
**A Kids Musical Adventure About Our Own
Camp Kirkwood**

Legends at Camp Garner Creek Rewritten by
Katie Simpson

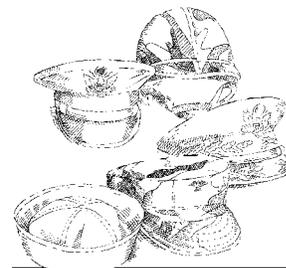
Directed by Katie Simpson



Matthew 25 Ministries is asking all churches to collect clean, used clothes. They will take all sizes for all seasons. Please bring them in between May 18th and 25th. Please place them in bags marked “Matthew 25”. The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, May 26th. 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!

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. Lunch will be served. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 21st**. Hope to see you!



★ ARMED FORCES DAY ★

May 21st



We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

VBS - 2016 SUBMERGED

July 11-15
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m

"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, 2016.

Nursery

Marsha Helton

Senior High

Justin Davis

Threes

Marilyn Bowling
Claire Metzger
Ciaran Metzger
Dakota Jackson

Homebuilders

Aaron Osterbrock
Larry Bowling
Josh Day
Brad Gerth

Beginner/Kindergarten

Karen Buchanan
Callum Metzger
Jeremiah Jackson

FOCUS

Valerie Osterbrock
Carole Busch
Jerry Busch
Charles Campbell
Teene Campbell
Bruce Helton
Carol Howard
Bill Roberts

Primary

Elizabeth Metzger
Chase Jackson

Middler/Junior

Conner Bowling
Isabell Brown
Camden Lamb

Keystone

Ron Gerth
Mary Petry
Harold Sapp
Lindel Sapp
Mary Walker

Seventh/Eighth

Elyse Hendrickson

Yada Sisterhood

Brenda Brown
Ruth Gaskins

Parenting

Stan Brown
Cathi Thomas

Legacy Builders

Chris Metzger

Office

Linda Gibbs

While some may be getting ready for the beach, we're getting ready to dive into God's Bible this summer and be SUBMERGED! As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and dive in to find truth below the surface!

Some children come to VBS with little experience of Jesus' love what a great opportunity to show them! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! Volunteers still needed for helping hands in the classrooms, transportation, publicity, teachers and childcare! Yes, babies and toddlers ages 1 & 2 need someone to read, play with or be rocked! The more helpers we get would mean that workers can take a few minutes to visit in the teacher snack room, watch the opening, or just take a break. We need a transportation person who will pair up with another adult and pick up any children that may need a ride.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139:23-24 (HCSB)

Jesus sees. Jesus knows. Jesus saves.

We will be having a Kickoff in early July - more information to come.

We are also planning to send out flyers to the local neighborhood. We will have extra available to pass out to family and friends also.

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

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

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.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays

Watch for the TTT schedule for the summer in the June Courier.

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



I am often told by MOPS moms that they can't imagine life without MOPS. These moms have recognized the impact that MOPS has on their families and their faith. Not only does MOPS equip mothers and provide needed support and friendship, but it also challenges moms to reflect on their faith and encourages them to grow in their walk with Christ. It is such a joy to see moms grow and live out God's calling on their lives! Thank you for consistently supporting the MOPS ministry at First Baptist and for making a difference in the lives of moms and their families.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is *A Joyful Flourishing: Spring Fling*. Moms will enjoy a carnival as we celebrate the end of another year of MOPS and reflect on what it means to flourish in motherhood.

Additional MOPS events in May include the MOPS Bible Study on May 10th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church, a Family Night at the West Hamilton Flubs on Thursday, May 12th at 7p.m. and a Mom-and-Me Music Class on May 24th at 10a.m. at First Baptist Church. 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



May 5, 2016



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2016

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 19-24 - Jr High Camp	\$325.00
June 26-July 1 - Junior Camp	\$325.00
July 3-8 - Senior High Camp	\$325.00
June 26-29 - New Adventure Camp	\$235.00
July 8-9 - Beginners Camp	\$145.00

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 a portion of the fee of **those who attend First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps. For additional information or registration forms, contact Linda Wallace, 368-7020 or see her at church.



Men's Softball Schedule
Tuesday Evenings

Watch the weekly bulletin for the schedule.



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

May 1 - Krys Schramm & Sydney
May 8 - Carolyn Dudley & Teen Helper
May 15 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna
May 22 - Linda & Larry Wallace
May 29 - Syd & Noëlle Wilson

One & Two Year Olds

May 1 - Tracy Beltz & Zach
May 8 -
May 15 - Ruthie Wallace & girls
May 22 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay
May 29 -

Kiddie Church

May 1 -
May 8 - Claire & Chris Metzger
May 15 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
May 22 -
May 29 -

Kinderchurch

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



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 4

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Apple Crisp
Hosts: Chancel Choir

May 11

Menu: Beef Stew over Hot Buttered Noodles, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Jello Cake
Hosts: Deacons

May 18

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

May 25

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Peach Cobbler
Hosts: Keystone

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.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2016

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

8 Mother's Day!
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

15
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:00 Eighth Leader Development Seminar
4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200
6:00 KingsKids Present

22
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship-Cherubs
6:00 Evening Programs

Leave for Mission Trip to Camp Kirkwood

29
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
12 :00 Church Picnic

2

9
11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library

16
5:30 Serve City Meal

23
6:30 Cabinet Meeting

30
Memorial Day!
Church Offices Closed!

3
9:30 MOPS Steering
Men's Softball

10
9:30 MOPS Bible Study
10:30 Holloway Circle
10:30 Abell Circle
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Smith Circle
Men's Softball

Pictures for Directory

17
9:30 MOPS Spring Fling
Men's Softball

24
Men's Softball

31
Men's Softball

4
10:30 KeenAgers to Cincinnati Reds
5:00 ABW Meeting
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana/**Staff Meeting**
6:30 Student Ministries
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

11
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana
6:30 Student Ministries
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

Pictures for Directory

18
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana-Favorite Theme Night
6:30 Student Ministries
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

25
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 AwanaAwards Night/
Fun Fair in Family Center/**Store**
6:30 Student Ministries
UNITED Event
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

5
National Day of Prayer!

12
6:30 Pathway To Hope Fundraiser at Receptions
7:00 Neighborhood Watch Meeting in Library

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19
8:30 Matthew 25

26
Return from Mission Trip at Camp Kirkwood

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13
Pictures for Directory

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7
8:30 Spring Clean-Up Day
9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering

14
Pictures for Directory
Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

21
8:30 *Casket Empty* New Testament Seminar
9:00 Student Ministry Leader Training at River Crossing Community Church
9:30 WMC Dressmaking

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MAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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Personal Notes

From Betty Emenaker, Nick & Brandi Emenaker, Kristina & Ronnie Miles

Thank you so much for your care and compassion with our family the last few weeks as we dealt with the last days of Ed's life and his passing. The outpouring of cards, phone calls, text messages, flowers, and visits were so comforting. Thank you to those who patiently waited in the long line at the funeral home, and for those who attended the funeral. Thanks also to those who passed on their condolences in other ways...it was so touching to the entire family. Many thanks to the committee of people who prepare food, decorate, and serve lunches for the families on the days of funerals. What a nice service you are providing, as well as offering a testimony to the love our church family gives to those who are grieving. What a blessing you are to us. Please accept this donation in memory of Ed. May it be used to further God's work...

From Lori Haskell (Pathway To Hope)

Thank you so much for your donation from First Baptist of Hamilton(Missions) for \$3k...WOW! Thanks so much for all your love and support for our Ministry. Thank you for being ALL IN for Life! I am excited for our quickly approaching Celebrate Life Banquet to share all that God is doing within our Ministry. We are continuing to invite guests who potentially will partner with us week in and week out and I can always count on First Baptist to be there in Support. Please extend our sincere appreciation to the Sharon Brewer and the Mission's Team. Many Blessings!

United in this Battle for Life,

From Joyce Thall

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful prayers and cards. I'm glad to be a part of a wonderful church and I can't wait to get back to it!

New Pictorial Directory Coming!!!

Book a time to get your family picture taken for the new directory. A free 8 X 10 given for each sitting. Stop by the table in the connector Sunday to schedule your photography session. Pictures will be taken May 10 - 13 (Tuesday - Friday) from 2:00 - 8:30 p.m. and on May 14 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You can also sign up online at www.ucdir.com Monday - Fridays. Name: OH1821 User: fbch1. You can also schedule by calling the office and asking for Martha Monday - Friday between 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. She can schedule for you or call Cheryl (868-1888 or 608-8568) outside of these times.

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