



Life Is Like A River

Have you ever been river rafting or canoeing? I once took a group of students to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana to canoe the Sugar Creek. Canoeing is fun... usually... sometimes. We slid that canoe effortlessly into the calm, lazy water and tried to paddle away. We learned how to paddle together in rhythm. We learned you must paddle in the same direction to go anywhere. We decided those who were not paddling didn't get to tell those paddling where we were going. As we glided through the water we learned that canoeing was not as easy as we thought.

Sometimes the water was calm and glassy, and it was easy; other times it was swift and fast, and we had trouble keeping upright. We had to watch our heads for low hanging branches and watch the water for logs just below the surface that could damage the bottom of the canoe. There were deep spots and shallow spots in the creek... wide spots and narrow spots. There were rocks in the shallows that drug the bottom, and there were boulders that you just had to go around.

At times we had to hang on for dear life as the rapids threatened to scuttle the canoe. We worried there might be a waterfall ahead that we would go over and risk ruin. Some people had enough and got out on the shore and went home another way. Some people got out to rest, then got back in the boat. But you know, when you get out of the creek, the water just keeps moving and you can never get back in at quite the same place.

We finally ended up at the end of the journey, tired, sunburned, but wiser and agreeing that the journey was worth all of the time, work and effort. We were changed by the journey. We were stronger, wiser, and looking forward to future journeys. We also thought of people we wanted to invite to go down the creek with us the next time.

I've been thinking about how church life is like canoeing on a river.

anniversary for us as pastor and people. Thank you, Lord, and thank you congregation for this privilege and honor. I love you church! This time in the life of our church causes me to pause and become contemplative. What has the journey been like? Where did we start? Where are we now? Where will we go?

I've shared before Thom S. Rainer's article, "Five Stages of a Pastor's Ministry", (10/5/2013). He observed there are stages to the pastor/church relationship.

- **Year 1: Honeymoon.** Both pastor and church have a blank slate and they enter the relationship hoping and believing the best about each other. Perhaps the pastor was weary of his previous pastorate, and perhaps the church was happy to replace their former pastor. For a season, neither can do wrong in the other's eyes. That season does not usually last long.
- **Years 2 and 3: Conflicts and Challenges.** No pastor is perfect. No church is perfect. Each party discovers the imperfections after a few months. Like a newlywed couple, they began to have their differences after a while. The spiritual health of both the pastor and the church will likely determine the severity of the conflicts and challenges.
- **Years 4 and 5. Crossroads, Part I.** This period is one of the most critical in the relationship. If the conflict was severe, the pastor will likely leave or be forced out. Indeed, these years, four and five, are the most common years when a pastor leaves a church. On the other hand, if the pastor and the church manage their relationship well, they can often look forward to some of the best years ahead.



American Baptist Women's Ministries



It's that time of year again! Last year, ABW along with members of the congregation, worked together to fill many shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child, a unique project of Christian relief and evangelism organization, Samaritan's Purse, delivers gifts to hurting children while also telling them about God's greatest gift—His Son, Jesus Christ.

We are asking you, every member of the congregation, to join with us again to make this exciting project a success again this year. With your help we can bring joy and hope to millions of children again this Christmas.

Nancy Whipple (863-2309) is the contact person. Please bring in your filled box by **Monday, November 19th**. Here is a list of suggested gifts you can use in your box.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair-clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

Do NOT include the following:

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Used Items

War-related Items

Toothpaste

Candy and Gum

Chocolate or Perishable Food Items

Liquids

Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.

Breakable Items: mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.

—Nancy Whipple

Missionaries for the Month of **November**:

Rev. Glen & Rita Chapman
Democratic Republic of Congo

Glen and Rita have been instrumental in moving the Kikongo pastoral training school up to university

level. The new university has three majors: theology, agriculture and teacher training. Glen is the academic dean of the school of theology and teaches Old Testament, Hebrew, and Baptist distinctives. Rita is in charge of the library, teaches English and works with the wives of theology students.

In his Powered Parachute ministry, Glen has helped transport audiovisual equipment to villages to show evangelistic and educational films.

The Chapmans are also active in conservation and environmental ministries. They are known for their work with the very rare and endangered Congo clawless otter. To promote economic development, they have introduced beekeeping, raised rabbits for agricultural training and planted trees for reforestation, lumber, firewood, charcoal and fruit.

Rev. Peter & Sarah McCurdy

Costa Rica

The Rev. Peter and Sarah McCurdy serve in Costa Rica at the invitation of the Federation of Baptists of Costa Rica, a partner of IM. Peter's ministry focus is spiritual renewal and spiritual formation. He serves local pastors and seminary students, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them, their families and others pursuing a call to ministry. He will also extend his ministry into Cuba. Sarah, a former French teacher, is developing her role as an educator. Peter and Sarah's hope is that, through their ministries, hearts and minds will be changed and people will grow into the image of Christ.

Bible Book of the Month II Corinthians

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

II Corinthians 2:14 (RSV)

The second letter to the Corinthians begins with Paul's message of thanksgiving and love because he had heard from Corinth that the Christians there had listened to his messages and were trying to live as believers of Jesus should live. He said that those who follow Jesus can be *"as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything."* (II Corinthians 6:10 RSV)

PRAY for missionaries under the Home Mission Societies, ABC/USA as they preach the Gospel, establish new churches, and minister to persons of special need.

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(Continued from front - Daniel's Den)

- **Years 6 to 10: Fruit and Harvest.** A church is likely to experience some of its best years, by almost any metrics, during this period of a pastor's tenure. Indeed, in my interviews with both pastors and members, I have heard this theme repeated. Both parties have worked through the tough times. They now trust each other and love each other more deeply.
- **Years 11 and beyond: Crossroads, Part 2.** During the first crossroads era, the pastor decides to stay or leave. Or the congregations may make the decision. During this relatively rare tenure beyond ten years, the pastor himself will go down one of two paths. He will be reinvigorated as a leader and ready to tackle new challenges and cast new visions. Or he will be resistant to the change around him, and then become complacent. I have seen both extremes, but I am still struggling to understand why pastors go down one path versus the other.

From the glassy waters of putting into the river, through the obstacles and into the rough rapids, we have gone through the times of learning to paddle in the same direction, and planning the best route to take. Make no mistake, First Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ohio is in a critical transition. We have chosen the course of revitalization and committed ourselves to reach the next generation for Christ. God has led us to this and we will not waiver.

The consistent command from God is to pass the baton of the gospel to the next generation. *"...we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders... so the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born- and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands."* Psalm 78:4,6-7

Psalm 71:17 *Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. 18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.*

We are privileged to be called of God to focus our energies and resources on reaching children, students and young families for Christ. Just as the gospel was shared with us, what a wonderful legacy this congregation has in passing the torch to the next

generation. The course is rough at times, but it is worth it!

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there." Matthew 19:14

Thank you for the honor of being your pastor. Please pray for me and our church as we seek to be faithful to our calling. I am grateful for a wonderful and gifted group of who are paddling in the same direction in the ministry, both our staff and lay leaders. I thank God for our congregation who has caught the vision to serve in the mission to this community and the world to share the love of Jesus. We are a *"light on the hill with a heart for the community!"*

Be the Light!

Pastor Dan

October - November series: continued

One Month to Live: 30 Days to a No-Regrets Life

11/04 Leave Boldly 2 Samuel 13:21-22 creating a legacy that will impact generations.

11/11 Living With No Regrets 1 Kings 2:1-12

November - December series:

Finding Your Way Back To God

11/18 There's Got to be More 1 John 4:19

11/25 I Wish I Could Start Over Hosea 2:15

12/02 I Can't Do This On My Own Acts 3:19

12/09 God Loves Me Deeply After All Jeremiah 31:3

12/16 Now This Is Living 2 Cor. 5:17-21

12/23 Finding Your Way Back to God - God's way

12/24 Christmas Eve - God Will Make Aa Way

12/30 All over But The Shouting

Looking Ahead

December 2 Advent 1 - Communion

December 7 6:00 p.m. Berean Class

Christmas Party

December 8 11:00 a.m. Serve lunch at FUMC

December 9 Advent 2 - 9:30 Cherubs Sing

December 12 First Kids Family Christmas in the Family Center

Student Ministry Christmas Party

December 16 Advent 3 - 9:30 Adult Choir Cantata

December 19 6:00 p.m. All church Christmas Banquet

KingsKids: *"God Sent A Baby?"*

December 23 Advent 4

December 24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Carols and Candles

Budget Status Report

The Month of September, 2018

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Projected (Budgeted) Spending | \$73,497 |
| Offerings | <u>68,234</u> |
| Over (Under) Budget | (\$5,263) |

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| Actual (Budgeted) Spending | \$58,978 |
| Offerings | <u>68,234</u> |
| Over (Under) Actual | \$9,256 |

The Year Through September, 2018

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Projected (Budgeted) Spending | \$653,266 |
| Offerings | <u>529,026</u> |
| Over (Under) Budget | (\$124,240) |

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| Actual (Budgeted) Spending | \$683,120 |
| Offerings | <u>529,026</u> |
| Over (Under) Actual | (154,094) |

—The Board Of Trustees

Quarterly Business Meeting

Third Quarter Business Meeting

The Third Quarter Business Meeting of the church will be Sunday, November 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Items of business include the election of officers who will begin their duties in January, 2019. The Trustees will also present the 2019 Proposed Budget for adoption.



We are still providing monthly meals to fill a need at the Serve City homeless shelter. We are preparing and serving a meal on the 3rd Monday of each month. First Baptist has many established groups that could possibly take a turn or two and we can also form groups of interested individuals. Please pray about this monthly endeavor. Contact Nancy Whipple (255-7783) or Dale Braun (726-4000) with any questions. With our large congregation and generous hearts, I know that we will be able to accomplish this.

—Nancy Whipple

FIRST STUDENTS

November Dates

Students:
Midweek--November 7th, 14th, 28th -*No Midweek
November 21st for Thanksgiving Break

Brinner & a Movie — November 18th — 6pm - 8pm
We will be showing a movie and offering breakfast for dinner in our student room (100). This is just a fun night to be together and hang out!

Leader Gatherings— November 4th & 25th — 12:30pm to 2:30pm

December Dates

Students:
Midweek — December 5th
* Off December 26th for Christmas Break
** Midweek starts back January 9th!

FSM Christmas Party — December 12th — 6pm - 8pm
Our annual Christmas Party is coming up! This is a party you don't want to miss! Further details to come, but mark this night on your calendars now!

Christmas Banquet — December 19th — 6pm - 8pm
Our all church banquet is fun for the whole family! Sign up and join us in the gym for a night of feasting and quality time together!

Leaders:
Leader Christmas Party — December 9th
Details to come!

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

For any questions please call Pastor Justin
at (513) 658-2277.

**The Open Door Pantry
Annual Benefit Concert
of Spiritual Music
Sunday, November 4th, 2018
3:00 p.m.**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
212 South Front Street**

**Everyone is welcome!
Freewill offering**



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 July, August, and September, 2018.

Threes

Marilyn Bowling

Berean ABF

Ruth Gaskins

Merle Grubbs

Beginner/Kindergarten

Ciaran Metzger

Dolly Houser

Carol Howard

Janet Lewis

Primary

Callum Metzger

Gary Swindall

Imogene Swindall

Mary Walker

Junior

Elizabeth Metzger

Yada Sisterhood

Brenda Brown

Parenting

Stan Brown

Office

Linda Gibbs

FIRST STUDENTS

FSM just got back from an incredible Fall Retreat!

35 people from our church joined 4 other churches with 93 people for an entire weekend centered on the theme TOGETHER. The topic was timely and needed as we face a world that is so fractured by hate, racism, and violence, just to name a few. As a living example of unity in the body of Christ, our 5 churches, made up of 4 different denominations, came TOGETHER with one goal in mind, to show that TOGETHERness in the body of Christ is one of our biggest tools for reaching a fractured world and seeing the Kingdom of God grow here and now.

"And in him [Jesus] you too are being built TOGETHER to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." — Ephesians 2:22

It was a wonderful weekend full of intentional fun, teachings, and discussion. We had breakout topics on Saturday morning on subjects like spiritual disciplines, authentic community, reaching our friends for Christ, being a Christian in the digital age, and more. Each night we had a cabin time where we discussed the things God was teaching us. Our prayer is that weekends like these create opportunities for your student to build on the foundation of their faith the necessary tools to carry with them the rest of their lives.

To keep the conversations going at home, we have this parent-guide for you to see just what your student learned and to have some prompts to bring the topics they learned back up over car time and dinner at home!

—Pastor Justin

October has flown by with such a great response to our canned food drive! Our table is overflowing with canned goods, so thank you families! We will continue to collect food until our November 14th meeting. This is also the night of our first store! The sparks and the TNT clubbers have earned Awana Bucks, by donating canned food, memorizing their Bible verses, bringing friends, bringing their Bibles, wearing their vest/shirt and for participating in various theme nights. The Cubbies will also have a store where everyone will be able to take home similar items.

Thanks for all the help, candy and fellowship that was shared at the Harvest Party. We had a blast and the children certainly enjoyed themselves. The following were our winners in the costume competition.

Under 2's Boy

David Griffin

Under 2's Girl

Brooklyn Hennie

Preschool Boy

Matthew Davis

Preschool Girl

Eden Ellison

1-3 grade Boy

Jeremiah Jackson

1-3 grade Girl

Becca Yantes

4-6 Grade Boy

Nathan Sommers

4-6 Grade Girl

Hailee Brown

Family

The Wilson Family

There were so many delicious food offerings but the clear winner for the soup/chili cook-off was Julie Yantes - Chili

The winner with the most delectable dessert was Sara Owens' Cupcake Pumpkin Cross.

The winner of the best decorated table for table treating was The Crew Community Group

Thank you again for everyone who baked, cooked, ran games, passed out candy, greeted families, set up, cleaned up and much more! This was truly a awesome family evening with more than 300 in attendance.

Here are the dates for this month in Awana:

7th - Fictional Night (dress as any fictional character)/Canned Food Drive

14th - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive/STORE

21st - No Club (Thanksgiving Holiday)

28th - Regular Club

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer,
Awana Leaders



VBS - 2019

As we look ahead to VBS 2019, we are asking for Altoid tins and crystal light containers (the tall plastic ones). We won't ruin the surprise for you but we need these! Please leave any in the office and we will gladly store them.

Matthew 25 Ministries Fight Hunger 5K

Join the First Baptist Hamilton Team in support of Matthew 25 Ministries! On Saturday, November 3rd, Matthew 25 Ministries will hold it's annual Hunger 5K Run/Walk. This is for walkers or runners.

The Hunger 5K is a fun, family-friendly way for people of all ages to help those in need. Proceeds benefit Matthew 25: Ministries' work with the poorest of the poor in Greater Cincinnati, throughout the U.S., and around the world. Bring cans of food to help kick off the Hunger Food Drive, which collects food products for local pantries and shelters.

You can join the First Baptist Hamilton Team by registering online at M25M.org. Registration is \$18. Participants will receive a long-sleeve Hunger 5K t-shirt, a goody bag, and access to the post-race party with food galore, live music and chocolate fountains! Start time is 8:30 AM.

Please see Laurin or Lisa Sprague (896-7911) if you are interested. Thank you for supporting Matthew 25 Ministries!

Secret Keeper Tour

We will be joining girls from all over the country in Cedarville on November 17th at 3:30 for the Secret Keeper Girls Tour. This awesome event focuses girls and their mothers on Biblical traits such as modesty, attitudes, values and much more in a very full energetic evening. Tickets cost \$25.50 each and if you plan on going I need to know by November 1st to get tickets. This event is aimed at children aged 7 - 12.

Christmas Family Night-December 12th

Just an early invite to our Christmas Family Night in December so you can plan on your calendar. Without revealing too much information...this is will be a potluck evening that brings our families together to work on something that will channel our inner competitiveness, humor and of course a lot of fun! Prizes will be involved. More details to follow.

-Katie Simpson
Director of Families & Children's Ministries

Kiddie Church and Kinderchurch

During the month of November both Kiddie church and Kinderchurch will be working through the Gospel Project, focusing on how God is all-wise. We will be taking an in-depth look at Solomon and how God blessed him with wisdom. Through every session we review the gospel plan for us. We discuss how God is King, how we have sinned, that God sent Jesus to take away our punishment and that God loves us so much.

KeenAgers' November Outing

In November the KeenAgers will be having lunch together at Bob Evans on Route 4 north of Hamilton on Monday, November 5th . They will meet at 12:00 p.m. and order off the menu. Please sign the list on the KeenAgers bulletin board.

-KeenAgers Activity Directors
Dave & Janet Hazelwood



Matthew 25 Ministries is asking all churches to collect clean, used clothes. They take all sizes for all seasons. Please bring them in between November 11th-28th. Place them in bags marked "Matthew 25".

We will be making our monthly trip down to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, November 29th. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to WORK - bring your own sack lunch and beverage. Remember - this is NOT just for the KeenAgers. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

Please vote on November 6th for the candidates and issues that hold our Christian values.



Find Your Fire - *"The Guiding Flame"*

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night." Exodus 13:21 (ESV)

This month, as we think about the Israelites being led in the wilderness by a pillar of fire by night, think about how God has shown up for you when the path ahead seemed as dark and uncertain as a starless night. Maybe the light he gave you felt more like a tiny "lamp for your feet" so you could take the next step, and less like a blazing pillar of flame, but I think we can all remember a time where our human eyes couldn't see the way ahead.

When I read this verse, the first thing I think about is how exhausted the Israelites must have been, travelling by foot both day and night. God didn't choose to take this grueling task away from his people - but he did give them the conditions they needed to make the journey possible. Exhaustion is something that is all too familiar for most of us as moms. It's helpful to remember that on days when we wish God would just make our journey easier, that he is with us and can guide us along our way if we only look towards His light.

The next time you find yourself in a place of darkness, I pray you will remember this verse and look for God's guiding flame to lead you through.

It also helps to take this journey together and lean on each other when we get weary. Here are some of the activities we have planned for this month:

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Monthly Dinner Fundraiser** (5:30 PM) // Discussion Group - "Gratitude Challenge" (6:30 PM) *Note: This is the only Discussion Group meeting in November.*

Friday, Nov. 9: Mom's Night Out - The Studio (6:30 PM)

Tues., Nov. 13: MOPS/MOMSnext Meeting (9:45 AM)

Tues., Nov. 27: Mom & Child Outing - FBC Gym (10:00 AM)

Thurs., Nov. 29: MOMSnext Meet-up - The Studio (12:30 PM)

**On the first Wednesday of every month, MOPS/MOMSnext "takes over" Wednesday night dinner as a fundraiser. We always need help cooking, serving and cleaning up. Anyone who volunteers will earn a free meeting! These fundraisers allow us to bring in more guest speakers and plan more fun events for the group.

We are so thankful for each and every one of you! We hope you and your family enjoy a lovely Thanksgiving holiday!

The MOPS/MOMSnext Steering Team



November 4th

(Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night, November 3rd!)



November 12th



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary are once again available for \$8 per pot. You can reserve the flowers in memory or honor of a loved one by obtaining an order envelope in the connector or office and placing it in the offering plate no later than November 11th. Orders after that date may not be filled. Make checks out to First Baptist Church.

Every Shoebox Has A Story

"This is the purpose of Operation Christmas Child-to proclaim the message that Jesus Christ came to mankind in the form of the Christmas Child, to bring eternal life to all. The shoebox is the vehicle God has put into our hands to reach the little children of the world." This quote and the following stories are from Operation Christmas Child by Franklin Graham.

"What can we give to a blind child?" the delivery team prayed as they selected one of the boxes. God answered so specifically as they opened a box with a cassette player, headset, and batteries. In a cold little school, the only boy without a coat was given a box with a jacket that fit perfectly!

"To children who have nothing, everything is a treasure. One 8 year old girl started home with one of the large packing crates on her head. When asked what she would do with it, she had many ideas-a place for her baby brother to sleep or to keep lambs warm when her family brings them into the cave at night. A little boy holding a worn down pencil excitedly whispered, "I counted 14 pencils in my box. Do I have to give them back?" In many countries children cannot go to school unless they have their own supplies.

Statistics say that one shoebox can impact as many as 7 people for Christ. One little boy got a shoebox with brand new shoes that fit him perfectly. His mother cried because that very morning she had cut cardboard soles to fit his worn out shoes. She gave her heart to Christ. After receiving a shoebox and completing the 12 week Greatest Journey lessons, Kenny gave his heart to Christ. Upon seeing his troubled son's changed behavior, Kenny's dad accepted Christ, donated land, and helped to build a church in their village.

"There are many other stories that confirm that God is in this-no doubt that these gifts were designed, directed, and delivered through the power of God. These shoeboxes carried miracles from the heart of God."

-Submitted by Nancy Whipple

New Believers' Class

First Kids will be hosting a New Believers' Class November 11th at 9:30 in Room 109 for any child grades 2nd - 6th that are thinking about being baptized. See Katie for more details.

KingsKids

KingsKids is off to a great start! This year we are performing a musical called *God Sent A Baby?* This musical is written by Katie Simpson and Larry Slocum. It's about a group of children who get to witness the birth of Jesus as farm animals. Why a baby is the question. Jesus takes the human journey. How can we follow in His footsteps if we have never seen him crawl? What if He just showed up fully human and said, "put me on the cross, I am willing to die." Instead we see Him in the manger, at the temple and growing up. Fully human and fully God. If your child (Kindergarten through 6th grade) would like to be in it please let Katie know right away. We will perform the show at the Christmas banquet December 19th.

-Katie Simpson
KingsKids Director

Thank You!!

Thank you to **everyone** who participated in the Harvest Party. It was so much fun seeing our church family, young and old, passing out candy and participating in the costume contest. I want to personal thank Janet and Mike Moore and Laurin Sprague for being our judges this year as that is never an easy job as everyone's costumes are so wonderful! Also we served over 1,500 kids between Riverview and Ridgeway for Trunk or Treat and thank you to all those who participated in that. We were able to hand out that many flyers about our church too. October is one of my favorite months because of all the changes that happen. Not just with the weather and the beautiful trees but also with spiritual journey. Dan's messages these last couple of weeks have meant so much to our church family. With the tragic loss of Charlie Wilson we have rallied together and really have shown our faith, our love and our commitment to living with each other as a body of Christ. I'm so happy to be a member of FBC and to call this my home. When tragedy does strikes, and we know it will, I take comfort in knowing that you all are here for me. This world and life is very difficult at times. Without the love of our Father and the love from each other we wouldn't be able to survive some of the things we are forced to live with. I know I speak for The Wilson family when I say thank you. Thank you for the food, for the donations, for the loving of the kids and just for your prayers. Please remember to keep praying for them and supporting them as with the holiday's things will get harder. If you would like to know how you can help just see me. Thanks again for being such an AWESOME church family!

-Katie Simpson

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>November 2018</h1> | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 9:30 Women's Bible Study <i>Discerning The Voice Of God</i> in Rm. 113-114 7:00 Pathway To Hope's Fall Benefit Concert featuring <i>The Ball Brothers</i> | 3 8:30 Matthew 25 Hunger 5K Walk/Run 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering |
| 4 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:30 Leader Gathering 3:00 Open Door Pantry Concert 6:00 Evening Worship | 5 12:00 KeenAgers' lunch @ Bob Evans 6:30 Cabinet Meeting | 6 Election Day! 9:30 MOPS Steering Committee 5:30 Board of Trustees | 7 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana Fictional Dress /Canned Food Drive 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 MOPS Discussion Group 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study | 8 11:00 New Life Mission | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Quarterly Business Meeting | 12 Veteran's Day 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library Operation Christmas Child Relay Center 11/12-11/19 | 13 9:30 MOPS/MomsNext 10:30 Abell Circle 6:00 Smith Circle | 14 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana/Canned Food 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study | 15 | 16 9:30 Women's Bible Study <i>Discerning The Voice Of God</i> in Rm. 113-114 | 17 3:30 Secret Keeper Tour in Cedarville |
| 18 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 Students Brinner & Movie | 19 5:30 Serve City Meal | 20 | 21 No Wednesday Dinner/No Evening Programs | 22 Thanksgiving Day! Church Offices Closed 9:00 Turkey Bowl 12-2:00 Hamilton Community Thanksgiving Lunch @ Zion Lutheran 2-2:30 Carryout | 23 Church Offices Closed | 24 |
| 25 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 12:30 Leader Gathering 6:00 Evening Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana/Student Min. 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study | 29 8:30 Matthew 25 | 30 | |



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning) On & Two Year Olds

November 4 - Kelley Washington & Teen Helper
November 11 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay
November 18 - Katie & Bryon Simpson
November 25 - Ashley Croucher & Teen Helper

Kiddie Church

November 4 - Katie & Taylor Spradling
November 11 - Claire & Chris Metzger
November 18 - Sharon Brewer & Teen Helper
November 25 - Shellee & Jim Ewen

Kinderchurch

November 4 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
November 11 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd
November 18 - Dorothy Hollowell & Jill O'Hara
November 25 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd

KidsChurch (Helping Karen Buchanan & Nancy Whipple)

October 4 - Dale Braun & Mary Brown
October 11 - Allison & Andrew Sommers
October 18 - Mark Whipple
October 25 - Janet & Mike Moore



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:45 a.m. to help with the transition. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call Katie (255-2852).

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



Wednesday Family Dinners

November 7

Menu: Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Cake
Hosts: MOPS

November 14

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, Hash
Brown Casserole, Fruit Cup
Hosts: Adult Choir

November 21

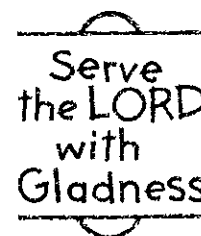
Menu: There will be no meal because of No Evening Programs

November 28

Menu: Potato Soup **OR** Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled
Cheese Sandwiches **OR** Grilled Ham & Cheese
Sandwiches, Peach Cobbler
Hosts: Deacons

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 \$1.50 for children under twelve who eat from the hot dog table. 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 then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.





NOVEMBER

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| <p>1 - Wesley Dickman Michael Garver Leonard Jerome Jenkins</p> | <p>14 - Nella Hurst Blake Martin</p> | <p>26 - Andy Cain Sara Cain Owens Katie Fryer Mason Sackenheim Kaleb Sackenheim</p> |
| <p>2 - Chad Allen Dennis Dudley Ron Gerth Bill Imhoff Charlie Miles</p> | <p>15 - Samantha Mason Ewan Metzger</p> | <p>27 - Allen McComb Zachary Mullins</p> |
| <p>3 - Jimmy Smith, Jr.</p> | <p>16 - Alayna Garver Samantha Hetterich</p> | <p>28 - Christian Acus Charles Day David Griffin Gary Swindall Dick Winkler</p> |
| <p>4 - Allison Sommers</p> | <p>17 - Earnie Huff Mara Krall Elam Wayne Miller</p> | <p>29 - Carol Howard</p> |
| <p>5 - Jackie Cecere</p> | <p>18 - Erika Brudzinski Marsha Helton Benji Stanger</p> | <p>30 - Janet Day Kelli Fryer Kevin Fryer Priscilla Nguyen Jennifer Owen Imogene Swindall</p> |
| <p>7 - Bert Brantingham Joey Braun Chloe Cochran David Diedrichs</p> | <p>19 - Lindel Sapp Ryan Schwab</p> | |
| <p>8 - Eugenia Sexton</p> | <p>20 - Mae Hill</p> | |
| <p>9 - Glenn Roddy John Wallace</p> | <p>21 - Debbie Allen Lois Anderson Hope Renee Nguyen</p> | |
| <p>10 - Brenda Brown Mark Click Thomas Owen</p> | <p>22 - Roger Chamberlain RuthAnn Wallace</p> | |
| <p>11 - Curt Bradbury Beth Riczko</p> | <p>23 - Emma Harvey Michael Hickman Teri Horsley</p> | |
| <p>12 - Faye Baker Adison Ebbing Matt Schumm</p> | <p>24 - Scarlet Coots Don Gingrich Norma Setser Beverly Proctor</p> | |
| <p>13 - Kathy Chambers JoAnne Diesbach Brennan Graham</p> | <p>25 - Barb Arnold Darin Chamberlain</p> | |

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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Operation Christmas Child

We will again be a drop-off collection center for the city during the week of November 13-20. We will need volunteers each day of that week to receive boxes and pack them into containers. We will need some muscle to pack containers into trucks to be delivered to Mt. Healthy on Monday, the 19th. Changes this year are NO CANDY, NO TOOTHPASTE & \$9 for shipping cost. Look for a sign up sheet on the table in connector to work during collection week.

I know that our congregation will also continue to donate many packed boxes and most importantly pray for this project and the children who will receive these boxes.

Here is our scheduled hours for collection week.

Mon 12th - 9:30-1:30
Tues 13th - 3:00-7:00
Wed 14th - 9:30 -1:30
Thurs 15th - 3:00-7:00
Fri 16th - 9:30-1:30
Sat. 17th - 12:00-4:00
Sun 18th - 3:00-7:00
Mon 19th - 9:30-11:30

Contact Nancy Whipple (513-255-7783) with any questions. Merry Christmas!



Winter Reminder!

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



Personal Notes

From Curtis Bradbury

Over the years I have had many questions. Now that I am no longer there, I have run out of time getting answers. The staff always treated me as if I was working with them and not for them. If I had 10,000 tongues, I could not thank you enough for the kindness shown to me and my daughters!

From Ron Lakes

I would like to thank everyone from church for their prayers, visits and get well cards. If anyone knows about First Baptist Church they know you are on their minds and in their prayers. Bless all of you and it's good to be back.

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