





# 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 **Wednesday, November 18th**. Here is a list of suggested gifts you can use in your box.

**Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoo's, 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, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

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

**Do NOT include the following:**

Used Items

War-related Items

Chocolate or Perishable Food Items

Liquids

Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.

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

Brochures are available for anyone who would like to fill a shoebox to contribute to this project. Any one needing a shoebox, please see Nancy Whipple or Ellie in the church office.

Missionaries for the Month of **October:**

### Thailand

#### Jeff & Annie Dieselberg

Annie & Jeff serve in Bangkok, Thailand, a bustling metropolis of more than 10 million people. Annie is a co-founder and CEO of NightLight Design Co Ltd., a business-as-mission, which employs and empowers women affected by the sex trade industry in Bangkok. She facilitates outreach in the red-light area and leads in the prayer and deliverance ministry. Jeff teaches urban transformation with a team of Thai pastors at three Bangkok seminaries and

serves as a chaplain at NightLight and as one of the pastors of Song Sawang Church. This church was created with women from NightLight who have come to follow Jesus, and now it continues to grow as they actively invite family members, friends, and people in the community.

### Bible Book of the Month . . . . . Leviticus

*"I am the Lord your God . . . be holy, for I am holy."*

Leviticus 11:44 (RSV)

The worship of God was very important to the people of Israel. Leviticus contains regulations for worship and religious ceremonies in ancient Israel, especially for the priests who were responsible for carrying out these instructions.

As in our day, there was a need for rules about the ordinary everyday affairs, about how people should behave toward one another. The main theme is the holiness of God and the ways in which the people were to worship and live so as to maintain their relationship with "the holy God of Israel."

**PRAY** for American Baptist leaders throughout the country that they may be filled with God's wisdom and power to bring about spiritual renewal in our churches.

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## Judson Village Donations

We have a new list of items needed by residents of Judson Village. They will still be passing out candy to kids for trick or treat so need wrapped candy. They also would like word search books, coloring books, small stuffed animals, peanut butter crackers and other snacks like fig newton or butter cookies. For bingo prizes, they like perfume/cologne from the Dollar Store. Place your donations in the box marked "Judson Village" in the coat room. Please place items in the box by October 18th. Thank you for your help. See Nancy Whipple with any questions.

## Another Giving Opportunity

Back to school is upon us! For the months of September and October, we will collect **peanut butter, cereal and canned tuna** for the food pantry at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ. Place your donations in the box labeled "food pantry" in the coat room outside the Family Center. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

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## Aaron's Attic

### Clearing out the clutter to make space for God

First, as this is my inaugural article for the Courier, I must say thank you to the entire church for your warm and wonderful welcome of us. Theophilus, Valerie, and I are overwhelmed by your generosity and we praise the Lord for your kindness to us. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless First Baptist and enable our ministry here to aid in the spiritual growth of our church family as well as helping to equip and mobilize each of us to reach the communities in which we live.

I was a follower of Christ for at least 12 years before I realized that I was doing my devotional time all wrong. Trust me, I understand how hard it is to keep a consistent devotional time as it is, where you spend time reading Scripture and then praying to the Lord. Finding the time is difficult, which is why it is imperative, when you actually carve out the time to spend with the Lord, that you do it right.

I guess my first mistake was not understanding what the word "devotional" meant. Judging by how I structured the time, it was more of a 'study' or 'time of seeing where I don't stack up' than a time of devotion. I didn't see my mistake until I was leading a men's study on the book *Developing Spiritual Intimacy with God* by Alex Aronis (former Senior Pastor, now Pastor Emeritus, at Kenwood Baptist). Pastor Alex's book informed me that a devotional is really meant to be time that you spend in devotion to the Lord. Too many times we come rushed to read the Word and then, in our ensuing prayer time, we mostly pray to the Lord about where we fall short. Yes, of course, it is important to repent of sin and to acknowledge our short comings so please don't think that I'm suggesting that you stop repenting. What I am suggesting is that when we read the Word we need to focus on the hero of that story: God or God Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Instead of focusing on where you fall short, focus on how God comes through. Focus on an attribute of God that is on display in the passage that you read.

An example: Matthew 7:28-29 - "When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."

My response: Thank you, Jesus, that you teach as one who has authority because all authority belongs to you. I praise you for your authority: your authority which called the world into being. Your authority which commands the dawn. Your authority as One

who has overcome the world. Your authority that awaits the time when all your enemies will be a footstool for your feet. Your authority that governs my life. Help me to trust in your authority that, no matter what may come, you are in control. Thank you, Jesus, that you are in control.

As we focus on God or God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our view of the Lord is expanded. And as we are drawn further into His Presence through our praise and devotion to Him, we are changed. Richard Foster says, "To be in the Presence of God is to change." As we spend time in true devotion to the Lord, during our *devotional* time, we will be truly changed: changed into further reflecting Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God.

—Pastor Aaron Osterbrock

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## Budget Status Report

### The Month of August, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$59,284
Offerings	<u>69,865</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$10,581

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$53,029
Offerings	<u>69,865</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$16,836

### The Year Through August, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$441,964
Offerings	<u>470,489</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 28,525

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$428,050
Offerings	<u>470,489</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 42,439

### Offerings versus Budget

Offerings (Through June)	\$470,489
Annual Budget (Through June)	* <u>477,932</u>
Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 7,443)

\*If expenditures were equal each week: \$710,070 annual budget divided by 52 weeks times 26 weeks.

—The Board Of Trustees

**Matthew 25 Ministries**  
**Fight Hunger 5K**

Please join or support the *Hamilton 1st Baptist Church Team* as they walk/run in the Fighting Hunger 5K Benefitting Matthew 25 Ministries

**When:** Saturday, November 7, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Matthew 25: Ministries 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH

(Participants, please note: We will be taking church vehicles to the 5K. The time to meet at church will be announced.)

To register go to: [www/hunger5k.org](http://www/hunger5k.org) can click on participant registration, agree to the waiver, click Join a Team, type in Hamilton 1st Baptist Church and enter your information. Registration is \$25 and must be done by **November 4th**.

To donate, go to [www.hunger5K.org](http://www.hunger5K.org) and click on Sponsor a Participant and type in Laurin Sprague. This will be credited to the 1st Baptist Team.

Registration fees for all participants include a long-sleeve Fighting Hunger 5K t-shirt, a goody bag, and access to the post-race party with food galore, live music, and chocolate fountains!

Please contact Laurin or Lisa Sprague (896-7911) for additional information.  
Thank you for supporting Matthew 25 Ministries!



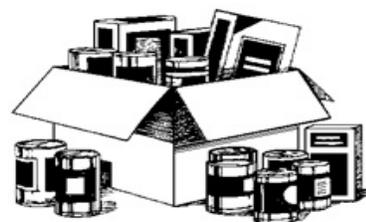
We will be making our monthly trip down to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, October 22nd. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to WORK - bring your own sack lunch and beverage. Remember - this is NOT just for the KeenAgers. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

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**National Life Chain Sunday**  
**October 4th, 2015**  
**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

We have been invited to participate in the Annual Life Chain prayer event in Downtown Hamilton at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and High Street from 2-3:30 p.m. We are to pray for an end to abortion and exercise our religious freedom by holding signs provided, facing the road in silent prayer on the public sidewalks. Signs and location assignments are available at the SW corner in front of the government office buildings. Families are strongly encouraged to come. Call Deacon Mike Mignery @513 867 1832 for further info.



**Whole Church Canned Food Drive**

As mentioned in the Awana section we are again working on gathering food for needy families. There are two collection tables - one as you enter the building downstairs, and another in the connector. We appreciate any food donations that are in date. We encourage the whole church family to give what they can and think about giving their favorite food as a reminder of how blessed we are to be able to live comfortably with enough food that we don't go to bed hungry.

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





## October Pastor Appreciation Month

Express Pastor Appreciation Through Special  
Words of Encouragement For Your Pastors

- Creatively communicate words of encouragement to your pastor for his or her service to God and the Church. By paying tribute to your pastor in as many ways you can, your pastor will be encouraged and energized to keep going.
- Present your pastor with meaningful pastor appreciation gifts. Pastor gifts can given not only during pastor appreciation month but also throughout the year, making every Sunday Pastor Appreciation Day.
- Actually listen to your pastor's sermons.
- Better yet, apply the truth of your pastor's preaching to specific areas of your life and then say "Thank You Pastor, for helping me spiritually".
- If you nod your head during the sermon, do so because you are in agreement, not falling asleep. (Please avoid shaking your head "NO" should you disagree with something the pastor says during the sermon.)
- Take notes of your pastor's preaching, hopefully of the sermon.
- Say "amen" when the pastor proclaims spiritual truth, because "amen" means "so be it!" and "right on!"
- Say "amen" real loud but be careful because it will shock the pastor and some will think a spiritual revival is beginning.
- If you hear someone say "Praise the Lord", stand up and actually do so! People will be convinced spiritual revival is taking place.
- Give a good report about your pastor, bragging about your pastor in such a way that your relatives and friends just might want to attend church just to meet such a wonderful person.
- Show up at church workdays so that there will at least 2 people present, the pastor and you.
- Sit near the front of the sanctuary during church worship services. The advantage is that you don't have to arrive as early as usual in order to get a back seat.
- Invite friends and relatives to attend your church services, introducing them to your pastor and

better yet, introducing them to Jesus (they will be eternally grateful).

–Focus On The Family

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## KeenAger October Trip

The KeenAgers are going to the Garst Museum and Bears Mill in Greenville, Ohio on Tuesday, October 20th. The cost will be no more than \$12.00 plus gas and lunch. The bus will leave at 9:00 a.m.

–KeenAger Activity Directors  
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

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## Corrections and Additions To The Directory

Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

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Awana has had a great start in September, we have a large group in each club and are enjoying getting to know each clubber. Cubbies will be working as a group going through Genesis and learning how God created the world during October, Sparks and T&T will continue to progress at their own paces, studying the Scriptures and learning truths and promises.

We understand that all children are different and that with homework and extra activities like sports it can be hard to find time to encourage and help clubbers to understand and memorize a Bible verse but it really pays off in the long run. Starting with daily bible readings at a young age helps children to grow and to learn about God's love for us, so we hope that even in the busyness of daily life we can help our children find time to delve into their Bibles and memorize a few key scriptures.

We enjoyed seeing the clubbers and leaders participate in crazy hair night in September! Here are our dates for October, remember that children earn extra bucks for taking part in our theme nights:

### Awana October Calendar

- 7th Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 14th Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 21st Mismatched Theme Night (at least 4 items)/Canned Food Drive
- 28th **All Church Harvest Party-Family Center**

–Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer  
Awana Leaders



### All Church Harvest Party! Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 p.m.

It's that time of year when the leaves are turning and the days are getting colder, that means we have another opportunity to celebrate as a church that Jesus the light of the world, is our light and can shine bright through us! We are once again having our celebration the last Wednesday in October. We will be challenging our chefs and bakers to bring soups/chili for the soup/chili cook off and desserts for the bake

off! There will be no formal dinner this evening but everyone is invited to share in eating fabulous food. There will be a sign up in the connector for those bringing food – this helps us plan accordingly.

We will also be having our table and treating that we featured last year – we challenge different groups, ministries, Sunday school classes etc to “sponser” a table and decorate it. There is a trophy for the most inventive table, which was won last year by the third and fourth grade Sunday school class (and can be seen in their room!). We will pass our candy and other trinkets from these tables.

There will also be prizes for those who dress in NON SCARY COSTUMES in various age groups and a costume parade...personally we are looking forward to seeing how a certain pirate and his “wench” dress up this year!

As well as food and games we will also be having a short talk emphasizing how to represent Jesus during Halloween. We will still be collecting canned goods to donate to a local food pantry and as a special incentive each item bought will earn a raffle ticket, the winning ticket will allow one person to throw a cream pie in the face of a mystery guest!



### Collecting Used Stamps For Missionaries (UK)

The proceeds from old used stamps fund the purchase of medical supplies for missionaries mainly in Africa. They are collected by Medical Missionary News (MMN) who do a great work in organizing the transport of containers with equipment, medicines, food supplies and other essential goods to missionary stations and hospitals. In 2003, MMN sent 42 containers to Zambia, 11 to Angola, 4 to Congo, 3 to Rwanda, 1 to Uganda as well as 1 to India and 3 to Peru. The used stamps are stripped and packaged and sold to dealers and collectors to raise funds. Foreign stamps fetch the highest price and old coins, banknotes and medals are also useful.

There is a box in the narthex for your convenience. Please bring in your used stamps for this project. See Chris and Claire Metzger for further details.



### October 12th



**From The Heart Of  
Becky**

**College Corner**

**E-Mail From God**

**Trust Me, You're Not a Loser!**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a  
steadfast spirit within me.*

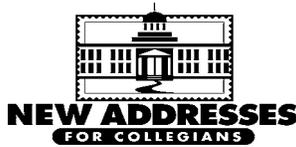
Psalm 51:10 NASB

Dear Child,

I'm going to ask you a tough question. Are you down on yourself about something? Maybe you despise the way you look. Maybe you made some dumb remark or acted like a moron, and you keep replaying it in your head. Listen, I love your looks, and I'm proud of your mind. Trust Me, you're no loser!

But there is something I do want to change about you. I want to change your heart and your spirit. I want to give you a heart so clean and a spirit so new that you'll be able to love yourself as I love you. You won't constantly be on your own case. When you've done something wrong, you'll confess it and accept My forgiveness and live without this constant self-condemnation.

The One Who Cleans Hearts,  
God



**Important!!** We need all college students addresses as soon as possible. **This year we also need their email addresses.** Please call Becky Scripture 856-7177 or the church office 868-1412.

—Becky Scripture  
College & Career Coordinator

**Student Ministries  
October Calendar**

Sunday, October 4th - "Bigger or Better" @ Wallace Home

Wednesday, October 7th - Gospel of John Series

Sunday, October 11th - Family Time (no student ministries)

Wednesday, October 14th - Gospel of John Series

Sunday, October 18th - Four Square Tournament at Church

Wednesday, October 21st - Gospel of John Series

Sunday, October 25th - Bon Fire - Location TBD

Wednesday, October 28th - All Church Harvest Party

**Childcare**

We are happy to and enjoy providing for all our little ones, we do need some help filling in dates especially on the first of each month. Allowing families some quiet time to worship is such a special thing and if you feel able to gift your time it is greatly appreciated. The sign up sheet is in the connector.

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

**For Sale!**

There is a four (4) drawer card catalog for sale. See Cathi Thomas if interested. (907-1264)

**Open Door Pantry Tour**

If anyone would like a tour of the Open Door Food Pantry, the Mission Board has one set up for Thursday, October 15th, at 4:30 p.m. The Food Pantry is located at 800 South Front Street at the corner of Front and Walnut. Call Ann Brown 894-0767 if you would like to be part of the tour. Everyone is welcome!



MOPS is off to a great start! We had 27 moms enjoy our kick-off meeting in September including three new moms who joined us for the first time. Thank you for supporting the MOPS ministry. We are especially grateful for those of you who watched our children. Thank you for serving God through MOPS. Please continue to keep the MOPS ministry in your prayers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Our topic is Noticing Goodness: Community Service. Could it be that we don't need new things but rather a new focus to see what we already have? Noticing what is good, gives us the gift of perspective and reminds us that the sacred is closer than we think. Representatives from Pathway to Hope, Serve City, and The Father's House in Hamilton will be speaking to us about their organizations, the hope that they provide to the community, and ways that we might be able to get involved.

Several additional events are planned in October. Moms will enjoy the chance to deepen friendships at a manicure/pedicure night on October 8th at 7p.m. The MOPS Bible Study, A Fierce Flourishing, will begin October 13th from 9:30-11:30a.m. at First Baptist Church and will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. In addition, moms will be preparing and serving dinner at Serve City on October 19th. The month will end with a mom/child outing favorite, a trip to the Brown's Family Farm Pumpkin Patch on October 27th 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

**A FIERCE  
FLOURISHING**



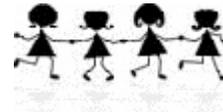
## Serve City Dinner

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. Look for a sign up sheet on the table in the connector each month. 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.

In His service,  
Nancy Whipple

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## Women's Ministry Events

**Dressmaking:** Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 31st, to plan and sew more pillowcase dresses. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. Fabric and lunch will be provided.

—Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Council

*We serve a*  
**BIG  
BIG  
GOD**



## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

October 4 -  
 October 11 - Linda & Larry Wallace  
 October 18 -  
 October 25 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna

### One & Two Year Olds

October 4 - Ruthie Wallace & girls  
 October 11 - Jan Smith & Teen Helper  
 October 18 - Cheryl Lambertson & Emma Imhoff  
 October 25 - Angie Inloes & Ashley

### Kiddiechurch

October 4 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
 October 11 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
 October 18 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton  
 October 25 - Debra Clemens & Anna Wallace

### Kinderchurch

October 4 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 October 11 - Lois Anderson & Helper  
 October 18 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 October 25 - Claire & Chris Metzger



## 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 with, please call **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 & Claire Metzger  
 Co-Directors of Children's Ministries



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### October 7

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Jello  
 Cake  
 Hosts: Keystone

### October 14

Menu: Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carrots,  
 Applesauce, Rolls, Apple Crisp  
 Hosts: FOCUS

### October 21

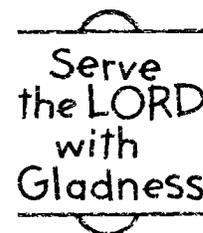
Menu: Potato Soup, Grilled Ham & Cheese  
 Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, Brownies  
 Hosts: Trustees

### October 28

Menu: Family Fun Fall Harvest Celebration! Chili/  
 Soup Cook-Off, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Dessert  
 Cook/Bake-Off  
 Hosts: Awana

**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

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
2:00 Butler Co. Life Chain  
6:00 Student Ministries  
"Bigger or Better" at  
Wallace Home  
6:00 KingsKids  
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Board of Missions  
6:00 Student Ministries -  
Family Time  
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Diaconate  
6:00 Student Ministries -  
Four Square  
Tournament  
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 C.E. Board  
6:00 Student Ministries -  
Bon Fire  
6:00 Evening Programs

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11:00 Women's Book Club  
@ Fairfield Library

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5:30 Serve City Meal

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6:30 Cabinet Meeting

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9:30 MOPS Steering  
Committee  
6:30 Plastic Bag Mat  
Making

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10:30 Holloway Circle  
10:30 Abell Circle  
6:00 Smith Circle

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9:00 KeenAgers to  
Greenville, OH  
9:30 MOPS

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5:00 ABW  
5:45 Nominating Com  
5:45 Family Dinner  
5:45 Awana/Canned Food  
Drive  
6:30 Student Ministries  
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer  
7:00 Praise Team  
7:30 Chancel Choir

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

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5:45 Family Dinner  
5:45 Awana Mismatched  
Theme/Canned Food  
Drive  
6:30 Student Ministries  
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer  
7:00 Praise Team  
7:30 Chancel Choir

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6:00 All Church Harvest  
Party!  
7:00 Praise Team  
7:30 Chancel Choir

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6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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5:30 Board of Trustees  
6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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4:30 Open Door Food  
Pantry Tour  
6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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8:30 Matthew 25  
6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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6:00 Mission Board  
Dinner for Bill &  
Ann Clemmer

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9:00 Men's Prayer  
Gathering  
9:30 Pathway To Hope Walk  
4 Life @ RiversEdge

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8:30 Casket Empty  
Seminar

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9:30 Dressmaking WMC

# October



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 - Ellie Dinger  
Michael Gipson  
Sandy Keller  
Kelly Mozingo  
Tom Thomas

2 - Eva Miller  
Tisha Patton

3 - Steve Gingrich  
Lisa Miles  
Caleb Russo

4 - Maddie Buchanan  
Jane Day  
Maria Miller

5 - Steven Click  
Toni Schwab  
Katie Roberts

6 - Andrew Sommers

7 - Connie Smith

8- Thomas Ellison  
Pat Nesbitt  
Jim Patton

9 - John Hampton  
Walter Hillman  
Julie Hines  
Dolly Houser  
Callie Hyde

10- Thelma Ditmyer  
Kalynne Schuermann

11- Jeremy Sapp  
Bobby Stanger  
Alyssa Witmer

12- Brandon Allen  
Sydney Mardis  
Cheryl Motzer

13- Dorothy VanNatta

14- Tom Farris

15- Aubrey Dickman

16- Alexis Ankrum  
Cooper Chaney  
Sara Wilson  
Rose Young

17- Rachael Davis  
Hannah Imhoff  
Jean Janutolo  
Anne Owen  
Madge Walters

20- Brad Hefner  
Lori Huff  
Rita McClure  
Abby Metzler  
JoAnn Russo  
Trisha Zeek

21 - Suzy House

22 - Aria Metzger

23- Joe Arnold  
Sydney Wilson

24- Teri Collier  
Mike Faber

25- Mary Petry  
Libby Roberts

26- Teresa Hoff  
Pat Miller  
Paul VonStein

27- Sandy Schrader

28- Marilyn Bowling  
Elizabeth Davis

29- Josh Baker  
Linda Gibbs  
Josie Metzger  
Shauna Teeters

30- Kerry Collier

31- Mark Farmer  
Bridget Sapp  
Thomas Scott  
Mindy Muller

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

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## Personal Notes

From Andy Klaber, Liesl Higgins, Lucy Rau & Matt Klaber

Many thanks for the lunch you provided our family following the memorial service for our mom, Sally Williamson, several weeks ago. The food was plentiful and delicious. Thank you to those who provided the food and for those who served it. We appreciate this ministry.

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## Pathway To Hope Hosts Walk 4 Life

Pathway To Hope Pregnancy Care Center will host its first annual Walk 4 Life on Saturday, October 3rd. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will start at 10:00 a.m. The walk will start at the RiversEdge Park and Amphitheatre along the Great Miami River to the dam and back. A total of four miles will be walked to raise awareness and funds for Pathway to Hope. The band ONE will be performing throughout the morning in the Amphitheatre. There will be door prizes, games and face painting.

## Reflections On Life And Death

Today I walked the Stone Church graveyard  
And met my Maker face to face -  
Dear souls whom I have known and loved,  
Resting now 'neath Queen Ann's Lace.

“What is man that Thou art mindful?” Psalm 8:4  
“His days are like the grass -” Psalm 103:15  
A lifetime etched in granite  
Between two dates - the dash.

Our lives are but a vapor -  
Ephemeral - a blip.  
We leave just footprints and memories  
As souvenirs of our trip.

So it behooves us to walk well,  
And let the future show  
Our footprints led to higher ground  
While we lived here below.

—By Florence Jones  
August 2006

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