

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

October, 2016

From Daniel's Den My Experiment

In worship we glorify God. We hear from God. And, we respond to God.

You may remember the last Sunday of July 2016 I asked the congregation for the grace to try some experiencing with our Sunday morning worship. You were kind enough to grant me that permission. And you have been very patient with me. Thank you.

First, let me lay down some principles. The Westminster Confession asks "Question. 1. What is the chief end of man? Answer. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." 1 Pet. 4:11. *"That God in all things may be glorified."* The glory of God is a silver thread which must run through all our actions. 1 Cor. 10:31. *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* The great truth asserted is that the focus of our lives should be to glorify God. The purpose of our gathering together at First Baptist Church of Hamilton is first and foremost to glorify God.

The second reason we gather is to hear from God, particularly through His Word. *1 Corinthians 1:21 God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. And, Romans 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

I believe there is nothing more important than our worship of God and the preaching of His Word!

In our Cabinet meeting August 29, we had a conversation about what we thought and have heard regarding some of the changes. It was suggested that I share some of my reasoning for the tweaks I have made.

Not always wearing a coat or a tie. The sanctuary is not cool enough for me. I know there are many who

cannot tolerate too cool a room. Some still bring sweaters. The congregation is sitting and relaxed. I am preaching and exerting a lot of energy. I get hot! As far as what people wear, I think most people like a come as you are, comfortable style. We do not have a dress code at FBC. We are a warm welcoming congregation who do not judge people by what they wear.

Chancel. My speaking style is conversational and engaging as a communicator. I find the pulpit a barrier to communication. Communication includes body-language. Preaching is a full body experience. I prefer to preach with a stand and a cleared platform. This is also why we moved the communion table back to the platform under the cross, to open the front. We will move the table back to the floor for communion to bring focus to the Lord's Supper and for the aid of the deacons serving.

Putting the offering later in the service. The primary reason I do this is to be able to use the Connect Card as a response card. People have more time to write something down. As you have noted, people may check a box about a decision they are making, write a prayer concern or comment, and ask for information. Coming forward before the whole congregation is a frightening thing for most people. Particularly if a person is newer to the church and they do not know what will happen "down there". Using the Connect Card provides a means of communication and allows me the opportunity to follow-up with more people. I can help people come forward at a later time to make their decision public.

Putting the offering later in the service. We strive to make the theme of a worship service blend together seamlessly. Roger and Laurin do a great job in selecting worship music to bring us into the presence of God and keep us there to leading up to the Word preached. After the sermon, we invite people to respond in a variety of ways. The response song is carefully selected to keep the focus of the message on the response that the Holy

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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 16th**. 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, 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 the founding CEO of NightLight International, a global organization compelled by love to reach out to rescue and restore all those negatively affected by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. NightLight Bangkok has assisted over 160 Thai women through employment and repatriated over 95 trafficked women to their countries in Africa, Asia, Central Asia, South America and Eastern Europe. Jeff teaches urban transformation with a team of adjunct faculty members at local seminaries and serves as a chaplain at NightLight and as senior pastor 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 Joshua

“And the people said to Joshua, ‘The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.’”

Joshua 24:24 (RSV)

Joshua, written not by, but about the man, is the story of the occupation of Canaan in fulfillment of Pentateuch promises. The narrative is combined from several documents, and is more picturesque than accurate as history. Its main purpose was to teach God's will for Israel through the account of the occupation of a country promised to God's people while they were “strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

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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Spirit is calling someone to make. On the first Sunday, the invitation to express our faith through communion is a response to the Scripture preached. This also moves the offertory music after the message. This is helpful because the special music does not always lead smoothly into the message.

After the response song, we continue to respond by praying for one another, bringing God's tithe and our offerings to share in ministry and mission, and then sharing the Church family news and announcements before we leave one another to enter the mission field of our every day.

I understand the order of our worship time as 1. Gathering to focus on God in praise, 2. Hearing the Word of God preached, 3. Responding to the Word through commitment, intercession, offerings, and service.

I hope this helps. The Apostle Paul gave us the model, *1 Corinthians 9:21-23 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.* I want to do everything I can to lead us into worship and to share the gospel of Jesus in as open and clear a way as possible.

Be The Light!
Pastor Dan

October series: **We're all in this together!**

- 10-02 part 1: Communion- Discerning the Body of Christ - 1Cor 11:23-29
- 10-09 part 2: Baptism - Arise to live a new life - Romans 6:2-7
- 10-16 part 3: Church - Now WE are the Body of Christ - 1Cor 12:27
- 10-23 part 4: Ministry - My part in the Body of Christ - Mal 3:10; Rom 12:5-8

November series: Kingdom of God

- 10-30 part 1: The Kingdom Promised
- 11-06 part 2: The Kingdom Initiated
- 11-13 part 3: The Kingdom Present, Now but Not Yet
- 11-20 part 4: The Kingdom Comes

Membership Class

Beginning October 2nd Pastor Dan will be offering a Membership Class for any aged persons who are regular attendees, those new to FBC, and those who have recently become members, or anyone interested. This will be a four-week class during the Sunday School hour, from 9:15-10:15 in the Library. The topics to be discussed will include:

1. FBC: past, present and future
2. "What We Believe" and "Member Covenant"
3. How to get connected.

The Membership Class will be repeated every other month. We would like for this class to become the door through which people become members of the church. If you plan to attend please let us know by marking the connect card, emailing or calling the office.

Reading The Bible In Color

Old Testament Edition
First Baptist Church of Hamilton
1501 Pyramid Hill Boulevard

Saturday, October 8th
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Recalibrating our imaginations to see biblical characters & events as real people in real places

Cost: Free with lunch included
RSVP to Aaron Osterbrock 513 405-2919
or
aaron.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org

—Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor

Judson Village Donations

We will be making another trip to Judson Village in October with wrapped candy and items for their gift shop. The residents will once again pass out candy for Halloween. Also feel free to donate knick knacks, costume jewelry, 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. In addition, you may donate new toiletry items such as soap, lotion, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Place your donations in the box marked "Judson Village" in the coat room. Please place items in the box by October 14th. See Nancy Whipple with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child

Everyone's help is needed as we expand our involvement in the shoebox project. This year we will be a relay collection center for the city during the week of November 14-21. We will need about 5 volunteers each day of that week to receive boxes and pack them into containers. We will also need some muscle to pack containers into trucks to be delivered to Mt. Healthy on Monday the 21st. 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 14th - 9:30-1:30
Tues 15th - 3:00-7:00
Wed 16th - 9:30 -1:30
Thurs 17th - 3:00-7:00
Fri 18th - 9:30-1:30
Sat. 19th - 12:00-4:00
Sun 20th - 3:00-7:00
Mon 21st - 9:30-11:30

Contact Nancy Whipple or Cathi Thomas with any questions. Merry Christmas!



Trunk or Treat is a ministry of local churches in Hamilton as a demonstration of God's grace and our witness. This is the seventh year of this event. During the two-hour period from one to three p.m. on Saturday, October 29th, churches, social service agencies, and local groups come together to offer a street fair. This event is held all around the old Butler County Courthouse. Some of the things that happen are:

- Free hot dogs, chips, and drink
- Candy for the kids
- Churches giving out what cannot be purchased on food stamps (toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, bags to carry things, etc.)
- The Masons do child identity kits. Since this program started four children have been found due to their kits.
- The Butler County health department will be there to do flu immunizations

- Miami Hamilton students bring coats to pass out and help with setup
- Half Price Books donate books to give away
- The Lindenwald Prayer truck is there
- The praise band ONE plays music in the gazebo
- Various social service agencies come to tell the community what they do. e.g. Transitional Living, SELF, etc
- The Salvation Army is there to offer their services
- The police and fire department are present for community relations.

First Baptist has committed to passing out deodorant. We are in need of deodorant, any type or brand. There is a box in the coat room labeled "Trunk or Treat". Please place deodorant in the box for the fun "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday, October 29th.

This event attracts about one thousand people to the old court house each year. It is a safe place for children to trick or treat, get needed screenings and immunizations, other needed services all with a dose of Jesus' love.

Budget Status Report

The Month of August, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$68,925
Offerings	<u>50,689</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$18,236)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$67,072
Offerings	<u>50,689</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$16,383)

The Year Through August, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$550,399
Offerings	<u>494,515</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$55,884)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$545,994
Offerings	<u>494,515</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$51,479)

–The Board Of Trustees

“The trustees would like to remind parents and children’s workers that they should not permit kids to play around the chair and table racks in the gym.”

Decision America Tour 2016

The Franklin Graham Decision America Rally at the State House in Columbus is Thursday, October 6th. The van will leave First Baptist at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to ride in the van, please mark “C” on the connect card.

Matthew 25 Ministries Fight Hunger 5K

Join the First Baptist Hamilton Team in support of Matthew 25 Ministries! On Saturday, November 5th, 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. The race also kicks off the Hunger Food Drive, which raises 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 t-shirt and goody bag, and a post race lunch. Start time is 8:30 AM.

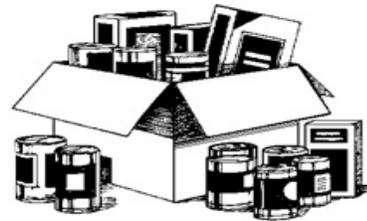
Please see Laurin or Lisa Sprague (896-7911) if you are interested. Thank you for supporting Matthew 25 Ministries!

National Life Chain Sunday October 2nd 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.

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 October 19th and 26th. Please 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, October 27th. 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.



Whole Church Canned Food Drive

Awana kids are very faithful in bringing in canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to the food pantry at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ. We will collect the month of September, October and until November 16. If you go to the grocery, please buy an extra can or two each week to donate and help our Awana club in serving the needy. We will also have a small table to put your donations on in the connector on your way to morning worship service. George and Shirley Wade suggested involving the entire church in this venture 8 years ago! By bringing in something, they felt like they were serving also. Suggested items that are usually in great demand: canned tuna, tomato or chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables or fruit, and cereal.

-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

KeenAger October Trip

John Wallace has invited the KeenAgers to be his guest for Manufacturing Day at Metal Coaters in Middletown Friday, October 7th. Tours, speakers, and lunch will be provided. The bus will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

–KeenAger Activity Directors
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

Pathway to Hope Pregnancy Care Center Fall Fun(ds) For Life

You're invited to join the team or cheer us on as we participate in a kickball tournament against other churches to benefit **Pathway to Hope Pregnancy Care Center** on Saturday, **October 1st** from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Beckett Ridge 8195 Beckett Road. Please RSVP to Aaron Osterbrock at aaron.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org, text 513.405.2919, or on Facebook at the FBC Young Adults page.

There will also be a Walk For Life. Register for the Walk for \$20 by purchasing a ticket online. (If you would prefer on offline payment, you can email volunteerforlife2229@gmail.com with your name and bring your money to the event.) You will be provided with a sponsor sheet and ask that you spend this time before the fundraiser to pray and seek support for our center from family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and neighbors. Take a courageous stand for the truth and raise funds to help us save lives!

There will be all sorts of activities, games, food, and fun for the whole family! Chick-fil-a sandwiches, face paint, corn toss, and more!!

–Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor

Golden Girls' Lunch

The Golden Girls are a group of fun single ladies who enjoy eating together on the fifth Sunday of the month. The Golden Girls will meet immediately following the morning worship Sunday, October 30th, at The Golden Dragon to enjoy lunch together. For more information see Diana Bueker, Nancy Follmer, or Carol Howard.



We have had a fantastic start to Awana, with eager and enthusiastic kids (and leaders!) coming each week to learn about God and discover how the Bible details promises, plans and details about how real God is and what that means to us. We have a need still for listeners, all it takes is a pair of ears and a heart for Jesus! Why do we need so many listeners? Well for twenty minutes we have book time in Sparks and T&T, where in small groups (some are one on one) a listener builds relationships with the two or three children, and guides them as they work at their own pace to read and memorize scripture. For some children this is the only time they see a Bible or even an adult that takes an interest in them personally for who they are and not for their achievements. Building relationships with these children can last a lifetime, personally we can recall key adults from our own childhood who supported us as new Christians.

We are continuing our canned food drive through until Thanksgiving, you can see our table downstairs is starting to fill up. The children love picking out food to bring and this is an easy way for them to understand how to serve others by helping those who are hungry. Don't forget as a whole church family we are encouraged to support this food drive also!

The following are the dates for Wednesdays in October, please note that for the crazy hair theme night kids will "earn" extra Awana bucks for taking part. Also the all church harvest party is a fun way to invite families and kids to come join us, see below for more details!

Awana October Calendar

- 5th Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 12th Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 19th Crazy Hair Theme Night/Canned Food Drive
- 26th **All Church Harvest Party-Family Center**

–Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Awana Leaders

Large Church Christmas Card

Just a heads up that we'll be sponsoring our large church Christmas card again this year, stay tuned for more information and to check out our previous cards!

–Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer

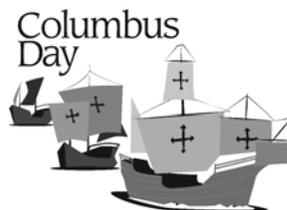


All Church Harvest Party! Wednesday, October 26th 5:45 p.m.

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 "sponsor" a table and decorate it. There is a trophy for the most inventive table, which was won last year by the Legacy Builders Sunday school class (and can be seen in their room!). We will pass out 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...we have whole families take part in this and many adults enjoy dressing up also! 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. We look forward to seeing you join us!



October 12th

Just-in Time's

As many of you may have seen, a few weeks ago we kicked off the year with an incredible UNITED event on First Baptist's front lawn! We had slip n' slide races down two tracks in the middle of a downpour. It was quite awesome. Even more awesome was that we had 85 students and leaders from 5 churches across Butler County join together to make the such an event happen. We are now back in full swing, where this semester we are really emphasizing our Wednesday night gatherings at CORRE. Us leaders have developed a yearly curriculum around a the center thought, "What do we want our students to have had the chance to learn during their four to six years with us?" With that questions in mind, we have broken down our year into seven key checkpoints of learning: Authentic Faith, Spiritual Disciplines, Moral Boundaries, Healthy Friendships, Wise Choices, Ultimate Authority, and Others First. This parameter will guide our time together in CORRE, and for that we are excited as leaders to begin having these conversations with students! On Wednesday nights students can expect to hear a gospel-centered message about a Biblical text in reference to one of these seven checkpoints. They will then break out into smaller groups for time of deeper discussion and application. We believe that our small group break outs are the most important time we have during CORRE because it is here where students begin to be challenged and to reflect deeply about God's Word and what it means for their lives. If your student is not plugged into a small group of some sort, whether through Young Life, Athletes in Action, or some other place, we encourage you to do what it takes to make this time a priority for your child. If they are unable to attend or feel uncomfortable in the setting we provide, we ask that you let us know so we can figure out how to best reach your student the best we can. Listed below is further dates and times for places to connect in our student ministry:

October 2 - Bonfire down at Holloway Park from 6:30 to 8PM! Roast a s'more, grab a soda and plop down next to the fire with all your friends and enjoy a Fall evening together.

October 9 - Leaders will be having a meeting after the service from 12PM to 2PM.

October 16 - Tonight is a Family Night. We encourage you to spend time together today!

October 23 - Leaders will be having a meeting after the service from 12PM to 2PM.

October 29** - On October 29th (yes, Saturday

instead of Sunday), we will be joining the rest of First Baptist Hamilton in serving at Trunk or Treat from 1PM to 3PM around the Butler County Courthouse. Our commitment is to pass out deodorant so please bring any deodorant you can gather to FBCH prior to the event to prepare for a great afternoon of serving others!

October 5, 12, 19, 26 - During the first three weeks of October we will be starting a series on Spiritual Disciplines. We will be discussing the importance of developing a healthy prayer life and personal quiet time with the Lord. Our prayer is like that of Paul's plea to the Romans in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the RENEWING of your mind." We pray that students would begin now developing or reinforcing their walks with Jesus by engaging in the life transforming work of reading God's Word for themselves, prayerfully considering how it ought to direct their paths. Compounded with our previous series on Authentic Faith and future series on Moral Boundaries, Wise Choices, Others First, etc, the aim of this year is to equip students in their faith with the necessary tools to follow Jesus for a lifetime.

Putting faith into action, on October 26th, we will be serving AWANA during their Harvest Party. Students will need to sign up with Justin in order to be given a role to fulfill. Make sure to dress up in costume and bring some candy!

For further updates please follow our Facebook page. If you have any questions, call Justin at (513) 658-2277.

—Justin Davis

Childcare

Once again we are asking for help with childcare, this is such a vital part of our ministry in teaching children about Jesus AND supporting families to go to worship in the knowledge that their children are being lovingly taken care of and learning about God. Practically we need at minimum of 10 adults each Sunday to commit to this, unfortunately its often the same people who do this and they are becoming tired and miss adult interaction and worship time as a church! I would encourage you to gift one Sunday this year to the children's ministry, no gift wrap required!

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



From The Heart Of Marilyn

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.*

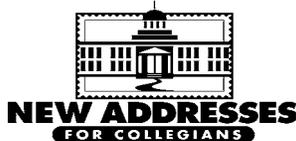
Psalm 51:10 NASB

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 Marilyn Bowling 863-2435 or the church office 868-1412.

—Marilyn Bowling
College & Career Coordinator

Prayer For Our Nation

“If my people
Who are called by my name . . .”
That's us, Lord, your church
Your eternal flame.

“Will humble themselves . . .”
Yes, we're down on our knees.
“And pray . . .” yes we're praying,
Forgive us, Lord, please!

“And seek my face . . .”
Once again, as of old
When we kept your precepts
And stayed in the fold.

“And turn from their wicked ways”
Yes, we wish to repent;
We've broken each one
Of your ten commandments.

“Then I will hear from heaven
And will forgive their sin.”
Lord, we don't deserve it,
But please forgive us once again.”

And will heal their land.”
May our stars and stripes still wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave.

II Chronicles 7:14

Please vote on Nov. 8 for the candidates and issues that hold our Christian values.

By Florence Jones

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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

Rish, John & Edith
3801 Woodridge Boulevard # 231
Fairfield, OH 45014
Phone: 881-4915

VonStein, Margie
100 Berkeley Boulevard
Room 452
Hamilton, OH 45013
Phone: 896-3250



Ok so one of my very favorite things to do is to say cheesy lines, it's how I can make my day extra fun and keep it simple - Happy Fall Y'all.

September 20th was our first MOPS meeting and it was a wonderful celebration of joyous beginnings. We had many moms: new moms and returning moms (about 25 moms) and many children keeping our Moppet workers on their toes. Thank you so much to Cathi Thomas and all of the work she does to get our Moppet helpers and thanks as well to the Moppet workers, I know that you rested well Tuesday night.

October's theme is Wonder. We are motivated by our verse John 14:1 ESV *"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."* Mike Brudzinski will be our speaker. When I think of this theme I think readily of how I am able to rise each day with a new sense of energy and readiness for my day regardless of my yesterday. I also think of my sky view, much like the view from our church grounds over the city, I just continue to stand in awe of what God does: He has made the trees green, and he makes the leaves change to beautiful colors, he tells the ocean waters to stop, makes the mountains to peak, etc.

Along with all of the wonders in nature, I also reflect on the wonders of our relationships. I recently had a trip to Texas and met up with an old military friend, she wanted to meet up for dinner and upon setting up the reservation she asked to include her son for dinner. Now he is 18, but when I knew him he was 6/7 years and 13 years old, the idea that an 18 year old wanted to meet up because he had remembered me and wanted to catch up is beyond me. I just don't know the one thing that I said or the one gift that I may have given that left this young man with an impression that made him want to catch up with me. Wow! Again Jesus reminds me that it is not what we say all of the time that our friends or this world remembers about us, it is a connection, a relationship that they will remember. They will remember whether we left them feeling loved.

I don't know how, what, or why about many things, but I never wonder WHO. I know my God, The One True Lord of All, who loves us so much, wants the best for us. I know that he continues to reveal himself to us through all of his wonders. If you are a mother of a preschooler (0-5 years old) and you would like to find out about MOPS please come to our next

meeting, October 18, we would love to have you.

*As always we could use more moppet workers, even if you just want to be on a standby list in the case of a cancellation, we want your service. Your commitment to these moms and the children is so important and appreciated.

Love and All Glory to God!
Heather Nguyen
MOPS Coordinator



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.

Following Jesus Together

A Conference on Discipleship and Prayer
for Adults, Youth and Children

Saturday, November 12th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Princeton Pike Church of God
6101 Princeton Glendale Road



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

October 2 - Krys Schramm & Sydney
 October 9 - Linda & Larry Wallace
 October 16 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay
 October 23 - Kathy Inloes
 October 30 -

One & Two Year Olds

October 2 -
 October 9 -
 October 16 -
 October 23 -
 October 30 -

Kiddiechurch

October 2 -
 October 9 - Claire & Chris Metzger
 October 16 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
 October 23 -
 October 30 -

Kinderchurch

October 2 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 October 9 -
 October 16 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
 October 23 -
 October 30 -



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 5

Menu: Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, Rolls, Brownies
 Hosts: Deacons

October 12

Menu: Potato Soup, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler
 Hosts: Deaconesses

October 19

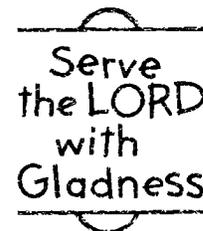
Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Loretta's Texas Sheet Cake
 Hosts: Keystone

October 26

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

October 2016

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9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Membership Class
10:30 Worship
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs
6:30 Student Ministry
Bon Fire @
Holloway Park

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9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Membership Class
10:30 Worship
12:00 Student Ministry
Leader Meeting
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:15 Missions,
Diaconate, CE
Boards in Rm 200
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Membership Class
10:30 Worship
12:00 Student Ministry
Leader Meeting
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

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9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Membership Class
10:30 Worship
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

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11:00 WMC Book Club @
Lane Library in
Fairfield

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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

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

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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 Ministry -
Authentic Faith
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

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

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5:45 Nominating Com
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana/Crazy Hair
Theme/Canned Food
Drive
6:30 Student Ministry -
Authentic Faith
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

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5:45 All Church Harvest
Party
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

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8:00 Leave for Columbus
Decision America
Tour

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5:30 Board of Trustees

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8:30 Matthew 25

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9:30 KeenAgers to Metal
Coaters in
Middletown

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9:00 Men's Prayer
Gathering
2:00 Pathway To Hope Walk
Fun(d) For Life

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8:30 Reading The Bible In
Color Seminar

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9:30 Sewing Day

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1:00 Trunk or Treat around
Butler County Court
House

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
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- Kalyne 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
Abby Metzler
JoAnn Russo
Rocco Yantes
Trisha Zeek

21 - Suzy House

22 - Aria Metzger

23- Joe Arnold
Sydney Wilson

24- Teri Collier

25- Mary Petry
Libby Roberts

26- Pat Miller

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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Fall Is A Time To Sew !

Sewing ladies--let's get together! We will be sending dresses and britches in October to the Congo w/Bill Clemmer. We also sent britches to Nicaragua this summer, so we need to replenish our supply! We have lotsa new fabric---thanks to friends in church who have donated. We've also received sewing machines and sergers--thank you so much! We really appreciate those donations!

There are sewing kits available hanging on the left clothes rod. These are dresses and britches w/all supplies in the kit. Of course, you can add your own accessories and make an original design pocket. Please help yourself to those!

Our sewing Saturdays are the 3rd weekend of every month. October 15th will be our next sewing day. We will sew, make plans for other projects, and have light lunch. Please come and share your ideas---we have machines for everyone!! I am usually in the sewing room on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to join me!

Diana Bueker (942-4560)

Personal Notes

From Rae Ann Baumann, Organizer of Volleyball

Thank you so very much for allowing our Tuesday Ladies-Night-Out Volleyball League to use your facilities for the 2016 winter session. We really appreciate your generosity.

From Linda and Brad Hoover

Many thanks to our First Baptist family for your prayers, encouragement, and love during my journey. As I read through my many cards last night and my e-mail and Facebook today, I was touched by your words of encouragement and inspiration. God has so gifted us with Christian friends who care. Brad and I are doing well. Some days are hard of course but turning to Scripture and prayer brings strength, courage, and peace and it truly is the peace that passes all understanding as the Bible says. Much love to all of you.

From Mal Landis

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls during the illness and death of my daughter-in-law, Carla Landis. Thanks also for your concerns about my son, Steve Landis.

From Tess & Jeff Messer for the family of Janet Messer

Thank you so much to your wonderful church family, especially Pat & Anne Brown, Eris Cappelli, Nancy Follmer, Ron Gerth, and Jack & Judy Young for your loving gift to the church in memory of Janet. It was so very thoughtful of you all. Janet sure did love her church and church family! We so appreciate your friendship with her over the years.

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