

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

September, 2015

From Daniel's Den The Prayer Covenant: Following Jesus Together

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray...." (Luke 11:1)

We are called to be a people of prayer. First Baptist is known as a praying church. Our One Call prayer-chain is much called upon to lift up our congregation and community. We have a Wednesday evening prayer meeting led by Pastor Bill where serious praying happens. I imagine FBC taking another great step in prayer.

Imagine First Baptist overflowing with prayer and spiritual vitality! Imagine our church filled with prayer; repeatedly, daily, constantly. Imagine our church filled with prayer partnerships that re/form every 40 days. Imagine our church filled with children and students praying regularly for each other. Imagine families praying together daily around the dinner table, not just a perfunctory dinner blessing, but thoughtful and biblically rich prayers. Imagine our congregation members meeting regularly over coffee, in small groups, and in Sunday School classes to talk about what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing in their lives through prayer.

I believe these dreams are going to be coming true in First Baptist Hamilton. This September through November we will be committing to The Prayer Covenant. We will be spiritually fueled by covenant prayer partnerships for vital mission and ministry.

The Prayer Covenant is a model prayer to be prayed together in a covenant relationship with others. It is also a covenant of worship and mission. I will be preaching on the points of The Prayer Covenant as we drill deeper into its meaning and theology. Plan now to attend every Sunday morning worship service and Sunday School Class during this special experience.

The 40 Day Prayer Covenant ministry was founded by the Rev. Dr. Jerry Kirk. Dr. Kirk has been in thousands of prayer covenants over the course of his

45+ years of ministry. Jerry has been blessed with a fruitful ministry, not only as a pastor, most notably of College Hill Church in Cincinnati, but as the founder of both the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, and pureHOPE, a ministry providing resources for the church to help respond to the pervasive pressures of our sexualized culture. He believes the key to his fruitful ministry is the number of people who have been praying for him throughout his ministry. As Jerry says, "It is good to follow Jesus; it is even better to follow Jesus together with others in prayer."

When we pray in covenants of prayer with and for others, we are stepping into the heavenly realms as members of the body of Christ. When we pray together, we are drawing upon divine power to address challenges that cannot be achieved by our efforts alone. When we pray together, we go beyond our own personal concerns to lift up the needs of others in ways that please God. When we pray together, we acknowledge that God is the center of all of life and has power to work his will and achieve his purposes through his people-the church. When we pray in prayer covenants, we are partnering together with God at the deepest level.

We are filled with hope for what God is going to do as we covenant together to seek God with FBC and all over the world. What a difference we will see! Following Jesus together in prayer is one of the greatest joys of the Christian life and brings untold blessings of eternity right into the midst of our needy world.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Dan





American Baptist Women's Ministries

ABW Circles

The ABW Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month and begin their new year September 8th. Holloway Circle meets in the Board Room at 10:30 a.m. with Evon Laubenstein as the chairperson. Abell Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. in the church library with Carolyn Dudley as the chair. Karen Buchanan chairs the Smith Circle which meets at 6:00 p.m. in various homes. Contact Nancy Whipple (863-2309) for information about any of the three circles.

Missionaries for the Month of September:

Thailand
Kit Ripley
Democratic Republic of Congo
William and Ann Clemmer

Kit's primary ministry involvement is with the New Life Center Foundation (NLC) in northern Thailand. The NLC works with tribal minority girls who have been or are at risk of becoming victims of labor exploitation. Her work includes teaching classes in therapeutic art and personal budgeting, directing the Business for Tribal Women program, guest relations and administration. She also provides pastoral care and leadership development for NCL staff.

Bill serves as country representative for IM's partner, IMA World Health, working with a team of 35 men and women from six African nations. His goal is to help establish and reinforce primary health care services for an estimated 4 million persons east of the White Nile, including many returning refugees from the northern sector of Sudan. **Ann** provides communication and logistics support, and also works to meet the needs of Sudanese health care workers in various training and educational settings.

Bible Book of the Month . . . I & II Timothy, Titus

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved . . ." II Timothy 2:15 (RSV)

In the two letters from Paul to Timothy, his friend and loyal helper, we sense Paul's concern over the care and nurture of the churches while he is imprisoned. His main concerns are the false beliefs in the churches, how ministers should be chosen, and what they ought to teach. Timothy is advised and encouraged to keep on witnessing faithfully to Jesus

Christ and to hold to the true meaning of the Good News.

Titus was also one of Paul's fellow workers. The church in Crete seems to be in need of someone to teach sound doctrine. Titus is assigned to the task and told to rebuke the false teachers sharply. Advice regarding Christian conduct is given, especially the need to be peaceful and friendly, and to avoid hatred, argument and division in the church.

PRAY for those men and women whose lives and words touch the lives of children and young people through the work in our Christian Centers.

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. Please contact Nancy Whipple with any questions. Thank you for all the ways you serve "the least of these."

Judson Village Donations

We will be making another trip to Judson Village in October with 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, or any other items you think the residents would be interested in purchasing at the gift shop. 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 14.



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Welcome, Aaron Osterbrock

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We at FBC Hamilton are excited to welcome Aaron Osterbrock as Associate Pastor starting September 1, 2015. Aaron and his wife Valerie and their son Theophilus (born July 4, 2015) will be moving from Boston, Mass. August 29-30.

Aaron was born and raised in Cincinnati, the middle son of three boys in a Christian home. He came to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the age of twelve. Since that time, the Lord has brought a number of mentors into his life to aid in his spiritual formation. He says, "It is because of these men, and the Lord's grace, that I am who I am today. Having been mentored/discipled from the age of fifteen through the present, he places a high value on discipleship".

Aaron earned a BA at the University of Cincinnati, and worked for five years in manufacturing in northern Kentucky. Aaron and his wife, Valerie, have recently both earned their Masters of Theology in Biblical Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, Mass. They both graduated with their Masters of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell in 2014.

Valerie was born in Boston when her father was a PhD student at MIT. Her parents are from Singapore and Hong Kong, China respectively though she and her siblings were raised in Australia. Valerie taught middle school in Australia before attending Gordon-Conwell for her MDiv and ThM, where she and Aaron met on a mission trip to South Africa.

Aaron is currently in the process of being ordained through ABC Ohio and will complete the process this fall. As for vision, his heart's desire is to glorify God with his entire life by living out His design within and His call upon his life. He sees that being call to be a pastor to His Church to aid and nurture in the process of the spiritual formation of His people by the power of His Holy Spirit. In addition to his call to be a pastor, they feel called long term to serve the Church by training pastors in a developing country at a Bible college. Though this is their long term goal, they are committed to serving the Church pastorally at FBC Hamilton for two years.

As Associate Pastor, Aaron will be responsible for a full range of pastoral responsibly. He will be teaching and preaching, developing small groups and outreach in the community, and helping to lead mission ministry.

We are excited to have Aaron and Valerie as a part of our leadership team and as brother and sister in Christ in our church family. Pray for them. Invite them to be with you. And follow their leadership as they bring their particular spiritual gifts to ministry in the Butler County region and globally.

Welcome, Justin Davis

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This past month, we have grown to know and love Justin and Elizabeth Davis. Justin joined our ministry staff July 20. The Advisory Board unanimously affirmed his call to be Youth Pastor on July 19.

Justin grew up in Middletown, Ohio. He became a Christian through the ministry of Youth Life when he was a freshman in high school. He attended Miami University, Oxford, OH graduating January 2015 earning a Bachelors in Integrative Studies with Concentrations Management, Family Studies, and a Minor Comparative Religions. During college, Justin was Team Leader with YOUNG LIFE in Springboro, OH from 2010-2014. He prepared curriculum and spoke at events with 20 to 200 people. He led and trained a team up to 5 leaders, and planned approximately 100 events including weekly clubs and the annual fundraising banquet. Justin says that he committed over 5,000 volunteer hours.

Justin has also served as Ministry Intern at THE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Middletown and Oxford, OH where he has been a member. He initiated and developed the Internship Program from ground up and recruited 5 interns. His focus was in Research and Operations. It was at the OAKS that Justin began to sense the call to pastoral ministry. We were privileged to commission Justin with a License of Gospel Ministry on August 16, 2015.

A significant part of God working in Justin's life was a tragic car accident December 9, 2011. He was involved in a head on collision as he traveled from Oxford to Middletown. It resulted in almost every bone in his legs being broken. He spent six months in a wheel chair and rehabbed at his parent's home in California. God used even this tragedy to reach Justin and his family in new ways. Justin says, "I came back after my accident and changed my major to ministry." God is good.

Justin and Elizabeth (Redwine from Mason, OH) were married June 19, 2015 after they had interviewed with our Search Committee on June 15. Elizabeth is also a Miami University 2015 graduate and a first year language arts teacher at Madison Middle School. Justin and Elizabeth currently live in Oxford, but plan to move to Hamilton in about a year.

Justin is currently visioning the student ministries of FBCH. He has spent much time designing ministries which will both disciple current FBCH students in their faith, but also planning opportunities to reach unchurched students and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are blessed to have Justin and Elizabeth as our brother and sister in Christ. We are also exceedingly fortunate by the providence of God to have Justin serving as our Youth Pastor and team player on our ministry staff. Please give Justin your complete support, encouragement, and volunteer for ministry support as he seeks to pastor this precious group of students into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

New Fall Wednesday Programing Times!

5:45 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Awana
6:30 p.m.	FBCH Student Ministries
6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Studies and Prayer
6:45 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Aaron Osterbrock Begins New Bible Study

Wednesday, September 2nd
6:30 p.m. in Rooms 113-114

Have you ever wondered how the Bible fits together as one redemptive story? How each book, written over a span of 1,500 years by numerous God-inspired authors, contributes to the overall story of God's redemptive plan for humanity? In our study on Wednesday nights we will investigate these questions, and more, through a study called "CASKET EMPTY." It will be a study that is accessible for young believers as well as challenging for more mature believers. It is my prayer and belief that the Lord will use this time to teach us more about Him and to help us further reflect Jesus in our daily lives. Would you consider joining us as we study and seek to further know the Lord and His Word?

—Aaron Osterbrock
Associate Pastor



Camp Kirkwood's 2nd Annual Fall Fun Day September 20, 2015

All ages are invited to come for a day and hang out at the camp. We'll have a Christian band performing on the deck, weather permitting. There will be raffle baskets to raise funds for the Friends of Kirkwood program. Bring a fishing pole and use the lake if you desire, or simply explore the grounds. We will also offer hayrides. This event is free from 3 to 6 p.m.

Budget Status Report The Month of June, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$54,390
Offerings	<u>52,166</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,224)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$49,640
Offerings	<u>52,166</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 2,526

The Year Through June, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$323,935
Offerings	<u>345,341</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$21,406

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$326,510
Offerings	<u>345,341</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 18,831

Offerings versus Budget

Offerings (Through June)	\$345,341
Annual Budget (Through June)	* <u>355,035</u>
Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 9,694)

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

The Month of July, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$58,745
Offerings	<u>55,282</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$3,463)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$48,510
Offerings	<u>55,282</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 6,772

The Year Through July, 2015

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$382,680
Offerings	<u>400,624</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$17,944

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$375,021
Offerings	<u>400,624</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 25,603

Offerings versus Budget

Offerings (Through June)	\$400,624
Annual Budget (Through June)	* <u>409,656</u>
Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 9,032)

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

—The Board Of Trustees



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, September 24th. 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. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

KeenAger September Outing

The September outing is a trip to Springboro, Ohio to attend the Friday matinee of LaComedia's *Church Basement Ladies* on Friday, September 25th. Our own **Twig Cox** is in the production! The bus will leave the church at 9:45 a.m. Check with Dave Hazelwood to see if there are any tickets available.

-KeenAger Co-ordinators
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

Beth Moore Simulcast

Audacious

September 12, 2015

Door open 9:30 a.m.

Worship begins 10:30 a.m.

Beth teaches 11:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch

Single ticket - \$25

2 tickets - \$45

3+ group - \$20/ticket

Hosted by:

Redeemer Church

3431 Hamilton Middletown Road

Hamilton, OH 45011

513-863-3323

Register on-line at:

www.Redeemer-Church.org

For registration questions call

513-291-1513

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, September 2nd, At 7:30 p.m.

Do you like to sing and want to a part of our exciting music ministry? Then the Choir may be the place for you! The Choir will return to singing at Sunday morning services on Sunday, September 13th. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday night, September 2nd, beginning at 7:30 in the sanctuary. (Of course, we're looking forward to seeing all current Choir members returning, too!) If you are interesting in joining, please see or call our Choir Director, Laurin Sprague, (896-7911).

KingsKids Kick-Off

Calling all KingsKids grades 1 - 6!

All kids in grades 1 - 6 are invited to come to KingsKids. Watch the weekly bulletin for the date, time, and further information about the Kick-Off.

Please call or email Katie Simpson with questions.
513-255-2852 or katiesimpson2009@gmail.com

-Katie Simpson



The Adult Library is in the process of weeding and reorganizing. Please try to return any books that you might have borrowed so that they can be accounted for. Also, we will not be accepting any donations of books until further notice. Questions or problems, please see Cathi Thomas. Thank you.



September 7th

Fall Opportunities For Women To Fellowship, Grow in the Faith and Serve

Mark these dates on your calendars and join us!

September 1 - Plastic Bag Mat Making will meet in rooms 113-114 at 6:30 p.m.

September 8-ABW Circles Resume Meetings: All our circles meet the second Tuesday of each month. Abell and Holloway meet at 10:30 AM and Smith at 6:00 PM. Call Nancy Whipple (863-2309) for more details.

September 12-Beth Moore Simulcast Event at Redeemer Church: For more information and to register for this event go to Redeemer's website at www.redeemer-church.org.

September 14-Christian Authors Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Contact Judy Farris (777-0139) or Nancy Follmer (863-3816) to find out more.

September 15-MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will begin their new year. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in room 200. Call Allison Sommers (737-5917) for more information.

The Thursday PM Ladies Bible Study will resume with Lois Anderson (894-1216) serving as facilitator. This study meets in room 113-114 at 6:30 PM. **The date and subject is still undecided. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.**

Other opportunities:

Golden Girls: A group of single and widowed ladies who meet together periodically on an informal basis for fellowship and support. Call Diana Bueker (942-4560) or Nancy Follmer (863-3816) to discover more.

Dressmaking: As of the Courier printing, no new session has been scheduled but watch for information in upcoming Sundays' bulletins to find out when we will meet. If you sew or would like to learn to sew, join us in this fun service project making simple dresses and shorts for our missionaries. Contact Cheryl Motzer (868-1888) or Lois Anderson (894-1216) to find out more.

Dinner at Serve City: Watch for opportunities to help prepare and serve dinner at Serve City, one of our downtown homeless shelters.



Canned Food Drive

Awana will again be sponsoring a canned food drive during the months of September, October, and November. Each clubber gets credit for bringing canned goods to their Awana leader each Wednesday. We encourage them to remember all the families that are less fortunate. The Children's Ministry team was encouraged by a church family several years ago to include the entire church in this venture. This has been fairly successful, but we are going to have a table set up in the connector for the church family to put their donations each Sunday. When you go to the grocery store and find a good sale, please buy extra to bring in. What seems like a can or box of something extra to you may be an entire meal for a family that is struggling. God bless you as you give.



Opportunity To Serve Meal At Serve city

We are continuing to provide a meal at Serve City Shelter the third Monday of each month. Thanks to everyone and every group that helped provide meals each month. The congregations' generous monetary donations provided pizza and tacos in the past. If your Sunday School class, board or group would like to take a month, contact Nancy Whipple (863-2309) and continue to pray for this ministry.

—Nancy Whipple





Childcare

We've been busy looking through our Awana supplies and organizing our lessons ready for September. We will be having a kickoff on September 2nd from 5:45 – 7:30 in the lower parking lot, we will supply a hotdog dinner, with plenty of treats, carnival games and door prizes. There will also be a chance to meet with each group (Cubbies, Sparks and T&T) and register for the new year and collect new books and shirts, if needed!

Our first official club night will be the 9th and we want to remind everyone that there is a **time change this year for Awana**, following the Wednesday evening programming we will start at 6:30 and finish at 7:30.

We also offer a Puggles program which is for our nursery and toddler children with the condition that the parent remains in the building. Cubbies is for children who are three by September, we do accept two year olds if an adult accompanies them! Sparks are for those children in Kindergarten through second grade and T&T is for third through sixth grade.

We are continuing our theme nights on the third Wednesday of each month, this is a chance for clubbers and leaders to have fun and dress up – each participant will also receive extra Awana bucks which will be used in the Awana store.

Here are the full dates for September, please note that we will be collecting canned goods and food donations from now until Thanksgiving these will be giving to a local Christian pantry and children will also be awarded extra Awana bucks for bringing in these items.

Awana September Schedule

- 2nd** - Awana Kick-Off
- 9th** - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 16th** - Crazy Hair Night/Canned Food Drive
- 23th** - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 30th** - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive

We will continue using the one call system for Awana reminders please make sure that when you register your clubber you include the phone number you would prefer us to use, either a cell or house phone.

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Commanders

You may have noticed that we have been working on updating the nursery and toddler rooms, with new toys, cribs and storage. We have also implemented a sign in system for each child. We are asking parents to fill in a quick short sticker that remains with the child, their bag, and drink and also one part with the parent. This is to increase security and protect our children, especially to help with visitors and for children that are dropped off in Sunday school with one teacher and picked up from another teacher. We hope to create a permanent system to ensure safety and will keep everyone updated.

We also now have a working pager system in case of emergencies or when a child needs their parents.

Please consider gifting one Sunday as time to be with our children whether it be teaching, reading or just loving our babies. This gives our parents a chance to rest and be fed in the service. Kids Church is in need of adult helpers, sometimes Karen has 21 children! Karen selflessly does this every Sunday apart from communion Sunday and some extra help would definitely be appreciated!

All Church Harvest Party

We will be having our yearly Harvest Party on October 28th. We will be celebrating Jesus as the Savior of the World and our Light in even the darkest times on this Wednesday. We will have another chili, soup, and dessert bake off. We will pass out candy and ask the children to wear church appropriate costumes (i.e. not scary!) on that Wednesday. There will be games, activities, costume parade and much more.

We want to introduce another competition this year with Table Treating - we challenge different families, Sunday School groups, and committees to claim a rectangular table for the night and decorate with a theme. Children can then go to each table to collect candy/goodies. There will be a prize for the most inventive and we hope to have fun making this night a celebration of Jesus' power over darkness. If you feel unable to decorate a table you can still bring candy and join someone at their table to pass it out. Please check the bulletin and the connector for more details!

–Editor's note: Please report items of interest, honors, roles in plays, etc. to the office so they can be noted in the Courier. Thanks!

Engagement!

Donald and Julie Hines are pleased to announce the engagement of Felicity Hines to Andrew Cowles. A summer 2016 wedding is planned.



**From The Heart Of
Becky**

College Corner

E-Mail From God

I'll Get Your Back

"The remnant of Israel . . . will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

—Zephaniah 3:13

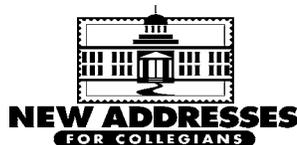
Dear Child of Mine,

In Heaven, nobody's afraid. No one will shoot at you there, because your body will be spiritual, not physical. No one will put you down, because in Heaven, we don't do that. No one will harm you in any way.

On earth, you sometimes need to be on your guard. There are some people you can't trust. But in Heaven, you could take a nap right out in the middle of the street, and no one would even bother you. The reason is, I control what goes on in Heaven, and I keep evil out.

I want to do the same thing here on earth. I want to protect you and guard you. Let Me take the controls of your life now. Trust Me to keep you safe.

Your Bodyguard,
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

Bless The Students

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



**Nominating Committee
Elected**

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee at the second quarter business meeting on Wednesday, July 15th. The responsibility of the Nominating Committee will be to search out men and women of the Lord's choosing to serve Him and the church, beginning in 2016.

Jerry Wallace representing the Deacon Board
Carol Howard representing the Deaconess Board
Mike Braun representing the Missions Board
Rod Anderson. representing the Trustees Board
Nancy Follmer . . . representing the Christian Ed Board
Diana Bueker member-at-Large
Walter Hillman member-at-Large

Those filling offices for the coming years will help determine the direction of the ministry of First Baptist Church. The responsibility that this committee undertakes is an awesome one and your prayers are coveted as they begin this important task.



Hike For Hospice!

Please join Team 1st Baptist Hamilton as we participate in this year's Hike for Hospice! This very easy 5K walk will take place on Saturday, September 19th, at 10:30 a.m. starting at Hospice on Eaton. This is a great opportunity to support Hospice, enjoy great fellowship and food, and to get some exercise!

We will also have a team participating in Matthew 25's Fighting Hunger 5K on Saturday, November 7th.

If you would like more information about either event, or if you would like to financially support the First Baptist Team, please see Laurin or Lisa Sprague.



Mark your calendars for September 15th as we kick-off another exciting year of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)! MOPS exists to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of infants through kindergartners to realize her potential as a woman, mothers, and leaders in the name of Jesus Christ. The MOPS ministry will continue to meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. in room 200 from September through May. This year the theme from MOPS International is *Fierce Flourishing* based on Isaiah 55:12, "*For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*" Throughout the year, moms will have the opportunity to experience flourishing by celebrating lavishly, embracing rest, and noticing goodness. We plan to begin the year by welcoming moms to MOPS with a Bountiful Birthday Bash at our first MOPS meeting on September 15th. MOPS families will also enjoy a cook-out at Hanover Park on September 12th at 5p.m, and a mom/child playdate is currently being planned for September 22nd.

We are so appreciative of the support that First Baptist Church continues to give to this ministry. Thank you for making an eternal difference in the lives of so many moms and their families. MOPS certainly could not exist without your faithful prayers and all our dedicated childcare volunteers. Would you prayerfully consider joining the MOPS ministry this year as a childcare volunteer? We are always looking for (and in need of) more volunteers. The commitment is relatively small since we only meet once per month. Thank you for praying for MOPS. Please contact me at allison_sommers@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining MOPS, would like to learn more about MOPS, or if you are interested in helping with childcare during our monthly meetings. I would also encourage you to invite any moms of young children you know to MOPS. I am excited to see what God has planned for our MOPS group this year and hope you are, too!

Serving Him,
Allison Sommers



Corrections and Additions To The Directory

Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address so that everyone can update their directory.

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FPO AE 09510-4073

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Terry, Betty
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Liberty Township, OH 45011



Sunday, September 13th

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



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 April, May, and June, 2015.

Nursery/Toddlers

Ciaran Metzger

Threes

Marilyn Bowling

Claire Metzger

Callum Metzger

Beginner/Kindergarten

Karen Buchanan

Elizabeth Metzger

Primary

Janet Day

Middler

Isabel Brown

Senior High

Anna Wallace

Legacy Builders

Chris Metzger

Homebuilders

Jerry Wallace

FOCUS

Jerry Hampton

Loretta Hampton

Dolly Houser

Carol Howard

Janet Lewis

Joyce Purdy

Bill Roberts

Bob Stanger

Men

Josh Day

Keystone

Mike Gipson

Isabell Johnson

Mary Petry

Yada Sisterhood

Brenda Brown

Ruth Gaskins

Parenting

Stan Brown

Office

Linda Gibbs

Summer Wednesday Night Program For The Girls

The Awana girls met during June and July to learn from a book called, *What The Bible Is All About*. It told that the Bible is one book, one story, one history—His story, God’s story. From Adam and Eve to the last chapter in the Bible it all fits together to show us God’s great plan for our world and our lives. I want to thank Lois Anderson and Mary Brown for their faithful help in making this a great experience for everyone. Heather Nguyen cam in June to show the girls how to make a bracelet or a necklace. They love you, Heather! We also had fun with games and did a service project making yarn dolls to go in the pockets of the dresses our ladies make to send to a foreign country. The following young ladies were faithful in their attendance: Riley Bowling, Carlie Day, Isabelle Brown, Lindsey Begley, Yolanda Mont Alvan, and Elizabeth Wallace. We pray the girls will take what they learned and live for the Lord as they start the school year.

Serving in His name,

Marilyn Bowling

September FBCH Student Ministry Events

9th - 6:30 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries Kick-Off

13th - No FBCH Student Ministries Programing

16th - 6:30 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries

20th - 6:00 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries

23rd - 6:30 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries

27th - 6:00 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries

30th - 6:30 p.m. FBCH Student Ministries

—Justin Davis

Sunday School Promotion Day

Sunday School Promotion Day for children two years old by September 30, 2015 through those students completing 5th grade will be Sunday, August 27th, during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students will begin their new class on September 6th.

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

Reminder: All articles for the monthly newsletter, The Courier, are due in the church office by the 15th of the month. They can be emailed to Ellie at ellie.dinger@fuse.net. Articles received after the 20th may not be in that month’s newsletter.



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

September 6 - Krys Schramm, Sydney & Nikolas
September 13 - Linda & Larry Wallace
September 20 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna
September 27 -

One & Two Year Olds

September 6 - Barb Hendricks & Cheryl Lambertson
September 13 -
September 20 - Barb Hendricks & Cheryl Lambertson
September 27 -

Kiddiechurch

September 6 - Claire & Chris Metzger
September 13 -
September 20 - Sharon Brewer & Vickie Baker
September 27 - Debra Clemens & Anna Wallace

Kinderchurch

September 6 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
September 13 - Lois Anderson & Teen Helper
September 20 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
September 27 - Claire & Chris Metzger



All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the Child Care Coordinator: Cheryl Motzer - (868-1888). Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

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



Wednesday Family Dinners

September 2

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Brown Casserole,
Cantaloup
Hosts: Trustees

September 9

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Cole Slaw,
Potato Chips, Jello Cake
Hosts: Chancel Choir

September 16

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread
Sticks, Ice Cream
Hosts: Deacons

September 23

Menu: Baked Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green
Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Apple Crisp
Hosts: Deaconesses

September 30

Menu: Beef and Noodles, Corn, Applesauce, Rolls,
Loretta's Texas Sheetcake
Hosts: Yada Sisterhood/Men's Class

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$5.00 per person for the meal (including children who eat from the main table), \$15 per family (those living in the same household), and \$1.50 for children under twelve who eat from the hot dog table. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now required to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

September Greeters

Stacy Dickman, Nancy Follmer, Jerry Hampton,
Sandy Keller, Evelyn Maddox, & Mary Petry
Mike Gipson, Substitute

Gary Swindall, Sunday School Greeter

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

September 2015

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

13

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
12:00 All Church Picnic
5:00 Board of Missions
6:00 Evening Programs

20

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
3:00 Camp Kirkwood's
Fall Fun Day
4:30 Diaconate
6:00 FBCH Students
6:00 Evening Programs

27

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 C.E. Board
6:00 FBCH Students
6:00 Evening Programs

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Labor Day!
Church Offices Closed

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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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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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9:30 MOPS

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5:45 Nominating Com
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana Kick-Off
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

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5:00 ABW
5:45 Nominating Com
5:45 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana/Canned Food
Drive
6:30 FBCH Students Kick-
Off
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

16

5:45 Nominating Com
5:45 Family Dinner
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Drive
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5:45 Awana/Canned Food
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6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
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7:30 Chancel Choir

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5:30 Board of Trustees

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8:30 Matthew 25

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9:45 KeenAgers to
LaComedia

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9:00 Men's Prayer
Gathering

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Beth Moore Simulcast @
Redeemer Church

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10:30 Hike For Hospice

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|--|--|---|
| 1 - Linda Dunaway Byrd | 14 - Jim Bell
Teene Campbell
Erin French Strunk
Iris Patton
Bonnie Hanna | 24 - Bob Eicher
Lee Roco Jenkins
Siera Jordon
Lillian Wallace |
| 2 - Jenny VanMeter | | |
| 3 - Rodney Hounshell
Pam Howard
Claire Metzger
Ben Morris
Cleta Paragin
Mike Wallick | 15 - Linda Cain
Walter Petry | 25 - Colleen Hefner
Guy Hefner
Donald Hines
Sandra Imhoff |
| 4 - Grady Rector | 16 - Martha Helton Griffin
Barb Keith | 26 - Nancy Follmer
Mandy Gambrell
Molly Gambrell |
| 5 - Richard Law | 17 - Brent Bowling
Earl Cotton
Carlie Lin Day
Kevin Geiss | 27 - Dana Diedrichs
Andrew Geyer
Jené Krall
Evelyn Mesler |
| 6 - Michael Krall | | |
| 7 - Kaitlyn Begley
Deron Bowling
Bud Conrad
Holly Gage
Martha Griesinger
Sandra McCartney | 18 - Herb Cox
Jack Young | 29 - Blake Hendrickson
Carolyn McAllister
Megan Miller |
| 8 - Makayla Witmer
Dave Hurst | 20 - Karen Buchanan
Carm Glover | 30 - Angie Inloes |
| 9 - Carla Metzler
Lisa Sprague | 21 - Hunter Day
Lisa Hampton
Frank McClure | |
| 10 - Carolyn Gabbard
Aaron Osterbrock | 22 - Barbara Lakes
Jan Smith
Al Schumm | <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.</p> |
| 11 - Jim Krall
Lillian Rose Simpson
Merle Wilson | 23 - Phyllis Cotton
Conner Gleason
Judy Swicegood
Cyndi Young | |
| 12 - Emily Metzger
Samuel Wallace | | |
| 13 - Brian Chamberlain | | |

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Personal Notes

From Carm Glover

A very special “thank you” to all of my church family for the many prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards what I received while I was ill with pneumonia. Since I’m out of the hospital, I’m feeling so much better and have made a full recovery. I’m, so very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful, caring, church family. Thank you again.

From Loretta Hampton

Thanks to my church family for the encouraging cards and notes. Your prayers were appreciated and felt as I am continuing to work through getting my new knee to work as it should.

From Nancy Humbach

Just want to let you know that Mom (Cledith Humbach) now has hearing aids after having resisted them for the some 20-30 years that she has needed them. She's getting used to them, but the oxygen concentrator that's with her all the time makes her think there is a lot of static.

Thanks to pastors Dan, Steve, Dennis and Bill for attending her 100th birthday party and to Olive Belle Young and Ann Brown for attending, helping, photos (Ann, of course). It was a good day, even though she was fresh out of the hospital.

And thanks to everyone for prayers for both of this. I continue to see degeneration of my spine and that brings a lot of pain. I resist pain meds because I am still able to drive. Right now, it's beyond more repair. Depressing, but I keep hoping that I can make it through and keep some quality of life, as I now have.

Mom is in Room 8 at Doverwood. No phone in her room. If someone goes to visit, please call me (887-2266) so I can let you know if she's having appointments (hair, doc, etc.and meals which are some times late).

From Pathway To Hope Pregnancy Care Center

It is with a sincere and grateful heart that I extend my thankfulness to you and your church for your loving support with our Celebrate Life Baby Bottle campaign. To date First Baptist Church of Hamilton has collected \$2,233.14. All Praise and Glory go to our God!
-Lori Haskell

History Committee

The History Committee expresses their sincere thanks for materials you have provided. Please do not stop, as we have a long road ahead of us. The more material we receive, the quicker we can proceed with our work, and the greater the accuracy of our Church History. First Baptist Church of Hamilton has much to be proud of and we striving to make certain this information will be shared with the readers of this document to be.

Keep the material coming!

The History Committee

Naomi Hoskins, Pam Howard, Nancy Follmer, and Jim Powell

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