

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

September, 2016

From Daniel's Den Get Back on the Right Path

Schools are starting. Better set the alarm earlier. Summer's over. Fall is coming. Season is changing. Vacation season is over. Back to work. Back to a schedule. Back on the right track.

Set a schedule that is healthy for you. Students need to study every day. Work before play. Work out with a friend. Get accountability. You know the drill. While you are setting your new schedule, your right path, include BACK TO CHURCH as a part of your priorities.

What if you made a decision now to attend worship every Sunday for the Fall? If you brought your family? If you brought a friend? If you became really regular in a small group? September, October, November without missing a Sunday or a Wednesday?

I recommend you make a habit to attend every Sunday morning and every Wednesday evening. Every Sunday morning this Fall will begin at 9:15 with Sunday School. If you are not in a group or class we'll help you find one, or help you *start* one.

We promise to have dynamic worship at 10:30 that touches your heart, your soul, and your head. We will make it worth your while if you come and bring someone with you. On Wednesday evenings we are planning new menus, new groups, and a place for all members of the family. Think of it as a mid-week recalibration of your heart... Get Back on the Right Path in the middle of every week.

We have set some targets for you. September 4 is Labor Day weekend and we will be having an all church picnic after worship. Come dressed casually for worship. Bring some great food to share. Bring a camp chair. Plan to sit around and really get to know the people you worship with.

Maybe you are going to be out of town on Labor Day week-end. I get it. So, September 11 is planned as All Members Back to Church Day. What would it look

like if everyone came to church the same day?! It would look like Easter! Could we all agree to make it a priority to be together for worship September 11?

Then, September 18 is Bring a Friend Day... What if we all *brought someone with us who is not presently going to church*? You have family members who are not part of a church. ASK, just ask them to come with you. Offer to have them over or take them to lunch. Enjoy being together!

If we each make a decision, a commitment, to **Get Back on the Right Path** this Fall, I believe it will revolutionize your life. A very wise person wrote, "*he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake*". (Psalm 23:3) You will feel *refreshed* if you **Get Back on the Right Path!**

Be the Light!
Pastor Dan

September sermon series: The Statutes of Liberty
continues

08/28 Prospering with Integrity, Ex 20:15

09/04 Telling the Truth, Ex 20:16

09/11 Learning to be Content, Ex 20:17

09/18 The Great Commandment, Mt 22:35-40

09/25 The Great Commission Mt 28:19-20

October sermon Series: We're all in this together!

10/02 Discerning the Body of Christ, 1Cor 11:29

10/09 Now WE are the Body of Christ, 1Cor 12:27

10/16 My part in the Body of Christ, Mal 3:10; Rom 12:5-8

10/23 Mutual Interdependence in the Body of Christ, 2Cor 12:24-25

10/30 new series: **Kingdom of God**



American Baptist Women's Ministries

ABW Circles

The ABW Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month and begin their new year September 13th. Holloway Circle and Abell Circle have combined and will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. The Smith Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. in various homes. Contact Nancy Whipple (863-2309) for information about any of these 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 (NLCF) in northern Thailand. The NLCF works with tribal minority girls are survivors of labor exploitation, sexual abuse, domestic violence and/or human trafficking and girls who are at risk for exploitation and abuse. Her work there includes teaching therapeutic art classes, guest relations, staff development and training, report writing, and administration. Additionally, Kit leads therapeutic art workshops and art and prayer retreats for Christian workers in Asia through the ministry of the Imago Art Studio.

Bill and **Ann** serve in South Sudan, the world's newest nation. Prior to South Sudan, the Clemmers served in Haiti for two years and the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 16 years. **Bill's** work has involved training South Sudanese health care workers and establishing health centers, while **Ann** is involved in literacy and helped establish a Christian school in the nation's capital. The Clemmers returned to the U.S. in mid-2015 for their first year of U.S. Puerto Rico Assignment in nine years and look forward to returning to the field in 2016. (Clemmers are now in Goma, Eastern Congo as war is raging in South Sudan.)

Bible Book of the Month **Amos**

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream"

Amos 5:24 (RSV)

Amos is a small book, but the oldest in the canon and of enormous influence. The convictions Amos expresses were unique in his time, rejecting the whole

society. Amos' religion is in large measure still far ahead of the usual ideas, embodying a passionate love of justice and a hatred of sham piety and useless luxury. Righteousness to Amos meant loyalty to God and moral obligation to people.

PRAY

For the supportive work of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

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."

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 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 18 th -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!

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Aaron's Attic

Ways to Get Plugged in this Fall

For the Back-to-Church edition of the Courier, I thought it would be best to inform you of upcoming events for the fall.

Sunday Morning: Starting on **September 11th**, we will begin a **study of Hebrews** in room **203/204**. Class starts at 9:15am with a discussion on how we've seen God move in our lives within the previous week. We will transition to our discussion on Hebrews around 9:30am. Even if you run late, you are welcome and we encourage you to join us!

Wednesday Evening: On September 7th, we will begin a study called **Reading through the Bible in Color**. It is a study that I have developed and am excited about leading us through. The goal of the study is to calibrate or recalibrate our imagination so that, when we think of someone like Abraham, the picture that our minds portray will be more accurate to who he was and how he lived; he's not just some guy who lived in a tent and with whom we have nothing in common. We will begin with the Old Testament and work our way through the entire Bible. Even if you can only attend sporadically, each class should be valuable enough on its own for it to be worthwhile. Be prepared for plenty of pictures and maps.

Young Adults

September TBD - Burritos & Boardgames - We will gather in **Room 200** to eat slow-cooked carnitas and play boardgames. Even if you aren't a boardgame player, come join us for a burrito! For those who are playing, we will have four instructors to teach new games so don't worry if you aren't familiar with a lot of boardgames. Some of the games will include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride: USA edition, Carcassonne, 10 Days in Europe, Race for the Galaxy, Dominion, and Bohnanza. It should be a great time! Child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Aaron at aaron.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org, text 513.405.2919, or on Facebook at the FBC Young Adults page.

October 1st - 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**. Please RSVP to Aaron at aaron.osterbrock@firstbaptisthamilton.org, text 513.405.2919, or on Facebook at the FBC Young Adults page.

It should be a great fall. I look forward to seeing the

Lord move in, among, and through us!

With anticipation in Christ,
Pastor Aaron



Sunday, September 4th

Immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, September 4th, there will be an church-wide picnic in Holloway Park. The church will provide smoked chicken and drinks. 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 that day. Please join us and bring a friend.

Operation Christmas Child

This is a good time to shop for school supplies to start filling a Christmas shoebox. Also hold onto any oversized shoe boxes that we might use.

Thanks!

—Nancy Whipple

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.



Tables Available

The trustees have replaced the 8 ft. rectangular and the 5 ft. round tables in the Family Center with lightweight tables. For a donation you can have one of the old tables. If you are interested, please notify one of the trustees by Sunday, September 18th.

–The Board Of Trustees

Workday At *The Father's House*

First Baptist will be participating in a workday at The Father's House, located at the old Hamilton Children's Home on "D" Street, on August 27th starting at 9:00 a.m. There is plenty of work for all skill levels. We'll be scraping window frames and priming them, painting outside, and potentially working to finish framing. We may also be working on the floors in our adopted room. People should bring sack lunches and water. More information will be posted on our website and Facebook page, or contact Laurin Sprague at 543-1908 if interested. Everyone's invited!

–Laurin Sprague



Camp Kirkwood's Annual Fall Fun Day September 18, 2016

All ages are invited to come for a day and hang out at the camp. They will be dedicating the Matthew:25 Lodge as well as having tours of the completed building. There will be 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. Hayrides will also be offered. This event is free from 2 to 6 p.m.

Budget Status Report The Month of June, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$70,622
Offerings	<u>53,000</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$17,622)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$72,804
Offerings	<u>53,000</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$19,804)

The Year Through June, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$416,989
Offerings	<u>378,247</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$38,742)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$414,397
Offerings	<u>378,247</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$ 36,150)

The Month of July, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$64,485
Offerings	<u>65,578</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 1,093

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$64,524
Offerings	<u>65,578</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 1,054

The Year Through July, 2016

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$481,474
Offerings	<u>443,825</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$37,649)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$478,922
Offerings	<u>443,825</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$35,097)

–The Board Of Trustees



September 5th



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 September 14th and 21st. 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, September 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. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin
Wednesday, August 31st**

The Adult Choir will kick-off it's 2016-2017 season with a pizza party for current members and anyone interested in joining on Wednesday, August 31st, in the Family Center. The party starts at 6:30 and the Choir will rehearse at 7:30. The Choir's first Sunday back will be on September 4th. Please see Laurin Sprague or Roger Chamberlain for more information.

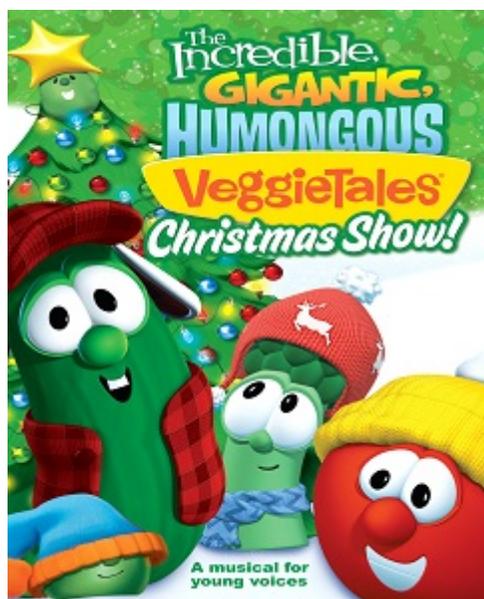
KeenAger September Outing

Monday, September 19th, the KeenAgers will be having lunch together at 11:30 a.m. at Bob Evans on Main Street.

–KeenAger Co-ordinators
Dave & Janet Hazelwood

KingsKids Kick-Off

Calling all KingsKids grades 1 - 6!



**September FBCH
Student Ministry Events**

- 7th** - 6:30 p.m. Student Ministries *Authentic Faith*
- 11th** - 12:00 p.m. Student Ministries Leader Meeting
- 14th** - 6:30 p.m. Student Ministries *Authentic Faith*
- 21st** - 6:30 p.m. Student Ministries *Authentic Faith*
- 25th** - 12:00 p.m. Student Ministries Leader Meeting
- 28th** - 6:30 p.m. Student Ministries *Authentic Faith*

–Justin Davis

And now...(drum roll)...introducing the world's first-ever VeggieTales Christmas musical! The show will feature Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber, and other delightful VeggieTales friends.

We hope your child will join us in this delightfully silly, yet spiritually touching world of VeggieTales this Christmas!

Kick-off is Sunday, September 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. There will be a parent meeting at 5:45. Cost is \$10 which will cover the CD and costumes. Please call or email Katie Simpson with questions. 513-255-2852 or katiesimpson2009@gmail.com



–Katie Simpson

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

Mark these dates on your calendars and join us!

September 13-ABW Circles Resume Meetings: All our circles meet the second Tuesday of each month. Abell and Holloway Circles have combined and will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the library and Smith Circle at 6:00 p.m. Call Nancy Whipple (863-2309) for more details.

September 12-Christian Authors Book Club meets the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Fairfield Lane Library. Contact Judy Farris (777-0139) or Nancy Follmer (863-3816) to find out more.

September 20-MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will begin their new year. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in Room 200. Call Heather Nguyen (614-266-4014) for more information.

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 Diana Bueker (942-4560), 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 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.



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

Opportunity To Serve Meal At First United Methodist Church

First Baptist Church has been invited to partner with First United Methodist Church in feeding lunch to the hungry at First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector. See Mike Gipson for further details.



All Church Harvest Party 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Yes, that's right! Another year of Awana is starting on September 7th. Make plans to attend and get everything that you will need for the coming year. It is not too late to register at www.firstbaptisthamilton.org under the Awana section. There will be vests and handbooks available for purchase. The fun starts at 5:45 with supper. We will come together as a group to sing and get acquainted with leaders and other kids in your group. There will be a raffle and an ice cream sundae bar! We are adjusting the time for Awana to give the Sparks and T & T Group a less hectic schedule on Wednesday nights. Cubbies will still be from 6:30 - 7:30. Parents can come pick up their Cubbie first and then on to the Sparks (K-2nd grade) and T & T (3rd -6th grade) by 7:45. We are also going to have our opening at 6:30 again in room 110.

Awana September Schedule

- 7nd** - Awana Kick-Off! 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.
- 14th** - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive
- 21st** - Favorite T-Shirt Night/Canned Food Drive
- 28th** - Regular Club Night/Canned Food Drive

If you love energetic children, then we could use you for the recreation time for K-6th grade. They have 20 minutes each for Sparks and T&T groups. They work very hard in their handbooks and rec time really gives them the opportunity to relax and have fun.

We are always in need of volunteers to listen to our children reciting their verses. This would only be from 6:40 - 7:05. Sparks need at least 4 people to do this. That would give each listener two kids each. We would need about 2 men to help with the older boys grades 3-6.

Cheryl Motzer & Claire Metzger,
Awana Commanders

On October 26, we will have our church wide harvest party again. What a great time we have had in the past enjoying the culinary skills of our people who bring various soups and desserts to enter in our cook-off challenge! We also have a good time with the children in their costumes and our treat booths that are decorated to pass out candy and try to capture the "Pumpkin Prize" trophy!



City-Wide Trunk and Treat

Trunk or treat is a ministry of local churches in Hamilton as a demonstration of God's grace and our church's witness. This is the seventh year of the event. During the two-hour period from 1 - 3 p.m., churches, social service agencies, and local groups come together to offer a street fair. This event attracts about one thousand people to the old courthouse each year. It is a safe place for children to trick or treat, get needed screenings and immunizations, and other needed services all with a dose of Jesus' love.

Be watching next month's Courier and the weekly bulletins for information about how we can participate in the City-Wide Trunk and Treat Saturday, October 29th, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Old Butler County Courthouse.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Felicity Hines in her marriage to Andrew Cowles on May 27, 2016. After a honeymoon to Chicago, they settled in Chandler, AZ where he works full-time and she works and attends school.

-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!



From The Heart Of Marilyn

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

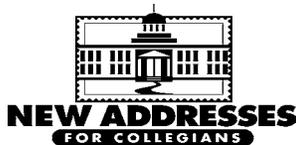
Dear Child of Mine,

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

—Marilyn Bowling
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 20th. 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 2017.

Charles Campbell representing the Deacon Board
Johnnie Wallace . . representing the Deaconess Board
Cathi Thomas representing the Missions Board
Larry Bowling. representing the Trustees Board
Lisa Sprague representing the Christian Ed Board
Andrew Sommers member-at-Large
Larry Wallace 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 17th, at 10:30 a.m. starting at Hospice on Eaton, Hamilton Inpatient Care Center, 1010 Eaton Ave. The cost is \$25.00 per hiker. 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 5th.

If you would like more information about either event, or if you would like to financially support the First Baptist Team, please see Larry or Linda Wallace.



Be A Barnabas!

“And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles feet.”

Acts 4:36-37

Brrrrring...Calling All Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS Is In Session

Hello you wonderful and amazing mothers of preschoolers! As our children in Hamilton have started school, it is that time of year for MOPS to start our season. This year's theme is *Starry Eyed* and we have been planning so many exceptional topics to help each mom connect with the idea of living daily in this place of being starry eyed for Christ. There are so many songs that sing of God's wonder, his power, and his fullness. We go to The Bible to understand more about Christ, how to see him working in our lives even in dark times, and how we can walk in faith. We know that we can live more peacefully because of our hope in Christ. Simply, when we look up (envisioning Christ) we are like our babies and preschoolers as they see the great things in their world for the first time -starry eyed. I want to share this year with all of you. If you haven't been to a MOPS meeting please come; if you know of some mother of a preschooler that could use some encouragement and support from other moms invite them; if you want someone else to make your coffee/tea for you one day a month for the next 9 months come; if you are tired, weak, worn, please come; ultimately, if you are ready to let Jesus work in your life come. We are here at this time in our lives together, let's help one another believe in the awesome God we serve.

Acts 9:32-35

Aeneas and Dorcas

As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

*We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September - May @ 9:30 a.m. September 20, 2016 is our first meeting. Childcare is provided for children ages newborn - 5 years.

Blessings My Sisters Loved By God!
Heather Nguyen

There are many great characters in the Bible who are known for different traits. We remember David facing Goliath, and Daniel in the lion's den, but what of gentle Barnabas? Do we remember men who were known as encouragers? Encouragers are rare. They are builders. Usually, their personality is mixed with gentleness, patience (as in the case where Barnabas and Paul disagreed over John Mark. Acts 15:36-41), they are controlled, and often quiet. That may be why we do not remember them as much. They do not blow their own horn and point to their great work. Yet, their work is great.

A man walking down a sidewalk in a large city noticed a small crew of men looking at a building. As he drew closer, the building fell. He asked the foreman of the wrecking crew, "Why so few men?" He answered, "It takes a lot more to build than to tear down." There it is! There is the quality that God is looking for in us, and that found in Barnabas. **Builders!** This is the work of encouragement.

Paul tells us that our words can build (Ephesians 4:29). By his actions, Barnabas built lives (Acts 4:36-37). Our actions should build others up also. Our faith builds. When others see a great faith in us, like that in the Centurion (Matthew 8:8-12), their faith will be strengthened, and their lives built up.

Be a Barnabas. We need the Davids of courage, and the Daniels of faith, but we need a lot like Barnabas to keep us encouraged.

–Selected



Thanks To Our Friends At First Baptist Church

Matthew 14:15-21

Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ...

Good morning from your friends at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ!

As you are well aware, there are many people in this world who search every day for food to satisfy their hunger. We all would like to think that could not happen here in the greatest country in the world! The sad truth is that there are many, many people that go hungry every day, and we have a significant number in our own city and community. Because of the location of our building, and because of the history of our church working with other congregations in our community, we have the ability to help people in need in our area. We could not even begin to satisfy the needs alone, and we are able to help some of the people only because of the help we get from your congregation. Your thoughtful and generous donation of food from your Vacation Bible School has helped us replenish our pantry, and we have been able to pass your blessing along to many people that could use the help.

We feel that we are also meeting a need that no one could ever imagine. Many times we have people just break down in tears and tell us that our help, along with the help of our friends at First Baptist, has enabled them to actually eat for the first time in days. Imagine having no where to go, no source of food in sight, and being able to walk into a little church building in Hamilton, and someone offer them a couple of bags of food! The relief on their faces really makes you understand that we are fulfilling a need. The need we fulfill, beyond filling their belly, is a need for someone to care about them. Often, those we help are down on their luck, no place to go, and they feel that no one cares. Our opportunity to help, thanks to your generosity, shows that someone does care, and that there is hope for tomorrow because of the love of Christian families and the Love of God that is shown

to them.

We are blessed to be able to work with First Baptist and to be able to share our blessings with those in need. Thank you for your kindness and love by donating food to help others. Your generosity shows the Heart of a Servant...

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

We will pray for continued blessings for your congregation and the good work that your family does in Hamilton.

Kevin Dunaway

For the Elders of Laurel Avenue Church of Christ



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

Sunday School Promotion Day

Sunday School Promotion Day for children two years old by August 1, 2016 through those students entering sixth grade will be Sunday, August 28th, during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students will begin their new class on September 4th.

Students entering seventh grade through high school were promoted August 14th.

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 4 - Krys Schramm, Sydney & Nikolas
September 11 - Linda & Larry Wallace
September 18 -
September 25 -

One & Two Year Olds

September 4 -
September 11 -
September 18 -
September 25 -

Kiddiechurch

September 4 -
September 11 - Claire & Chris Metzger
September 18 - Sharon Brewer & Lauren Hampton
September 25 -

Kinderchurch

September 4 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
September 11 -
September 18 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell
September 25 -



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
Childcare Co-Ordinator



Wednesday Family Dinners

September 7

Menu: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the trimmings,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Ice
Cream Sundaes
Hosts: Keystone

September 14

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Brown Casserole,
Cantaloupe
Hosts: FOCUS

September 21

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

September 28

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread
Sticks, Apple Crisp
Hosts: Deacons

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

September 2016

4
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
12:00 All Church Picnic

11 All Members Back To Church Day!
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
12:00 Student Ministry Leader Meeting
5:45 KingsKids' Parent Meeting
6:00 KingsKids Kick-Off
6:00 Evening Programs

18 Bring A Friend Day!
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
2:00 Camp Kirkwood's Fall Fun Day
4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

25
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
12:00 Student Ministry Leader Meeting
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Evening Programs

5 Labor Day!
Church Offices Closed

12
11:00 WMC Book Club @ Lane Library in Fairfield

19
5:30 Serve City Meal

26
6:30 Cabinet Meeting

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9:30 MOPS Steering Committee

13
10:30 Holloway/Abell Circle
6:00 Smith Circle

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9:30 MOPS

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7 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 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 Family Dinner
5:45 Awana Favorite T-Shirt Night/Canned Food Drive
6:30 Student Ministry - *Authentic Faith*
6:30 Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 Praise Team
7:30 Chancel Choir

28
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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5:30 Board of Trustees

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8:30 Matthew 25

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9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering

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10:30 Hike For Hospice

24
11:00 Serve Meal @ FUMC



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
Eva Rae Wallace | | |
| 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 | 18 - Herb Cox
Jack Young | |
| 7 - Kaitlyn Begley
Deron Bowling
Bud Conrad
Holly Gage
Martha Griesinger
Sandra McCartney | 20 - Karen Buchanan
Carm Glover | 29 - Blake Hendrickson
Carolyn McAllister
Megan Miller
Jeremy Yantes |
| 8 - Makayla Witmer
Dave Hurst | 21 - Hunter Day
Henry Garrett Griffin
Lisa Hampton
Frank McClure | 30 - Angie Inloes |
| 9 - Carla Metzler
Lisa Sprague | 22 - Eden Hope Ellison
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> |
| 10 - Carolyn Gabbard
Aaron Osterbrock
Isaac Paul Strunk | 23 - Phyllis Cotton
Conner Gleason
Judy Swicegood
Cyndi Young | |
| 11 - Jim Krall
Lillian Rose Simpson
Merle Wilson | | |
| 12 - Emily Metzger
Samuel Wallace | | |
| 13 - Brian Chamberlain | | |

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Personal Notes

From Arrow Harvest Bible Chapel - Pittsburgh, PA

Thank you for your hospitality, First Baptist Church!

From Evon Laubenstein

Thanks to all of you for your love and encouragement during my procedure to receive a pacemaker. Everything went well and I see a big change. I appreciate all the prayers and cards. God bless all of you as you continue to serve.

From Jim & Betty Powell

Betty and I wish to express our sincere thanks for all who lifted her up in prayer. The doctors were able to cure her of pneumonia and the 103.7 temperature. However after several test they made a change in her medications which seemed to have caused other problems, especially pain in her legs which limited her mobility. There is improvement daily. A doctor's appointment on August 9th, hopefully can solve this and few other issues. There is much power in Prayer so keep praying.

From The Sapp Family (Harold & Lindel)

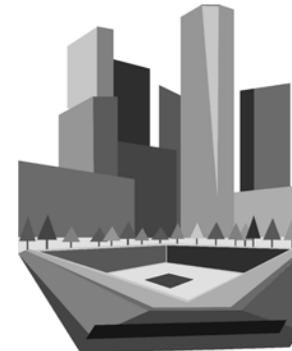
We pray that God will bless you as much as you've blessed us. We thank Him for your prayers and thoughts of us shared from a heart of love. We pray that God would touch you in a very special way and fill you more with His love each and every day.

From Bob & Thelma Stanger

We want to thank all of you for the many prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits that we received during the time of Bob's emergency appendectomy and my kidney surgery. It has been a difficult summer for us, however, our spirits were bolstered by the loving concern expressed by so many of our church family. Thanks also to Pastor Dan and Pastor Aaron for their visits to the hospital and to our home. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

From Madge Walters, Andrea & Jan

The family of Charles Walters would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and support so lovingly given through Charles' extended illness and home-going. We miss him but rejoice in knowing that we will someday be reunited. Special thanks to Dr. Dan who was with us at the most perfect times, and to all those who served our (large) family and friends after the funeral.



9/11 Remembrance

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