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Upcoming Events in July

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:30 am Wednesday, July 5

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

6:30 pm Tuesdays, H.S. Girls Group
7 pm Tuesday, H.S. Guys Groups
5:30 pm M.S. Girls Group, July 7 & 17
6 pm Wed., M.S. Girls Camp Out, July 26

FBC KIDS MONDAY FUN DAY

12 pm Mondays, July 10, 24, 31

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT

6 pm Sunday, July 16

FBC KIDS FUN DAY AFTERNOON AT THE BEACH

12 pm Monday, July 17

CROSSINGS KIDS CAMP

Monday-Friday, July 19-22

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

Saturday-Saturday, July 21-29

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JULY 2017 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF ME?

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."
-Romans 8:37

Lately, I have been pondering the question "What does God think of me?" because as I read the scriptures, it is clear to me what God thought of me even before I was born. In Psalm 139:14, *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* He says "I'm fearfully and wonderfully made." In Psalm 17:8, I am the apple of His eye. In Deuteronomy 7:6, God tells me I'm His treasured possession. In Galatians 3:26, *"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,"* He is saying I'm a child of God. In Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* I'm an incredible work of art. I can find all over the scriptures what God thinks of me. Paul in his letter to the Romans tells me "I'm more than conquerors." I should be ecstatic about God's opinion of me. But we seldom

take His word.

We are troubled by what others around us think of us. I'm too thin, too fat, no one wants to be around me, or I don't have this or that. Does it really matter what others think of me compared to what the creator God thinks of me?

WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF ME?

You know most of us Christians know how the story ends. If you have forgotten, read Revelation which tells me we won. God is on the throne and I'm going to be sitting next to Him. My confidence and hope is in God. I know I'm God's treasured possession.

When I first started pastoring, I didn't feel like a pastor, and I didn't look like one either. It took a few years

to realize it didn't matter whether I looked or felt like one, I was chosen by God to "serve" HIM.

So when I look into the mirror in the morning, I ask myself, what does God think of me? I'm assured I'm God's treasured possession, I'm God's child. How did I behave yesterday in my walk. Did I make

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FBC Kids

Monday Fun Day

5 years old - 5th grade



12 - 4:30 pm

Monday July 10, 24 & 31

AFTERNOON AT THE BEACH

Monday, July 17

All children 5 years old through the 5th grade are invited to summer fun days on Mondays in July. All sorts of activities are being planned: crafts, games, water fun, snacks, and much, much more. Lunch will be provided. Pickup time is 4:30 pm. Be sure to bring a bathing suit or a change of clothes with a towel for some water fun if the weather is permitting.

You don't want to miss Monday, July 17th, it's an afternoon at the beach. It will be a fun day of sun and sand. The kids will need their bathing suits, towels, beach toys and sun screen.

Due to the Independence Day holiday on Tuesday, July 4th, there will be no Monday Fun Day on Monday, July 3rd.

If you have questions, please contact Barb Troutman at 924-7018.

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Him proud, did I disappoint Him, how was my attitude toward others, my speech, my thought process, etc., because I did try to please in every way possible my earthly parents, peers and others.

I now have a poster in my office which says, "What Does God Think of Me?", so I focus on it everyday. I will please my God, because I will spend eternity with Him and also share the joy of being with my heavenly father.

Finally, this is what I know!

a. **I'm a citizen of heaven.**

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" Philippians 3:20)

b. **I'm God's messenger to the world.**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8)

c. **I'm God's disciple maker.**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19)

d. **I'm the light of the world.**

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14)

e. **I'm Jesus' friend.**

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15)

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

God's blessings will be upon you.

Your's in Christ's steps,
Pastor Shaker

MISSIONS FOCUS IN JULY IS OGHS

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

If you would like to support the OGHS, an envelope is included with this newsletter. Thank you.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES FOR MAY 2017:

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 30,017.36	\$ 173,623.16
Given	\$ 31,151.02	\$ 152,225.27
Over (Under)	\$ 1,133.66	\$ (21,397.89)

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING

MAY 2017 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Addition to Agenda: Date for social event for Leadership council families --June 4. Prayer & Praise requests will no longer be included during Sunday morning worship. Concerns may be placed in Prayer Concern Box and will be added to the prayer list.

April, 2017 minutes approved by consensus.

Financial Report: April, 2017 report approved by consensus. Transfer of \$15,000 from surplus to general fund approved by consensus. Need to actively seek out additional giving.

Deacons Report: Benevolent gift of \$350. Will invite Nick Dobbs & Rachel Edgar to meet with Deacons.

Outreach & Evangelism: Gathering for 8 program discussed and Ministerial Alliance Spring Festival May 19th.

Missions: Nick Dobbs was hired as Community Mission Intern through matching grant funds from GRR Area IV as an intern. 2017 Jamaica Mission Trip update--applying for a GRR missions grant.

Children's Discipleship: VBS is June 6-11. Kids Camp is July 19-22--currently have 26 kids and adults signed up to go. Intern replacement--James Leaton will be attending SIU-E in the fall. Will be seeking and discussing replacement.

Youth Discipleship: see Director's report

Adult Discipleship: Shaker is willing to teach a group again.

Staff Relations/Policies: Will share update at the next meeting.

Finance & Stewardship: Possible Ameren Equalizer--Gina will look into.

Buildings and Grounds: Updated

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance List. Kristy will organize a group for #38--painting the curbs. Approved the gutter repair out of Building Fund. Received a bid on transforming the volleyball court area into additional parking. Existing boiler--Scott Hunziker looked it over and recommended several parts that need to be replaced. Approved by consensus. Nick Dobbs--van approval without minors was approved by consensus.

Security: New security office--converted small room into an office. Wednesday security needed in the fall. Adding 2 doors to seal off the upstairs. Ron not to unlock the doors of the church until 8 am. Will be put in the bulletin and newsletter.

Special Events: Church picnic needs a date in September or October.

Worship Ministry: Youth Sunday May 21. Father's Day June 18. Praise Team Coordinator--Nicolette will assume the role.

College Group Discipleship: Currently studying Ezra. Will try to plan a college activity this summer.

Strategic Action Team: Strategic Plan/ Feasibility Study--Ongoing discussion regarding strategic planning, including a formalized written plan. Committee will continue to keep leadership council advised of developments and recommendations.

Kitchen/ Dinners: Wednesday dinner support--youth will help with the clean up.

Pastor's Report: Need a team to look at the 150th anniversary celebration. Men's steak dinner will be July 9th or 16th. We are hosting the Area IV Conference in April 2018.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be June 20th at 6:30 pm.

Men's Steak dinner

Sunday, July 16th, 6 pm

Todd Greiner, Guest Speaker
Miraculous survivor of a plane crash

FBC is rounding up some beef for a feast.

**Calling all men...the grills will be hot...
Do you like your steak rare, medium rare,
medium done, or char-coaled??
They're fixing them the way you like them!!!**

**All men are welcome and be sure to invite your father,
sons, grandsons, as well as your friends.**

**If you plan to attend,
please contact DARRELL EWBANK at 967-4921
or the church office at 687-1769
by July 12th so we can
reserve & grill one just for you.**

A donation would be appreciated.

Kids & Youth Camp Sponsorship



There are 71 kids, youth, and leaders going to Crossings Youth and Kids' Camp this year. The Sponsorship Wall is to raise awareness and funds to help pay the remaining portion that does not get paid by the students' families. They have raised a large portion of the funds during the past year with their fund-raisers but they are still short. Your help is greatly needed.

The Sponsorship Wall is located in the Sanctuary. Please, please be sure to stop by to see all the events, smiling faces and blessings from last year's camp and take a pledge card so that the balance due can be paid by July 19th when camp starts. Thank you.

PRIMETIME ON THE ROAD TO DESTINATION UNKNOWN



The PrimeTime seniors will be off on a little adventure with the driver's, aka Pastor Shaker, choice of destination on **Wednesday, July 5th**. (Due to the holiday, the usual Tuesday trip had to be on a Wednesday this month.) It will be a surprise unless you can get him to spill the beans!! The bus is in the shop for repairs so the van will leave the church at **10:30 am**. Lunch will be dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the church office. Be sure to bring your appetite. Invite a friend--all active seniors are welcome.

Kids Summer Camp

CROSSINGS 2017

Outsiders

citizens of heaven
Phil 3:20

JONATHAN CREEK, KENTUCKY LAKE

3RD GRADE THROUGH CURRENT 6TH GRADER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH, RETURN ON SATURDAY, JULY 22ND



BACK TO JAMAICA FOR 2017

During last 2016 mission trip to Jamaica, the missions group felt their prayers had been answered because the needs of the small Jamaican church they were sent to help were so great that only God could have chosen such a place for them. They immediately felt a kindred spirit with this family of faith. The blessing of organizing their first Vacation Bible School was such a privilege and a whole lot of fun.

They were blessed by their new family and after many prayers, they felt God is leading them to return to Jamaica with a few goals in mind. They will be teaching and equipping the church to organize a VBS every summer for the children in the community. The group will also be doing a work project of building a room on the Pastor's home. They have received a grant from the American Baptist Churches (Thank you ABC for your generosity!) to help with the many expenses of their projects.

The trip will be July 21st-29th with seventeen people flying out to Jamaica. They are asking for donations of children's summer clothing, rice krispy treats, and New Testament Bibles. If you would like to donate, please have your donations at the church no later than July 12th.

And most importantly, please pray for those who are going and for God's direction and blessings on everyone.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed **Tuesday, July 4th**, so the staff may spend the Independence Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shaker at home. Have a safe & wonderful 4th of July!!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 2

Kathie Grob
Carmella Schuman

July 9

Kathie Grob
Katie Tolbert

July 16

Kathie Grob
Savanah Schuman

July 23

Kathie Grob
Myah Kelley

July 30

Kathie Grob
Carmella Schuman

Unable to help? Please contact
Kathie Grob at 924-7017.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

July 2

Ed & Terri Miller

July 9

Murl & Sue Lynn Johnson

July 16

Chuck & Kim Grammer

July 23

Leah Rowe

July 30

Keith & Carol Klaine

If you are unable to help, please
contact the church office.



WELCOME CENTER

July 2

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

July 9

DeAnn Stilley

July 16

Chuck & Kim Grammer

July 23

Lou Polsgrove

July 30

Betty Cox

MEALS ON WHEELS

July 24-28

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge

Wednesday

Candy Watt & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

1	MacKenzie Watson	12	John Brannon
1	Russell Barringer	14	Loren Carpenter
2	Vicki Ardrey	19	Vic Koenig
2	Viola Fox	19	Kathryn Dunning
2	Lula Polsgrove	20	David Brooks
2	Tanner Troutman	20	Rick Brady
2	Rachel Brady	21	Mike Mifflin
2	Chelsea Davis	21	Erika Miller
3	Donna Fager	22	Abby Hunziker
4	Ashley Singleton	22	John Dunning
4	Courtlyn Barke	23	Teresa Coleman
6	Barbara Creath	24	Scott Hunziker
6	Kevin Penrod	25	Ruth Pulcher
7	Ida Miller	25	Ed Reiman
8	Shaker Samuel	25	Amanda Woosley
8	Jeanette Myers	28	Tim Goad
10	Loraine Hunziker	28	Jacob Miller



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VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

GREETERS

July 2

Van & Angie Robinson

July 9

Paul & Sheila Echols

July 16

Tony & Cindy Stamm

July 23

Pat & Jan Etherton

July 30

Anna Jenkins & Glenann Kiel

If you are unable to help, please
contact Cindy Stamm at 319-0781.