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CULVERS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

5-8 pm Tuesday, July 2

PRIMETIME TRIP

O'Charley's in Marion
10:30 am Wednesday, July 3

POP-UP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Longfellow Park
2-4 pm Sunday, July 7

FBC KIDS MONDAY FUN DAY

12 pm Mondays, July 8, 15, & 22

AREA MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING AT CAMP CREEK CHURCH

6:30 pm Tuesday, July 9

CROSSINGS YOUTH CAMP

Monday-Friday, July 8-12

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

July 19-27

CROSSINGS KIDS CAMP

Sunday-Wednesday, July 28-31

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JULY 2019 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

YOUR LEGACY...GOD'S GLORY

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."
-James 4:14

Several years ago a university student asked Billy Graham, "What has been the biggest surprise in his life?" Immediately he answered, "the briefness of life." Almost before we know it, the years have passed and life is almost over. We do not often stop and think about life moving fast. We always assume and make plans to do things one after the other. We are busy, our calendars are full. We may not say it but live life like we are going to live forever. James challenges us with the above scripture. What have we done that will leave a legacy for Christ.

A few days ago I dropped off Nic and Hannah at the airport. They were on their way to Florida for camp. Five hours later I received a call from Hannah. She said, "Daddy I miss you." This is

what went through my mind when she is at home. I tease her all the time but somewhere during those times she learned daddy loves her and when she doesn't see me--she misses me. The thought was profound to me. With a little fun daily interaction there was an impression made that I loved her and cared for her. I carry that thought with me.

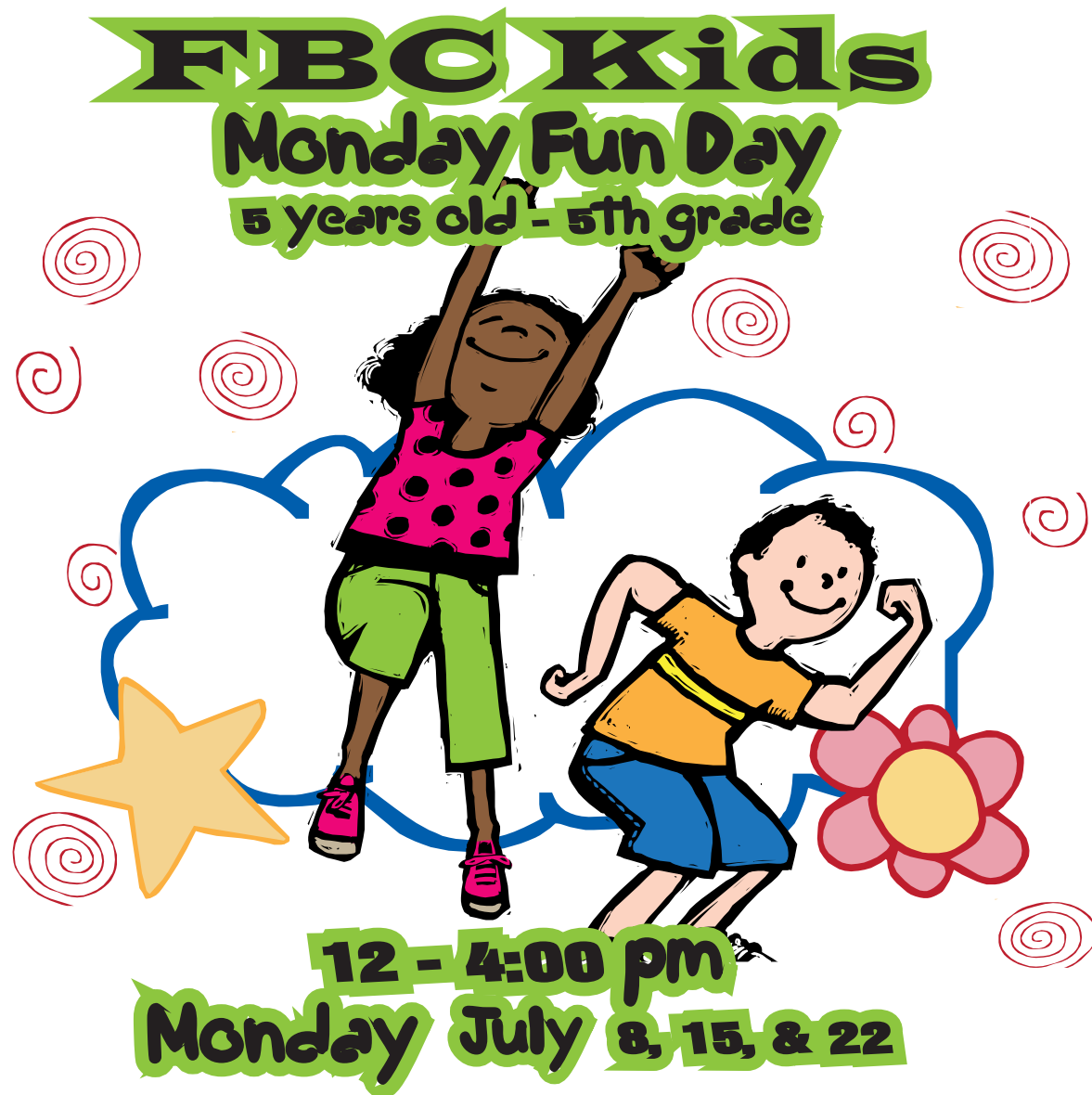
Maybe my brief life will make a difference to someone. Yes life is short--but before us is eternity. What am I contributing to the love and life Jesus Christ gave me? Let us not live as if life will

continue forever. It will not. Live instead with eternity in view.

James 4:17, *"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."* The Bible says that when we know what to do and not do it, it is sin. When we know that we need to share our faith and not tell others about Jesus we could fall into sin.



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All children 5 years old through the 5th grade are invited to summer fun days every Monday in July. July's activities include: tie dying t-shirts, Cedar Lake Beach, and a Carbondale Splash. Lunch will be provided. Pickup time is 4:00 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.

The dates are still pending due to transportation details. So be sure to watch your Sunday bulletin announcements for the dates and times.

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

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This is where our influence comes in, because we are influencing people around us knowingly or unknowingly, why not use it for God's glory.

God is constantly asking who is going to tell them, Isaiah 6:8 reads, *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"* Isaiah stepped up. Are we willing? Psalm 126:6, *"Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them."* will return with joy. C.S. Lewis pointed out "Joy is serious business in heaven!" Jesus said (Luke 15:7) there is joy in heaven over every sinner who comes to repentance.

God goes out of his way to find the most unlikely candidates to accomplish HIS divine purposes. There were several Bible characters who gave excuses.

Think of Moses, who when called by God to speak for Him, he said "I can't, I have a speech impediment." (Exodus 4:10). Jeremiah felt he was too young (Jeremiah 1:6). Think also of those that God used who had challenges and failures in life. Noah got drunk, Abraham was old, Jacob was a liar, and David has an affair. Peter denied Christ, the disciples fell asleep while praying and Lazarus was dead. (This was taken from the book Tell Someone by Greg Laurie.)

What is your excuse? You could say I'm not qualified, I'm not gifted or talented, or I do not know enough scripture. Guess what, those are the people God is looking for because when

something amazing happens through you God gets the glory as He should. The Bible says it is in our weakness God is glorified.

Remember we are "blessed to be a blessing." Hannah calls me every night to tell me she misses me and loves me. Her earthly daddy is overjoyed. Now imagine how God would feel.

Have a blessed summer. Don't get sun burned...don't forget the sun tan lotion.

God Bless,
Pastor Shaker



(Leadership Council Minutes continued from pg. 6)

Nominating Team: We still need 2 more people to serve on the Leadership Council. Deacon Care Team still needs 3 more members.

Tech Report: Bradley Evans started May 1 for the IT position. Dave Brooks will take over managing the sound system.

Pastor's Report: Wednesday night Bible study will continue through the summer months. No meals will be served during the summer. Steve Wilkerson and Ron McLaughlin will be helping.

Family Pastor's Report: Materials have been ordered for the family/child home visits.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be June 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Trimester Business Meeting June 23 after worship service.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MAY MINUTES

Meeting was called to order.

April 16, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

The April 2019 Financial Report was approved by consensus.

Deacon Report: The Deacon Care Team met on May 13. Three Deacons plan to attend an SIH workshop on May 20, "Be Fast" for early detection and intervention with stroke victims. Sent flowers to two families and a memorial was sent to the St. Joseph Home in memory of Claudia Hanna. Shared prayer concerns and visits with shut-ins. Discussed "Guidelines for Deacon Fund Expenditures." No changes were suggested. Deacons will help with sponsoring kids/youth for summer camp. Pastor Jake will present up to date information at the next meeting.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: The team is brainstorming for a summer event yet to be scheduled.

Missions: Rachel Edgar will give a ministry update to the church during the service on 7/14/19. The missions board approved funds to begin a program called "Feed a neighbor" to have ready-to-eat food on hand to give out as needed. Approved \$1,000 to Pastor Eliseo in the Philippines to be used for feeding children and a church plant. MMS FCA-Jake spoke with the teacher sponsor at MMS and she would like a youth pastor present at meetings; this group will need a new school sponsor next year.

Youth Discipleship: Summer activities will be sporadic due to other activities such as camps, etc. There will be 4-6 Sunday evening youth services over the summer (TBA). New Sunday morning curriculum, "Desiring God," will be purchased from Children's and Youth Ministry (by consensus, \$1,000), for fall start date.

Children's Discipleship: VBS will be June

2-6.

Family Discipleship: Men's breakfast was organized by Ron McLaughlin. About 20 people attended. Men's Bible study also being organized for the near future.

Staff Relations: Bradley Evans started May 1 for the IT position. He will fill out time sheets for time worked.

Finance and Stewardship: Four people have consented to helping with a finance/stewardship drive in September.

Building and Grounds: Need hand rails, especially on SW Door. Chuck Grammer called Samron. Chuck fixed the leak by the college classroom by unstopping the clogged gutter. Kristy Dunning ordered the key lock box for the fire department. Ed Miller is getting quotes for oil and chip for the new parking lot.

Emergency Response: Judy Rawls is checking on repairs to the security camera system.

Special Events: Kay Reiman is collecting old photos and making contacts to previous pastors for the 150th Anniversary October 18-19. Vicki Ardrey is looking for outdoor banners for the 150th anniversary. There will be a 150th Anniversary float in the Apple Festival Parade. Announce in the bulletin that we need volunteers for the float committee.

Worship and Ministry Team: Praise team leadership will rotate until we have an interim nominee and a plan.

College Discipleship: With people moving, the group is currently loosely organized while people are in transition.

Kitchen and Dinners: Christina Smith is looking for more help on Wednesday nights and is working on rotations for the fall.

Strategic Planning & Action: Legacy Team ordered a brochure to offer ways to help with Legacy Giving.

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PRIMETIME LIKES FREE PIE!

PrimeTime will be on the road to O'Charley's in Marion for some free pie on **Wednesday, July 3rd**. Lunch is dutch treat. The bus will leave the church at 10:30 am. The sign-up sheet and ballots are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Sign up and cast your vote by giving your ballot to Kay in the church office or Pastor Shaker.

CALLING ALL KIDS



POP UP Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 7, 2 pm at Longfellow Park

The Summer Mission Trip Team will be holding a one day Vacation Bible School at Longfellow Park (20th & Wall St.) on Sunday, July 7th, from 2-4:00 pm. All children 4 years old through the 5th grade are invited to an afternoon of VBS learning and fun. It will have it all, music, Bible story, games, food and fun, fun and more fun.

AREA MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Area 4 Men's Brotherhood meeting will be hosted by Camp Creek Baptist Church (39 Church Rd., Murphysboro) on **Tuesday, July 9th**, starting at **6:30 pm**. It's a wonderful time of fellowship with our extended ABC Family of Faith.

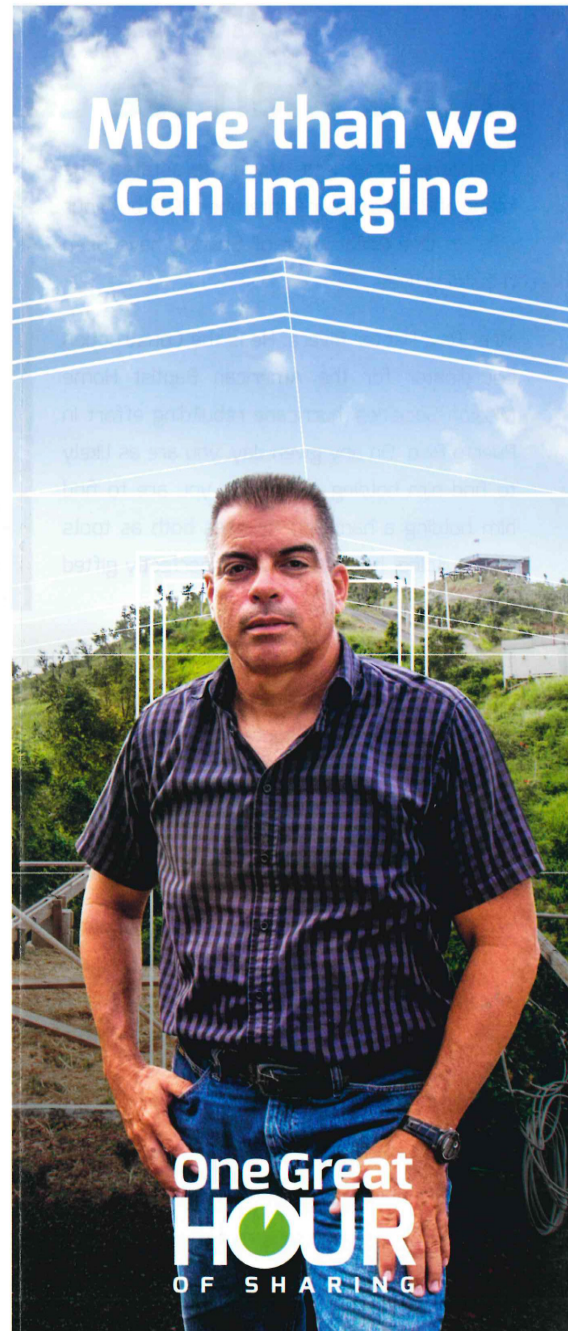
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

The 150th Anniversary Celebration Saturday & Sunday, October 19-20



More than we can imagine

Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the Island of Puerto Rico in September 2017, but your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have been rebuilding lives.

Meet Rev. Hector Rivera. He is the Construction Coordinator for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies' hurricane rebuilding effort in Puerto Rico. On any given day, you are as likely to find him holding a Bible, as you are to find him holding a hammer. He uses both as tools of rebuilding. It is how God has perfectly gifted him for this ministry.

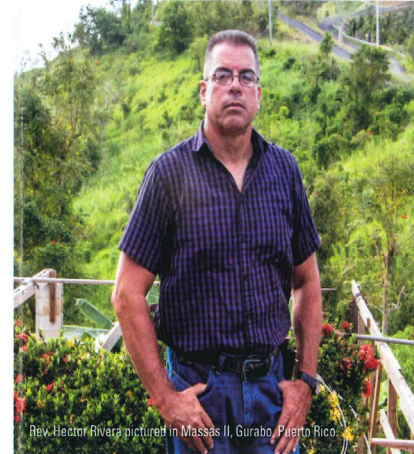


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Sometimes it is a hurricane. Sometimes an earthquake. Sometimes a wildfire or flood. And sometimes it is a civil war. Regardless of the event, each claims lives and livelihoods. Each rob a person of the normalcy of their life. People are left to rebuild and reclaim life anew.

One Great Hour of Sharing meets people in their time of need. Your gifts proclaim that even in the midst of disaster, God can and will do more than we can imagine! Your gifts of dollars are turned into tangible aid – water, food, medicine, supplies, rebuilding materials, and so much more.

We give thanks for Hector's ministry in Puerto Rico. We give thanks for the "Hectors", "Sally's", "Bill's", and "Marias" all around the world that use your gifts to deliver hope. And we give thanks for you, for it is your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing that is being used to help people realize the life God intends for them – a new life that is more than they can imagine.

Give today.

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"More Than We Can Imagine..."

We sometimes think that "imagination" means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is **essential** to God's hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: **"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..."** (Ephesians 3:20-21). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed.

You see, when we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision – and work for! – a world

...where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved;

...where no one ever fears abuse or violence;

...where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all;

...where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors;

...where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it;

...where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need;

...where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ's name.

Can **YOU** imagine these things? Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people.

Please give generously!

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July 7

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

July 14

Volunteers Needed

July 21

Buddy & Helen Payne

July 28

Van & Angie Robinson

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

July 7

Albert & Trish Boudet

July 14

Rodney & Carol **Brown**

July 21

Keith & Carol Klaine

July 28

Suzanne Goad Family

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



MEALS ON WHEELS

July 23-27

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Ron McLaughlin & Frank Aldridge

Wednesday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Thursday

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Friday

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HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

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



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VOLUNTEERS

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James 4:14

WELCOME CENTER

July 7

Sherri Schimpf

July 14

Bill & Kim Oploh

July 21

Pat & Jan Etherton

July 28

Frank & Shirley Aldridge

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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