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From Pastor Tom's Desk...

Someone recently asked me, "What's the most exciting thing happening in your church right now?" After a brief pause, I replied, "Clearly the most exciting dimension of our ministry right now is our mission outreach." The completion of three mission trips during these summer months represents a significant engagement in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Like anything else we hear about with some frequency, we can easily forget the importance of these trips. They are, however, at the core of our DNA as a church.

The ladies who recently returned from Spokane, WA, and who reported last Sunday, shared with us that they are beginning to feel like a part of the "Tea House" team. For three successive years now they have assisted Michelle Gruber and her team by ministering to their children during their annual field forum. The number of children has now grown to 15. Caring for their children provides a welcome relief to the adult team members as they seek to experience a week of spiritual renewal.

As I write these words, 8 adults and 8 youth are in Arizona at the Hardrock Reservation of the Navajo nation. For the fourth consecutive year we have sent a team to partner with Robin and Faith Jelle in the development of their ministry center. Not only do our teams help with construction, but they also build bridges of love and faith with the

Navajo people, especially the youth. Our consistent presence is building trust with those whose lifestyle and living circumstances are so different from our own.

Of course, we also have a team preparing to go to Gabon, Africa, in August. This will be our fifth trip to this west African country. The team will continue to help with construction at the Hope House (orphanage), they will continue to develop the sewing ministry, and they will rekindle relationships with our brothers and sisters in Libreville.

Four years ago, when we started to talk about partnerships, we emphasized that consistency of relationship was an important part of our mission. We are now beginning to see the fruit of that consistency. We are no longer ministering *to* the people in these locations, but we are now ministering *with* them. They have indeed become friends in Christ.

So again, what's exciting about Faith Alliance Church these days? It's knowing that even though we're located here in little New Bremen, OH, we are having an impact in the lives of real people in real places that are far from here. Sounds like what Jesus intended when he said, "Go, and make disciples of all nations..."

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tom

Arizona Team Returns...

The eight adults and eight youth who make up the Arizona Mission Team will return today (Sunday), following a week of work and ministry on the Hardrock Reservation. They will report on their trip on Sunday morning, July 12. Please plan to be with us.

Youth Group Camping Trip...

There will be an overnight youth camping trip on Friday, July 10 – Saturday, July 11, at Lake Loramie. Any youth entering the 6th grade through the 12th grade this fall are welcome! We will leave from the youth center at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, and return the following morning by 10:30 a.m.



If you are not able to join us until a later time on Friday, or if you are unable to spend the night, your parents may bring you to the lake or pick you up from the lake at any time. Once we leave as a group on Friday afternoon, we will not be able to provide transportation from the lake back to New Bremen until Saturday morning. We will spend our time hanging out at the beach, swimming in the lake, hiking, fishing, sitting around a campfire, and eating a lot of good food! The cost for the trip is FREE! We will supply food and drinks, but you may bring extra snacks and beverages if you would like. We will be sleeping in tents, so make sure to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Invite your friends! You and your friends must turn in a medical release form prior to going on the trip. Hope to see you there!

– Pastor James

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Next week there will not be KIDS Church (K-5) on July 5 because of the holiday weekend. Children (K-5) will worship in the sanctuary with their parents.

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Family of Clete Niekamp, who passed away last week
- Jay Berkey, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy
- Brent Paulus, on-going health concerns
- Marge Henschen, chemotherapy
- Jim Kitsmiller, pray for his ability to eat
- Tracy Shelton, early stages of MS
- Tim Freyer, Dennis and Edith Klingler's son-in-law, concussion
- Pray for those who have experienced the ravages of flooding
- Pray for those affected by last week's shootings in Charleston, SC

Missonal needs:

- Pray for our search for a new associate pastor
- Pray for next month's Vacation Bible School
- Pray for our missionaries around the world, especially in creative access countries
- Pray for Pastor Jean Marc, Gabon, serious health problems
- Pray for Joel and Sheila as they serve in Indonesia
- Pray for the E-4 Project, our partner ministry in Gabon
- Pray for direction for the sewing ministry in Libreville
- Pray for Robin and Faith Jelle, and their ministry on the Navajo reservation
- Pray for Andry and Yulia Shepelenko as they minister in the Ukraine

Thank You Note...

Faith Family,

Thank you for the flower arrangement sent on Dad's passing. Your kindness was appreciated. Thanks also for your cards and prayers when we needed support.

Sincerely,

Mark & Sarah Lageman & Family

Help Needed with Gabon Jewelry Project...

On July 11 from 7:00 a.m. to Noon, we plan to meet at the Youth Center to build and package jewelry supplies to take to Gabon for the jewelry ministry. Stations will be set up in the gym area to count and bag pins, beads, sort elastic, etc. Grade school kids through adults are welcome to come and help. We will provide donuts, coffee and juice for refreshments. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie Schwieterman at 419-629-4300 by text or call or you can email Julie at:

juliejuliejulie75@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Offering June 21, 2015

General Fund: \$6,480

Local Mission: \$200

Great Commission Fund: \$800

Building/Dev. Fund: \$60

Care Fund: \$220

Youth Mission Trips: \$15; Youth Center: \$20

Adult Mission Trips: \$110

Hope House: \$10; Tea House: \$25

E-4 Project: \$25

Attendance

Week of June 21, 2015

9:00 Worship – 83

10:30 Worship – 122

Kids – 44 ; Adult Workers – 9

Total Worship – 258

International Class – 11

Wednesday Praise & Worship – 20

We Need Your Help for VBS—Bible Blast to the Past!

Help us make VBS a success! A donation board with a variety of items needed for VBS is up in the Educational Building. Please check it out and see what you could donate this year. Take the top colorful circle with the needed item home with you as a reminder and then sign the bottom circle so we know who took the item, just in case you need a reminder to bring the item back to church!

Also, we are in need of various sized boxes (medium to large), empty toilet paper tubes and empty paper towel tubes for VBS projects.

All items can be donated by July 19th or sooner. The sooner, the better if you are able!

Thanks so much for being a part of VBS!

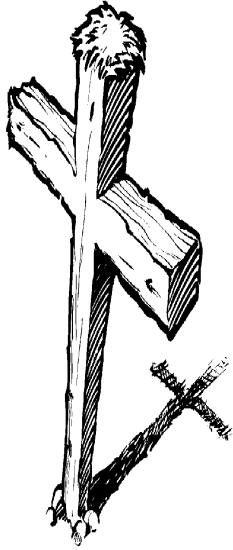
Any questions...contact Gina or Kristin.

BIBLE BLAST FROM THE PAST WILL BE HELD JULY 26—30!

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COMING EVENTS



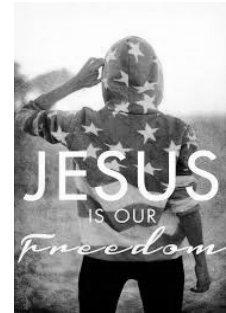
Sunday, June 28, 2015

Today

- 9:00... Early Worship
- 10:30... Late Worship
- 10:30... Kids Church

- June 28... AZ Mission Team Returns
- July 10–11... Youth Camping Trip
@ Lake Loramie
- July 20... Kings Island Trip

This Week



MINISTRIES

July Celebrations...

Happy Birthday to...

- 1—Kendra Knapke
- 3—Sam Springer
- 4—Dolly Broerman, Krista Schulze, Cindy Storrer
- 5—Ben Frideger
- 6—Joann Boyer
- 7—Helen Tangeman, Ben Schmiesing, Clay Bertke
- 8—Marty Tangeman
- 9—Elsie Ewing
- 11—Shirley James, Randy Kuck
- 12—Conner Otto
- 13—Ben Fennick, Chuck Mallory
- 15—Sally Peterson
- 16—Edie Klingler
- 17—Luan Louis
- 18—Lily Siebenaler
- 19—Ariel Nagel
- 20—Dave Dicke, Michael Reams
- 21—Tami James

- 22—Vivian Kilmer
- 23—Maddie Goodwin, Shannon Pence
- 24—James Lageman
- 25—John Hoffman, Alan Dock
- 26—Robin Freer, Jean Helmstetter, Celeste Kuck
- 26—Luke Pohlman
- 28—Andrew Pohlman
- 29—Kay Roeth
- 31—Nathan Fenters

Happy Anniversary to...

- 2—Tom & Jodi Shimp
- 5—Pat & Jamie Lampert
- 9—Jeff & Holly Bertke
- 11—Kevin & Jen Bear
- 14—Joe & Pat Meyer
- 17—Chris & Loresa Burden
- 19—Matt & Gina Tangeman
- 21—Greg & Teresa Bronkema

- 22—Dan & LaRita Condon
- 22—Tim & Maddie Goodwin
- 28—Pat & Julie Ferguson
- 28—Mike & Kelly Jay

