

Beacon Light

**We live to Grow Christ's kingdom by
passionately sharing His truth in love.**

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As a mother comforts
her child, so will I
comfort you.

Isaiah 66:13





Happy Birthday

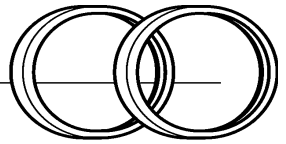


MAY

- 3 Leonard Kotlarsky
- 6 Isaac Maze
- 9 Nicole Hagemeyer, Melissa Overton, Sheyenne Shepherd
- 11 Tucker Woodburn
- 12 Hollyn Holscher
- 13 Donna Willis
- 19 Janet Carrington
- 21 Arthur Hamilton
- 23 Mason Wampler, Madison Wampler, Anna Osmon
- 25 Kolten Boyles
- 28 Sherri Caballero

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Happy 16th Anniversary to Steve & Andi Hart on May 6th.

Happy 28th Anniversary to Mitch & Carla Arthur on May 7th.

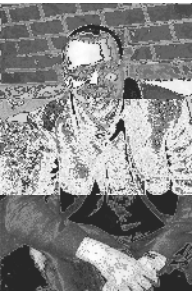
Happy 24th Anniversary to Jim & Lora Wheatley on May 10th.

Happy 63rd Anniversary to Joe & Kate Maberto on May 11th.

Happy 14th Anniversary to Garry & Beverly Jones on May 11th.

Happy 21st Anniversary to Greg & Susan Donaldson on May 20th.

Happy 16th Anniversary to Arthur & Vicki Hamilton on May 21st.



The Pastor's Page

Allergy season is in full swing, and I can always tell when the seasons are changing. My nose starts to run -- My eyes start to water -- My sinuses are full of pressure -- It's hard to breathe. Sometimes it's even hard to think! I have tried all kinds of medications. I even did allergy shots for 5 years. It seems like nothing helps when I'm feeling this way and the worst part of my allergy problems is all the sneezing I do. I'm sure that many of you have heard me go into one of my sneezing fits. I can't sneeze just once. It seems like I have to sneeze at least 3 or 4 times, right in a row. It's not really the sneezing that bothers me anymore though. It's the way I stand out from the crowd. It's the way everyone in the room seems to notice me when I am sneezing myself inside out! It's like I'm wearing a blinking sign on my chest that says, "LOOK AT ME." I hate standing out and/or being on display. I would rather not be noticed.

Our first time guests at church are like this. They don't want to stand out in the crowd. They want to blend in. They don't want to look out of place. **AND WE HAVE TO HELP THEM!** So, we are going to be implementing a few little changes to help our first - time guests feel totally welcome and part of what happens at FBC. For starters, you may have noticed the new signs at the church. We want every guest to be able to find the important parts of our building quickly, and these signs will help. We are also going to be adding Greeters at both main entrances on Sunday mornings. This will help each person feel welcomed and allow them to receive a bulletin and directions as soon as they walk in the door. We need everyone to be willing to greet, so look for some new sign-up sheets. We are also going to be adding a communication card to our bulletin each week. We have trouble getting first time guests to fill out our visitor cards because they may feel out of place being the only ones placing the cards in the offering plate. We are asking every family to fill out one card every Sunday and place it in the offering plate.

Please participate in this process. We want each guest to feel as comfortable and welcome as possible.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

FBC RETREAT –What beautiful weather that Lord gave us during the weekend of April 16-18. Approximately 50 people attended the FBC Retreat that was held at Camp Illiana near Washington. The fish in the lake didn't know what hit them when the kids whipped out there fishing poles. The adults set on the deck listening to the beautiful sounds of nature and sharing wonderful fellowship. A big thanks to the guys for the wonderful work they did on the meals. The food was so good, the grills were a blazin'. Lauren lead us in a wonderful Bible study on Saturday evening and church services on Sunday morning. God has truly blessed her with a gift and we were blessed to have her share it with us. Mark your calendars now for next year, which will be April 15, 16, 17 2011.

COMMUNITY DINNER The monthly Community Dinner was held on Sunday April 25th from 5:00 –7:00 pm. Approximately 210 meals were served. What a fellowship with the people in our community.

NEW MEMBERS - Kathy Busch stepped out of her pew and came forward to join our church in membership on Sunday, April 11th. We welcome Kathy into our congregation with open arms.

STEP OF FAITH -We rejoice with the Lord on the baptisms that took place during the second service on Sunday, April 25th. Deborah Udovich, David Akers, Kayla Ramsey & Savanna Burkhart stepped into the waters of baptism. What a celebrations for the Kingdom of God. We ask that you keep these folks in your prayers as they follow God's leading for their lives. Help us take those Crayons out of the tube! We are still focused on reaching the 4734!



Do you know who this young man from the past is? If you can't figure it out, look on the upper block of the calendar page and see.

BIBLE HUMOR

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

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ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelly, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelly would say, 'And all girls.' This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelly, why do you always add the part about all girls?' Her response, 'Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'

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MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt . When he got to the Red Sea , he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

HAITI MISSION TRIP

from Missy Overton

As many of you know, I was blessed to be able to go to Haiti March 9-17 on a Christian Medical mission trip. I joined my nurse, Lori Munsell and her pastor husband Dale, along with 5 others from Texas and we flew to Port Au Prince to help care for God's children in Haiti. It was a very awesome/humbling experience. There was so much destruction and chaos as we rode through the crumbled, crowded streets of Port Au Prince that we just rode in silence and watched. There were people living along the streets in partial walls of collapsed buildings without roofs or in tents. There were nice tents from organizations around the world and tents made out of whatever people could find. One tent in particular that I saw was made out of shirts sewn together and stretched over sticks. The tents were in the "Tent Cities" seen on TV or even in the median of busy streets with cars hurrying by while those living in the tents cooked over small fires, bathed their children and scrubbed their laundry in tubs with unclean water. There were just people on top of people with every available space being used. We rode alongside the garbage-lined waterways and made our way up steep, narrow, white dirt roads that took us to a small mountain top overlooking the conglomeration known as Port Au Prince where we set up our clinic in an old mission building. We unpacked our medical supplies by flashlight and readied ourselves for the next day. We spent the next several days seeing patients in 96 degree heat while constantly sweating but who could complain? The Haitian people sure didn't. They would line-up by 6am each day and stand hours in the sun, waiting for us to see and treat them. They complained so little that while performing their exam, they often wouldn't even tell me when it hurt. We had 3 wonderful Haitian guys as our translators. They themselves grew up in orphanages where they learned to speak and write English and to love the Lord.

They became like sons to us and worked hard to translate our language into Creole and their language into English. The medicines that many of you helped contribute were put to great use! They were used to help treat common ailments such as colds and bronchitis and other conditions such as Cholera in a baby, Malaria and Typhoid. Many mothers brought their children in with intestinal worms and open sores. Children and adults alike were still suffering from the psychological trauma of the earthquake 2 months prior and all the aftershocks that were still occurring. They had little food, little to no clean water and no resources. Yet they still met in the tent church just outside the walls of our area and in another church down the hill from us and sang God's praises. We were able to join them for Sunday service and I will never forget the sound of their voices blended with ours in different languages but singing to one God! Together we gathered stones within the church and piled them together as a remembrance of what God has done for us. I could feel your prayers along the way. There are specific times when some of you have told me you were really praying for us and it was exactly when something was happening with us in Haiti! There is still desperation and unsafe conditions there but we have such a great God! If he can call his children from Bicknell and Bridgeport to go to Haiti to care for his children there and prepare and provide for each instance along the way, just imagine what he can do in your lives today! Please continue to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. Recovery will be a long process and the rainy season that is upon us will be detrimental to those living in tents. The Lord has great plans for his people to reach those who are in need and do not yet know him. I pray that Christ will use each of us to reach out and be his hands and feet to the world around us today! Thanks for all your interest and support!

DOOR GREETERS

May 2	1st Service	The Woodburn Family
	2nd Service	Anna Robinson & Kelsey
May 9	1st Service	Margaret Hart
	2nd Service	Lauren Alexander
May 16	1st Service	Don Hart
	2nd Service	Deanna Alston
May 23	1st Service	Joe & Kate Maberto
	2nd Service	Doug & Luke Sydow
May 30	Combined	Sally Brittain

USHERS

May 2	1st Service	Don & Margaret Hart Jill & Tom Woodburn
	2nd Service	Becky & Tali Boyles Beverly & Grace Jones
May 9	1st Service	Paul McMillin, Gary Byrer, Christina Byrer, & Nina Mahan
	2nd Service	Doug & Bonnie Sydow Steve & Andi Hart
May 16	1st Service	Tom & Alberta Burnett Bill & Chris Grabbe
	2nd Service	Luke Sydow, Caleb Sydow, Micah Sydow & Ben McVay
May 23	1st Service	Mitch & Carla Arthur Randy & Sharon Alexander
	2nd Service	Nicole Hagemeyer, Bethany Hart, Andrew Maze & Ben McVay
May 30		David & Melissa Overton Don & Margaret Hart

SCRIPTURE READERS

May 2	1st Service	Margaret Hart
	2nd Service	Becky Boyles
May 9	1st Service	Paul McMillin
	2nd Service	Nicole Hagemeyer
May 16	1st Service	Lu Miller
	2nd Service	Andrew Maze
May 23	1st Service	Carla Arthur
	2nd Service	Lauren Alexander
May 30	Combine	Gary Byrer

YOUTH CHURCH WORKERS

May 2	2nd Service	Becky Boyles
May 9	2nd Service	Dusty McKimmy
May 16	2nd Service	Kayla Ramsey
May 23	2nd Service	Carol Maze
May 30	Combined	Helen Maze

OUR TITHES AND ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 4	56	221	\$3,486.67
April 11	No SS	153	\$2,414.31
April 18	49	164	\$1,799.14
April 25	52	136	\$2,315.20

Average Offering \$2,503.83

Average Needed* \$3,060.87

*Please note that the average needed is without a full time youth pastor.
The average needed with a full time youth pastor is \$3448.22



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