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## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### Pastor's Message



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Vacation Bible School is like a summertime revival in our church. We have kids being saved. There were 79 decisions for Jesus this year. Many children came closer to the Lord this week and were more excited about going to church than ever before. One mother came to our church for the first time Sunday morning before VBS started. She attended five nights and signed her children up for kids' summer camp. She told me this is her church.

Maybe your summer hasn't been a spiritual revival. You are not excited about serving Jesus like you once served Him. The components of revival are the same for us as they are for our kids. First, come to church regularly and as often as possible. The intensity of five nights was apparent in the eyes of the children this week as well as the adults. Secondly, find a place of fellowship in a Life Group. The Bible school had over 300 in our worship rally, but the children spent most of their time with 19-20 other kids and their teachers. Don't you think it's about time for you to join a Life Group? And lastly, focus on God. These kids got into worship with reverence and sincerity. Bringing a revival into your heart means that Jesus must be the main thing. We have people praying during each of our services for you to experience the presence of Jesus. This is so important. Don't let your summertime church attendance be routine or mechanical. Make it dynamic. Put your focus on Jesus. It will change your life.

One mother who has been attending our church for a few weeks told me her son was rebellious and disrespectful. She made him come to VBS. He cried and resisted, but by the second night he started to feel comfortable. By the fourth night he was a different boy. Summertime revivals are life changing events.

Ask God to make your summer not just a time for vacation, but for a time for revival!

#### Pastor Jerry

**P.S.** Congratulations to Pastor Bryan Corbett who has been invited to reprise his role in the **McDonald's All-American High School Band**. Bryan is preparing to perform at the end of this month as part of a national reunion event.



Part of my job here at FBC-GC is to visit and encourage all our Life Groups that meet in homes. But I got the wonderful privilege of not only visiting but actually leading and encouraging

another kind of group during our recent VBS week. And it wasn't in a home. It was right here at church. What group might this be, you may be wondering?

It was a group of second grade boys. Boys who came forward to make a commitment to Jesus in response to Pastor Josh's altar call. Boys at an age when sometimes the commitment is real and authentic, and sometimes it's not. Boys at an age when sometimes they fully understand the Gospel, and sometimes they do not. Boys at an age when they really need some immediate and in-depth follow up.

Such was the purpose of my meeting with them. I had about twenty young, impressionable souls in my group, and just about as many minutes to hold their attention and reinforce the Good News about Jesus. And it went pretty much as I expected. Some answered my questions very intelligently. I am confident they now know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Some said nothing at all. And some just fidgeted, and were ready to head on to the crafts room. But I can take great comfort in knowing that I thoroughly explained the Gospel to them, on their level, and God has promised that His Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11).

Abundant life did indeed start for some of these young boys. And seeds were planted in the lives of others. Next time you meet in your Life Group, please remember to pray for this "Life Group." They do need your prayers.

Oh, and note to self: I owe a couple very young men a Bible!

**Pastor Andy Kovalchik,**  
**Assistant Visitation Pastor**

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### **AWANA Ministry Update**

August 21st —AWANA Kickoff

August 28th—Welcome Back!

We have the greatest AWANA workers!

Did you know that our AWANA workers pay dues to work with our children? Their dues support local AWANA missionaries and help to support new AWANA clubs.

**THANK YOU, AWANA WORKERS!**

If you are interested in helping with AWANA or have questions about the AWANA ministry, please contact Pastor Josh at church, or Sherri Love at 614-871-3053.

**See You August 21st!**



### **Members' Ministry**

We all have various struggles we deal with every day. Some are financial, emotional, or physical. No struggle is the same, and no struggle is ever to be taken lightly.

It has been 9 years since God changed the direction of our lives. On July 2010, my health came to a climax. I had never been really sick before, but a couple of weeks before our son was to be married, I woke up and could not walk. I had been having issues with neuropathy and swelling in my feet and hands. I lost 80 pounds a couple of months before, but now it all came to a complete halt. God in His infinite wisdom changed my game plan, put me on my back, and asked me, "What are you going to do now?" He had been working in me a long time, but now I was held captive and He had my full attention.

I had to stop working in my field where I had been working for 22 plus years. We had just come out of a major financial hardship. We had nothing left but God, each other, and our Church family—which is way more than anyone could ask for.

When God changed my plan, He revealed His perfect plan. We may have been down but not out. Through His hands of provision, God and the body of Christ blessed our family and made a way when the world said there was no way. Our lives are far from perfection, for we still have struggles. Ronda and I both have health issues. There are days I still cannot move, but in those days God's grace, mercy and perfect peace fill our lives.

I thank God He is not done with us yet, and He is not done with you yet. Whatever your struggle is, my family and I can testify that God's grace is sufficient, His hands of provision and care are sufficient. His love is sufficient to see you through. We are all the same in the eyes of God. His love does not waiver. It is not given more to one than another, and you can trust Him.

We, as the body of Christ, walk together through this world, following Him. There is nothing more important than our relationship with Christ. I pray today that whatever your struggle may be, you seek His face, hear His words, and receive His help.

*"But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ." **Philippians 3:7-8***

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Brian Kinnett,**  
**Members' Minister**

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### **Notes of Appreciation**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the grad luncheon and gifts. We appreciate all of you so much.

**Rachel Huff**

I would also like to thank you for everything. The gift will go towards my books at Miami University.

**Brice Huff**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

GLASS, Ben	08/01	HILL, Klarissa	08/16
PACHE, Gary	08/01	PERRY, Robert	08/17
MAYNARD, Ronda	08/01	TOWNSLEY, Loretta	08/17
HILLMAN, Sandra	08/01	STROUP, Donna	08/17
GROSSMAN, Julia	08/02	JONES, Jessica	08/19
NEELEY, Brooke	08/02	STEVENS, Anthony	08/19
CROMER, Justin	08/02	PINKERMAN, Jackson	08/20
CLARK, Tom	08/02	MISHNE, Amanda	08/21
MYERS, Ron	08/02	SINSEL, David	08/21
EARLEY, Cathy	08/02	YOUNG, Julie	08/21
BOBO, Mitchell	08/02	SEELEY, Lynn	08/22
WESTFALL, Wyman	08/02	SCHUMAN, Karen	08/23
MCDONALD, Robert	08/03	ADKINS, Kristin	08/23
WATKINS, Evelyn	08/03	NORTH, Erica	08/24
GROSSMAN, Jennifer	08/04	CLICK, Steve	08/24
HILL, Elvie	08/04	HEJDUK, Dave	08/24
SATTERFIELD, Colleen	08/04	HARR, Tracey	08/25
ROBINETT, Joann	08/04	HUFF, Kelly	08/25
REICHLE, Larry	08/04	PULLINS, Bradley	08/25
BLAKESLEY, Debra	08/05	BELCHER, William	08/25
BLAKESLEY, Edward	08/05	CORBETT, Bryan	08/26
JOHNSTON, Dale	08/05	NEELEY, Jennifer	08/26
GLASS, Lauren	08/06	WORLEY, Doug	08/26
CROMER, Minda	08/06	HEATH, Jazzmine	08/26
BLAKESLEY, Jonathon	08/06	KOVALCHIK, Karen	08/26
FULTON, Mitchell	08/07	CONANT, Phyllis	08/27
STEPHENSON, Dorothy	08/07	PETERS, Pamela	08/27
CANTER, Dianne	08/08	PETERS, William	08/27
MONTELL, Lisa	08/08	YENCER, Kathy	08/27
THOMPSON, Rhonda	08/08	ATKINS, Jacob	08/27
GLASS, Adam	08/08	D'ATTOMA, Sarah	08/27
HOLINGA, Karen	08/08	BANE, Joanna	08/28
PORTER, Caleb	08/09	BROWN, Connie	08/28
NEISWANGER, Linda	08/09	DUNCAN, Alan	08/28
ROBERTS, Kay	08/09	RILEY, Russell	08/28
CAMPBELL, Scott	08/09	HILL, Robert	08/29
JAMES, Tamela	08/10	BENNETT, Lynnetta	08/29
PINKERMAN, Brian	08/10	ALLMON, Emily	08/30
TATERA, Tammie	08/10	LATELLA, Linda	08/30
WILSON, Sarah	08/10	GLASS, Jody	08/30
KILLIAN, Jeff	08/10	DUGAN, Peyton	08/31
REICHLE, Ken	08/11	FEUSTEL, Steve	08/31
PERRY, Ruby	08/11	RUCKER, Minda	08/31
GERACE, Jerry	08/11	CHADWICK, Sue	08/31
FRASHER, Caleb	08/12	PACHE, Marlene	08/31
ROBERTS, James	08/12		
CARSON, Derek	08/13		
PINKERMAN, Lindsay	08/13		
DYER, Janie	08/13		
LIFF, Mallory	08/13		
HARDMAN, Kay	08/14		
MCPHERSON, Chris	08/14		
WESTFALL, Rhonda	08/14		
BUZZARD, Jared	08/14		
HARTMAN, Chris	08/15		
JONES, Joshua	08/15		
HOFFMAN, Dick	08/15		
BUCBANE, Hannah	08/16		
BARR, Megan	08/16		
BUCHOLTZ, Kathy	08/15		

### From Our Children's Pastor

Summer sure is flying by for *First Kids*! July was filled with wonderful chaos as we dove head first into the wild—VBS 2019. *In The Wild* allowed our children in *First Kids* to take snapshots from the Bible to dive deeper into their relationship with Jesus! This year 79 children responded to the invitation that was given during the worship rally. Throughout the week more than 350 children came through the doors of FBC. That was more than 350 people who heard God's message, how He came to save them! How awesome is that!

The week of VBS could not have happened without all of the volunteers! We had over 100 volunteers who poured their time into the lives of the children, praying with them and for them. VBS would not be possible without all of their hard work!

We ended our VBS week with a Super Family Fun Night! This gave families a chance to experience the worship rally with their children and to head outside for fellowship and fun! The VBS team is so thankful for a church family that blesses the lives of their children's ministry with VBS! From all of us, THANK YOU!

Submitted by Bethany Heath for:

**Pastor Josh Wright,  
Children's Pastor**

### From Our Worship Pastor

Are we living in the last days? Will this generation witness the rapture of the Church? What is going on with Israel with respect to the rest of the world?

We are excited to announce:

***Understanding  
the Times 2019***

**Saturday, September 21st  
8:45 AM to 5:00 PM**

Live streamed from Grace Church, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to First Baptist Church in Grove City.



Featured Speakers:  
Amir Tsarfati, Robert Jeffress,  
J.D. Farag, Jack Hibbs,  
Jan Markell, and Laurie Cardoza-Moore  
Learn more at [olivetreerviews.org/](http://olivetreerviews.org/)

**Pastor Bryan Corbett,  
Worship Pastor**

### Trustee Ministry

King's Kids Day Care Update: The new roof installation on the flat roof at KKDC was completed just two weeks prior to the Grove City cloud burst. The original roof was approximately fifty years old.

The jungle gym located on the FBC campus had parts which needed to be replaced. The installation was finished in time for Vacation Bible School.

Grounds Update: Normal and timely care has been given to the lawn, flower beds, trees, and shrubs. The sidewalk and picnic shelter at FBC have been power-washed. Entry point curbs at FBC have all been painted yellow as a safety precaution.

The County Roads Department installed a drain pipe from the road culvert to the ditch thereby accommodating the FBC mowing crew in caring for our west lawn along Orders Road.

**Kindness is Christianity with its working clothes on.**

**Author Unknown**

**Phyllis McCloy,  
Trustee Ministry Secretary**

### AWANA Leaders Meeting

A brief AWANA Leaders Meeting will be held Sunday, August 18th, immediately following our 10:45 AM worship services in Room A-190 (Fellowship Hall). This meeting is for all new and returning leaders for the 2019-2020 term.



Please see Sherri Love or Pastor Josh Wright for more details.



**Friday**

**AUG. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**6 GMA Dove Awards  
5 Grammy Award Nominations  
Over 18 Number One Hits  
11 Favorite Soprano Fan Awards  
Tickets at the Welcome Center**



# Women of FBC

**Girls' Night Out** is back on Tuesday, August 27, at Olive Garden, on Stringtown Road. Contact Jodi Butcher at 614-620-6380 for more information.

**Women's Fellowship Breakfast:** Please join us on Saturday, August 10, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Naomi Patras. Come and hear great things God is doing among the Muslims in our community and how you can learn to share Jesus with them. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share! Contact Pam Leeth at 614-507-6306 with any questions.

**The Living Stones:** We are currently studying the teachings of Jesus in the book of Matthew. Please join us on Sundays at 10:45 AM in room A-194. Contact Sharon Myers at 614-562-2600 for more information.

**Women of Faith Bible Study:** We study the Bible because God's Word is infallible, complete, authoritative, sufficient for all our needs, and accomplishes what it promises. We meet bi-weekly on Monday, August 12 and 26, at 1:00 PM, in room C-146. For more information contact Mindy Stith at 614-871-4812.

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study:** We will continue our study in the Minor Prophets. Please join us at 6:45 PM in the Student Center. Bring your Bible and a notebook for journaling. We are currently in the book of Hosea. Contact Ronda Kinnett at 614-313-7871 for more information.

**M.O.M. (Moms on Mission):** There is still room for you! Come together for encouragement with other FBC moms with children ages birth to 6th grade. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:00 PM in room S-106. Contact Bethany Heath at 614-323-9721 for more information.

**Book Club:** We will meet on August 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Donatos on Stringtown Road, to discuss the book *Blue Ridge Sunrise* by Denise Hunter. Contact Kari Jones at 614-589-7557 for more information.

**Summer Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Thursday, at 9:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying *God of Covenant: A Study of Genesis 12-50* by Jen Wilkin. Contact Barb Lovingshimer at 614-875-4613 for more information.

**Sunday Morning Ladies' Life Group:** Come and join us at 9:15 AM, in room G-104, with teachers Phyllis Welch, Mindy Rucker, and Barb Lovingshimer as we study God's Word and its effect on our lives and character. Call 614-875-4613 for more information.

**REFIT:** Come for a fun cardio dance class that will fit YOU, no matter your fitness level! We meet every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in Genesis Auditorium. Contact Carla Wells at 614-579-1237 for more information.

**Craft Day:** Summer is the perfect time to craft! Bring your project to work on and see other creative activities. We are in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 16 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Contact KyleAnn Williams at 614-440-5953 with any questions.

## UPWARD SPORTS—FALL UPDATE

The Upward Fall Sports season will be starting soon. We will be hosting hundreds and hundreds of people from our community on a weekly basis. It is an awesome opportunity to reach families with the message of Jesus. If you would like to help out by coaching a flag-football team, cheerleading squad, or soccer team, please contact Pastor Jeff. There are also opportunities to serve as Officials/Referees (no experience necessary, we'll train you!), Concessions, Evaluations, Field Crew (painting fields), and serving drinks/treats to families on select days. For more info please contact Pastor Jeff.

To register a child for Upward Flag-football or Cheerleading (age 5 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) go to <http://registration.upward.org/upw68675>

To register a child for Soccer (4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) go to <http://registration.upward.org/upw68677>

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL AT PARSONS ELEMENTARY

During the month of August we will be supporting Tracey Harr and Parsons Elementary School, serving many children with lots of needs. Here is a list from Tracey:

We need headphones, pencils, composition notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, markers, antibacterial cleaning wipes, gallon baggies, and notebook paper. The book bags were awesome! Also if you would like to adopt a 2nd grader and provide a book for them to take home and commit to pray for that student it would be awesome!

Please drop off supplies at the Missions kiosk or church office.



Gives help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. *GriefShare* is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Sundays 4:00 PM – 6:00PM  
First Baptist Church

September 8 – December 1  
Room A190: Cost \$15.00

Call Barb Lovingshimer 614-875-4613 with any questions.

## **Men's Corner**

**The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, August 3rd, at 7:30 AM. Greg Higgins will be sharing his testimony. Below is the testimony of Dave Cramer from the July breakfast.**

I grew up in a small town about 70 miles north of Grove City. I was the eighth child out of ten. Having so many older siblings gave me a chance to see and learn a great many things about life. With so many kids, my parents had heard all the excuses, so I had to do things differently to prove myself.

My mother was one of the godliest people whom I had ever met. As far back as I can remember, she always took us to church. My father, on the other hand, was fairly difficult for me to understand and get along with. My dad was not a regular church-goer. At the age of 12, I became a Christian. Initially, this gave me inner peace in my life and I tried to change the outward appearance as well.

Growing up in the 50's and 60's was quite different than today. I spent most of my time outside during the daytime and inside only when I had to. We grew up with our basic needs met, but with very little extra. I wore a great many hand-me-down clothes. Occasionally, an odd job or two would allow me a little money for myself.

By the time I began high school, peer pressure and life in general was a little tough. I went to a high school where most everyone else knew each other and friends were a little hard to find. I had always liked sports and found that finally all the hours of practice would pay a few dividends. Having four older brothers made me a little tougher and better enabled to compete.

One day, after graduation, I found a job. I was not sure about what I wanted, but pretty well knew what I didn't want. I found that working hard and being dependable would allow me to advance in my career. Working 70 plus hours weekly gave me a fair amount of money, but not much time for anything else. I continued going to church, which always gave me peace, even though my actions didn't always show it.

The meat plant I was working in closed and I was forced to find other work. I spent a few weeks of half-heartedly looking for work. One morning, while I was lying in bed, a man knocked on our door and said that my old manager had recommended me as a good and dependable worker. After a short interview, I had a new job. Foodservice distribution was a little different than my previous job of loading and unloading trucks in a freezer. Learning to be a truck driver and a warehouse worker was demanding.

About four months later, I was promoted to warehouse manager. Foodservice distribution, although not particularly high paying, challenged me and offered a great deal of side benefits.

I got married and two years later we had our daughter. Two years after that we had our son. Normal life, as I knew it, had changed.

Having formed friendships with some key people, I was offered a job which required me to move out of state. Working for a larger foodservice company allowed me side benefits like getting

to visit canning factories and growing operations of food suppliers.

Marriage, unfortunately, was just becoming something I was "in" and was starting to have more ups and downs than I expected. I found that what I was missing was going to church. Even though I returned to church and sought counseling, my marriage was not fixable. A very long divorce was probably the hardest thing I have ever encountered. It made me realize that God was still there, supporting me through one of the worst times in my life.

Looking back, I can see just where God put people in my path at just the right time. Amazingly, through the internet, I found my best life partner and wife, Lee Ann. Finally, I have a Christian marriage of mutual love and respect. We cherish our time together, as well as allow time for our different hobbies.

I recently joined First Baptist and am getting more involved in my Life Group and other areas to better serve God. Even though God had to use several surgeries and a few tough times to get my attention, I am finally realizing just how large a part He has been, and continues to be, in my life.

**God Bless,  
Pastor David Berna**

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## **My View From The Back Of The Pew**

*"Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old, he will not turn from it."*

Proverbs 22:6

This summer, a 17 year-old girl, Paige Winter, lost two fingers and her leg mid-thigh due to a shark attack. Dr. Richard Zeri treated Paige and marveled at her recovery. He stated that how well his patients deal with adversity either makes them mentally strong enough to cope with their situation or completely defeats them. He then wondered where such a young girl got her "strength and positive vibes."

You may remember this news story as her father jumped in the ocean and punched the shark until it let go of his daughter. I saw a spider in my upstairs bathroom once and haven't been in there since! I can't imagine the bravery it took to fight his own fears and save his child.

Dr. Zeri states that after meeting with Paige's parents, he concluded that the love of her father saved her life. Further, his continued love and support will help her deal from the past trauma and face her future as an amputee.

We are all, in varying degrees, healing from a past trauma. And, certainly no one can accurately predict what we will face in the future. However, as a child of the King, we know that the love of our Father will most assuredly save us.

**Blessings,  
Cindy Matlock**

