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FOCAL Point

CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY



GOD is GREAT!

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
—Romans 8:14

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✧ Kidz Crazy Car & Truck Show is Sept 27 ✧

Save the date Thursday September 27 @ 3:30-6:30pm for the Kidz Crazy Car & Truck Show! After Toledo Junior Academy and James Meade Learning Center dismisses for the day, parents can spend some quality time playing with their kids. There will be bouncy things and contests and games scattered on the playground and parking lot. There will be live music and fresh squeezed lemonade to wash down the hot dogs and popcorn in the food court. All food proceeds go toward our gymnasium building fund so please come hungry and plan to eat supper here! And before you go, be sure to check out the cool cars and crawl all over the huge trucks. Kids—don't forget to enter your favorite Matchbox car for your Kids Car Show prize. This promises to be a blast! You do not need to be a student at TJA or JMLC to participate. —Pastor Mike Fortune ##



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A smile is the magic language of diplomacy that even a baby understands.

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June/July @ Toledo First

Ideshia, who organized the Talent Show in June, is shown in the 1st photo. Next are the 8th grade grads of TJA: Alex, Vanessa and Danielle. Pastor Mike con-

gratulated Cody Rieger and Daniel Hall on their graduation from Mount Vernon Academy in photos 3 and 4. Next, Debby Britenbaker speaks while Pastor Mike is

away. Emmett & Eniko, all smiles, welcome baby, Eva, whom they are adopting and in the final photo, our pastor's wife, Jackie, is shown with some of the

Primary students she helps teach. *Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for sharing your photos! ##*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 11 & SEPT 8
Connections
@ 7pm—
Prayer Service

AUG 25
SEPT 15
Fellowship
Potlucks

SEPT 25
Church
Business
Meeting,
7pm

AUG 23+
What Oliver
Eats—a
journey to
better health,
7pm

SEPT 27
Kidz Crazy
Car & Truck
Show,
3:30-6:30pm

Reminder: Office hours will change

The week of August 19, 2012, is when we begin Tuesday-Wednesday office hours, 9am - 4pm. If you have information for the bulletin, it must be in by noon on Wednesday each week. ##

Friendship Sabbath

Invite someone to attend with you August 25, Friendship Sabbath. Puppeteers will be here for worship and former Toledo First pastor, C. J. Yoon, will dedicate a baby of his former D.C. members. Plan to stay & fellowship at potluck. ##

Spotlight on Sabbath School

Strengthen your spirit! Attend Sabbath School. All classes are invited to join Pastor Mike for *Sabbath School Sing* in the sanctuary beginning August 18 @ 9:30am. ##

Soup for You resumes AUG 22

Come for Soup or Salad at 6pm, then at 6:30 study of the "coffee table" pictorial edition of *The Great Controversy* covering Christian history from the cross to the 2nd coming. We're on chapter 7. Join us! ##

Camporee is August 8-11

Pathfinders and leaders will gather at Camp Mohaven this year for the Columbia Union Pathfinder Camporee. ##

Already?!

Back to school night is Monday, August 13 for Toledo Junior Academy and school starts Thursday, August 16. Time to get those school supplies! ##

Connections—2nd Sabbath

Come to church at 5pm the second Sabbath of each month for Connec-

tions—the place Toledo First gathers to pray.

Don't miss this opportunity to stay close to Jesus! (Dates above.) ##

Welcome New YP @ Maumee Bay Vespers

Come to Vespers "on location" at Maumee Bay August 18, 7pm. Our youth pastor, Jolee, will be here! Help to make her feel welcome. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, watch the sunset and sing praises to God. ##

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What Oliver Eats



Hello fellow church brothers and sisters. It is my pleasure to introduce myself formally. My name is Oliver Eudela. I was born in Cebu, Philippines and raised in the USA. I am 41 years old and reside in Maumee, Ohio. I was baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist in 1999.

Growing up I found myself fascinated with martial arts and used it as a way to exercise and keep myself in shape. Over the years I have found it increasingly hard to maintain a proper body weight through exercise and diet. After attending a recent health seminar led by Seventh-day Adventists, I realized that I needed a lifestyle change.

Therefore, in addition to a consistent exercise program, I moderated the food I placed into my mouth. I filtered out the bad and filtered in the good. My goal is to learn and implement at least 20 plant-based dishes that I can readily prepare that provide proper nutrition for a sound mind and sound body. I believe with a sound mind and body we can better serve God and others.

I believe that **“WHAT OLIVER EATS”** can be a starting point to living a healthier lifestyle and increase our desire to educate ourselves on how we can live a better life. **Join me as I take this journey on Thursday nights, at 7pm beginning August 23, 2012.** Feel free to invite a friend to this ordinary outreach. —Oliver Eudela ##



During July Toledo First members and friends were blessed by the eyewitness accounts of three of our members who testified that God is good—**ALL THE TIME!**—even during times of testing and trial. These messages may be found on our website, www.toledofirstadventist.org. Thanks to Julie, Kim, and Cavin for taking time to organize their thoughts, put them on paper, and share them with all of us. They are powerful stories!



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Business Meetings are where we conduct business of the church—We need you!

Our next church business meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 7pm. The school budget will need to be approved and we have several open positions at church. Please pray about these and volunteer if the Lord leads you. We need someone to serve as Wedding Facilitator. It doesn't require much time and you are only needed when there is a wedding—which is not often. We also need substitute children's Sabbath School teacher and Sabbath School Superintendent (Coordinator). Job description postcards are on the foyer table at church. We will also look at wedding fees, Sabbath School quarterlies and other items needing attention. ##

Convocation in Wilmington Sept 22 — A New Song—The Mega Joy of the Redeemed Heart

You are invited to join Adventists from across Ohio for a day of joyful fellowship on Sabbath, September 22 at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. Featured speaker is Elizabeth Talbot, co-host of Voice of Prophecy. Classes for all ages. This is for Adventists plus friends and family who are not members. For more details and to reserve your free lunch, visit www.ohioadventist.org or register at 740.397.4665, ext 111. If you would like to carpool, please call the church office, 419.882.6200. ##

Calendar of Events...

August & Sept 2012

Birthdays

August 2 Marcene Marsa
August 6 Joshua Fortune
August 7 Laura Frey; Alex Jessop
August 8 David Kawakami
August 10 Nolan Hood
August 11 Kay Kermod
Deb Britenbaker
August 14 Lanetta Cross, Kim Stanley; Gale Ostrander
August 15 Gail Flack
August 17 Teresa Moses
August 21 Ron Szczechowski
August 24 Mary Snowberger
August 26 Becky Godie; Laura Williams
August 27 Mary Ann Engelbert
August 31 Cole St. Clair



Birthdays

Sept 2 Shirley Smith; Dr Burgess Bills
Sept 6 Pastor Mike Fortune; Claire Jakubowski
Joyce Jenkins
Sept 10 Vickie Wintersmith
Sept 14 Glendon Cross
Kim Stanley
Sept 15 Jeff Batchelder
Sept 16 Troy Leibengood
Sept 18 Camile Sluder
Sept 19 Pam Frey
Sept 20 Shawn Flack
Sept 21 Karen Conkle
Sept 22 Andrea Orr; Elaine Mitchell
Sept 23 Gloria Clark
Sept 27 Emily Bills
Luann Ostrander
Sept 29 Alvin Landeros

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11am each week
Kid Connect @ 11am each week

AUG 4 Sabbath School & Worship; Memorial Service for Pearl Ray, 4pm

AUG 11 Sabbath School & Worship; Connections @ 5pm (Pathfinder Camporee @ Camp Mohaven)

AUG 18 Sabbath School & Worship; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Vespers @ Maumee Bay, 7pm—welcome our new youth pastor, Jolee Gaede

AUG 25 Friendship Sabbath; Sabbath School & Worship; Baby Dedication by Pastor Kirk C.J. Yoon; Fellowship Potluck; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

Sundays

AUG 5 Baby Shower (JMLC)

Mondays

AUG 13 Back to School Night, 6:30pm

Tuesdays Church office is open 9am - 4pm

Wednesdays Church office is open 9am - 4pm **BEG AUG 22**

AUG 8 Pathfinder Camporee begins (Aug 8-12)

AUG 22 - Soup for You resumes, 6pm

Thursdays Church office is open 9am - 4pm (AUG 2, 9, 16 ONLY)

AUG 9 Leadership Summit begins

AUG 16 TJA classes begin

AUG 23 **WHAT OLIVER EATS** (every Thursday @ 7pm—journey to better nutrition and health)

Fridays Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11am each week
Kid Connect @ 11am each week

SEPT 1 Sabbath School & Worship; wedding rehearsal, 3pm

SEPT 8 Sabbath School & Worship; Connections @ 5pm

SEPT 15 Education Sabbath; Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm

SEPT 22 (Convocation @ Wilmington); Sabbath School & Worship; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

SEPT 29 Sabbath School & Worship; Wedding @ 2:30

Sundays

SEPT 2 - Wedding (Parkwood)

Mondays

SEPT 3 - Labor Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

Wednesdays Church office is open 9am - 4pm
Soup for You, 6pm

Thursdays **WHAT OLIVER EATS** @ 7pm

SEPT 27 - Kidz Crazy Car & Truck Show, 3:30-6:30pm

Fridays - Worship Practice .p@ 5:30pm

SEPT 28 - Wedding Rehearsal, 6pm

