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FOCAL Point

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



Work heartily as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that you're really serving God.

—Ephesians 6:7
The Message/Remix



✕ Hungry to Serve? ✕

Evangelistic Picnics In The Park

Date: Every Sabbath in July

Location: Wildwood Metro Park

Action: Making Sabbath miraculous and delightful for the many walkers and joggers who love free lemonade!

Donna's wrist is healed so she'll be prepared to defend her Ladder Ball supremacy. And don't forget nature walks, roller blades, bike rides, face painting, the playground nearby and Connections worship @ 5 PM will also be available. Serving is so fun!!! Are you hungry to do so?



CARS 4 KIDZ



Date: September 1, 2008

Location: Toledo First

Action: St. Vincent Children's Medical Center will be sponsoring our 2nd annual car show raising more money for Webkinz to comfort kids with cancer all winter long. There will be

more live oldies music, food, and lemonade with 3 People's Choice awards and invitations to Kid Connect, Circles, and Pathfinders galore. —Pastor Mike ##

In a scary world, the safest place to live is close to God.

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Extreme Home Makeover

The Savage Foundation has awarded Haven of Hope Toledo with \$20,000 for the makeover of one small home recently acquired on the campus of the Aurora House. Haven of Hope Toledo Inc. is the non-profit organization we created last winter. Women's Ministry leaders will again be leading us in the makeover.



Shown in the photo is Women's Ministry Leader, Kendra Bills, accepting the check on behalf of Haven of Hope from Tim Toland, Savage co-President & Dan Steinberg, Savage co-President & Savage Foundation Golf Classic Tournament Director.

Savage Foundation Golf Classic Committee member, Kelly Savage, spoke about the foundation's gift, "We are very excited about the amount of money we were able to give to The Haven of Hope! The Savage Foundation Golf Classic was started to support charities that are truly making a difference in our community and The Haven of Hope-Aurora is doing just that!"

Pastor Mike commented that their money plus your labor will show many people how much God loves them like crazy! ##



Bring your items for the sale

We're having a sale to raise money for the new Gym, so don't put it off—look through your garage and attic and closets for some treasures you no longer need. We will be accepting items at the church on Sunday, Monday, and

Tuesday [July 27, 28 & 29] from 3 - 6 PM. The sale will be Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 & 31 from 9 AM - 4 PM. Call Kyla Reams with any questions: 419.283.1199 ##

Summer Camp isn't over yet!

You better hurry, though! Junior Camp and Horse Outpost Camp at Mohaven are both July 6 - 13 and that's it. Juniors are ages 9 - 13 and Horse Camp is for ages 12 and up. Sign your kids up at SummerAtMohaven.org ##



We missed some graduates!

Last month we listed the graduates but we missed Lydia Fortune who graduated from TJA Kindergarten with Wil Ashley, Alex Bills, Netania Rieger, and Jordan & Meghan Wilson. A fourth eighth grader was Dalton Frey who graduated from Washington Jr. High along with the three TJA 8th

grade graduates: Daniel Hall, Cody Rieger, and BoRam Kim. And in addition to Ericka Bilby, her former classmate at TJA, Nick Dariano, also celebrated graduation from high school. We also congratulate Joshua Arthur for completing his Bachelor of Science in Education, majoring in Special Education. He is grandson of Jo Ann Arthur & son of Kelly Arthur, both pictured here with Pastor Mike. And we recently learned that Amy Neal earned a Master's Degree in Education from Benedictine University. Amy is daughter of Randy & Pam Neal. Congratulations to all! ##



Blood Drive set for September

We're having a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday afternoon, September 28 at Toledo First. Mark the date and plan to give blood if you can. Let's do our part to ensure that our community has a safe, adequate and readily available blood supply. ##

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.



Goodbye to Pastor Aly & Other June Highlights

Here are snapshots of Toledo First happenings in June. We said goodbye to Pastor Arelis Benitez on June 7th. She developed and led our Kid Connect program—a high energy program for kids during the 11 o'clock

and 5 PM worship services. She is already greatly missed by everyone. The third picture shows Ericka Bilby with Pastor Mike after receiving her gift book. Ericka graduated at the head of her class from Toledo

Technology Academy, the third valedictorian in her family. Her sister, Christine, graduated in 2001 from TTA and Melissa graduated from TTA in 2006.

The remaining photos were taken at International

Neighborhood Day at Aurora House June 29—showing the crowd, lemonade prep & native costumes of various countries.

Thanks as always to Jeff Batchelder for taking the photos. ##

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	JULY 5 & 12	JULY 19 & 26	JULY 30-31	AUG 19
	<i>Summer of Service Evangelistic Picnics</i>	<i>Summer of Service Evangelistic Picnics</i>	Rummage Sale @ Church	Church Business Mtg.



Thanks!
Many thanks to Nicole Szczechowski [pictured], along with Earl

Mitchell for heading up the International Neighborhood Day on June 29. We thank Parkwood Adventist Church for manning the popular snow cone table, for the volunteers from the YMCA and area churches, and for all of you. We couldn't have served the neighborhood without you. Thank you for hauling tables & chairs, going for ice, grilling hotdogs, sharing your culture, squeezing lemons,

attaching wrist bands and keeping children safe on the inflatables. Thanks to all of you for serving the 250 people who attended! ##

Women & Money

The State of Ohio is providing a free workshop for women to help them take control of their finances. You are invited to participate in a free, one-day Women & Money workshop coming to Sylvania Southview High School on July 11th. Explore ways to budget, manage credit, buy a home, invest, or even start a business! Choose from a variety of breakout

sessions just right for you.

The event includes free breakfast, lunch, parking and door prizes. To register or for more information, go to:

yourmoneynowonline.org or call 1.800.228.1102. ##

Life Line Screening

We have scheduled Life Line Screening to come to our church on October 22. They do health screenings for Carotid Artery Blockage, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Osteoporosis, Peripheral Arterial Disease and blood tests

offering a complete Lipid Panel, Glucose & C-Reactive Protein. We will have more information for you next month. ##

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