

# FOCAL POINT

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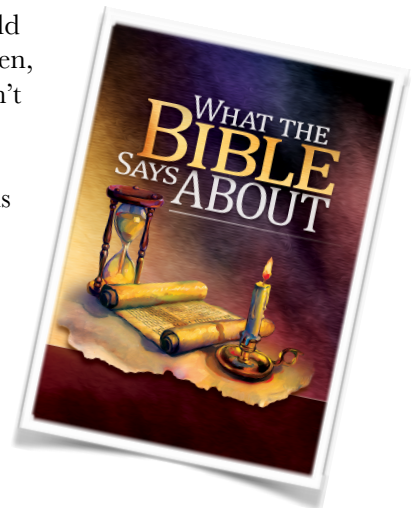
## ***What the Bible Says About*** to be held at Toledo First

*Please begin praying now for this series set for Wed-Sun-Mon nights — Sept 3 - Oct 15*

Jesus was in favor of making invitations. Luke 14:17-23 (NLT) says, “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ 18 But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ 19 Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ 20 Another said, ‘I now have a wife, so I can’t come.’ 21 “The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ 22 After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ 23 So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.’”

At Toledo First Church this fall, we’re going to make invitations too. Because Jesus asked us to ask. So please save Wednesday, Sunday, and Monday nights between SEPT 3 and OCT 15 for our fall evangelistic series of meetings we’re calling What The Bible Says About hosted right here at our church. In the past few years we have demonstrated excellent hospitality and a welcoming church family to those we have met through our daycare and school and ordinary outreach opportunities. Now we’re going to invite these friends of ours to a Soup for You style meal @ 6pm followed by a 30-40 minute sermon by Pastor Mike, Cavin Atkins, or Rob Reams concluding with roundtable Bible study of the sermon with provided facilitator notes and questions by 8pm. If YOU would be willing to donate your time by volunteering your muscles to set up / tear down, your smile as a parking lot or lobby greeter, your watch-care over a children’s division in childcare (only approved

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## Seen around Toledo First this spring

In the first photo, the Makley family brought their third son, Charles Thomas, to be dedicated to the Lord in May. In photo 2 the Pathfinders spent many Tuesday nights learning the fine art of cake decorating. We have lots of talented kids!

In photo 3, a happy Charlie is enjoying Sabbath School while in the last photo Kathy, Marion and Edith are very glad to be together on the Sabbath. Thank you, Jeff Batchelder, for taking the photos. ##

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	<b>July 19 &amp; August 9</b>	<b>July 19, 6pm</b>	<b>July 27, 2pm</b>	<b>August 26, 7pm</b>	<b>August 24, 1pm</b>
	Fellowship Potluck after church	Connections/ Vespers	Cardmaking	Church Board Mtg.	Scrapbooking

### What I've Learned

Faith Barney—nurse, wife, mother—tells what she has learned in her life's journey at the worship service on July 19. Norman and Faith Barney were very active members of Toledo First before moving to the Dayton area in the 1980's. Norman passed away in April of this year after a long illness. ##

### Exchange student needs host family

A 17-year-old Seventh-day Adventist young woman from Ghana needs a host family for next school year. She has had 11 years of English and 6 of French. If interested in hosting her and for more information, contact Cindy Leibengood at 419.539.2182 (hm) or 419.355.7115 (cell). ##

### Welcome Melissa and Teresa!

We welcomed two new members in April. Teresa Lewis, a Toledo Junior Academy parent who volunteered in the classroom for 5 - 6 years before being employed at TJA, was baptized. Melissa Wurch, a TJA parent and our James Meade

Learning Center Director since 2012 (and employed there since 2006), joined by Profession of Faith.

Teresa and her husband have a daughter and son and are foster parents. Melissa and her husband have three sons and a daughter. Melissa's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 27:4: *"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."* This has been Melissa's favorite verse since high school when she saw too many people leave the Lord and she feared that it would be too easy for her, too.



Teresa said that her Mom has been the greatest influence on her spiritual life. As a child she attended church with her and witnessed the love of family and friends in the church which made a deep impression on her.

*We are happy that both Teresa and Melissa have stayed close to Jesus and that they have "officially" joined our church family.* ##

## Read this message from our Treasurer

Here is a summary of our finances the end of May 2014:

1. We achieved our goal for the May Local Combined Budget - PTL! We had 5 weeks in May. We went over the proposed budget by \$494.19. Unfortunately, due to the severe winter, ongoing repairs, and current giving we are in the red for the budget - year to date, by \$9,708.50.
2. Our Tithe was up for May (primarily due to the 5th Sabbath this month), but alarmingly, we are continuing last year's trend of falling behind the previous year's tithe. So far in 2014, we have fallen behind 2013 by \$4,763.83. At some point the Ohio Conference may say we aren't generating enough tithe to pay a full-time pastor. That's the worst case scenario should tithe monies continue to decrease.
3. The Church Expense account is running in the red by \$12,467.68.
4. Melissa Wurch, our daycare director, is still keeping up to date on the JMLC \$1,200 monthly payment to church. Way to go and PTL!!
5. Donna has been selling scrap soda pop cans to get enough funds to purchase more round tables for the Fellowship Hall. She now has \$568.74. Good job Donna! We should all help by donating our used cans.

—Marilynn Marsh ##

## Attend Vespers/Connections July 19

Next Connections will be July 19 in church fellowship room @ 6pm. Join in the singing! It's all about praising Jesus and Christian fellowship. —Mike Casey ##

## Sign up for Andrews/Lake Michigan trip

On August 2 a group will leave from church at 7am to worship at Pioneer Memorial, then swim and climb sand dunes at Warren Dunes State Park. Vespers, then haystacks at Pastor Mike's parents' home. Sunday: waffle brunch then river tubing. Cost: \$15. [Sign up @ bulletin board](#). Bring own sack lunch for Sabbath. ##



*Mother's Day Tea was enjoyed by those pictured and many others. Thanks to the workers who made it a special day for all!*

## TJA graduates two from 8th grade

Josh Fortune, son of Pastor Mike and Jackie Fortune, and Donny Stewart, son of Donald and Shanyn Stewart graduated in May. Four students graduated from TJA Kindergarten:

Autumn, Carson, Isaac and Rishi. Congratulations to all! *(All graduates since June 2013 and part of our church family were honored at potluck June 28.)* ##



## This is the year for the Oshkosh Camporee

The International Pathfinder camporee will be held August 10-17 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. May God bless our Pathfinders, leader, Linda Bilby, and Pastor Mike who will be attending. ##

## What the Bible Says About series *(continued from page 1)*

background checks allowed), or as a kitchen aide preparing and cleaning up soup and sandwiches, your help would be appreciated! Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer at church.

Would you also do me this favor this summer? Would you start praying for these meetings? We need divine intervention! You could pray that our church family will make invitations, not excuses. You could pray for the people reading our sign and the people in your sphere of influence God may impress you to invite. You could pray that our children and grandchildren will carve out time from their already busy schedules for these meetings. Would you also consider contributing financially to support these meetings by marking your gift "Evangelism?" We are giving away free resource books to those who attend most of the meetings so people will hear what the Bible says, study in groups what the Bible says, and then go home and read from these books what the Bible says. But the books are expensive. We're tackling topics like What The Bible Says About Itself, The Future, Signs of the Times, The Second Coming of Christ, The Great Controversy, Judgment, Sabbath and the Change of the Sabbath, Death, Hell, Sanctuary, and Remnant based on evidence found in Scripture. Thank you in advance for your support of the What The Bible Says About meetings coming soon. As Jesus said, "There is still room for more!" ##

# Calendar for July & August 2014

*Birthdays*

July 1 Emmett Romine  
 July 3 Matt Crosby  
 July 5 Craig Rieger  
 July 7 Earl Mitchell  
 July 10 Brian Jessop  
 July 16 Nicole Warner  
 July 17 Lorraine Poulin  
 July 18 Anne Caulder  
 July 21 Heather Smith LaPoint  
 Pam Neal  
 July 24 Jacob Moses  
 July 26 Veela Burks  
 July 29 Tracie Gustrowsky  
 Dianna Hassen  
 Eva Romine  
 July 30 Amber Hass  
 Brendan Leibengood  
 July 31 Sarah Godie  
 Robert Reams

**Sabbath Events**

Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am followed by classes.  
 Worship @ 11am

**JULY 5** Sabbath School & Worship / Wedding for Wooster couple in afternoon  
**JULY 12** Sabbath School & Worship  
**JULY 19** Sabbath School & Worship: Faith Barney speaks; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm  
**JULY 26** Sabbath School & Worship w/communion; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

*Sundays*

**JULY 27** Card Making Class. Everyone invited.

*Mondays*

**Tuesdays** - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

**Wednesdays** - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

*Thursdays*

**Fridays** - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

**JULY 4** Happy Independence Day!



*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 Deb Britenbaker  
 Kay Kermode  
 August 14 Lanetta Cross  
 Kim Stanley  
 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



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**AUG 2** Sabbath School & Worship (*Trip to Michigan including Andrews U, Lake Michigan begins with 7am departure from Toledo First. Return Sunday pm.*)  
**AUG 9** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck  
**AUG 16** Sabbath School & Worship; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm  
**AUG 23** Sabbath School & Worship; Eat 'n Greet; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm;  
**AUG 30** Sabbath School & Worship

*Sundays*

**AUG 3** Michigan Weekend—Tubing on Dowagiac River

**AUG 24** Scrapbooking

*Mondays*

**AUG 11-17** International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI

**Tuesdays** - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

**AUG 19** School starts at TJA. Welcome back!

**AUG 26** Elders' Meeting @ 6:30pm  
 Church Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

**Wednesdays** - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

*Thursdays*

**Fridays** - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm