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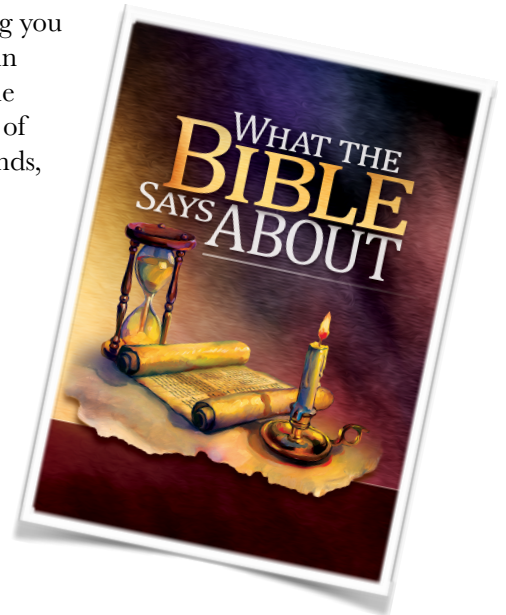
What the Bible Says About starts Sept 3 at Toledo First

Come and spend some time in Bible Study on Wed - Sun - Mon evenings — Sept 3 - Oct 15

Lots of people have date night. Often once a week. They will carve out time for dinner and a movie or a football game or a conference or camp out. For weeks at a time they will drive their children far and near for competitions and practices. And some will come home from work and watch TV until they fall asleep.

This fall for six weeks three nights a week starting SEPT 3 @ 6pm we're asking you to change all that. And spend an evening (two hours actually three nights a week) in Bible study during our evangelistic series of meetings we're hosting called What the Bible Says About. While some of the topics may be familiar to you, perhaps some of them will not. And maybe some of the information will be brand new to your friends, family, or colleagues. Who might be attracted to your walk with Jesus.

So please call the church office (419.882.6200), if you're willing to volunteer your time one night a week in the kitchen, children's divisions, or setting up / tearing down and plan to attend the others. There will be at least one round table with Youth learning together each evening. The invite cards in the foyer at church are waiting for you to share. Last year 20 people joined Toledo First Church, many of them our youth. Let's see if this year we can reach some adults too. Thanks for your continued prayers for these meetings. Thanks so much in advance for spending SUN / MON and WED evenings this fall at What the Bible Says About. —Pastor Mike ##



Gold and earthly treasure can bear no comparison to the salvation of one poor soul.—Ellen White

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At Toledo First in July & August

Sadly we bid farewell to Curtis and Ellen and Claire Cascagnette who moved to Kansas (1st photo). Following communion on July 26, the children, along with Pastor Mike, sang the benediction in photo 2. The 3rd photo is of

Gary Gooden whom we were happy to welcome back home after being away in Jamaica for six months. In the final photo, we also said goodbye to Dr. Maxwell Abrokwhah who moved to Texas to work for a national pharmacy chain after earning his doctorate. ##

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	SEPT 3 - OCT 15	SEPT 13	SEPT 13 & OCT 11	OCT 5	OCT 11
	What the Bible Says About	Education Day & potluck	Circle of Friends	TJA Fall Festival	Hayride & Bonfire

Join the Walk to defeat ALS

We are inviting you to join the MARCH FOR MARSH team on Sunday, October 5, at The University of Toledo to help raise awareness for ALS, show your support for Don Marsh and all those living with ALS, and raise funds to help fight this disease! This cause is close to our hearts and we would be delighted if you could join us in the short 2.5 mile walk. We ask for your donations if you are unable to attend. Every bit helps!

Who: March for Marsh Team

When: October 5, 2014

Where: University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft St.

Walker Facts: Registration: web.alsa.org (click on the Walk to Defeat ALS link and join the team "March for Marsh")

Walk Check In Time: 11:30am (Signs will be everywhere)

Walk Start Time: 1:00pm

Walk Team Shirts: Please email Lori Marsh (by Sept. 15) with shirt size if you wish to order a team t-shirt (lori.marsh@gmail.com)

Donor Facts: You can donate anytime at web.alsa.org or by mail to ALS Association, Northern Ohio Chapter, 6155 Rockside Rd., Suite 403, Independence, OH 44131

Please contact Ashley Marsh ([614-325-4246](tel:614-325-4246) ashley0120@gmail.com) or Lori Marsh ([419-349-2222](tel:419-349-2222) lori.marsh@gmail.com) for any additional questions. ##

Bell Choirs are already preparing

The time will be here before we know it—RingFest—when academy students from far and near travel to Toledo for instruction and for the Festival Concert, this year on October 31. Save the date! ##

Cardmaking opportunity in September

The next card class will be September 14, 2 - 4pm. Come for new ideas to make special occasion cards for others. The class is free but donations are accepted. Bring a snack to share if you wish. ##

Church dinners this fall

Fellowship potlucks are Sept 13 and October 18. Watch bulletin for Friendship Dinner dates! ##

Introducing “Circle of Friends”



Everyone is invited to join “Circle of Friends,” which is our latest form of Sabbath evening vespers replacing what was once known as Connections. In the new format, we are all participants as together we praise God in singing, worship, and in prayer. What better way to draw the Sabbath to its close than to come together in praise to our Lord:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
– Psalm 150:6 (NKJV)

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful heavenly Father who is always there for us. And Who is just as pleased when we gather in His name, as we are to gather:

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. – Matthew 18: 20 (KJV)

God’s Holy Spirit has His special place right in the midst of our “Circle of Friends,” rejoicing with His people as He guides us in our celebration.

Please come as you are, for there is always a chair waiting for you. And please, help our “Circle of Friends” grow by inviting a friend, neighbor, store clerk, or any stranger that you may meet, to join our circle and share in our praise. See you there!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all ye lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. – Psalm 100: 1, 2 (KJV)

Meeting place: Fellowship Hall, Toledo First SDA Church

Dates: Every second Saturday of each month

Time: 6:00 pm

What to bring: A Bible or electronic Bible, and anything that you feel moved to share with the group. But most of all, please bring yourself! —Mike Casey ##

Annual Hayride is more than fun

Do you wonder what you can do to bring the gospel of Jesus' saving grace to your friends who don't know Him?

Have you heard of social evangelism? It's very simple and fun all wrapped up in one. A great example of this is our annual hayride and bonfire at Case Place.

This event is friendly, belly filling, even belly laughing at times with the warm embrace of Jesus' love as the center of activity. We are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and our worship, acceptance, and play reflect that.

So invite someone you know would like to come as well as someone you don't think would come. God is full of surprises and sometimes all we need to do is ask in prayer and marvelous things will happen for His glory.

Set aside the date of October 11 and watch for details. Make your invitations a matter of prayer and let's make social evangelism glorify our Maker. —Sheila Case ##



**JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE**

Forever Faithful Camporee - Biggest Yet- 49,000 people (plus or minus)

At the International Pathfinder Camporee 2014 (August 11-16), there were so many events you couldn't keep them straight—honors, petting zoo, high ropes, zip line, villages, sanctuary mock ups, companies with information, and companies selling supplies.

The busses, busses, busses—would take you anywhere (within reason): the City of Oshkosh, community services, YMCA, the museum, Walmart. . .

People were dressed in native garb, “priests” dressed like the Israelites in the days of Moses, David, Solomon.

Then there were the night services—Daniel was everywhere (and he was from Ohio Conference), the story of Daniel's life from the capture, through the dream, the writing on the wall, the lions' den. The stage was huge, and spectacular

—but the “auditorium” was even bigger to hold all 49,000 people. Everyone could see; everyone could definitely hear! There were “guards” dressed as Babylonians, as Medes and Persians, and on the outside “Nebuchadnezzar's idol” overlooked the auditorium throughout most of the week. No one going by on the highway could have missed him.

We saw old friends from school, from previous churches, conferences, and previous Camporees, and we made many new friends. Anna Romuald stopped by our campsite; Jolee Gaede was running the “semi-trailer cave.” and Mary & Delores (Wall Twins) say “hi.” We never did find them—but it was very hard to locate individuals among the throngs.

There were hundreds of port-a-potties—but they were kept very well—and we didn't have to wait long. And the showers—there were hundreds of semi-trailer—showers that made the wait brief.

And because it was a campout—and Pastor Fortune was with us in his pop-up camper he affectionately

calls The Rainmaker—it rained, but only twice: on Monday as everyone was setting up and on Sabbath evening—when everyone was hoping to go home dry.

The temperatures ranged from the 50's to the 80's so it wasn't quite typical—but with all the activities, and walking, and running and doing, it wasn't too hot in the hangars, or to do things.

Our club ran the Felt Craft Honor—14 sessions of 36-45 people. And I would like to say a HUGE THANKS to Pat and Jean Kline and Dee Caulder for being the Biggest Cutters of Felt for the event—cutting over 20,000 pieces in the past two years.

So now that we're back in one piece and everything is dried out—the only questions are: How many people are going with our club to 2019 CHOSEN (life of David)? And what honor will we teach?—Linda Bilby (*Editor's Note: We know that Linda cut many thousands of felts herself, plus counting, organizing and transporting them plus teaching! WTG, Linda!*) ##



We celebrated new graduates in June



At the June 28 potluck, we honored graduates who are pictured here, and others who were unable to attend. With Pastor Mike above left is Autumn Eichelberger, who graduated from Kindergarten. To her right are 8th grade graduates: Josh Fortune shown with his parents, Pastor Mike and Jackie; Kelly Gustrowsky, Alec Leibengood, Daniel Landeros, and Kelsey LaCourt (who was visiting from Arizona). Next is Chad Rieger who graduated from Mount Vernon Academy, then at left is Ambyr Herman, who received a Bachelor's degree from Lourdes College; and finally, Dr. Maxwell Abrokwah (left), a graduate of UT with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Those who could not attend were Scott Fraley and Carson Wurch, graduates of TJA Kindergarten, Lt. Alex Jessop who graduated from the Air Force Academy, and several grandchildren of members who live out of town. ##

September & October 2014

Birthdays

- Sept 2 Dr. Burgess Bills; Shirley Smith
- Sept 4 Nicole Rieger
- Sept 6 Pastor Mike; Clair Jakubowski; Joyce Jenkins
- Sept 10 Vickie Wintersmith
- Sept 14 Glendon Cross
- 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 Al Landeros



Sabbath Events

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

- SEPT 6** Sabbath School & Worship
- SEPT 13** Sabbath School & Education Sabbath @
Worship; Fellowship Potluck; Circle of Friends @ 6pm
- SEPT 20** Sabbath School & Worship; visit Genesis
Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm
- SEPT 27** Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Elizabeth
Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

- SEPT 7** Wedding—Deb Britenbaker & David Bening,
2pm
- SEPT 7, 14, 21, 28** What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm
(*Evangelistic meetings—come for soup/sandwich @6pm;
learn what the Bible says 6:30-8:00pm. Free childcare*)
- SEPT 14** Cardmaking Class, 2-4pm

Mondays

- SEPT 1** Labor Day
- SEPT 8, 15, 22, 29** What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

- SEPT 16** Pathfinders begins for ages 10-18 (grades 5-12)
@ 6:30pm (and continues each Tuesday)

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

- SEPT 3** Doll Club in Fellowship Room, 9am-3pm
- SEPT 3, 10, 17, 24** What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm

Thursdays

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

Birthdays

- Oct 1 Megan Cross
- Oct 2 Dr. Steven Bills
- Oct 4 Mary Famulare
- Oct 5 Cathie Heath
- Oct 8 William Ashley
- Oct 9 Vicki Hall
- Oct 11 Marshall Makley
- Oct 14 Pat Olenik; Greg Tary
- Oct 18 Bill Schulz; Olga Villalon
- Oct 21 Charlotte Flack
- Oct 23 Jean Kline; Kim Williams
- Oct 26 Wil Ashley
- Oct 29 Will Orlet
- Oct 31 Rose Cross

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Worship @ 11am

- OCT 4** Sabbath School & Worship
- OCT 11** Sabbath School & Worship; Circle of Friends &
Hayride @ Case Place, 6pm
- OCT 18** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck;
visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm;
- OCT 25** Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Elizabeth
Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

- OCT 5** Our fellowship room is rented for church service
in the morning; TJA Fall Festival in afternoon; What the
Bible Says About, 6-8pm
- OCT 12** Our fellowship room is rented for church service
in the morning; What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm
- OCT 19** Our fellowship room is rented each Sunday
morning
- OCT 26** Our fellowship room is rented each Sunday
morning

Mondays

- OCT 6, 13** What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm

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

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

- OCT 1, 8, 15** What the Bible Says About, 6-8pm

Thursdays

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30



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