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"Well done,
good and faithful
servant!"

Matthew 25:21, NIV



*Give of your hands
to serve
and your heart
to love.*

—Mother Theresa

✧ Ordinary Outreach Continues ✧

CARS 4 KIDZ



Summer is drawing to a close but we still have one more BIG EVENT! On Labor Day Monday, September 1, 2008, come to our 2nd annual car show in the church parking lot from 11 - 4.

The show is free, but we'll be raising money again this year to buy Webkinz to give to children with cancer all winter long.

Come and see the cars (bring your friends), vote for your favorites (3 People's Choice Awards will be given again this year), enjoy some food and ice-cold lemonade. Encourage your friends to bring their lawn chairs to sit back and relax to the live oldies music.

Friendly people will be needed for set up, registration of cars, registration of attendees, squeezing lemons, and to give invitations to Kid Connect, Circles, Adventurers and Pathfinders and Turbulent Times Financial Seminar. (More people will be needed to tear down and put everything away.)

See you at the Cars 4 Kidz Car Show! ##

Faith in God is the root of all blessings.

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Volunteers make a difference!

Have you noticed how nice the church grounds appear as you attend services on Sabbath? Since we began renting our church for Sunday services regular work bees have been difficult to schedule, but a few volunteers have stepped in to keep our grounds looking neat and attractive.

Jesse Lucio is always ready and willing to help out, and has volunteered both his personal services and the use of his construction equipment and work crew for various projects, including clearing the school parking lot and soccer field last winter of a fallen oak, replenishing and spreading wood chips on the daycare and TJA playgrounds, and repositioning the dumpster pad and fencing away from our neighbors. In addition Jesse

donated the parking lot re-striping after the lot was recoated this summer. WAY TO GO, JESSE!

Our lawn is kept mowed and shrubbery trimmed by the volunteer efforts of Glendon Cross and Bobby Ostrander. Their regularity in mowing helps keep our grounds neat. And the beautiful flower beds in the courtyard and by the canopy are the product of Yvonne Brion and Pam Neal, who have done a magnificent job in making our church entrances more attractive.

Dr. Burgess Bills serves as unofficial “on-call handyman” for addressing problems arising both within and outside the church building. Always willing to troubleshoot electrical and plumbing emergencies, he and his side-kick Harold Rumsey frequently are able to fix the problem and forestall the need for outside hired help.

So as you enjoy the beautiful church grounds remember to thank our volunteers for their efforts with a big WAY TO GO! —Dr. Gerald Marsa ##

Why James Meade Learning Center?

Recently I overheard a conversation questioning the benefits of having a learning center as part of the Toledo First Church. I decided to list a few considerations. Here are the top five in no particular order:

1. JMLC provides students into the Toledo Junior Academy Kindergarten program. Over the past five years, JMLC has ushered over 30 students into the TJA Kindergarten.
2. JMLC supports the pastoral staff by offering benefits to active participants.
3. JMLC supports the Sabbath School by offering child-friendly environments.
4. JMLC is a shining two star rated center which is a star in the child care community and the local community.
5. JMLC is a place for children to learn about God in a safe and loving environment. The children of JMLC are taught biblical principles and scripture throughout the day at JMLC.

There are many more reasons that James Meade Learning Center is a benefit to Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please come tour your center. We would be proud to show you around.

—Tanya Purcell, Director ##

Blood Drive set for September 28th

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. ##

Life Line Screening coming Oct. 22

Life Line Screening tests for **Carotid Artery Blockage** (most strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (Ruptured aortic aneurysms are the 13th leading cause of death in America!), **Bone Density** (screens for osteoporosis risk), and **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (the ABI test screens for blockage in the lower extremities, which often leads to P.A.D. and coronary disease). All three vascular screenings and A-fib are \$139 or with Bone density, \$149. Blood tests are also available offering a complete **Lipid Panel, Glucose & C-Reactive Protein** for \$99. You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851. Sign up for the complete wellness package plus the 3 blood tests for only \$199. All tests will be conducted in our church fellowship room by Life Line Screening professionals. ##



PATHFINDER NEWS

We are beginning Adventurers on September 9, 2008. This is a Christian youth organization for children grades 1-4. We will be working on awards and events similar to Cub Scouts.

Adventurers will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall until the TJA gym is completed.

Each Adventurer child will need to be accompanied by an adult (18 or over) for the first month. After the first month, two families may "share" so that there is one adult per 2 children.

Each family/child will need a supply kit each week so that they have "tools" they are comfortable with and used to using:

- Stick glue
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Roll of duct tape (any color)
- Roll of masking tape (1" wide)
- Set of measuring spoons
- Thimble
- Needle nose pliers
- Flashlight w/batteries
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunblock
- Band-aids & ointment of choice

Uniform for Adventurers:
Light blue T-shirt
Blue jeans or khaki shorts
Running shoes

Beginning September 6th, 2008, we will be changing **Pathfinders** from every Wednesday evening to the **1st and 3rd Sabbath of every month at 2:00 – 4:00 PM; and the 4th Sunday of every month** – times and locations to be determined.

Pathfinders is a Christian youth organization similar to Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts for grades 5-8.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sabbath afternoon after the dinner. In the event of the Fellowship Hall being used – we will meet in the Cradle Roll Classroom.

Uniform for Pathfinders:
Light Blue Pathfinder Shirt
Blue Jeans
Running shoes

We look forward to welcoming more students to Adventurers and Pathfinders. —Linda Bilby ##

Was Her Majesty Impressed?

I don't know, but Glen of The Glen Mansell Show was. His radio show on the British Forces Broadcast Service deals with current affairs, defense, welfare and consumer issues that impact upon the lives of British service personnel around the world and often contains interviews with people making the news in politics and the arts.



On July 29 toward the very end of his show that day, he put me on

live radio in Afghanistan, Belize, Bosnia, Brunei, Canada, Cyprus, the Falkland Islands, Germany, Gibraltar, Kosovo, the Middle East, and Northern Ireland as well as all Her Majesty's Royal Navy ships at sea so I could talk about praying at the pump.

Who knew asking God to intervene in the most ordinary aspects of our shared lives for the sake of others would be such a big deal?!

—Pastor Mike ##

The word "mission" often implies traveling to another country to teach and work. The work done in foreign missions is important, of course, but we can't all make the trip. What we can do, however, is be faithful servants where we live. Mission is about putting the face and name of Jesus in front of those who don't know him. We can do that in many ways — any place and any day.



Did the Son Still Shine?

During our Summer of Service picnics in the park this year, we got rained out twice, leaving the jogging paths and play-

grounds empty.

But we still managed to have a delightful day. Even when it rained, the SON did shine!!!

A big thank you to Donna for organizing the delicious food and to the Wilkins and Riegers for their help in setting up the

lemonade stand! —Pastor Mike ##

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	AUG 19	AUG 26	SEPT 1	SEPT 28
	<i>School Starts @ TJA</i>	<i>Church Business Mtg</i>	<i>Cars 4 Kidz Car Show</i>	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive</i>



Sale is a hit!

Many thanks to Kyla Reams (above) for heading up the fundraising for our school addition. Our Rummage Sale July 30 & 31 brought in over \$2,900! Thanks to all of you who gave your treasures. They overflowed into the courtyard and the many shoppers went away with bargains galore! ##

School starts

Toledo Junior Academy

will open its doors for the 2008-2009 school year on Tuesday, August 19th. The time is slipping up very quickly! If you know of children who you would like to see in our school, just call TJA at 419.841.0082. ##

Church Business Meeting changed

The next Business Meeting to which everyone is invited will be Tuesday, August 26, 7 PM in the Fellowship Room. (It was previously set for August 19th.) Everyone is encouraged to attend. Pastor Mike will present a proposal for a new Member Assimilation Manual.

Get your copy at the meeting August 26th. ##

Here are October dates to remember

We will have our 2nd *Turbulent Times Financial Seminar* on October 10 & 11. Look for more information about this at church.

The *Hayride* at the Cases' will be Saturday night, October 25. Don't miss the food, bonfire and ride in the wagon!

RingFest is set for October 29 - 31. We've

recently heard from Celeste Ryan Blyden that the *Visitor* will be covering our RingFest this year. Congratulations Bill & Janell! ##

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