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*God makes a promise —
faith believes it, hope
anticipates it, patience
quietly awaits it.*



✘ Learn “More About Jesus” ✘

Pastor Mike begins the series, “More About Jesus” on Wednesday nights beginning March 7, at 7 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend this third weekly opportunity to worship and learn.

On your Mark 9:29, Get Set, Pray!!! Yes, living things grow. And growing things automatically reproduce. And the harvest is already ready. But there are still some things that only come about by prayer. Jesus said in Mark 9:29 [NIV]. “This kind can come out only by prayer.

In my former neck of the woods, I was introduced to a college student who roams the aisles of Walmart looking for people with whom to pray. He walks right up to them and assures them that he’s not stalking them, but that he believes God wants Him to pray for them. So more often than not, right there in the aisles of Walmart, they bow their heads and pray. And he’s only been kicked out of Walmart a few times!

Now God may not be asking you to be that brave. The aisles of Walmart may not be your mission field. Most of the time, God works through whatever personality you were born with. Some of us may be introverts. But we are all witnesses. And the weakest of us can pray.

So, I’m going to challenge you to do something with me. As Mark 9:29 recommends, I’m going to ask you to pray with me. Wherever you are. Whatever you’re doing. Because at 9:29 am and pm, I’m going to be praying. Pleading with God to deliver to us His precious children bought with a price that Jesus said in John 4:35 are already ready for harvest. So we can share with them how to have a life worth living. Together, we can all learn a little More About Jesus. Which is the title of our 3rd service starting Wednesday, March 7 @ 7 pm. (continued on back page) >>

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More About Jesus

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However, I'll be in the church at 6:00 pm with my sandwich. If you bring yours, we can pray together for those nearest and dearest to you by name from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm when More About Jesus begins. We will finish promptly at 8:00 pm. So B.Y.O.S. [Bring Your Own Sandwich] and let's get ready to pray. For there are some things that only occur when we do. —Pastor Mike Fortune ##



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Jamaicans For Jesus begins Sabbath, March 10, after lunch at church. Open to all ages, it's designed especially for those who don't need a nap after church. This active care group will be joining Pastor Mike and others in ordinary outreach activities, worship, and prayer on Sabbath afternoons. Don't worry about a ting! You don't have to be Jamaican to join! —Pastor Mike Fortune ##

New Directory

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. We look forward to "seeing you in pictures!"

To make our directory a success we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping during our photography signups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions (April 23, 24, 25 from 2:30-9:00 pm), please call the church office at 419.882.6200 or email dee@toledofirstsda.org.

On March 17 we begin the signup process for photography and portrait viewing sessions. Bring your calendar and stop by the tables in the foyer to sign

up. Early signups will get the first choice of times! ##

You're invited!

Church Business meetings are held the last Monday evening of each month at 7 o'clock. If you want to help plan what we do for outreach and evangelism and really feel like you are an integral part of our church (*and you are!*), come to the meetings. Next one is March 26, 7 pm. Consider this your invitation —Dee Caulder ##

Women—you have opportunities

We are looking for women to help pamper about 15 Aurora House residents.

On Sunday, March 11, we will offer manicures, pedicures, facials, hair cuts, massages, child care, and tea & dessert to these special ladies. If you are gifted with one of these talents or not, we need YOUR help. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished. This is your opportunity to minister. Call Carla at 419.866.8951 to volunteer or for information. We also need your prayers— that God will touch these ladies through us. To donate, please mark your envelope "Women's Ministry." —Carla Szczechowski ##

Want color?

If you are holding this newsletter in your hand and would like to see it in color, visit our website at toledofirstadventist.org. Travel all around the site and you'll find useful information! ##

Be an early bird

Free to the first person who calls: a HAMMOND ORGAN. It has a double keyboard, chimes, different instruments. It needs a new cord and possibly a new switch. It has beautiful sound. Call Lucille Seagert at 419.476.3403. It has to be gone by March 15. Don't delay. ##

Come April 6th

We're planning communion on Good Friday @ 7 pm. Mark your calendars now to attend. We'll have an Agape supper and communion by candlelight. Don't miss this special evening. ##

Prayer Requests

Standing in the need of prayer? Call Sharon Crosby at 419.874.4046 or email crosone@aol.com and she will start the prayer chain. If you signed up for the chain, check your mailbox. ##

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A Good Time was had by all!



We told you about it last month—the Welcome Social for Pastor Mike and Jackie and their kids, Joshua and Lydia.

We said we wanted you to come. And you did! It was a full house. And have you ever seen so many desserts?

Pastor Mike and Jackie got many nice gifts from the various ministries. After all, who couldn't use a money tree? Or a great feet-washing foot massager? Seriously, though, the elders touched our hearts with their generous pledges toward evangelism. Our church family gave a zoo membership and YMCA membership.

We enjoyed music throughout. Songs included "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" by Drs. Szana and Bills (sung to Jackie) and an original song written and sung by Kurt Schuster

especially for Pastor Mike. The Buckeyes sang about Toledo—thanks, Arden, Megan, Vickie, Gary, Glenn and Denny. Carol & Cathy played their twin keyboards and so it went

It was an educational evening, too. We heard about a kissing investigation from some "FBI Agents." Hmmm, I think their names were Ron and Cavin. Our thanks to all—especially Dr. Steve Bills who was the emcee. His quick wit kept the ball rolling with just the right amount of humor. *And thanks to Donna, Vicki, Kells, Shawn & Marion for their planning.* —Dee Caulder ##

Pathfinders begins March 7

Pathfinders begins again Wednesday, March 7, 6 - 8 pm. All kids in grades 5 through 8 are invited to come. You'll learn all kinds of things that will simply amaze you! Please call the church office for additional information (419.882.6200). ##

Remember Scrip

Our school sells coupons and gift cards for just about anything you purchase, from gas to groceries. This helps our students stay in school. You can be a hero! Call the school (419.841.0082) or see Kendra Bills if you want more information. ##

Our Kids are the best!

At the business meeting February 26, Head Teacher, Kells Hall gave us exciting news. Our Toledo Jr. Academy kids are scoring among the very best in the country in standardized tests. The classes where kids have been at TJA the longest, scored the highest. Grade 4 (most have been here since 1st grade) were in the 98th percentile. Grades 6 & 7 (kids at TJA for five years) scored in the 99th percentile! Our congrats to our students and their teachers! ##

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Women's Ministry is starting a Neighborhood Welcome Project. New residents moving into the area near church will receive a visit and a gift. Cathie Heath and Cathy Hall will head it up. Your donations, prayers & help are needed. ##

