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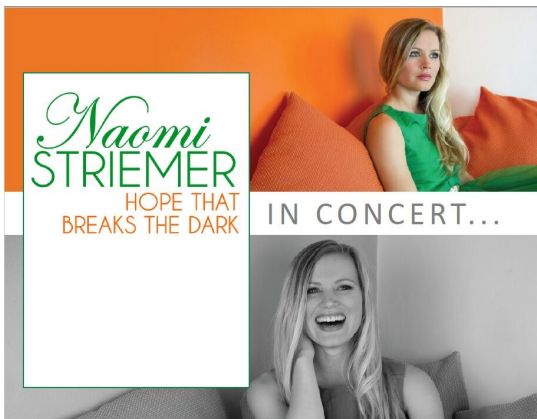
# FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Singer / Songwriter to give her testimony at Toledo First

*Church is a must on May 13 ~ Women, sign up for Mother's Day Tea*

Naomi Striemer has been nominated for multiple Christian music awards, received Contemporary Christian Music radio chart success and is a prolific author and chart topping Christian singer/ songwriter from Nashville, TN. She will be joining us Sabbath MAY 13 for church and Mother's Day Tea to share her powerful music and testimony of how God led her from a life of fame and fortune to a life of ministry.



Seemingly in the spotlight since the day she signed her first record deal with Sony at 18 years old, she has traveled the world and worked with some of the most influential names in mainstream music; including guitar legend Carlos Santana, producer Narada Michael Walden (Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder) and American Idol's favorite judge Randy Jackson.

But Naomi changed her career path shortly after to pursue Christian music ministry after an unlikely encounter in Sean 'Puff Daddy' Combs NYC hip hop studio, when a chauffeur approached her with a dream he had been given about her life. You won't want to miss church MAY 13 @

11am or the tea if you've RSVP'd for that to hear all about it. Think now about who you'd like to invite to hear Naomi's risky but relevant story of conversion and God's leading documented in her best-selling book titled "Backstage Pass". Naomi is an Ambassador for the Hope Channel and is a member of the North Chapel SDA Church in Franklin, TN. ##

*"The birth of Christ brought God to us, but it took the cross of Christ to bring us to God."—Unknown*

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# FEB/MAR Snapshots

We thank Jeff Batchelder for the photos above starting with the Primary Sabbath School Class. Photo 2 is from International Food Fest, mmmm...egg rolls. Bradley, Gary and Nicole led singing at worship in February (Photo 3).

Way to go! The last two photos are from the 1920s Party in March. The gourmet delicacies were a hit and the final photo shows the attendees were having fun. Thanks, Social Committee! ##

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	<b>APR 4</b>	<b>APR 8</b>	<b>APR 19</b>	<b>MAY 13</b>	<b>APR 15 &amp; 22</b>
	<b>Church Business Mtg 7pm</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Soup for You begins, 1:30 &amp; 6:00pm</b>	<b>Naomi Strierner @ Church &amp; Tea</b>	<b>Potlucks (Vegan 4th Sabbath)</b>

### Music lovers, come to JamFest

Everyone - all ages - interested in playing an instrument, singing or just listening is invited to come to JamFest. It's a great place to practice music together. Next date/time is APR 29, 6 - 8pm. ##

### Scrapbooking set for APR 2

The next Scrapbooking/Crafting/Cardmaking Class is APR 2, 10am - 8pm. Registration forms are on the foyer table at church. Invite friends to join you in some creative fun. ##



### Summer Camp?

Anyone interested in going to summer camp at Camp Mohaven, please see Pastor Mike. Some financial assistance is available. ##

### Music Festival is set at Kettering

The Ohio Conference Elementary Music Festival Concert will be held at Kettering SDA Church, 3939 Stonebridge Rd., Kettering, Ohio, on APR 8, 3:30pm. Everyone is invited. ##

### JMLC News

James Meade Learning Center Graduation is Tuesday, MAY 23, 7pm in the sanctuary. JMLC is putting together a team to "make strides against breast cancer" for the American Cancer Society. Anyone can join the team by walking or donating. For more information, contact Melissa at 419.843.5097 or [mewurch@live.com](mailto:mewurch@live.com) ##

### Are you available Friday, April 21, 8 - 9am?

A volunteer is needed to be at church from 8 - 9am for one Friday only — April 21 — to give away Panera bread. Please call the church office at 419.882.6200 or email [dee@toledofirstadventist.org](mailto:dee@toledofirstadventist.org). Thank you! ##

### Workbees at Mohaven APR 9 and MAY 21

Carpenters-Woodcutters-Laborers are needed at Camp Mohaven APR 9 and MAY 21 from 8:30-4:30. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to 740.599.6111 or [mohaven@ohioadventist.org](mailto:mohaven@ohioadventist.org) ##

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*"God proved his love on the cross. When Christ hung and bled and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" —Billy Graham*

## Soup for You's next book is *Open*

It wasn't the end of the world. It was just the end of Emma Jameson's world. Fresh off the heels of a devastating breakup and floundering in her career, Emma is struggling to come to grips with why God allows so much pain in our lives, why He seems so absent when she needs Him most, and why the Gospel accounts—our supposed guide for how to lead a contented Christian life—feel so completely irrelevant.

Then one day, a mysterious envelope arrives in Emma's mailbox with the word *Open* written on the outside. Inside the envelope is a card bearing the following message: "For a real adventure with Jesus, go through the nearest open door."

Skeptical, but having absolutely nothing to lose, Emma steps through the pantry door, only to find herself "instantly transported" back to the first century, where she is taken on a personal tour of various Gospel accounts by none other than Jesus himself—an experience that radically challenges Emma's perception of the Gospels and what it really means to be a Christian.

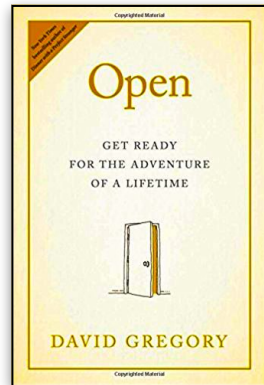
You and your friends and family will really enjoy this imaginative but thought provoking narrative by David Gregory appropriately entitled "Open". It would make a great six week group or for family worship time. We're going to be discussing it at Soup for You the first WED after Easter starting APR 19 @ 6pm. We will also be offering WED 1:30pm session as well (minus the meal before hand). So whichever works better for your schedule, join us! Books are already available while supplies last in the church office for a \$10 donation. ##

## Church Business Meeting is APR 4, 7pm

The quarterly Church Business Meeting is Tuesday, APR 4, 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Room. This meeting is where we share current evangelistic plans and financial updates. We encourage all church members to attend. ##

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*"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."* —Abraham Lincoln



## Vegetarian food—watch for information

Thanks to many of you, we achieved our goal in February for an order of over \$1,000. We went well over! Our next delivery date will be sometime in June. So, take stock of what you have and what you may need during the summer months. Again, we will need a total order of \$1,000 or about 30 cases of food, canned and frozen. All orders must be in complete cases—no single orders. A list of food items and prices will be available with some discounts. Orders must be paid for in advance, payable to "Toledo First SDA Church" so a church check can be given for the total order at time of delivery. Watch for information in the church bulletin. Please direct questions to Linda Bilby or call the church at 419.882.6200. ##

## Academic Expo

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning our last quarter of the school year at Toledo Junior Academy. At this time of year we like to reflect on how far our students have come through the course of the year. One way we do this is to hold an Expo where we showcase our students' accomplishments. In March, we held an Art Expo to show their artistic endeavors, but this next Expo will focus on the academic side of our students, with an artistic edge, of course. On Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 pm, we invite you to attend our Academic Expo and be amazed at what our students do. Last year's expo was such a great success that our school families asked us to do it again. We'd like our church family to join us this time, and see what great things happen at your school. ##

## TJA Graduations

On Thursday evening, May 25, you are invited to attend Toledo Junior Academy's graduation ceremonies. The kindergarten graduation will begin at 6:00 and the eighth grade graduation will begin at 7:00. Please come and show the kids that you care about them and their successes. —Vicki Hall ##



in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# APRIL & MAY 2017 CALENDAR

## Birthdays

April 2 Mary Ann Bagoisan  
 April 3 Taryn Landeros, Tom Sandy  
 April 4 Netania Rieger  
 April 8 Robert Ostrander  
 April 9 Kimiko Kawakami  
 April 11 Kelly Gustrowsky  
 April 20 Tyler Leibengood,  
 Gary Swackhamer  
 April 22 Arden Brion  
 April 24 Nina Reams  
 April 25 Loni Orlet  
 April 26 Ray Riley  
 April 27 Lewis Simpson Jr  
 April 30 Autumn Eichelberger

## Sabbath Events

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

**APR 1** Sabbath School & Worship; Six Weeks Groups meet @ 2pm—*Joyful Noise* with Jenny Eichelberger @ church library; Revelation with Morlon Harris @ Denny Wilburn's home

**APR 8** Sabbath School & Worship w/communion; Elementary Music Festival Concert at Kettering SDA Church, 3:30pm

**APR 15** Sabbath School & Worship; N'Couraged Praise Dance; Fellowship Potluck; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm

**APR 22** Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

**APR 29** Sabbath School & Worship; JamFest @ 6pm

**Sundays** - N'Couraged Praise Dance practice @ 2pm

**Mondays** - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

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

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

**APR 5** Adventurers (K-4), 6 - 7pm

**APR 19** Adventurers (K-4), 6 - 7pm; Soup for You resumes, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm

**APR 26** Soup for You, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm

**Thursdays** - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

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

**APR 14** Good Friday - no school @ TJA



## Birthdays

May 1 Austin Jessop  
 May 3 Gary Gooden  
 May 7 Antoinette Edgecombe  
 May 8 Lori Marsh  
 May 11 Kelly Maxwell  
 May 12 Linda Ostrander  
 May 14 Tina Polzin  
 May 15 Eric Polzin,  
 Sheri Schrecongost  
 May 18 Linda Bilby  
 May 22 Derrick Polzin  
 May 23 Debbie Balnaves  
 May 25 Raymond Kawakami  
 May 26 Janell Ashley  
 May 27 Cindy Leibengood  
 May 28 Madeline Flack  
 May 30 Sharon Crosby, Julie Larimore



## Sabbath Events

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

**MAY 6** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck

**MAY 13** Sabbath School & Worship w/Naomi Striemer; Women's Tea @ 3pm w/Naomi Striemer

**MAY 20** Sabbath School & Worship; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm

**MAY 27** Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

**Sundays** - N'Couraged Praise Dance practice @ 2pm

**MAY 14** Happy Mother's Day

**Mondays** - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

**MAY 29** Memorial Day

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

**MAY 23** James Meade Learning Center graduation, 7pm

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

**MAY 3** Adventurers (K-4), 6 - 7pm; Soup for You, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm

**MAY 10** Soup for You, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm

**MAY 17** Adventurers (K-4), 6 - 7pm; Soup for You, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm

**MAY 24** Soup for You, 1:30-3:00pm and 6 - 8pm (last one)

**Thursdays** - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

**MAY 11** Academic Expo at TJA, 6:30pm

**MAY 25** Toledo Junior Academy Kindergarten Graduation at 6 pm; 8th Grade Graduation at 7pm. (Dismissal at 2pm)

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

**MAY 26** Field Day at TJA. Last day of school.