

June/July 2017

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Hope for our Heroes

Supporting our troops at home and abroad with God's Word on Audio

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror. They work long hours in extreme environments. Some have served multiple deployments in perilous situations day in and day out. Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel in very uncomfortable and challenging circumstances and are too tired to read a Bible even if they have one. The Military BibleStick, designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation. It runs on a single AAA battery but reaches these service men and women deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world. With God's Word in audio, it can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances. It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for "warriors," yet it's only about the size of a pack of chewing gum.

This summer starting July 1, we are raising money to purchase as many of these Military BibleSticks as we can. Come to church Sabbath July 1 to learn more. Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home — although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together.

Will you help us provide real hope for our heroes? Each Military BibleStick is just \$25. "This has been the most useful thing I've ever had. Every day I listen — and it has brought me closer to God," says a Navy pilot. Thanks for giving a life-changing gift to the troops this July. —Pastor Mike ##



"O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!"

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APR/MAY Snapshots

We thank Jeff Batchelder for the photos above. It was a busy spring! N'Couraged Praise Dance welcomed "Jesus" on Sabbath before Easter. Brielle Gekonde was brought for dedication by her parents, Damynus and Judith.

Campanas Cristalis praised God with Bells on May 6, Charlotte Flack recited Scripture at worship on May 13, and nearly 100 ladies enjoyed Mother's Day Tea and Naomi Striemer's testimony. ##

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	JUNE 10	JUNE 17 & 30	JUNE 20	JULY 15	JULY 9
	Honor Grads @ potluck	JamFest 6 - 8pm	Church Business Meeting, 7pm	Communion @ 11am worship	Christmas in July Social, 5 - 7pm



JamFest is for music lovers

There are two dates to enjoy JamFest in June: Sabbath, June 17, 6 - 8pm and Friday, June 30, 6 - 8pm. Come to practice playing music together, to sing or to listen. JamFest will be on break in July. ##

Summer Camps begin June 4

There are summer camp opportunities for young people from 6 years old all the way to 17 year olds. For information, please see the blue flyer in the foyer or call 740-397-4695 x122 or email: youth@ohioadventist.org. If you need financial help, please see Pastor Mike. ##

When are church lunches?

Vegan Challenge Potlucks are scheduled the 4th Sabbath of each month, but additional potlucks are scheduled to accomodate other activities. In June Sabbath lunches are: June 10 and June 24; in July, Sabbath lunches are July 1 and July 22. ##

We honor graduates

Each June we honor our graduates (anyone in our

church family who has graduated since the previous June) at the fellowship potluck - this year on June 10.

So, if you've graduated or you know someone who has, please call the church office to let us know so we can recognize their accomplishments (419.882.6200).

Church meets in business session June 20

At church business meetings we review finances, consider new decisions, and Pastor Mike gives reports of what has happened since the last meeting along with plans for the future.

Loving your church and your church family, you will naturally want to know more about it. And, the good news is — you are invited!

Please join Pastor Mike on Tuesday, JUNE 20, from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the fellowship room. —Dece Caulder ##



Ultimate Workout: Bolivia!

Dear Youth and parents,

Pastor Mike and I are excited to share information about a mission trip in the works for next summer, 2018! Every year Maranatha hosts a Teen mission trip to various countries, and they have chosen Bolivia for next year. From around the world 120 teens will go to help out on the chosen projects which could involve building a church/school, conducting Vacation Bible Schools, and helping on a medical or dental team in the community.

We have estimated the costs to be about \$2000-\$2200/kid (depends on the cost of the airline tickets when the time comes!) This includes the plane ticket, everything they will need when they land in Bolivia, their passports, and visas. It does NOT include any vaccinations or meds the kids choose to get, food on the journey there and back, or spending money. An up-to-date tetanus shot is the only vaccine required. Hepatitis A and B, Yellow Fever, Typhoid, and Antimalarial meds are recommended. There are travel clinics in the Toledo area that you can visit and they will give recommendations based on where you are traveling.



We want to give everyone ample notice so that if this is something the kids in Youth would like to participate in, they have time to begin collecting the money and getting passports. (The Ultimate Workouts are usually the last two weeks in July.) The Toledo First Church desires that our kids be service oriented and show the love of Jesus in our communities and in our world. To support that goal, our church has agreed to pay \$1500/kid towards the mission trip cost.

This is Maranatha's 27th year doing the Ultimate Workouts and it has been a very successful program. Since they have not yet had this year's trip, details are still being finalized for next year and the trip has not been listed on Maranatha's website yet. We will have further details in the future, probably after Christmas. If any Youth are not able to attend this trip, our church plans to do another trip in a few years to make sure ALL youth have this amazing opportunity!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Pastor Mike and Mrs. Landeros

Christmas in July - be there - July 9, 5pm

It's been a few years since we've had Christmas socials, and you know what? I really miss them! And I know some of you do too. S-o-o-o-o, let's do something about that! Like, right now! Let's don't wait till December with its icy roads, hectic schedules, gift-buying, decorating and rush-rush!

Let's plan an **Old-Fashioned Christmas Social** - only have it in JULY! Then we can all enjoy it! Are you game?

I hope so, because it will be all about celebrating - the birth of Jesus - the closeness of family - the relationships we have with one another. And it surely won't be the same without you! Here's what is planned so far:

1. The date: **Sunday, July 9, 5 - 7pm.**
2. We'll start with a light supper - simple fare - sandwiches and finger foods
3. A few tables will be set up for those who want to sit at them but mostly we'll have chairs set in rows for the program
4. We'll sing Christmas carols and include the ever-popular "The Twelve Days of Christmas." So what if it's a little off-tune, or some of us miss our cue?
5. "Sandy Claws" has even promised an appearance. I've heard he'll have a big bag with him. H-m-m-m, I wonder what will be in it?

Please save the date and plan to come. Invite friends and family if you wish - the more the merrier - for a really MERRY CHRISTMAS!! —DeLaura Caulder

P. S. We will have a sign-up sheet so we can plan enough food. Check the weekly bulletin and bulletin board for more information as the time draws nearer. ##



"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." —Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

JUNE & JULY 2017 CALENDAR

Birthdays

June 1 Troy Brion
 June 2 Cindy Naus
 Sara Woggerman
 June 3 Christine Behler
 June 4 Angela Eschmann
 June 5 Brad Marsh
 June 6 Jim Larimore
 June 10 Gerald Marsa
 June 14 Rachel Hall
 June 15 Melissa Hare
 Helen Szana
 June 16 Jack Herman
 June 19 Mike Heiney
 Bradley Austin
 June 21 Dan Frey
 June 22 Charlotte Neal
 June 25 Judy Riley
 Cheryl Malosh
 June 26 Karen Sandy
 Carson Makley
 June 29 Meghan Makley
 Ayzlei Edgcombe
 June 30 Sandy Gorsuch



Birthdays

July 3 Matt Crosby
 July 5 Craige Rieger
 July 7 Earl Mitchell
 July 11 Amanda Oliver Schell
 July 16 Daniel Hall
 Nicole Warner
 July 17 Lorraine Poulin
 July 18 Anne Caulder
 July 20 Kloey Eichelberger
 July 21 Heather Smith LaPoint
 Pam Neal
 July 24 Jacob Moses
 July 25 Brian Eichelberger
 July 26 Jonathan Ashley
 Veela Burks
 July 29 Tracie Gustrowsky
 Dianna Hassen
 July 30 Amber Hass
 Brendan Leibengood
 July 31 Sarah Godie
 Robert Reams

Sabbath Events

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

JUN 3 Sabbath School & Worship; One-day Camp Meeting @ Mohaven
JUN 10 Sabbath School & Worship; Honoring Grads @ Fellowship Potluck
JUN 17 Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm; JamFest @ 6pm
JUN 24 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays - N'Couraged Praise Dance practice @ 2pm

JUN 18 Happy Father's Day!

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

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm

JUN 6 Vegetarian Food arrives from Dunes Distributing

JUN 20 Church Business Meeting, 7pm

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm

JUN 14 Flag Day

JUN 21 Summer begins

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

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30

JUN 30 JamFest, 6 - 8pm

Sabbath Events

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

JULY 1 Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck

JULY 8 Sabbath School & Worship; Ohio Conference Bikers' Rally

JULY 15 Sabbath School & Worship w/communion; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm

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

JULY 29 Sabbath School & Worship

Sundays - N'Couraged Praise Dance practice @ 2pm

JULY 9 *Old Fashioned Christmas Social...in July, 5pm*

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

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm (*except July 4th*)

JULY 4 Independence Day

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

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

JULY 6 Church office open 9am - 4pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30



Happy 4th of July!