

August/September 2016

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

It's a Whale of a Study!

Soup for You begins again with JONAH

Wednesday, September 7, Soup for You resumes with a study of Jonah. Come for soup at 6pm. The study begins at 6:30. In just seven short weeks you'll learn how to see life's interruptions as divine interventions!

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted promises to be a whale of a study!

Interruptions. They shock us; they shake us; they compel us to change. You can't escape life's interruptions, but you can change your perspective on them. Dive into the study of Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you imagined.

In this 7-session Bible study, redefine interruption and see that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond your wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.

This is your invitation to Soup for You and the study of Jonah on Wednesdays: September 7 through October 19. Soup at 6:00. Study: 6:30-8:00pm. ##



"Faith goes up the stairs that love has made and looks out the window which hope has opened."—Spurgeon

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June/July TF family photos

At Toledo First during the summer months, all ages enjoyed Sabbath School, learning more about the Savior each week. Praises were sung to His name (photo 3); we listened to the Word proclaimed by speakers: Deb Bening,

Cavin Atkins, Dave Case, Pastor Mike, and here in photo #4, Chaplain Steve Cozzens. We've been blessed! In photo #5 we were happy to welcome Morlon & Linda Harris into membership.##

Calendar of Events

AUG 6 & SEPT 3
JamFest, 6pm

AUG 13 & SEPT 10
Wildwood Picnics/Lemonade Outreach

AUG 16
School starts @ TJA

SEPT 7
Wednesday "Jonah" series begins, 6:30

SEPT 20
Church Business Meeting, 7pm

Yard Sales continue on Sundays, 10-4

Here are the remaining categories, but you can bring ANYTHING, any Sunday:

- August 7 - All Things Household
- August 14 - All Things School Supplies
- August 21 - All Things Children/Toys/Games
- August 28 - All Things Electronic
- September 4 - HOLIDAY - no sale
- September 11 - All Things Knick-Knack/Antique/Miscellaneous

For \$10 you can rent a table to sell your items, or donate them to the church to be sold. Please put prices on your items to be sold. ##

Save these dates for Heavens Declare

November outreach features Jim Burr, founder of Heavens Declare who will teach classes on astronomy November 10-13 at Toledo First from a Biblical Christian perspective. This is our fall evangelistic outreach. Let's all plan to be part of it. ##

Come to next Business Meeting

Want to know what's happening in your church? Want to help make it happen? Want to be a support to your pastor? Members of the church are invited and encouraged to attend Church Business Meetings. They are scheduled four times a year and conclude in just 90 minutes—a small commitment. Come September 20, 7:00-8:30pm, church fellowship room. ##

Community clinic at Kettering

If you would like to donate your time, Kettering Health Network is offering a free clinic to the Dayton community September 4 and 5 at the Dayton Convention Center. They are looking for medical and non-medical volunteers. Questions? Please contact Lauren Day at Kettering Health Network, 937-762-1063 or lauren.day@ketteringhealth.org. ##

To have grown wise and kind is real success. —Anon.

You've been waiting—the time is here!

There are two delightful days coming soon to share with our families and the community. Be sure to come to church August 13 and September 10, and along with some picnic food to share, throw some casual clothes in the car too. (We don't want to look like a bunch of church folks and scare people off.)

We'll enjoy our picnic together and serve up fresh-squeezed lemonade for the thirsty walkers and joggers who pass by along the path at the second pavilion.



We will need lots of help to pull this off. Tables, canopy, juicers, lemons all need to be loaded and unloaded and set up at the pavilion site. Then, we need people to make the lemonade and “man” the stand. (Then load up and unload again!) Please volunteer your help.

Most of all, save the dates for this pleasant and fun way to do ordinary outreach! ##

Conversation Partners—another OO

Are you willing to help an international student practice language skills for one hour a week? That's all you have to do by joining Conversation Partners—a great Ordinary Outreach! Apply online at www.GO-UT.info or call Wes & Marjie Blood at 419.478.8325. ##

Everyone's invited to JAMFEST

August 6 and September 3 are the next two JAMFEST nights, from 6 - 8 pm at Toledo First.

JAMFEST is an opportunity for beginners on up to practice praise and worship music. All ages are invited and have been coming. Bring your instrument, your voice, or just come to listen at JAMFEST. ##

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.—G. K. Chesterton

Scrapbooking - September 18

It's just around the corner—our next Scrapbooking event. Register by filling out a form you'll find on the foyer table. Join Brenda Szana, Close to My Heart Consultant, and other “happy scrappers” from 10am - 8pm on Sunday, September 18, in the church fellowship room. The \$25 registration fee benefits the “Gym for Kids” fund. Whether you're a novice or experienced at cropping, you are welcome. Organize your photos, learn new cardmaking techniques, start those albums. It will be a fun and educational day which includes food, prizes and a free gift. Check the registration form for more information. ##

School starts August 16

With Back to School ads in newspapers and on TV, can school days be far behind? No. Just a couple of weeks of vacation days left! Toledo Junior Academy teachers and staff will welcome students back to classrooms on Tuesday, August 16 for a shortened day (1:00pm dismissal). Back to School Night will be Thursday, August 18, 6:30pm. Education Sabbath is scheduled for September 17. ##

American Friendship Family

Friendship families are powerful monthly ordinary outreach opportunities! You can help University of Toledo students from around the world feel welcome. International students are highly interested in friendship and cultural exchange. Once a month you could have the chance to learn about their cultures, lives and faith and they are eager to learn about yours. Go to www.GO-UT.info, and follow the links to fill out an online application or call Paul Mathiesen for more information at 419.297.8272. ##

Women's Retreat - September 16-18

JESUS, You're All I Need is the theme of this year's Ohio Conference Women's Retreat at Shisler Conference Center in Wooster, Ohio. Pick up a registration form at the foyer table or visit ohioadventist.org for more information. ##

August & September 2016 Calendar

Birthdays

August 2 Marcene Marsa
 August 6 Joshua Fortune
 August 7 Laura Frey
 Alex Jessop
 August 8 David Kawakami
 August 9 Flynn Choti (Moses)
 August 10 Nolan Hood
 August 11 Deb Bening
 Kay Kermode
 August 14 Lanetta Cross
 Kim Stanley
 August 15 Gail Flack
 August 17 Teresa Moses
 August 19 Chad Rieger
 August 21 Ron Szczechowski
 August 24 Mary Snowberger
 August 26 Becky Godie
 Laura Williams
 August 27 Mary Ann Osinski
 Cody Rieger
 August 31 Cole St. Clair

Sabbath Events

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

AUG 6 Sabbath School & Worship; JamFest 6 - 8pm
AUG 13 Sabbath School & Worship; Ordinary Outreach—Picnic in Park/Lemonade giveaway
AUG 20 Sabbath School & Worship; wedding; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm
AUG 27 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays -

AUG 7 **Yard Sale** (All things Household + what you want to sell!)
AUG 14 **Yard sale** (All things School Supplies + Anything else!)
AUG 21 **Yard sale** (All things Children/Toys/Games + Whatever!)
AUG 28 **Yard sale** (All things Electronic + Anything else you want to sell!)

Mondays

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm (except Aug 9)
AUG 16 School starts @ TJA. 1:00 dismissal

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm (except Aug 10); prayer meetings each Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Thursdays

AUG 18 Back to School Night @ TJA, 6:30pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30



Birthdays

Sept 2 Dr. Burgess Bills
 Shirley Smith
 Sept 4 Nicole Rieger
 Sept 6 Pastor Mike
 Claire Jakubowski
 Joyce Jenkins
 Sept 10 Vickie Wintersmith
 Sept 14 Glendon Cross
 Joy Reams
 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



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SEPT 3 Sabbath School & Worship; JamFest 6 - 8pm
SEPT 10 Sabbath School & Worship; Wildwood Picnic in the Park/ Lemonade giveaway—an Ordinary Outreach Opportunity!
SEPT 17 Sabbath School & Worship—Education Sabbath; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm
SEPT 24 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

SEPT 4 **NO Yard Sale (Holiday weekend)**
SEPT 11 Last Yard Sale (All things knick knacks/antiques/misc.)
SEPT 18 Scrapbooking, 10am-8pm

Mondays

SEPT 5 Labor Day

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SEPT 21 Deadline for OCT/NOV Newsletter

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