

JUNE / JULY 2013 EDITION

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FOCAL Point

CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY

* VBS is for families June 24-28 *

Journey with the Apostle Paul to Athens to share the truth about God



Fred Rogers, the gifted minister to children known as Mr. Rogers said "Attitudes are caught, not taught. The best way to cultivate faith in children is to share our own enthusiasm about what we believe."

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Ever wonder what the world was like when Christianity first began? What was it like for Paul to be a missionary to the Roman Empire? What do figs taste like? This summer, June 24-28 from 6:00-8:30pm, Toledo First SDA Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School, themed Paul's Adventures. This will be an exciting Bible adventure-based program that is open to children and their families. Families will get to experience a taste of ancient Athens as we explore the Bible story of Paul of Tarsus, and the lessons he learned as God changed him from persecutor of Christians to the boldest Christian missionary of all.



Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend with their children, so the whole family may experience God's love together through hands-on interaction and learning about Paul's missionary adventures in the New Testament.

Come taste, see, smell, and feel the story. Please join us, and encourage others also...we'd love to have you!

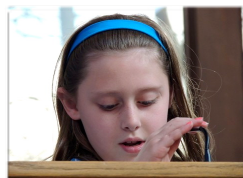
—Pastor Jolee ##

The faces of children are proof enough of God.

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April & May

The youth room sports a brand new look in the first photo above. Thanks, Pastor Jolee! In the second photo, Jordan reads the Scripture at worship, and in photo #3,

Pastor Mike holds Gabriel who was brought by his family to be dedicated to the Lord. Ohio Conference President, Dr. Raj Attiken visited us in April and

shared a sermon (photo #4). On Mother's Day Sabbath, the children gave pink carnations to the women at church. Here, Isabella, has a

handful of flowers as she begins her mission.

Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for taking the pictures which we share here. ##

SPECIAL EVENTS @ TF

JUNE 24-28
Vacation Bible School—going to Athens with Paul

JUNE 29
Religious Liberty Day w/ Lincoln Steed, Liberty Editor

JULY 28-31
Haven of Hope Makeover, volunteers welcome

JUNE 1, 29 & JULY 20
Fellowship Potlucks

Remember: You can see this newsletter in beautiful color by visiting www.tfsda.org

Haven of Hope summer makeover

You are invited to help with Haven of Hope's summer makeover during the week of July 28-31. Check the bulletin for more information as it becomes available. ##

Please save pop cans

A few years ago we purchased six round tables for our fellowship room, but we would like to have ten. The current price for four more tables (with shipping) is about \$1,500. Over the years we have purchased many large ticket items with money

from recycling pop cans. We continue to need your help! Please save and turn in pop cans to the church. And here's a tip: Meijer's has a non-pop drink called LaCroix. This beverage is 100% sparkling water with no sweeteners, no calories, and no sodium. There are a variety of flavors and it comes in aluminum cans like regular pop. It's a guilt-free alternative to pop. Pastor Mike likes the water. Check it out the next time you're at Meijer. (Recycle does not take bottles in any form—glass or plastic. They do take cat food cans, but they must be in a separate bag from

pop cans.) —Donna Schuster ##

Liberty Editor to be our guest

Lincoln Steed, Editor of Liberty Magazine, will be our guest speaker on June 29 at 11am and 2pm. Liberty magazine, has a 200,000 circulation and is a religious liberty journal distributed to political leaders, judiciary, lawyers and other thought leaders in North America. Mr. Steed is additionally the host of the weekly 3ABN television show "The Liberty Insider," and the radio program "Lifequest Liberty." ##

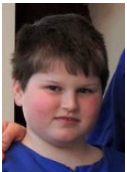
Save the dates!

The "Adventist Emeril" (as Pastor Mike refers to him)—Mark Anthony, will be our guest on Sabbath, Sept. 7 at worship and on Sunday, Sept. 8, @ 3pm when he will present a "Live Vegetarian Performing Arts Cooking Show." Invite your friends and neighbors. Not only will they (and you) enjoy the show and message, you'll have a free dinner, too!

In his presentation Mr. Anthony will cover nutrition, weight loss, lowering cholesterol and increasing energy. Come one, come all! Indeed. ##

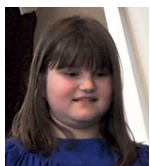
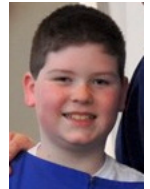
Interviews with young people prior to baptism March 30

Prior to their baptisms, Pastor Jolee interviewed each of the candidates so we could learn a little more about them.



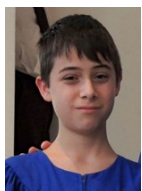
Alec Leibengood, in response to the question, “Who is God to you?” said, “The person who saved and forgave me for all my sins.” What he likes best about church is the sermons, his favorite color is blue, and he’s passionate about cars, design, and art. The adults he is closest to at church are his parents and the pastor. Alec is 13 years old. (Alec is the son of Troy and Cindy Leibengood)

Alex Bills, age 11, when asked why he wanted to be baptized said, “I want to go on God’s Word and teach others about Him.” What he likes most about church is that “my church family is kind, honest and loving to me. I know can come to them with any problems that I have.” Alex’ favorite subject in school is spelling. When asked “Who is God to you?” Alex replied, “The Almighty Person that I look up to and pray to.” (Alex is the son of Dr. Steven and Kendra Bills)



“I want to have Jesus in my heart forever,” was Cassandra Leibengood’s answer to why she wanted to be baptized. In classes leading up to baptism she learned, “what the second coming means and what you should do on the Sabbath and what the Sabbath means.” Cassandra’s favorite school subject is “Math, because I’m really good at it and I just love it.” Her favorite movie is “Here Comes the Boom.” She is 11 years old. (Cassandra is the daughter of Troy and Cindy Leibengood)

Cassidy Cross, age 12, when asked to describe herself in three words said, “fun, loving, and nice.” In baptism class she learned that “the dead in Christ will rise like pop tarts and I learned a lot about God.” She describes God as “My Father and my best Friend” and it was her desire to be baptized because, “I want to be born again.” Cassidy’s favorite movie is “Madea’s Big Happy Family.” (Cassidy is the daughter of Glendon and Megan Cross)



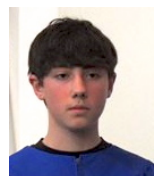
When asked what baptism means, Daniel Landeros responded, “It means to die, come up and do the will of God.” Daniel likes to play video games and hang out with his friends. He also said, “I like going out in the woods and playing with my dog.” At school his favorite subject is spelling because, “I like the challenge of trying to learn new words.” If he were a milkshake, Daniel said he would be strawberry flavor. He is 13 years old. (Daniel is the son of Al and Jennifer Landeros)

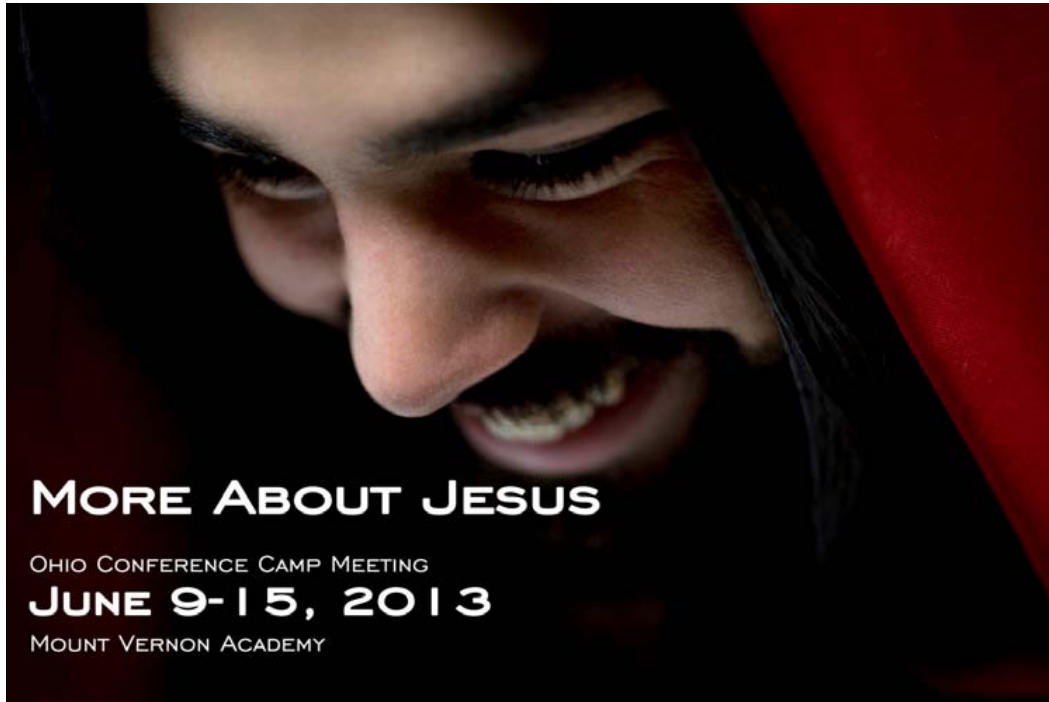
Josh Fortune, who describes himself as “silly, fun and kind,” is age 13. What he likes best about church is “being able to be with friends and family.” To him, God is “My Savior and my best Friend” and he wanted to be baptized to “start a new life in Jesus.” When asked which adult at church he is closest to, he responded, “My Dad.” His favorite color is orange. (Josh is the son of Pastor Mike and Jackie Fortune)



Lydia Fortune, age 11, said that baptism means “Jesus washing away your sins and being born again.” When asked, “Who is God to you?” she responded, “God to me is my Savior, and Father, and I can talk to Him about anything.” She said that in baptism classes she “learned a lot about Jesus and second coming and what baptism really means.” She likes Sabbath School because “you can learn a lot more about God in fun ways.” (Lydia is the daughter of Pastor Mike and Jackie Fortune)

When asked what he learned in baptism class, Ryan Wilson, age 14, said “That God is there to help you out whenever you need him to.” Baptism, to Ryan, means “To accept Jesus into your life,” and when asked “Who is God to you?” he responded, “My Savior.” Ryan likes “fishing and I just like to be outdoors” and at school his favorite subject is PE because “I like to run around.” At church, the adult he is closest to is his “Grampa” (Allan Wolfson). (Ryan is the son of Jim and Debbie Wilson)





MORE ABOUT JESUS

OHIO CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

JUNE 9-15, 2013

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

CAMP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Special Guest & Feature focusing on 150th anniversary since organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with **Dr. Merlin D. Burt!**
- Sunday Night Film: ***The Conscientious Objector***—true story of Desmond Doss
- Evening s'mores & camp fires with ABC prizes
- Afternoon service projects, outings, and sermons
- Camp Mohaven Day (*sign-up activity sheets available at Locating table*)
- **FREE*** Sabbath lunch, courtesy *Kettering Health Network*
- Sabbath afternoon at 3:00 pm – ***Ohio Has Gifts*** featuring local talent
- Adventist **professional storyteller** **Kharinne Shinaul** Saturday night
- Sabbath evening concert with Ohio's own **Trina Schone**
- **Commemorative 150th anniversary photo** will be taken after Sabbath School & before Worship service

EXCITING SEMINARS AND PRESENTERS:

- ◆ Pastor Winston Baldwin, *Spiritual Maturity: A Decrease That Leads to an Increase*
- ◆ Alexander Bolotnikov, *The Parables of Jesus: Obvious but Unknown?*
- ◆ Pastor Lori Farr, *Jesus Loves Me Anyway: An Intro to Following Jesus*
- ◆ Pastor Russ Gaskill, *The Widows Mite: God's Plan for Financial Wellness*
- ◆ Sandra Hrabowy, *Healthy Cooking for Families*
- ◆ Tom Hughes, *What the Bible Says About Worship*
- ◆ Jeba Moses, *Listening for Heaven's Sake*

**Read the May 2013 *Mission Ohio/Visitor* for highlights,
or visit ohioadventist.org for schedule, speakers, bios, and more.**

***Please register for your free meal on web or call 740.397.4665, ext 111.**

Save the Date— July 21—for Lake Day

Put a big circle around Sunday, July 21. It's going to be a "fun in the sun" kind of day for singles, families, couples, teens, kids—everyone! It's an All Church Lake Day and YOU are invited. Watch the bulletin for details about the exact location! ##



For Father's Day:

Many an excellent man is tempted to forget that the best offering he can make his children is himself.

—Henry Neumann

For Any Day:

You may look lightly upon the Scripture and see nothing; meditate often upon it and there you shall see a light like the light of the sun.

—Joseph Cady ##

Calendar of Events...

June & July 2013

Birthdays

June 1 Troy Brion
June 2 Cindy Naus & Sara Woggerman
June 3 Christine Behler
June 4 Angela Eschmann
June 5 Brad Marsh
June 10 Gerald Marsa
June 14 Rachel Hall
June 15 Melissa Bilby Hare; Helen Szana
June 16 Jack Herman
June 19 Mike Heiney
June 21 Dan Frey
June 23 Dennis Skeel
June 25 Judy Riley; Cheryl Malosh
June 26 Karen Sandy, Carson Makley
June 29 Meghan Makley
June 30 Sandy Gorsuch



Birthdays

July 1 Emmett Romine
July 3 Matt Crosby
July 5 Craige Rieger
July 7 Earl Mitchell
July 10 Brian Jessop
July 11 Amanda Oliver
July 16 Nicole Warner
July 17 Lorraine Poulin
July 18 Anne Caulder
July 21 Heather Smith-LaPoint & Pam Neal
July 22 Elaine Mitchell
July 24 Jacob Moses
July 26 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 1 "God's Memorial Day, Part 2"; Fellowship Potluck
JUN 8 "God's Memorial Day, Part 3" w/Pastor Mike speaking; Prayer Connections @ 5pm
JUN 15 Worship; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm (Ohio Camp Meeting @ Mt. Vernon)
JUN 22 "Sacrifice Self" (Hebrews 13:1-3) w/Pastor Mike; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home @ 3pm
JUN 29 Religious Liberty Sabbath with Lincoln Steed (Editor of Liberty Magazine) speaking; Fellowship Potluck; Honor Graduates

Sundays - Greater Faith Fellowship Church rents each Sunday morning

JUN 2 Family Pet Show at 4pm
JUN 16 Father's Day

Mondays

JUN 24 Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30pm (first day)

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

JUN 25 Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm; *The Great Controversy* @ 6:30pm

JUN 12 Community Computer Classes, 6:30-9:30pm

JUN 26 Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30pm

Thursdays

JUN 13 Community Computer Classes, 6:30-9:30pm

JUN 27 Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

JUN 28 Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30pm

Sabbath Events

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

JUL 6 "Sacrifice. Nationalism" w/Pastor Mike speaking; 555th Air National Guard Band

JUL 13 Worship w/ Pastor Jolee; Prayer Connections @ 5pm; Webinar @ 3pm

JUL 20 "Sacrifice. Sexuality" (Heb. 13:4) w/Pastor Mike; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm

JUL 27 "Sacrifice. Money" (Heb. 13:5,6) w/Pastor Mike; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home @ 3pm

Sundays - Greater Faith Fellowship Church rents each

Sunday morning

JUL 21 Lake Day

JUL 28 Haven of Hope Makeover

Monday

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

Thursdays

JUL 4 Independence Day

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

