

# June Missions Highlight

## Tom & Valli Howard



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# THE BAPTIST HERALD

The Howard's are now serving the Lord on staff at Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Nampa, Idaho. The mission statement for MAF reads. . . "Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology, so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed". This mission statement has been Tom and Valli's calling even before they came on staff with MAF.

First Baptist first became mission partners with Tom and Valli in 1986. Their first assignment was American Baptist missionaries in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo). During their many years in Congo, Tom was "on loan" as a pilot/mechanic with MAF. After many years as International Missionaries, it became necessary to return to the US. They were soon invited to join the staff of MAF full time.

They both have much responsibility as they work in Idaho at the headquarters of MAF.

Tom is currently a Coordinator for Aviation Resources. He helps the staff to better track required maintenance, mechanical problems, and parts inventories. His knowledge of airplanes helps to keep all their planes safe and ready to go where the needs are.

Valli compliments the ministry partnership team as Administrative Assistant. Her computer skills have given her numerous opportunities to design and create many tools to help promote MAF.

The Howard's have many prayer requests and praises to share with our church.

1) Praise for Tom's productive Aviation Management Software (AMS) trip to Kenya last

February.

2) Praise that Tom's health has improved greatly since his bout with pneumonia.

3) Prayer for Tom as he interacts with AMS guys in the UK and Australia, as they try to create a software that will work for all the MAF programs around the world.

4) Pray for Valli as she prepared for a training seminar this July. She much prepare communication tools for all new missionaries with MAF. She asks prayer for a clear head and a calm spirit as she works with new staff people.

Website:

[maf.org/howard](http://maf.org/howard)



# The 4 Most Infuriating Toys and Their Theological Significance—Pastor Isaac

*Caveat #1) Jeff often produces happy lists for Christmas, I want to take this same concept in another direction, presented in a different tone but with even greater relish and joy.*

*Caveat #2) My kids have received all of these toys as gifts from different people, (actually I have purchased and given most of these items) so while I continue to grumble they continue to love and enjoy these gifts totally unharmed and oblivious to their (completely overstated) theological significance.*

## Number 4 - Bath Toys

Bath toys were created by contractors who were intent on boosting business. The plan was simple, put kids in the bathtub and then give them plastic cups and other paraphernalia with which to dump water on the bathroom floor.

In six months, call the family and offer a free estimate to fix the destruction. Some bath toys are not made to scoop water and so are deceptively harmless. However, the result is the same, instead of scooping out water the duck or scuba diver is dropped over the side and then the dripping wet child reaches or climbs after it, six gallons on the floor later . . . new floor joists! God uses bath toys to demonstrate a simple parenting principle, giving your kids something to keep them occupied, so you don't have to watch them, always results in water damage. Bath toys remind me that *folly is bound up in the heart of a child* that when left alone kids naturally destroy things (just like me) and they (I) need the constant care and direction of a parent and not just another thing to keep them occupied.

## Number 3 - Glitter

Glitter is not officially a toy but is included in most of them. Glitter is literally shiny nothing, a sparkly lie, pretty hypocrisy. Light enough to be blown about the house by the smallest of breezes and yet sticky enough to fasten to your face or clothing with no chance of removal. Glitter is like energy, it cannot be destroyed, only moved from one place to another; from chin to hand, from hand to jeans, from jeans to floor, from floor to shoe, from shoe back to hand, and so the cycle continues. Our culture's growing fascination with glitter, even putting it in cosmetics and food, demonstrates that we love *white-washed tombs*. Our world does not desire substance, just glitter, shiny nothing that looks nice but besides appearance has nothing of actual value.

## Number 2 - Play-Doh

Every time my kids ask to play with Play-Doh I cringe, even

Proverbs 22:15

<sup>15</sup> Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Matthew 23:26,27

<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. <sup>27</sup> "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.

Romans 8:20-22

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Philippians 4:11

<sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

## Pastor Isaac continued . . .

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though most it was purchased with my money. The toy begins as a bright and soft material that can be shaped, like clay, into many creative forms. But once the new tubs are opened and the play begins, so does the trouble. The residue of tiny dots of color is not nearly as frustrating as the color mixtures and dried remains. After just a few uses the Play-Doh has become a gray dry chunk resembling pieces of pavement. These dry chunks of cement are lodged in the Play-Doh accessories (Play-Doh accessories like trucks that roll patterns or little plastic guys who grow colorful hair are #7 on my list and so will not be specifically addressed in this article) requiring hours of time for cleaning and repair. Paul says our world is a *slave of corruption* and this is clearly demonstrated in the cursed tubs of colorful Doh that so quickly turn gray and hard. If you need a reminder of the effects of the fall,

(and do not mind being grumpy the rest of the day) go play with some Play-Doh.

### Number 1 - Online Toys

Nothing makes me more irate than a nice cuddly stuffed animal or little Lego figure who comes to live at your house and play with your child, but is not content. Many of these new toys are unwilling to merely reside with you, they demand a virtual world to roam. They come with a code or "secret number" that unlocks a whole universe of internet adventure. This way, once the child is tired of playing with the toy they can continue to feed and care for it in the online world that has been created for it. This online playground also will provide you with unlimited ideas for future purchases and upgrades. The toy (and it's sale's staff) wants your life and soul not just 20 minutes of playtime. Paul says he has *learned to be content*

*whatever circumstances he is in*, but it is clear that neither the new toys nor their manufacturers have this gift. These same toy-makers will not stop until every moment and every dollar is spent. Truly contentment comes from the Spirit and will be found nowhere else.

God's Word is true, and is shown true in every line of life. Kids need parents and disciple, just like God said. Our natural tendency is to wash the outside of the cup, just like God said. Our world is broken and breaking, getting worse not better, just like God said. And everyone, people selling or buying, are never satisfied with what they have, but always crave more, just like God said. God is proven true, even in the toy-box.

### FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As a beneficiary of the Ruby J. Vannice Pruett Testamentary Trust, we have been able to pay off the loan First Baptist Church secured in 2003 for the renovation of our kitchen-storage area as well as restrooms, FLC, and Westside canopy. We are very grateful for this bequest. Also a big thanks to those in our church family as well as to those outside of our membership who supported this project with their donations of money and many, many hours of volunteer labor. **THANKS AGAIN!**

## Hands & Hearts—June 7th

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Our circle will meet on June 7th at 5:30 pm for a lite meal provided by Tyke Rice followed by a brief business meeting.

Our June project will be preparing a craft for our shut-in friends. Tyke Rice will be our project instructor.

A new and on-going project of our circle is sewing a very simple sack dress for young girls in Africa. The pattern and idea came from Caldwell's sewing shop downtown. To make dresses from size 3 up to size 12, it takes 22" to 40" of fabric. The circle would gladly accept

any fabric remnants of 100% cotton. Donations may be given to Virginia VanHook or Georgia Phelps.

Our Hands & Hearts are reaching out to our own community and around the world . . . COME JOIN US!! ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.



## Edna Martin Circle—June 14th

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The American Baptist Women's Edna Martin Circle will meet Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall with June Gourley hosting. Lesson and devotions will be presented by Toni McKinney. Continuing with our theme of "Women...destined for God's purpose" emphasizing the women of the Bible the study will be on Hagar. A foreigner and slave, Hagar let pride overtake her when she became Abraham's wife. A lonely woman with few resources, she suffered harsh punishment for her mistake. She

obeyed God's voice as soon as she heard it and was given a promise that her son would become the father of a great nation. Study scriptures: Genesis 16; 21:8-21; Galatians 4:22-31.

Our community outreach opportunity for June is our local FISH program. Suggested items to share are: paper products, personal care products - bar soap, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, and shampoo etc.

This Circle is available to any woman in our church who has a

heart for missions, wishes to participate in learning more about the ministry of American Baptist Women, and desires to share in Christian fellowship with other women. Please join with us.

## Passion Groups June 20, 2011

10:00 am

Marge Hughes at her home  
1473 W Deer Cliff Drive

7:00 pm

Patti Kinslow at Mildred  
Thompson's 251 Center  
Lane

June 21

7:00 pm

Nancy Kline at her  
home—2459 W Del Mar  
Drive

## Women's Fellowship

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Ladies of First Baptist Church please plan to join us for a day filled with fellowship and fun. We will be traveling by bus to the Flower Barn in Lebanon to tour the gardens, have a program on drying flowers and a delicious lunch. Following lunch there will be a time of devotions.

Total cost: \$14.00

Leave church at 9:30 am and return no later than 3:00  
Reservations and collections should be made on Sunday, June 12th or 19th.

There will be a table in the narthex following both services.



## Guiding Light—May News

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We had 94 kids enrolled this month, 64 Daycare and 30 After-school. Our topic for the month was God created all living things! We learned about plants and animals.

STAFF: Staff are preparing for summer. Most staff take a day off during the week which is a much needed break! Our seniors will graduate and spend the summer with us before they go off to col-

lege. Ms Kim and Ms. Lauren will be in charge of the school kids this summer. They have many plans in place to keep the kids busy, we are looking forward to VBS again this year.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: We are currently helping students with financial assistance from the scholarship fund. We do have money left in our scholarship fund if you know of any children that

need daycare.

Guiding Light graduation was May 19th at 6pm. The summer program starts June 1st.

Continuing to serve,  
Julie and the Guiding Light Staff



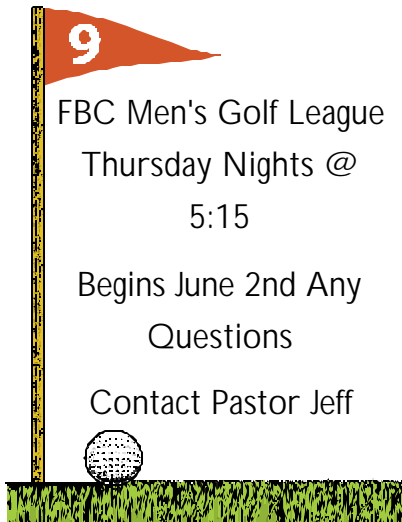
# SUMMER TIME

## FBC Youth—High School Summer Schedule

•Wednesday Nights @ the Strickland's (7pm)  
Read *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan  
Watch and Discuss Popular Movies  
Food and Games  
Begins June 1st



- Indians Game - June 13th
- VBS (June 27th - July 1st)
- Spirit Song Festival @ King's Island July 7th-9th (Cost: \$60 + Food)
- Camp Tippy (July 10th-16th)



FBC Men's Golf League  
Thursday Nights @  
5:15  
Begins June 2nd Any  
Questions  
Contact Pastor Jeff

Indians Game  
Monday, June 13th Cost:\$8  
"Dollar Night"  
Hotdog & Snacks  
Sign up at Welcome Center



## Stories in the Park

FBC Summer Gatherings @ Milligan Park

Friday Night Schedule:

6:30pm Gathering for Snacks/Dessert

7pm Story Time

7:30pm Fun in the Park

(Park in Baseball Parking Lot and Walk Across)



## Library News

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Praying the Name of God—A daily guide is a reader—friendly guidebook to the character of God as He reveals Himself through His names. As you read, study, and use the practical applications, you will be thrilled, comforted, and encouraged in your relationship with God.

Who Is My Shelter? By Neta Jack-

son, Author of the Yada Yada Prayer Group. Book #4 in the House of Hope series.

Also, we are continuing to take books to shut-ins that enjoy reading. If you know of anyone who would like to have reading material from the Library, please let me know.

Pat Snow—362-6919

VBS June 27th—  
July 1st. Remember to be praying, recruiting volunteers, and telling kids about VBS!

## Notes from the Congregation

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First Baptist Family,

We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, friendship, and support you gave to us during our time of grief for the lose of my mother, LaVern Meese. We fill blessed to be a part of such a wonderful Christian Family.

Cherlyn & Phil Hunter

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and concerns for Al while he was in the hospital. Also for your calls, cards and

**Isaac for being with me during surgery.**

**Thank you for your continued prayers,**

**Peggy McKinsey**

The Mother/Daughter Dinner was a wonderful evening. Men we “Thank you” for the very elegant dinner (5 course meal served beautifully) what a treat. The entertainment was also great!

As a widow in the church I so appreciate all the special things the men of FBC do for us. I recently received a letter from the Deacons offering to help with things around the

house. I am blessed with a large extended family and don't generally need help. But, it blesses me to know there are those who are willing to “be there” when needed. I thank God for this loving Church Family.

Pat Snow

Congratulations: Nathan & Katie Kincaid  
on the birth of son, Andrew Ronald  
born on April 15th  
weighing 8.7#, 19”  
Grandparents: Mike & Suzanne Kincaid  
Great-Grandparents:  
David & Dottie Kincaid

## JUNE CALENDAR

- 5 Missions Meeting 5:00
- 7 Hands & Hearts 5:30
- 10 Deeper Still Conference
- Stories in the Park 6:30
- 13 Indy Game 5:15
- 14 Edna Martin Circle 9:30
- Board of CE 6:30
- 16 Keenagers Lunch
- 17 Rehearsal 5:30
- 18 Fruits/Kern Wedding 4:30
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Passion Groups
- 24 Rehearsal 6
- Stories in the Park 6:30
- 25 ABW to Flower Barn 9:30
- Corbin/McKinney Wedding 4:30
- 27-1—VBS

### WEEKLY

- Tuesday—Staff Meeting 10:00
- Visions of Praise 6:30
- Thursday—Men's Golf League 5:15
- Grapevine Dancers 7

### **Prayers & Concerns:**

- Phil Bray—prostate cancer
- Janet Leath—cancer
- Condie Eden—cancer
- Randy Pederson—
- congestive lung failure
- Hattie Patton—hole in
- heart, infant
- Nancy Kline—recovering,
- back surgery
- Al McKinsey—recovering
- from surgery
- Rich Clouse—health con-
- cerns
- Bill Rush—dialysis, tests
- Ed Barclay—testing
- Brian Veach—pneumonia,
- heart cath
- Stephanie Gibson—
- recovering from surgery

- Mark & Jennifer Slovacek—
- house fire
- Delynn Cook Dubber—
- breast cancer
- Mildred Thompson—
- pneumonia
- Ethel Cotton—Cancer
- Melanie Edwards—broken
- arm
- Peggy Caldwell—tests
- Vicki Minkler-pneumonia
- Betty Groce—renal failure

### **Extended prayer needed:**

**Don Nevitt**—cancer

**Jim Conger**—cancer

### **Our deepest sympathy to the families of:**

Deloris Harris

Don Wise

Eugene Walker

## **June Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1 June Gourley	18 Cindy Zull	3 Bob & Linda Maxwell	21 Mark & Dorothy
Lisa Gobel	19 Skeet Morris	5 David & Debbie Lucas	Barclay
Elizabeth Veach	20 Deborah Ward	7 Jeff & Heidi Fry (25)	22 Ken & Kim Barclay
2 June Holt	21 Lawrence Krout	8 David & Tammy	23 Steven & Jamie Ross
3 Patricia Snow	23 Betty Craft (90)	Maxwell	Bob & Mary Jane
Terry VanScoyoc	Melanie Edwards	9 Chuck & Susan	Porter
7 Teola Copas	Renee Kincaid	Streetman	24 Andrew & Rachel
Isaac Zull	24 Adam Deck	10 David & Nancy Kline	Barclay
8 Kay Sowder	25 Joyce Fischer	12 Phil & Cherlyn Hunter	25 Tom & June Gourley
Natalee Brann	Gerard Salter	13 Mike & Linda Deck	26 Wayne & Edith Clouse
Sidney Veatch	26 Peggy Caldwell	14 Don & Vicki Ratcliff	Jay & Kristi Strickland
9 Sally Dill	Mya Harrison	16 Jeff & Steph Strickland	28 David & Linda Wilson
Dennis Fruits	27 Peggy McKinsey	17 Jim & Diane Conger	30 Bill & Rosalie Mikesell
11 Al Deck	Jennifer Pearman	18 Bill & Margie	Larrie & Patricia
13 Thomas Wilson	28 Aimee Dellinger	Henderson	Patton
14 Jerri Conner (70)	29 Nancy Lyon (70)	19 Wayne & Kathryn	Justin & Brittany Heide
Ryan Hoffman	Kathy Tobias	Smith	
15 Judy Covert	30 Shannon Harrison	Phil & Skeet Morris	