



Missions Spotlight

Montgomery County FISH

The FISH program of Montgomery County was founded in 1969 by Rev. Little of the First Methodist Church. It exists to meet the emergency needs of the citizens of Montgomery County who aren't getting any aid through other agencies. There are twelve people from Montgomery County churches who make up the board along with the coordinators of the four divisions. Tina Martin and Barbara VanArsdel presently represent First Baptist on the board. Twenty-two county churches currently give financial support to FISH. Many individuals and groups throughout the county also donate food, clothing and linens as well as financial support. There are also many individuals who volunteer their time, many of these volunteers are from FBC.

In the Narthex of First Baptist Church there can often be found a shopping cart. The cart is for gathering of donations of food, paper products, etc. for the food pantry. The holidays are an especially difficult time for the food pantry to keep up with the demand. The Mission Board of FBC financially supports the FISH program. Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference in the FISH program.

Ways you can Support FISH

1. Pray for this organization
2. Support them financially
3. Donate food, linens, clothing, etc.
4. Volunteer

Food Pantry

First United Methodist Church

Contact Person:

Barbara Veach

Open: M-F 8:30 - 10:30 am

Clothing Pantry

Presbyterian Church

Contact Person:

Betty Politt

Open: M 9-11am
W 3-5 pm

Linen Pantry

First Baptist Church

Contact Person:

Barbara VanArsdel

Open: W 10 - noon

Financial/transient

First Christian Church

Contact Person:

Wayne Kesler

Committee interviews on Wednesday afternoons

A Highly Qualified Coach—Pastor Isaac

It is with great pride and even greater humility that I have accepted the position as Head Coach of one of the 3rd and 4th grade SMYSC soccer teams. Unfortunately when this great honor was first offered to me I was not present, which made my acceptance much simpler, but also deprived both parents and players of a full understanding of my substantial qualifications. So, I have decided to enumerate the many significant moments that have molded and shaped me for this exact position, a glorious resume of soccer brilliance in whose splendid light and warmth my beloved team will no doubt bask for years to come.

Qualifications:

1) Soccer Study Sessions - I spent many hours of my high school career listening to an Ecuadorian family discuss many things, soccer being one of the most common topics. They were friends of ours and so many an afternoon or evening was spent in their living room, just soaking in the wisdom. They were very knowledgeable and the amount of soccer strategy and theory

that could be gained from them was monumental. The only way I could have learned more from them would have been if I spoke any Spanish.

2) Professional Experience - I once watched almost the entire World Cup Championship game between France and Brazil, also in Spanish.

3) Appearance - In just under 2 minutes using nothing but a simple hair brush and three cans of hairspray I can transform my head into almost an exact replica of a fluffy brown #5 Spalding Soccer ball, with a face.

4) Spectator Experience - Last year I watched my daughter play soccer and picked up some pretty helpful tips that will come in handy in my own coaching. Yelling "Go, Go, Go" at the top of your lungs while your player is on a downfield breakaway helps them to run faster and also makes you light headed. Most kids only come for the snack so make sure it is good. Encouraging your players to violently slide tackle the opposing team's best player is sinful and should only be done in an emergency. No one is keeping score, we are just having fun, so it is up to the coach to remember how many goals each team

makes.

5) Prior Coaching Experience - Several years ago, I volunteered to be the Assistant Coach of Gabe's 4 year old soccer team and was almost immediately promoted to Head Coach, the reason escapes me presently. I spent several weeks trying to get 4 year old boys and girls to chase a ball but not to touch it. I would describe my coaching style as Tony Dungy crossed with Bobby Knight. With quiet strength I would run up and down the side of the field screaming, "Kick It! Kick It!" "No, Kick the ball not the goalie" "No, kick it that way." "No, the other way!" "Stop picking grass and chase the ball." "Put down that rock!" "Kick the Ball!"

6) Prior Soccer Playing Experience - Sometimes I play soccer in my back yard against my children. It is almost like I am in a league of my own and there is really no comparison between my skill and theirs.

I could go on and on but I feel that I have clearly shown my depth of experience. It goes without saying that any player with a coach like me will have an opportunity like no other, and I

look forward to our season with eager expectation.

Actually this is not the first time I have been totally unqualified for something and tried it anyway. I am certainly not wise or mighty or noble but God has saved me and made me his child. I am totally unqualified to be a Christian, but that is the beauty of grace. God has used the foolish things, the base things, the weak things, all of that is referring to me. The miracle of grace is that foolish things deserve folly but are given Christ, our wisdom. Lowly things deserve to be low but are given Christ, the greatest and most noble. Weak things deserve to just be

weak and stay weak but by God's grace we're given Christ, the strongest of all. And so I can, as a weak and lowly and foolish man, boast, because God has given me Christ, and in him I have everything. I am unqualified for grace, which is why it is still grace and not a paycheck. I pray that I continue to feel unqualified for the grace that God has given me in Christ, and so instead of being filled with the pride in my own qualifications, being humbled and then exceedingly grateful for the greatness that is mine in my Savior. Read again the passage from I Corinthians 1 admit your qualifications (or lack thereof) and then boast in the Lord!

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP . . . LIMITED SPACE

Plans are being finalized for 15 people from our church working at an **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** processing center in Atlanta, Ga. There are still a few seats left in our rented van. Volunteers will be responsible for 3 nights motel expense, food, and sharing the cost of gasoline. Our group will leave from the church on Sunday, Dec 4. We will be volunteering in the processing center at Atlanta, Georgia on Dec 5 and Dec 6. We will leave for home on Wednesday, Dec 7.

If you are interested in this worthwhile project, please join us! Call Fred Phelps (866-0734) if you have questions or you want to volunteer.

I Corinthians

1:26-31

²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Passion Groups



Carla Earl will be leading a Exercise Call for any lady of the church who is interested. This will be geared toward different ages and levels. We will have toning and stretching for the entire body using dumbbells for resistance. The class will meet every Thursday evening starting October 6th at 5:30 for one hour. Bring 3 - 10 pound weights (what ever is comfortable for you) and a mat or large towel. If you have questions you may call Carla at 361-6908



Monday, October 17th
10:00 am
 Marge Hughes' Home—
 1473 W Deer Cliff Drive
 362-1394

7:00 pm Toni McKinney's
 home—693 N Campbell
 Street 918-0794
 These study groups meet
 on the third Monday of
 the month in a home to
 share fellowship and to

encourage each other.
 Marge Hughes is teaching
 on a Max Lucado book, A
 Love Worth Giving.
 Please feel free to come
 any time that works for
 you, you will be blessed!



Hands & Hearts for Jesus

Our first meeting after
 the summer break will be
 on September 6th at 5:30
 pm.

Our personal chef, Tyke
 Rice, will prepare a lite
 meal for us. Dessert and
 devotions will be pro-

vided by Barbara
 VanArsdel.

A report will be given
 from Summer Confer-
 ence at Franklin College.
 Sharon Kenny will give a
 detailed report with new
 White Cross requests.

Virginia VanHook will
 lead us in gift wrapping
 shoeboxes for Operation
 Christmas Child.

Everyone is welcome to
 join us for good fellow-
 ship, and fun working on
 our service projects.



Edna Martin Circle—October 11th

The American Baptist
 Women's Edna Martin
 Circle will meet Tuesday,
 October 11th, at 9:00 am at
 the church with Marilyn
 Peterman hosting. As
 we continue of our
 study of the women of the
 Bible, Ruby Sterrett will
 present our lesson on
 Rachel. Study scriptures
 are Genesis 29-35;
 Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew
 2:18.

Our community out-
 reach opportunity for
 October is the Family
 Crisis Shelter. Items to
 share are personal prod-
 ucts, paper products, teen
 books, shampoo, condi-
 tioner, razors, tooth
 brushes/paste. You may
 give your items to Marge
 Hughes or Mary Jane
 Porter.

This Circle is open to
 any woman in our church

who has a heart for
 missions, wishes to partici-
 pate in learning more
 about the ministry of
 American Baptist Women,
 and desires to share
 in Christian fellowship
 with other women. Please
 join with us. You may
 phone Mary Jane Porter,
 362-6687, for further
 information.

Coming Events—Women's Fellowship

It's a Wonderful Life at Beef & Boards on Tuesday, November 15th cost \$44.00 per person.

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with this heartwarming family show and rejoice as George realizes the tremendous impact his life has had on the world around him.

Guiding Light—September

During the month of September we are studying the story of creation. The children are learning how God made earth in seven days. We have started chapel time every other Tuesday with Linda. The children love to play the instruments and sing.

Preschool is in full swing. I do have openings in the 4 year old class if you know of anyone looking for childcare. I also have one opening in the infant room. We are offering a new computer class to the 5 year old class. Every

We will need to make a firm commitment by October 15th. At the present time we are holding a large group of seats. If you are interested in going be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center. We will start collecting the first Sunday in October and everything will need to be paid no later than

other Tuesday a company called Compuchild comes to the daycare and teaches the children computer skills. We are asking anyone in the church to sponsor a child. The cost is \$8 per child and this will help compensate the cost to the parents. If you could help us in this way please let me know.

New Staff: We have a new addition to our daycare staff. Ms Megan comes from a local daycare here in town and is active at New Hope Christian Church.

October 15th. We will leave the church at 5:30.

Christmas Aglow—December 6th. Christmas Dinner and program for all of the ladies of First Baptist. November and December seem far away in this heat wave, but before you know it the holidays will be here.

Financial information: We are currently helping staff children and families in the community with assistance from the scholarship fund.

Continuing to serve,

Julie and the Guiding Light Staff



ABW Fall Conference Monday, October 24th at the Waynetown Church

Registrations start at 8:30 am with breakfast at 9:00am

State team will be our state president, Robin Nolin, and Janice Mott. We will also have a missionary speaker, to be announced at a later date.

Harvest Party Sunday, October 30th





October 20th Keenagers will travel to the Mayberry café in Danville for lunch after a brief meeting at 10. Contact Kathryn Brown to make your reservations. 362-2114

American Baptist Women's Day—October 8th

We are the host church for the women from around the state. Please plan to join us for a day of fellowship, fun and information. The day will start with registrations and a continental

breakfast at 8:00 am. Followed by opening gathering at 9:15 am.

We are in need of about 20 women to help in various areas of the church through out the day. If you are coming

and would like to lend a hand — contact Georgia Phelps or Pat Snow for more information.

Hope to see you there!

Artist Reception

June Gourley will be a featured artist (with Karen Patton) from October through November 26th at the Sugar Creek Art Center in downtown Thorntown around the corner from Stookeys—the gallery is upstairs. The gallery is open Thursday—Saturday from 11:00—5:00. Please come to a reception with the artists on Friday, October 14th from 6:00—9:00. If you need directions, please call June at 362-3386.

Back to School—Thank You

Thanks for your wonderful gift to Families Needing Backpacks. We were able to help 476 children get ready for school on August 6th at First Baptist Church in connection with Purdue Extension (Family Nutrition Program). Without your help this would not have been possible. We will be

heading up this event next year in August and hope that you would be able to help us again. Thank you again for helping us reach out one child at a time here in Mont-

gomery County. Debbie Threlkeld and Tina Martin



Notes from the Congregation

Church Family,
Thank you for the help to go to Handicamp. I Had a great time learning about Jesus.

Michael Tobias

First Baptist Friends,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent in memory of Jim.

Thank you for the calls to check on us, the cards, the offer of help for whatever I needed! You were such a blessing to us.

I am most grateful!
Diane Conger & Family

First Baptist Family,
We just want to say thank

you to Pastors Isaac & Jeff and our entire church family for all the love and support you have given us during the recent passing of our daughter Olivia. Thank you for the beautiful flowers at her funeral and for the wonderful dinner afterwards and all the cards we have received. We are truly blessed to have you all in our lives.

With love,

Jason & Alexis Burge

First Baptist Family,
Thanks to everyone for their love, support and prayers for the last several months for my

father, Max Bolinger. He went home to be with the Lord on September 4th. A very special thank you to Pastor Isaac and Dick VanArsdel for being there with us at the hospital and sharing our last family prayer with my Dad. I cannot begin to put into words how much it meant to me for so many of my church family to come to the funeral home. The beautiful cards, flowers from the church and afghan from Thankful Hearts has given me and my family such comfort and support.

Tina Martin and Family

October Calendar

- 3 Finance Meeting 5:30
- 4 Hands & Hearts 5:30
- 8 ABW Day
Golf Scramble 2:00
- 9 3rd Quarter Business Meeting 6:00
- 11 Edna Martin Circle 9
GLCCM Meeting 5
Board of CE 6:30
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
Horsemen Reunion 12
- 17 Passion Groups
- 20 Keenagers Outing
- 21 Rehearsal 5:30
- 22 Wedding 2:30—Reception
- 23 Board Meetings
- 24 Assemble Newsletter

Weekly

- Tuesdays: Staff Meeting 10:00 am
Visions of Praise 6:30
- Thursdays: Golf 5:15, Exercise Class 5:30 &
Grapevine Dancers 7:00

Sympathies & Prayer Requests

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| <p>Madonna Jones—broken
tailbone, Lane House</p> <p>Kelsey Brown—ovarian
cysts, gallbladder surgery</p> <p>Michael Barclay—
complications from meds</p> <p>Walter Terry—
hospitalized</p> <p>Edlawn Warner—back
surgery</p> <p>Mary McMahan—fall,
bruising</p> <p>Dick Mills—mass in
bladder</p> <p>Sheila Crane—kidneys
shutting down</p> <p>Christopher Blickenstaff—
recovering from surgery</p> | <p>John Vaught—bleeding
on brain</p> <p>Virginia VanHook—
hospitalized</p> <p>Our deepest sympathy
to the families of:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jim Conger</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max Bolinger</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Karol Smith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ashley Scott</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Barbara Neely</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Floyd Lee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clark Holt</p> |
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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <p>5 James Gobble</p> <p>Lisa Cruz</p> <p>Kaeleigh Carrier</p> <p>7 Andrew Barclay</p> <p>8 Doris White</p> <p>9 Mona Clouse</p> <p>11 Barbara Craig</p> <p>Nate Hester</p> <p>12 Dennis Ward</p> <p>13 Rachel Barclay</p> <p>15 Allen Personett</p> <p>Barry Pool</p> <p>Ethan Utterback</p> <p>16 Ray Seale</p> <p>17 Judy Ford</p> <p>18 Bill Lippencott</p> | <p>Paula Oshier</p> <p>19 Charles E Reath</p> <p>Brad Kenny</p> <p>21 Robert Wilson</p> <p>22 Susie Locker</p> <p>Nancy Kline</p> <p>23 Harold Anderson</p> <p>Nancy Cook</p> <p>Roger Rockenbaugh</p> <p>Linda Wilson</p> <p>Trish Overpeck</p> <p>24 Jennifer Veatch</p> <p>27 Thomas McIntyre</p> <p>29 Fred Cook</p> <p>30 Barbara Reisner</p> <p>31 Lois Priest</p> | <p>1 Fred & Rozella Clore</p> <p>4 Joe & Michele Enlow</p> <p>5 Dennis & Judy Fruits</p> <p>7 Gerald & Janet Clawson</p> <p>9 George & Barbara Allen</p> <p>James & Charlene Gobble</p> <p>17 Richard & Evelyn White</p> <p>18 Barry & Stephanie Pool</p> <p>20 Roger & Sandi Hutson</p> <p>21 Al & Peggy McKinsey</p> <p>25 Duffy & Kristi Thornburg</p> <p>27 Tom & Kathleen Prince</p> |
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