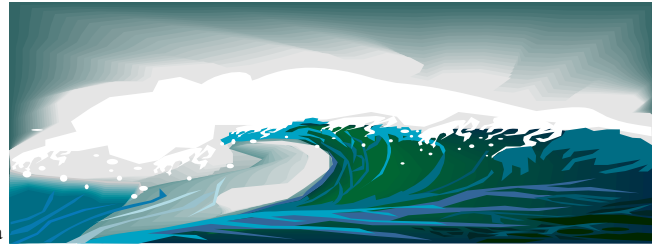




The *August 2021*
Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



As we prepare to enter the final month of summer, I find myself asking the question, where has the time gone? It seems like we just started summer break. Now, we are almost ready for the start of school again. You know, the older I get, the quicker time seems to fly by. Folks who are older than me, tell me the same thing. It reminds me of the Scripture in James 4:14 ***“Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*** The KJV uses the expression “vapor” when referring to one’s life.

I think back to my great grandmother Alice Reynolds. She was a chain-smoker. I do not recall her ever really being without a cigarette. She lived to be about 100. She was certainly not the poster child for “don’t smoke if you want to live a long time.” But anyway, I remember that she used to be able to blow perfect smoke rings. She could do one right after the other. And, like a dummy, I would try to put my face inside each ring. Sure my eyes burned, but it did not matter to me. However, the really, really good smoke rings she blew, only lasted a moment and it was gone. It was hard to position your face your just right. We laughed and did that for a long time.

So, when I think about that Scripture, I think about those smoke rings. Even the perfect rings, didn’t last long. As I get older, I see my children and grandchildren getting older. I am in a sense watching my life pass. Xavier is almost 8 years old - that’s halfway to driving age. Hannah, who is our youngest child is now 13 heading for 14. John 20. Aaron is shooting for 18. It really does not seem like it was that long ago that we brought little Hannah into our home at 8 months old. Where does the time go?

The moral of the story is, if we are only here in this world a little while, we need to make the most of those years. Let’s not waste the time God has given us. Let us look to be a blessing to others by showing love and compassion. We need to be able to extend mercy where mercy is needed. We need to be the church God has called us to be. We need to build family legacy.

This week, I am heading to Florida with my family on vacation. We are fortunate that Xavier is traveling with us. Lord willing, he will fly back with us after our vacation and get to stay here for a couple of weeks. So if you see us with X-man at church, you'll know why. Violet is still a little too little to bring alone for a week. But having X there, will be a treat for us.

We know the Bible reminds us, ***“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!”***– Psalm 127:3-5. For you and me, let us be the examples we can be to our children and our grandchildren. Let us help them grow to love Jesus.

The greatest legacy we can leave in this life, is the know-how to be saved. Second, is the importance of loving each other. When my kids and grandchildren reflect on my life, whether it’s a long life or a short one that I have, I want them to say, “Poppy was fun. Poppy loved Jesus. And, Poppy loved me.” That’s the legacy I hope to leave. What do you hope to leave your family when your vapor dissipates? Don’t overthink it. But, come up with something. It’s not how long we have that matters, it’s how we use the time we have, that matters. My prayer is that we keep the Lord first and allow everything else to follow. Enjoy the rest of summer and don’t forget to tell someone, you love them.

In His service,
Pastor Toby





The Youth Yard Sale was a tremendous success thanks to your support! The youth put in many hours gathering and setting up items, helping throughout the day to replenish the tables and then cleaning up. Dylan Pautz and Aaron Wagoner won the Worker Reward Dinner for the hours worked at the sale. Dylan worked 48 hours! Ryder, Dylan and Helen Johnson helped me pack up all the leftovers. Jim Speer, Jane and Jon Moore, Andrea Crow, Helen Johnson and Susan West were on hand to help where needed. I couldn't have done it without them. The extra items were given to the Broken Chains Ministry for their house on Virginia Street and to help them raise money for their yard sale at the Ohio River Festive that will be happening soon. All together, 9 youth helped with the yard sale. We made over \$3000! Again, Thank you for your support.

I was thrilled to see a couple of our contacts from the yard sale at church the next Sunday. We can witness for God everywhere we go!

The kids and I caravanned to Ripley on July 4 to watch the live music on the courthouse lawn. We really enjoyed the evening. Hannah Wagoner had the best attendance this past quarter. Kudos to you, Hannah! Keep up the good work!

Water seems to be in our blood. We had 31 kids and adults at our summer pool party at Bob and Helen's home. Then we traveled to the Marietta Aquatic Center with 19 kids and adults on July 28! We had a terrific time.

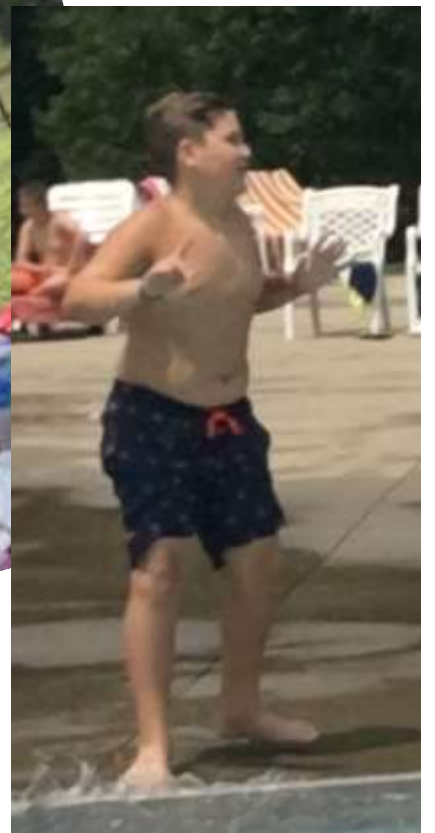
Three of our group went to Camp Cowen - Grace Shirley, Mackenzie Grandon and Aaron Wagoner. Be sure to ask them about their adventures at camp.

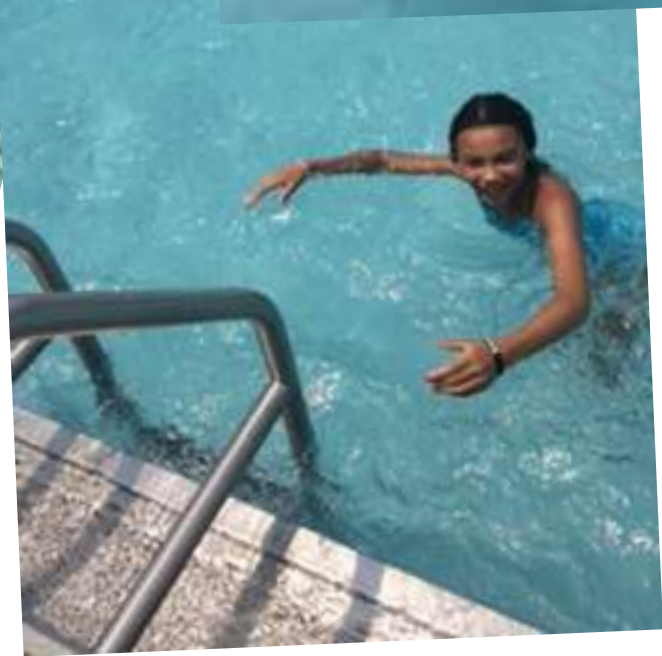
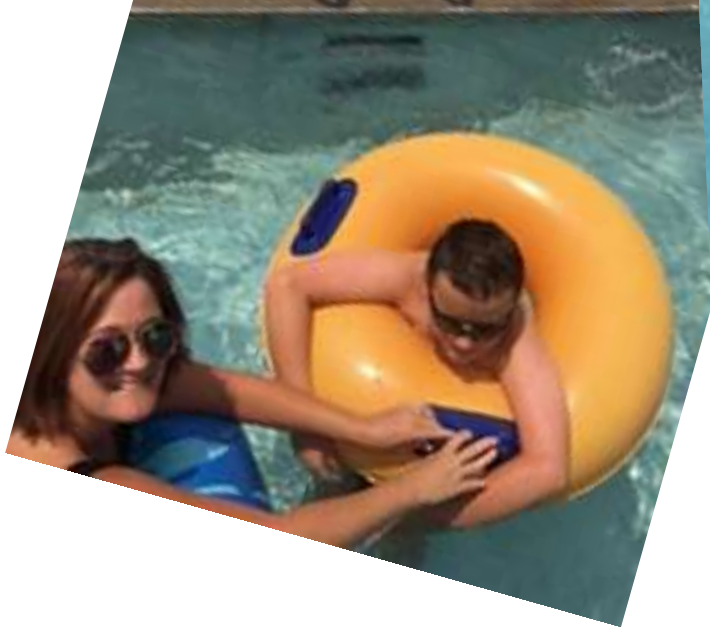
The whole church was blessed to watch Ryley Thompson be baptized on July 4. Ryley attends Camp Cowen every year and had given her heart to Jesus. She has been a faithful attender for the youth program.

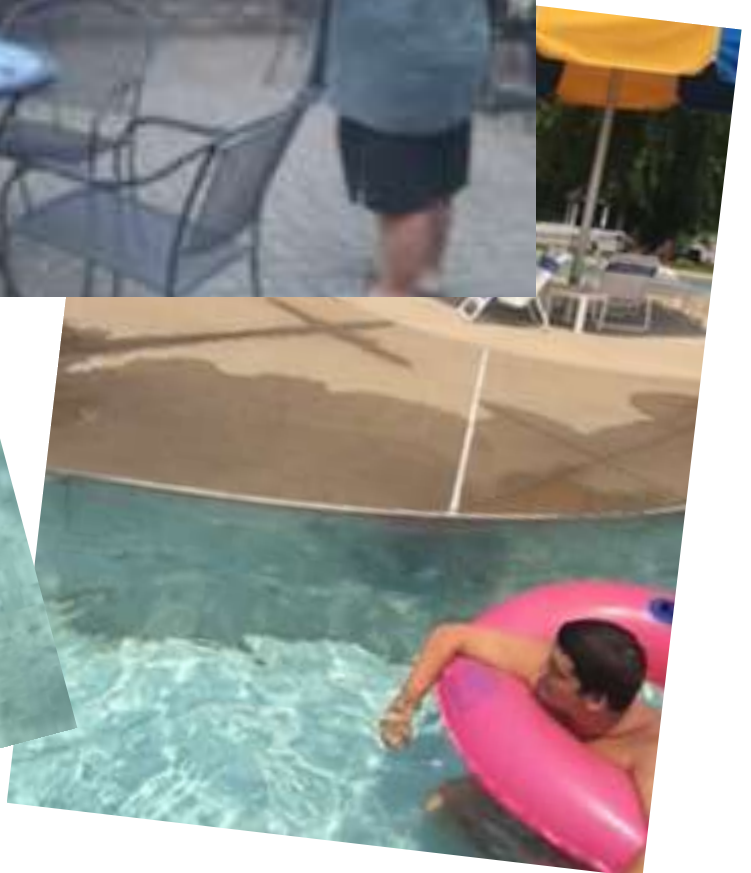
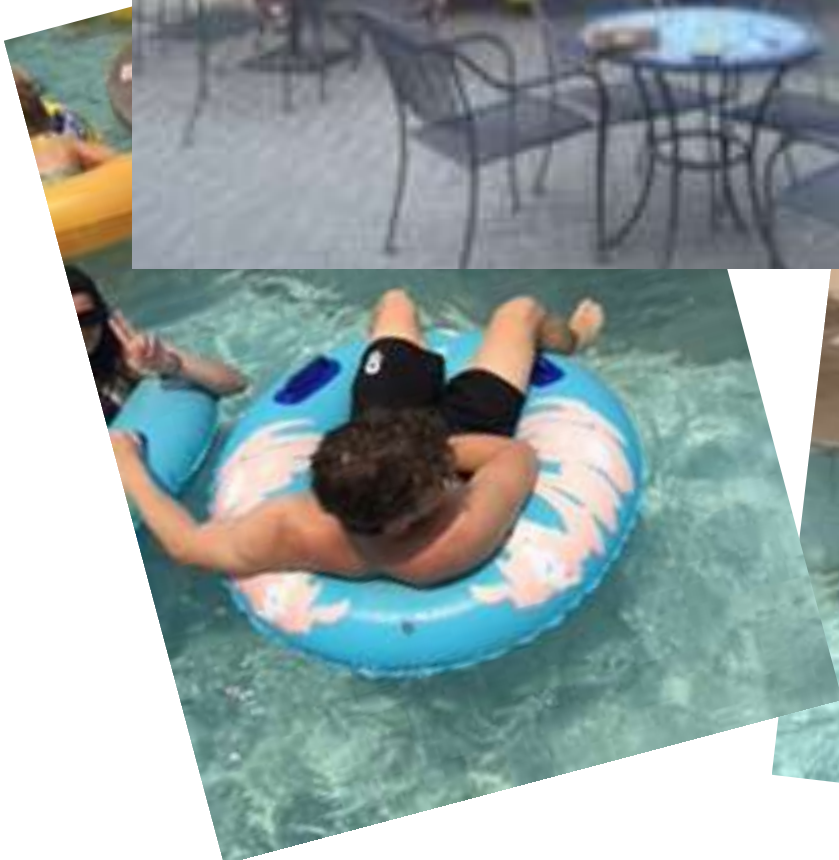
Blessings,

Ann









About FBC

Ryley Thompson Baptism



On July 4, we celebrated more than just Independence Day at FBC. We were blessed to witness the baptism of Ryley Thompson, daughter of Leanne and Stephen Thompson. Family members traveled to watch with the congregation too.

Ryley attends Camp Cowen each year and was saved during one of those times. She is going into 8th grade in the fall.

Ryley has been attending FBC Youth for the last year and worked some with the yard sale.

Be in prayer for Ryley in her walk with new life in Christ.

Men's Fellowship



The men's group had a great turnout of 13 men during their July meeting.

With breakfast-for-dinner and a great devotion, they enjoyed the evening. Plans were made to help with the church picnic in August.

The men will be grilling hotdogs and enjoy the day with our church family at the picnic on August 8.



Another Baptism..

is scheduled for Sunday, August 1. Please contact Pastor Toby if you would like more information about salvation and baptism.

Reaching out, Inviting in, Growing in Christ together

Getting Back to Normal



Another step in getting back to normal was worshipping with our tithes and offerings. Thank you to the ushers who perform this part of our worship service.

Good Hope Association

FBC will be hosting the annual Good Hope Association meeting on August 15 with a luncheon at 1:00. The meeting will follow at 2:00.

We will be sending a sign up sheet around for the dinner on Sunday August 8 for sides and desserts to go with fried chicken and hot rolls. The social committee will be setting up and providing drinks.

It is an honor to be a part of the Good Hope Association. The opportunity to be a host church comes round only every 7 years or so.

Come be a part of a wonderful service!

Annual Church Picnic



WOOHOO! Picnic!

Where: Shelter on Fitzhugh Street

When: August 8 at 4:00

Who is grilling: Men fixing hotdogs

What do we bring:

Covered dish

Chair

Swim suit

Appetite



**Pool Party to follow
City Pool**

5:00 to 7:00

18-35 get locked and coded!

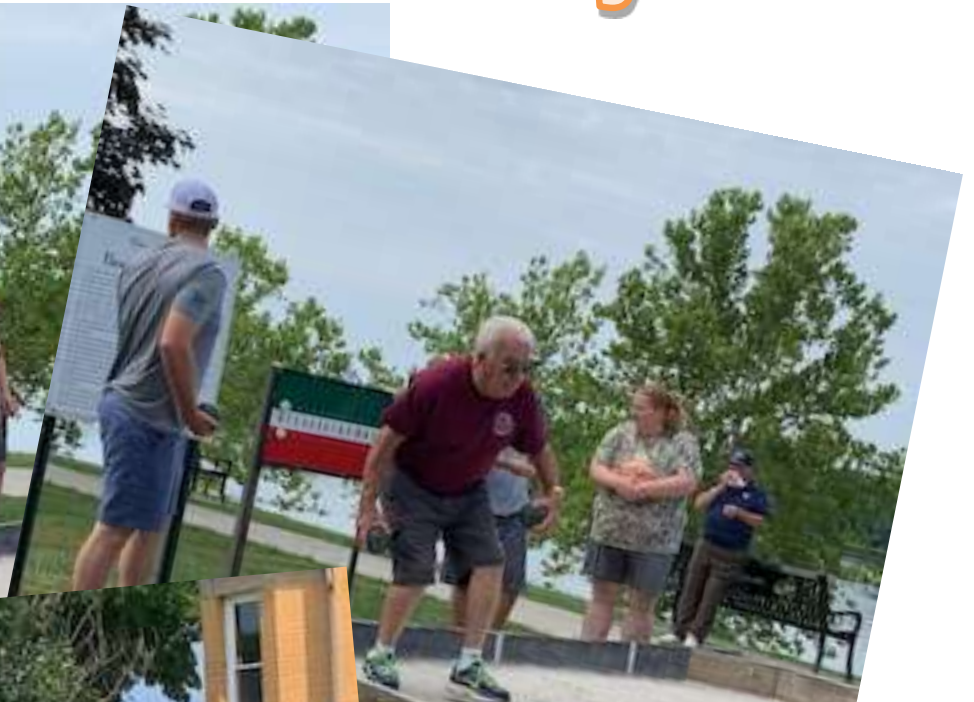


Take me out to the ball game!





Bocce Ball Away!





Focus on Sunday School:



Can Iron Float?!?

Elisha was with a company of prophets at their meeting place close to the Jordan River. Their room was really small! So the men decided to make a bigger room.

They went down to the river to cut some poles to use for the room. Elisha went down with them.

One of the men was chopping on a tree and the head of his axe fell off into the river! "Oh, no!" he said. "Elisha, this wasn't my axe. I borrowed it from my neighbor! What will I do?"

"Where did it go?" asked Elisha. The man showed him the place where it fell.

Then Elisha cut a stick and threw it in the same place. Suddenly, the iron head of the axe floated to the top of the water! The man reached out and was able to get the axe head and fix the tool.

God cares about our everyday needs. He cares about you too. Check out 2 Kings 6:1-7.

It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!

August Calendar

- Aug 2 Blood Drive
- Aug 5 Deaconess Meeting
- Aug 8 Church Picnic and Pool Party
- Aug 9 BOCE
- Aug 14 CIRCLE Trip
- Aug 15 Good Hope Association Annual Meeting
- Aug 17 Financial Committee
- Aug 25 Anchor Articles Due
- Aug 27 Movie Night
- Aug 29 Teachers' Appreciation Dinner

August Birthdays



- Bobby Jeter—8/1**
- Destinijane Hicks—8/2**
- Jane Moore—8/3**
- Patti Calvert—8/8**
- Warner Stephens—8/8**
- Beau Bennett—8/11**
- Holly Palmer—8/11**
- Lincoln Ritchie—8/11**
- Mason Kerns—8/13**
- Amy Starkey—8/15**
- Torren Johnson—8/22**
- Leigh Ann Kerns—8/26**
- Kenny Goodwin—8/29**

**Is your birthday name missing?
Tell Susan**

**Bible Book of the Month
August 2021**

Deuteronomy



CommUnity Kitchen

- Aug 7 Burt Lyons**
- Aug 14 FUMC**
- Aug 21 Susan West crew**
- Aug 28 Kay Pursley**

If your family or group would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you.

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Zack Graham	2 Kaeleigh & Mackenzie Grandon	3 Terri Greenwood	4 Nathan & Lilly Hall	5 Mike Hall	6 Bill & Tammy Harpold, Shane	7 Jo Hendricks
8 Kyle Hickman	9 Crystal Hickman, Tara, Destijane	10 Lisa Hoke	11 Kathy Hudson	12 Bobby & Charolette, Christian	13 Margaret Johns	14 Bob & Helen Johnson
15 Ann Johnson	16 Torren & Shealyn Johnson, Emrie, Kacie	17 Jason & Leigh Ann Kerns, Mason, Logan	18 Matt & Kristi King, Landon	19 Joseph & Marjorie, Joseph Jasmine, Maurice	20 Randy & Sami Lawson	21 Debbie Legg
22 Wayne & Pam Legg, Joshua, Samantha, Victoria	23 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	24 Burt & Debbie Lyons, Philip	25 Greg & Rhonda Lyons Libby, Kyler Cameron	26 Peg Lyons	27 Talia Martinez	28 Richard & Phyllis Massey
29 Robert McCaulley	30 Brad & Donna McCoy	31 Fred & Robin McGoskey				

