Jefferson First Baptist Church

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

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40 days of prayer as we enter the fall ministry season

Noah's life was dramatically effected by 40 days of rain. Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai. Jesus was tested by 40 days in the wilderness. The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection and before his ascension. While 40 days is not a magic number, it does seem to occur in the Bible a number of times.

This September, we will be embarking on 40 days of prayer as we enter the fall ministry season because "where prayer focuses, power fall". We hope to see God work in new ways in our church this year. Prayer not only reflects our dependence on God, God also tells us that "we have not because we ask not" (James 4:2). Prayer not only aligns our purposes with God's purposes, it is also a means by which we come to know God better.

The United States of America is in a time of tremendous spiritual need. The things that are seen on television and the news would have been unheard of even 10 years ago. Yet as we look across the land, the needs of our land are not political or economic. The great need is not better schools or more funding. The great need of our land is the blessing and life that come from a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ. He is the one that changes hearts, changes marriage, changes families and changes our land. The great spiritual transformations that have happened in the world have come about by sustained, enduring corporate prayer.

Beginning September 11, please consider joining our Wednesday prayer meetings for corporate sustained prayer. We also invite you to grab a 40 day prayer guide that will be made available on the Welcome Table beginning September 8. Our church finds itself in a great time of need and a great time of opportunity that can only be addressed by God. Prayer is the historical means by which spiritual awakening and revival occur. Please join us for 40 days of prayer this fall.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Youth Group Begins September 8

This is a reminder that a new church youth group led by Pastor Kevin will begin at 6 p.m. on September 8. All young people in grades fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth are invited and encouraged to attend.

The time will include fun activities and Bible lessons that will help the youth prepare for a future of living for Christ. The meetings will take place in our church basement that is taking on a new look for

Questions Answered at SBC Meeting

About 25 members and friends attended the August 21 informational meeting about the Southern Baptist Convention. The group's questions were written on the chalkboard, and then answered by Pastor Kevin and others. Most of the questions pertained to autonomy, money, missions, obligations, and differences between the ABC and SBC.

A vote is still planned for the October meeting of church members.

Women's Bibles Studies Begin September 18 and 19

The Wednesday evening and Thursday morning women's Bible studies will start on September 18 and 19, so there is still time to sign up

The 9—11 a.m. Thursday morning group will be studying Kay Arthur's study on First Samuel. The 6—8 p.m. Wednesday evening group will be using Beth Moore's *Believing God Bible* study.

Please let Brenda Phillips or Joan Carolin know this week if you are interested in attending so that books may be ordered in time.

October

Happy Birthday!

Barb Smith	**4**
Dan Havens	**18**

Happy Anniversary!

Jerry & Barbara Greene 13

If you are not included in our birthday and/or anniversary lists and would like to be, please call Ed at 576-0390. Thank you!

JBWM Supporting MYA Women's Center

The Jefferson Baptist Women's Ministry is supporting the MYA Women's Center in Ashtabula for the month of September.

All women are invited to a Baby Shower for MYA on September 21 at 2 p.m. at the church. Those planning on attending will find a list of baby needs on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.

Missionaries of the Month

Koinonia Camp & Conference Center is our mission partner for September. Summer camping season has ended, but that is only one part of the year-round-ministry that goes on at Koinonia. Check out their newsletter on the bulletin board at the north entrance to the church sanctuary or go to christian-campohio.org/newsletter.html

Plan on attending the annual Koinonia Carnival that will be held at the camp on October 5.

OCC Full Circle Speaker Event a Huge Success

Praise the Lord; for He gave us a great response to the Operation Christmas Child Full Circle Speaker event. The event was attended by 53 people of whom 21 were from our church. If you didn't have the opportunity to hear Mariya speak, you can in this YouTube video which features Mariya at another full circle speaker event giving a talk very similar to the one she gave at our church. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3eKo5dqpHs

With Mariya's talk reminding us of the value of our work in this ministry, we can look forward to packing shoeboxes to reach children with the message of God's love. To aid you in packing, starting Sunday October 6 we will once again have a room in the fellowship hall with Operation Christmas Child resources available. And as always if you have any questions feel free to contact me, Yvonne Woodworth at 440-576-1401 or ymwoodworth@yahoo.com.

Thank you. Yvonne

Thank You to Our Summer Vespers' Hosts

Our church had four very good summer Sunday vespers programs. In the August newsletter, we thanked the Phillips family and the Buenos Amigos class for the first two evenings. We also say "Thank you" to Gary and Brenda Headley for hosting vespers in July and Charles and Susan Johnston for hosting a Texas barbecue in August.

Maybe more of you will be open to hosting a vespers next summer. It is one more way to add to the Christian fellowship and outreach of our church.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:30 S School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	2 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	3 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders	4 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	5 6:30 p.m. Moms & Daughters Study	6	7
8 9:30 S School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Potluck & Ice cream social 6:00 Youth Group	9 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	10 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	11 40 Days of Prayer begin 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	12 2:30 Hymn Sing 	13	14
15 Women's Sunday 9:30 S School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	16 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	17 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Circle	18 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	19 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Study 11 a.m. Martha Circle at Brenda Headley's	20	21 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 2:00 p.m. MYA Baby Shower
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	23 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	24 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders	25 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	26 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	27	28 9-11 a.m. Elders Retreat
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Youth Group	30 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park					
		Deadline for the Oct. Newsletter is Sept. 25. Please email or give the information to Ed Pickard epickard@embarqmail.com				

Elders

Pastor Kevin Phillips Rick Havens
Garth Cornell Ed Pickard

Deacons & Deaconesses

John Dyrcz Brenda Headley
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Sunday Services:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Nursery Care Provided

7:00 p.m. Wednesday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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