

May-June, 2010

CAMP GIDEON 2010

Grades 2-4	June 13-15/June 16-18
Grades 4-6	June 20-25
Grades K-6	June 25-27
Grades 7-9	June 28-July 1
K-Grade 2	July 5-8
Family Camp	July 9-11
Grades 3-5	July 11-16
Grades 6-8	July 17-22
Mother/Daughter	July 23-25
Grades 3-5	July 25-30

Brochures/registrations are available at the Welcome Center.

SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- ◆ During the month of March, we had a total of 68 visitors to our campus or about 17 per Sunday. That is good for our size church and shows people are responding to invitations. We have plenty more cards of “Visit My Church at Jacksonfriends.org” at the Welcome Center—Thanks!
- ◆ We distributed about 200 prayer journals as we joined in times of prayer throughout the week and personal times to pray. Prayer is the key to see God’s power—Thank you!
- ◆ Our men have had two great breakfasts on Saturdays and our next one is on Saturday, April 24th at 8:00 a.m. as we will join with Akron Community Friends. Come and join us!
- ◆ Join with me over the next two months as we read the Bible together. We have a new 60-day plan for you. God’s Word is our foundation for truth.



—Pastor Dave

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Would you like to visit CAMP GIDEON?

We believe in a summer camp experience for our children. And our EFC-ER summer camp is Camp Gideon in Mechanicstown, Ohio. Camp Manager, our own Tom Lincoln, invites you to join him at camp on May 8 for the Camp Gideon Barbeque Bash. Drop by between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Many fun camp activities such as:



Hiking the nature trails
Archery lessons
Fishing and Canoeing
Amish buggy rides
Silent auction baskets
Amish bake sale



Special live music with radio personality, Ricco, performing "oldies."

Need directions? ... Take I-77S to Rt. 30. Take 30E to Rt. 43 south through Malvern toward Carrollton. Turn left on Rt. 171. Rt. 171 turns into county road 71. Turn left at Rt. 39. Follow 39 through Mechanicstown. Camp Gideon sign will be about 3/4 mile past Mechanicstown on the left.

Bring the family and meet the leadership team for this summer. The kids will feel even more at home when they arrive this summer.

Reminder: Our JFC Christian Education budget will pay your registration fee when you register for summer camp. Just send in your registration and mark, "Deposit paid by Jackson Friends."

Come and see the camp — you'll love it!

Dear JFC Family,

I want to thank you for allowing me many years of service as your Director of Music Ministries and worship leader. It has been a joy serving at JFC and watching the music program grow both in size and in the Spirit of praise and worship.

It has not been an easy decision but through the prompting of God, Diane and I know it is the right time to move on into new ministry opportunities. A friend recently said that sometimes we have to walk through the exit before we will see what's on the other side. We took that advice and thus begins a new adventure that would not have come had we not been obedient to resigning from JFC.

Shortly after making that decision, a dear friend, Tammi Shreve, contacted us about teaching positions that were open at The American School of Tripoli (Libya). Teaching abroad has been an interest of ours for many years. After several days of interviewing and reference checking, we were given an invitation to join the teaching team at AST.

We would ask for your prayers as we embark on a very different kind of ministry. God bless you at Jackson Friends. Let everyday be a new song to sing of God's amazing love and care. Our love and prayers are with you.

*In His Service,
Denny and Diane Herris*



TRANSITION REQUIRES PERSEVERANCE

I have had the opportunity to work with several schools and groups of people throughout my career. I’ve learned that anytime you make a change in your job, a significant transition is right around the corner. Transitions can be beneficial but it typically causes some disruption in one’s life. How much disruption? Well, that depends on you and where you are at.

Transitions are not only seen in one’s vocation but also in many other areas such as parenting, relationships and just the normal stages of life that we all go through. Personally speaking, I know if I am not grounded in Christ, life’s changes can make things quite uncertain and may cause some unplanned stress and chaos in my life.

Fortunately, for the most part, I have been able to navigate through transitions I’ve had with jobs and life in general, by trying to remain steadfast in serving Him. No, I haven’t always been successful, but this has been my goal and the key ingredient for me when in transition.

As I approach yet another transition in my life, I think of the life of the apostle Paul. Here is a man that had a major transition—one from **persecuting** Christ to **serving** Christ. His perseverance was unwavering as he displayed a passion to work through obstacles and a huge transition in his life. Paul knew what he believed, was obedient to his calling and demonstrated great perseverance along his transitions.

Whatever stage you are going through right now, I urge you to use the life of Paul as a model to go by as he faced opposition, temptation, ridicule, physical harm and all the things we face when we face transitions. Keeping Christ at the center is really the only way to face all that we have coming our way and will help you to face the many transitions coming your way.

—Chris McBurney

In Which of These Outreach Ministries Would You Be Willing to Work?

On Sunday, May 16th we will host several outreach ministries:

- Crisis Pregnancy Center of Stark County
- Friends Disaster Relief
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lighthouse Ministries of Canton
- Local Elementary Schools through Thanksgiving Baskets
- Salvation Army
- Total Living Center of Canton
- Pathway of Canton

All were listed in “The Great Adventure.” Stop by the tables in the lobby on May 16 to find out more.

Let’s plan to partner with these outreach ministries in our community. What would the Lord ask of You?



MONDAYS at 6:45 p.m. in the Hospitality Room

We’re using the book “Celebrate Success” (cost \$15).

Come and join this great group of women as we seek to love God with our hearts, minds, strength and soul!

Jackson Friends Staff

Senior Pastor David Tebbs
 Pastor of Singles, Discipleship & Missions Craig Henry
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 Middle School Scott "Moby" Dick
 Senior High Youth Jeff Gilliland
 Christian Education Carol Williams
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 Greeters Susan Haythorn
 Fellowship Comm. Groups Carol Williams
 WeddingsLori Miller
 Fish CupboardGinny Curran
 Threads from Heaven Judy Tomkins

Church office hours are Monday-Friday
 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Crossroads is monthly newsletter of Jackson Friends Church. Activities to be put on the calendar must be submitted to Lori Miller before being published. All articles and calendar events for publication must be turned in by the 15th of every month to Ginny Curran (gcurran@jacksonfriends.org).

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KIDHAPPENINGS

PRE-SCHOOL &
ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

KidZone is returning on May 2nd! We will continue our TREASURE Quest. Be sure to join us during both worship services.



Wednesday night Christian Life Club will be wrapping up for the year on May 5th. We will celebrate with a Movie and Popcorn.

We have lots of fun planned for the summer months:

- VBS is scheduled for June 21-25.
 - Camp Gideon has opportunities throughout the summer.
 - We are planning some additional outings.
- Be sure to watch the bulletin for details!

Easter Egg Hunt: A special thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg hunt! 1600 eggs stuffed, 70+ kids and unseasonably great weather!



WELCOME KRISTEN AULL!

Kristen Aull has accepted the staff position of Director of Children's Ministry. Kristen and her husband, Joe, have two children (Haley and James Edward). Kristen has taught in many areas for JFC and has developed both a program for young moms and our First Place 4 Health Bible Study that meets on Monday nights. She loves the Lord and has a heart for ministry. She is excited about leading our summer VBS and adding some new programs for our children. Her smile is genuine and her enthusiasm is real. We are so glad to welcome her to the team.

GENERATIONS



MAY

Thursday, May 13th—We're traveling to the Spread Eagle for lunch. We'll go by bus so be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center or see Larry Werstler.

Friday, May 21st—Join us at the Temple Baptist Church in Green to hear Tribute Quartet at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken. Call Larry at 492-2642 if you need transportation.



CALLING ALL KIDS!

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THIS SUMMER AT JFC
JUNE 21-25

9:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON

ALL KIDS AGES 3 THROUGH 6TH GRADE
(ENTERING) ARE INVITED.

**THE DEEP SEA ADVENTURE (EXPLORING
THE DEPTH OF JESUS' LOVE) IS OUR
THEME!**

NO COST, NO REGISTRATION—JUST COME!



SENIOR HIGH

Saturday, May 1st—Indians Game: Cost is \$20, which includes ticket and transportation. Meet at JFC at 3:45. We will leave at 4:00 and spend some time at Tower City Mall and then head over the game at 7:00. It's Dollar Dog Night! We'll return home after the game is over.



Friday, May 7th—Photo Scavenger

Hunt: Meet here from at 6:30 p.m. You'll drive your team and try to get your picture taken with different clues. When you return to the church, we'll put all the pics up on a slideshow! Done by 9:30.

Saturday, May 15th—Service Project with

Jesus Said Ministries: Meet here at 7:30 a.m. and we'll return around noon. We'll help serve food and share Christ in Akron, partnering with Jesus Said Ministries.

Sunday, May 23rd—Undershepherds: We meet from 6:30-8:30 pm. Location TBA.

Friday, May 28th—Earth Ball Extravaganza:



Join us from 5:30-9:30 p.m. How many different games can we play with a giant 8 foot tall soccer ball?

June 4-12—Oklahoma Mission Trip: Are you planning on going? What a great time to minister and have fellowship.

Saturday, June 19th—Canoeing: We're going canoeing at Canal Fulton Canoe Livery. Put it on your calendar and watch for the details.

June 23-26—Alive Festival: See Jeff for details on this event!

Middle School (Grades 6-8)



Wednesday Nights – May 5th is our last Wednesday!

Saturday, May 1st—

Dollar Dog Night at the Cleveland Indians.



Leave the church at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. If you need help, let us know. We'll return about an hour and a half after the game.

May 12th—Parents meeting from 7:00-8:00 for all parents of Middle School kids. Meet in the Middle School Room (behind the kitchen).

Friday, June 25th-26th Overnight at Alive. Leave the church at 12 noon Friday and return at 12 noon on Saturday. Cost will be announced. See Moby if you plan to go.

Wednesday, May 26th—Cookout and fellowship to wrap up the school year and kick off the summer. We'll meet every other Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. after that for Bible Study and fellowship 7-9.

Watch for small groups and other big events on a calendar coming to you soon!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We have everything from last week's bulletin to this month's newsletter. You'll also be able to find out if church services/events have been cancelled or changed.

Greeters schedules, nursery schedules, choir & orchestra — it's all there! Go to www.jacksonfriends.org.