

Fayette Community Church Communicator

September 2011

HAPPY DAYS

**Pull on your poodle skirt &
bust out the Buddy Holly
glasses;
Bring your Bible,
invite a friend and come
experience JOY!**

**SEPTEMBER 18-
OCTOBER 23**

Take a look through the book of Philippians with us (Fabulous 50's style!) during this six-week series all about discovering True Happiness.

Sep 18: First Steps to Happiness

Sep 25: Happiness vs. Problems

Oct 2: Happiness vs. People

Oct 9: Your Part in Happiness

Oct 16: Happy Through & Through

Oct 23: Happiness & Contentment

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, September 17th from 3-6 PM

The fellowship hall is becoming a 1950's Ice Cream Shop!

Root beer floats and sundaes will be served.

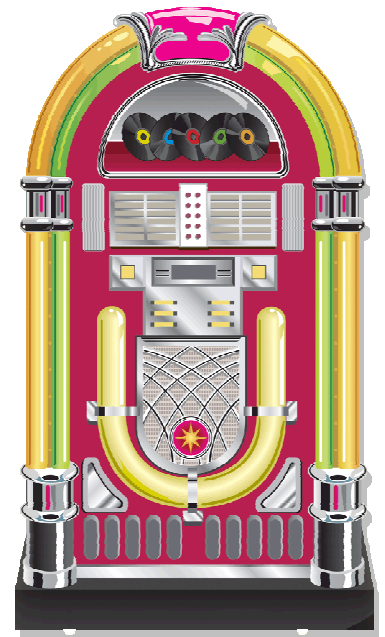
There will be '50s style (karaoke) music by YOU—
our live entertainment!

You can even cruise over for a FREE digital portrait with our
'57 Chevy photo prop!

Bring your friends and family and come enjoy a
fabulous, rockin' time!

BE OUR GUEST!

Guests who attend this worship series on Sunday mornings will be entered into a drawing to receive weekly prizes and our grand prize at the end of the series.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

CHURCH BUSINESS & MINISTRIES

C.M.B. & L.B.A.

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.

Wesleyan Women

This month's Wesleyan Women meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM. All ladies (ages 18+) are welcome to come help plan ladies events and then enjoy fellowship with a devotional by Carol Niles and snacks by Linda Tenney. Please contact Amy Campbell if you have any questions.



**Tuesday,
September 20th**

Ministry Leaders: Don't forget to fill out your activity forms for activities, events & dates in October & November and give them to Kate by the deadline. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

OTHER NOTES

Music in the Park

Everyone is invited! Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 PM in West Union (at the recreation area north of the swimming pool.) Some of Fayette Community Church's congregation members will be among the music ministers performing. Don't forget your lawn chairs!



IA-MN WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER

"Once Upon A Time..."

The IA-MN District Women's Overnighter October 7-8

Cedar Springs Camp • Floyd, IA

Guest Speakers:

Brenda Olmsted and Theresa Jenkins

"God makes everything happen at the right time..." Ecclesiastes 3:11a (CEV)

Friday evening will start with homemade soup at 6:00 PM (bring a favorite dish to share!) followed by guest speaker Theresa Jenkins.

The evening will conclude with a time of fellowship with friends, fun and games. (Bring your favorite friend and game to share!)

Saturday morning will begin with breakfast followed by guest speaker Brenda Olmsted and a short message from Suzi Swarthout. The event will wrap up with lunch on Saturday.

There will once again be tables in the tabernacle for you to display your crafts and there will be a bake sale with all proceeds going to Cedar Springs Camp (in hopes that some ladies will provide bake goods and maybe even take some items home for the week ahead.)

The cost is \$50 per person for the weekend. (\$15 for Friday evening only and \$35 for Saturday only.) Lodging and meals and speaker costs are included. (Lodging is provided in the lower dining hall or in cabins.)

**Registrations are due by
Friday, September 29th.**

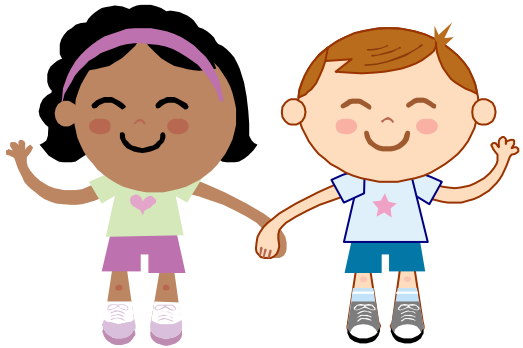
For an appointment
call 425-4211 or visit
redcrossblood.org

American Red Cross Blood Drive

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1 – 6 PM
Legion Hall, Fayette**

Sponsored by
American Legion
Post #339

IT'S (ALMOST) TIME FOR KIDS CLUB!



KIDS CLUB IS FOR GRADES K-5
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ALSO ON WEDNESDAYS
FROM 6:30-8:00 P.M.:

BLAST! GRADES 6-8
&
"HEY, YOU GUYS!"
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
FOR GRADES 9-12

WORSHIP WITH SONGS
GAMES & ACTIVITIES
BIBLE STORIES
SNACKS
FUN!



ALL RESUMING ON SEPTEMBER 7

JUST A REMINDER:

Other Weekly Bible Studies Include:

Ladies Bible Study: Mondays at 6:00 PM
At Boike's Party Room (152 South Main street, fayette)

Young Adults/college & career Bible Study: ages 18-35ish
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

At james & linda tenney's house (105 North Street, Fayette)

due to remodeling at the tenney house, this bible study is being held at the home of tracy nuss in west union. Please call james or linda at 563-425-8057 for directions.

Mission News

“Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions ... When the flame of worship burns with the heat of God’s true worth, the light of missions will shine to the darkest peoples on earth. And I long for that day to come!” —*John Piper*

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: September 4–10: Missionaries: *Pray that as our missionaries shine as lights in the vast darkness, the lost will see Jesus shining through their lives. Pray that as they are open and generous with their lives, people would come to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Pray that God would also give our missionaries hope, strength, and courage as they battle the darkness.

Week 2: September 11–17: Global Partners North American Campus Ministries: *Pray that students on Wesleyan college and university campuses and Wesleyan students attending other colleges, universities, and seminaries would hear God’s call for workers to join in the harvest. Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare their hearts to be receptive to cross-cultural ministries. Pray for them to be faithful to God’s call upon their lives.

Week 3: September 18–24: Global Partners Caribe Atlantic Area: *Pray that as pastors and church leaders receive training they would develop in their personal spiritual lives, as well as intellectually. Pray for them to be able to effectively meet the needs of their churches and communities. Pray that people would come to believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Pray that they would come to know that He can be trusted through the hardships of life.

Week 4: September 25–October 1: Brazil/Colombia/Venezuela: *Pray that believers would grow in their spiritual lives to become mature disciples of Christ and witnesses of the true God. Pray for the development of pastors and church leaders.

Greg and Tonya: Fotizo people: “There are not enough words to express how we feel... We are not only blessed by your decision to be a part of our ministry but also honored to have your church family walk along side of us on this journey. We can’t wait to see how God uses our partnership for His Kingdom and His Glory!!! Thank you for joining hands with us to reach the Fotizo people with the Good News!!!! /s/ His Ambassadors, Greg & Tonya, Tommy, Samantha & Christopher

Barry & Beth Gould: “Dear Folks at Fayette Community Church, Thank you so much for supporting the WISH ministry in Haiti once again, this time through us. We are so excited to serve the Lord in missions as the new directors, replacing the Alexanders. As you know, WISH is a long time provider of Christ’s love and compassion to the people of La Gonave Island—supporting the hospital, providing free dental care and clean drinking water and so much more. You can know that your money and prayers are making a difference. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with you and plan to keep you informed by our newsletters. Also—please feel free to contact us at anytime at barrybethgould@gmail.com. Trusting in Jesus, Barry & Beth Gould, missionaries to Haiti”

Andrea Swarthout: Japan: This month I am asking you to pray over this Top Ten Prayer List. Of course this list is not exhaustive, so please pray as the Lord leads as well. ... **1.** Pray for the physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual needs of the March 11th survivors. **2.** Pray for the physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual needs of the relief workers. **3.** Pray for the continued unity of the Japanese churches and pastors, the missionaries, and missionary organizations. **4.** Pray God would somehow intervene in the lives of those people contemplating suicide. **5.** Pray for the continued cleanup and aftermath of the nuclear reactors. **6.** Pray for me as I continue to build trust and a working relationship with my new pastor. **7.** My former pastor’s wife was my main language helper. Please pray God would bring someone along to fill that role. Pray as I continue to learn Japanese. Recently I am feeling “stuck” and I need to reach a new level. **8.** Pray for those God has been bringing into the church building through events like English Worship and English Bible Study. Pray God will continue to work in their lives. Pray for the ladies in my cooking class. **9.** Pray for me personally. Pray for my physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Pray for good stewardship amidst the high yen/low dollar. Pray especially as I continue to follow God’s will for my life and ministry. I want to be in the center of His will. Pray that “I” don’t get in the way. **10.** Pray for Immanuel General Mission and the pastors. Pray also for more pastors to be raised up. Thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers.

Matthew & Crystal Blake: “Dear Fayette Community Church, We are enjoying our time here at the IA-MN District Wesleyan Camp. Some of you are here too! ... This year is a special one for me because 20 years ago, God called me into missions here at the campgrounds during Teen Camp ... It is exciting to me to see how many more people have been at camp this year than in previous years. And today’s mission service that Pastor Laura Descalzo led was excellent! We participated and listened to speakers share about short term missions. Matt and I decided that if we weren’t already missionaries, we’d want to go into missions!

We want to say thank you for your consistent giving of financial gifts over the years. ... Also, thank you for your prayers ... We’ve found a house to live in—for whenever we are not on the road. That was an answer to prayer. We’ll live in Cedar Falls, Iowa for these 10 months of being in the USA, although starting this Monday, we’ll begin a 3-month trip that won’t bring us back to Iowa until the end of October. We’ll travel through ND, MT, WA, OR, CA, CO, NM, NY, (and) IN. Please pray for safety for us as we travel around the USA (through an estimated 20 states) and for good meetings with people.

Please pray for Crystal’s Dad, Paul Bailey, who has cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Our friend, Eva, is flying over to visit us ... She will be in the USA for 2 weeks and will come with us when we visit a couple of churches ... Please pray that God will become real to her. She is asking for proof that God is real and I believe that HE will answer that question! Please join us in prayer...

We will be looking for more people to join our prayer team and for more people to help give financially to the ministry. Please pray for our team to grow and for our support team to renew faith promises. Thank you for allowing us to be an extension of your ministry. We would like to be on your mailing list, if you send out emails or letters. Our contact info is: Matt and Crystal Blake, 1422 West 4th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Email: crystal.blake@europegp.com

Dennis & MaryAnn Barnett: Dennis & MaryAnn recently returned from a trip to Australia where they formerly served as missionaries. The following is from their newsletter: “*Fellowship in Australia with good friends during our sabbatical! We drank many a ‘cuppa’ as we reminisced, sang, prayed and ministered to one another. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!! *Chilean ash covered Australian airspace yet God opened a window for us to fly home. *One of our former challenging youth group members, ministering effectively in our largest Wesleyan church in the country...awesome preacher!! *Another young man God called into ministry through Dennis’ testimony and prayers serving as pastor of our first church plant...one of the fastest growing churches in town! *First converts growing in their faith sharing Christ! *Long time friends pastoring and ministering to International students. *Former piano students of Mary Ann (are) leading worship in their church. *The Lord lovingly prepared us for a change in ministry...

‘Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new...’ (Isaiah 43: 18-19) These were the verses the Holy Spirit kept bringing to Mary Ann’s mind during our Australian sabbatical. Psalm 46:1-2, 10, kept coming to my mind. ‘God is our refuge and strength, Therefore we will not fear, though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ Ten days before our return we received an email from Christian Student Fellowship asking us to meet with them as soon as possible.

As of Aug. 1, CSF will merge with MacLaurin Institute. MacLaurin needs a building, and CSF needs a partner in reaching students for Christ. Their vision is not invested in reaching international students. That’s our vision/mission, Matt. 28:19 ‘Make disciples of all nations’. We’ll continue to minister to International students, scholars and their families. Living Springs Church board voted unanimously for us to be their campus ministers. We value your prayers and support as we continue the work God has called us to do. Living Springs Church will channel our support for tax and legal purposes. We’ll be accountable to them, to you and to our Lord. (This way you’ll be able to receive IRS charitable receipts for your donations.) We’re grateful for your continued partnership as we reach the world that has come to our doorstep.

Hope for Children: The child that we help support through Hope for Children, a division of World Hope, is Kelleh Mansaray. We have a chance to brighten his Christmas. This is the letter they sent:

“It’s the most wonderful time of year! It’s time to wish your child the Merriest of Christmases. We know that with the warm weather, family vacations, etc., the Christmas season is the last thing on your mind. But here at Hope for Children, it’s all we can think about. This is an exciting time because we start to think about the faces of our sponsored children as they open their Christmas greetings. Your holiday messages make them feel so special, & they are a wonderful way to share the joy of our Savior’s birth...”

You should put your Christmas cards for Kelleh in my mailbox by September 12th so I can mail them by September 22nd. If you wish to add a little flat gift such as money, a picture to color, or a letter in your card, you may do so—but DO NOT seal the envelopes. World Hope checks every card before they send them on. Money will be added together and I will send a check for the total amount to Hope for Children. Let’s send Kelleh lots of cards!

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee