

NBC ~ New Beginnings In Christ

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“FEAR NOT”

Every day I am confronted by people who are afraid. And it seems that people are afraid of everything. Some are afraid of failure, others afraid of success, and still others are afraid of being afraid. I find parents who are afraid their children are not following the right paths, and young people who are afraid they aren't going to be able to find a job. People are afraid of the dark, snakes, spiders, the “boogey man” and everything else imaginable. I find people who are afraid to be alone, and others who are afraid of crowds.

If you watched the TV show Monk then you saw a man that was afraid of everything including milk. (O.K. so that one was silly, but you get the picture, people are afraid of virtually everything)

But you know what I find most people afraid of?...death. Just recently I have been to several funerals. It amazes me how differently people deal with death. For those who knew their loved ones died in the Lord, most of them handled the death properly. They hurt for the loss and separation, but they had a peace about the whole event. The passing was one of expectation and purpose.

But for those who didn't know the Lord or their family members were lost, it was a time of fear as well as sorrow. In John 14:1 Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me.” There is a promise hidden in those words. Jesus is clearly saying that we don't need to be afraid, if we have trusted in the Father, we can trust in the Son.

He goes on in that passage to remind us that there is something far better waiting for us than anything we may leave here. He is preparing a mansion for all those who have placed their faith and trust in Him. And not only that, but He is Himself coming back to take every single

true believer to live with Him, and not for time alone, but for all eternity.

I understand why non-believers are afraid of death...in fact, they should be. For them it is the beginning of total separation from God. But I don't understand why Christians are afraid of death. Paul said to be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord. The Christian knows that when they lay down this body they are instantly with the Lord. That single truth should cause us not to fear death.

The French philosopher Francois Rabelais said that he was, “going to the great Perhaps.” How sad. For those of us that know Christ we are going to Heaven, the Great Certainty. So if a funeral or the death of a loved one has left you a bit fearful, please hear the words of Jesus again, “Fear Not, you believe in God, believe also in Me, in My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come and receive unto Myself that where I am you may be also.”

But remember, those words are only for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ alone. If you haven't; then why not ask Him to forgive you right now. Then you will have no reason to fear anything, especially death.

Bro. Dave

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Women on Mission

First of all, I want to thank all of you for the prayers and visits before, during and after my hospital visit. The Lord has been good. I have one more hurdle – I see the oncologist on Thursday April 29. The surgeon wants me to see him so he can evaluate all of the reports and see if he thinks I need to have any chemo. I pray not!

NOW.... To all ladies of the church... Our Spring Fling is May 22. Plans are well under way for the preparations for a great event. Please plan now to attend. Invite family, friends and neighbors. It will be a good time. We have invited a special singer to be with us. We are waiting to hear from him to tell us he is available. We have a nice meal planned along with special emphasis on mission's activities of our church. Child care will be provided on a reservation basis. A flyer with a reservation fill out will be at the Welcome Center. Your paid reservation must be made by May 16. The cost is \$8 per person.

Our June meeting will be on Saturday June 5th. This is a date change due to conflicts with the Southern Baptist Convention meeting and VBS. It will be a cook-out and the place is to be announced. We will provide the meat and we will ask you to bring the “fixings”. We are encouraging those women who are involved in the Home Missions and Homebound Ministries to attend with us. This will be a fun time together.
Faye Rodgers

Local Missions

Hey You! Yes you! I'm talking to you. We need your help. I know you are very busy. There's this and that and that other stuff. I know you haven't officially been invited, but the invitation is open. Your help is priceless. We can use your time, energy, ideas, labor, monetary contribution, anything. You can find out about us on the church's website, the Local Missions Board, in the bulletin, in the newsletter, or at one of our meetings. If you have felt in the dark, left out, clueless, confused, or conflicted about our Local Missions then it's time to dig in and get involved. We encourage you to share in this experience with your whole family. Our summer project (Sharing our Service with our Neighbors) is about to begin. If you can wash windows, mow, pull weeds, pot flowers, pray, pass out flyers, sweep sidewalks or just chitchat with neighbors we can sure use your help. It's time to pull up your sleeves and stop wondering what Local Missions is all about, just take a little time to serve with us and experience some intense blessings. Let's get busy sharing God's love.

Nikki Grim

Welcome New Members

Melissa Abrahamson
Dorothy Blevins
Will Hensley
Whitney Saunders
Lauren Spragg

Howdy Y'all!!!

VBS is quickly approaching, and we're all scrambling to get some finishing touches completed. In April, several members attended the annual VBS clinic at First Baptist Vandalia, and enjoyed the tips and tricks of how to make the Saddle Ridge Ranch a success. We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do at

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Northside as we present the gospel to students and parents. We are working on some extra surprises, so be watching for details closer to VBS.

We are going to be coming around to Sunday School rooms to pass out cards for supplies requested by teachers. If you can help out in any way and alleviate some costs it would be very helpful. Also, we would appreciate any donations of water and pop for VBS workers that week. In June, there will be a sign up sheet for snacks for the workers as well. Everyone is so generous when it comes to VBS, and without that we could never do what we do each night! In advance, thank you and I hope you are ready to gain wisdom and understanding as we explore Saddle Ridge Ranch!

Important Dates:

May 23 4:30 final VBS meeting

June 19 10:00 am set up for those wanting to decorate

June 20 5:00 dinner for VBS workers, 6:00 VBS begins!

Kim Ross & Missy Volbert.

AWANA UPDATES

We are coming to the end of another AWANA year and it sure has been an exciting & fast one. I want to recap some events that we had.

- MARCH 10th, we had the 1st ever **NORTHSIDE'S BATTLE OF THE CHAMPIONS**. Everyone had a good time watching our clubbers participate in various challenging Spark-a-Rama & Awana Games right here at Northside.
- APRIL 14th, we had our annual **AWANA GRAND PRIX**. Everyone enjoyed watching the Clubbers race their cars and of course they also enjoyed the food. It was a very exciting evening.

- APRIL 18TH, Sunday Night, We had **AWANA SUNDAY**. Everyone enjoyed watching and celebrating our Awana Clubbers, Directors, Leaders, and of course our Cedarville Students. We are so blessed to have them as helpers.

I wanted to thank everyone that helped or watched all of the events listed above. My job is really made easier with all of the help.

Our last AWANA will be May 12th, this is our Pizza & Awards night for the Clubbers and their families. So for now I hope everyone has a good and safe summer and please continue to pray for our Directors, Leaders, Secretaries and the Cedarville Students that are involved in our **Northside Awana Program** as we teach our children about our GOD. **Because Children Matter To God**. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

God Bless You,
Commander John

NBC Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry

It appears that those cold winter days are behind us, and Spring/Summer are finally here! It is time for the NBC Faith Riders to get busy! (And we are!)

We have our Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry meetings on the first Thursday of each month, all year around! We meet at 7:30 PM, and for now, the meetings are hosted by NBC. We hope that some other area churches will eventually be able/willing to host these meetings occasionally! We have participants from 5 area churches now, and hope that this grows! At these meetings we discuss the direction and plans for this ministry, have a devotional time, and share prayer requests and testimonies. This is a great time of encouragement. Please feel free to attend, even if you do not ride a motorcycle, or

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ever intend to! Come and see what we are all about, and be a blessing! Meetings usually last 45 minutes to one hour.

During the warm months, we plan Saturday "rides" for our motorcycle enthusiasts and friends. Most of our Saturday "rides" are scheduled on the 3rd. Saturday of each month. We set these rides to visit "points-of-interest", or simply "ride" to enjoy challenging roadways, and beautiful scenery! This is a time to enjoy "great machines", "great companions", and "great days" in God's creation. This gives us opportunities to invite our motorcycling friends and family that are possibly "un-churched" or "under-churched" to participate with us. God can use us to be a testimony to Him! It is hard to imagine that some of these people are actually "afraid" of the church! If you did not grow up in a church environment, and all you have heard about church is negative, then you would understandably fear the organized church. By our behavior and testimony, we can show others that "church folks" are just regular people, saved

by GRACE! With God's help, we can dispel this misconception of fear, and in so-doing, may have opportunity to share the Gospel! They do not need to be afraid of us!

Once each month, we put together a fellowship supper/ride. These are on a weekday evening. We go "dutch" for supper (we are, after all, cheap!) at various area restaurants. We move these to different locations to keep it interesting. Sometimes we get together and "ride" to the restaurants, weather permitting. This is a GREAT time of fellowship, and a good time to invite guests. We also wear our colors, and can be a testimony "in the public eye". Bike or not, all are invited!

This, to me, is a very sobering thought. Some of these people that we can be a witness to, may

never be able to hear about/know about the Salvation that Jesus offers, unless they hear it from us! Some of these people will never be reached by the organized church proper! It is a blessing to know that our "recreation" can be a tool to reach them with the saving grace of Jesus Christ! Our "toys (motorcycles) can be tools to lead people to Christ. BUT, it only works if we GO! Romans 10: 13 & 14 states: "For whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" And in verse 17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The great commission makes us all responsible to take the Good News to others. --- Faith Riders is one avenue to do just that. May God bless our efforts!

Please feel free to e-mail me, or phone me if you have questions about this ministry! Let me know if you would like to be placed on our mailing list or our e-mail list.

God's best, always,
Bro. Gary Conley, Chaplain/Director
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Youth News

The youth are gearing up for their mission trip in July to East Chicago. They have completed 5 hours of book work and now they are ready to move on to their next training session, roofing a house. This will take place on May 6, 7, and 8th weather permitting. This is a bigger project than the youth could do in one day so we have teamed up with Keith Huffman's Sunday school class and any other person who would like to work on Thursday night(after 4pm) and Friday (starting at 8am) Saturday (starting at 8am). A special thanks to Joe Esposito for leading our 5 hour training session and for all those who cooked dinner that night.

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On April 22-23 Joe Ingle, Keith Huffman and Kirk Ross went to East Chicago for a pre-project visit. We were able to see and talk to some of the people who will be leading some of the projects that the youth will be working on. In September of 2008 they had 18" of rain that flooded much of East Chicago and Gary Indiana. Then just 30 days later it all happened again, rain and flooding. So all of their work will be helping flood victims.

If you would like to help the youth this year, here is how you can be a part of World Changers. \$ is needed for a couple of students and were taking up a collection for the East Chicago Area through World Changers. Also the youth have Summer Camp the week after we come back from Chicago and we have a couple of students who could use \$ help there also. Water or POP is always needed. Just mark your

tithe envelope East Chicago or youth. Thanks in advance for your support.

Kids Kamp News

"Be Strong & Courageous" is the theme for summer kid's kamp at Seneca Lake. These kamps are for kids who have completed grades 3-6. June 14-18th would be the first kamp, I will be gone to convention that week and we would need a male and female chaperon to go with our kids. Deadline to sign up and pay \$30.00 deposit will be May 23rd. Another kamp is scheduled for July 26-30th; we would need a female chaperon to go to this kamp. Deadline to sign up and pay \$30.00 deposit will be June 27th. If you would be interested in going to either of these kamps as a chaperon please contact me at the office 399-0300, or by e-mail at kirk-ross@sbcglobal.net. Sign up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. Depending on the number of kids that sign up will determine which week we would be going to.

Pastor Kirk