

# THE MESSENGER

## August 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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 Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE  
 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

## From The Pastor

Sunday, August 21st, we will have a service of water baptism for any believer who desires to be baptized. It is always a joy when someone reached the point in their faith walk where the Holy Spirit moves upon them to be baptized in water. Baptism is the outward sign of what God is doing to us on the inside. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ and have never been baptized in water, give Pastor Tom a call and get on the list. It is a great day in a believer's life when they are baptized in water.

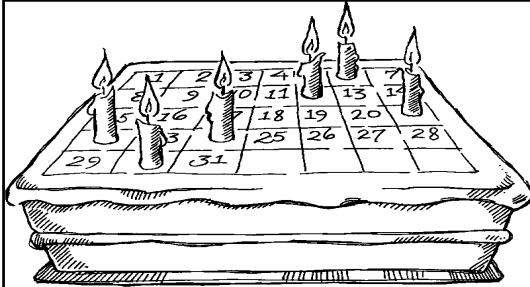
*Pastor Tom*

## Wee Blessings Preschool

Our preschool still has a few spaces available for this year's classes. We have a couple spots for the 4's (must be 4 years old by July 1, 2005) and several slots available for the 3's (must be 3 years old by July 1, 2005). School begins the day after Labor Day, and you still have time to register for this fall! Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about our Christian preschool!! Any questions, please call Barb Seager at 296-3883.

## August Birthdays

# Ask Freida



## Birthdays This Month

- 8/1.....Marlene Boyd
- 8/2.....Cathy Harden
- 8/5.....Phyllis Huffer
- 8/6.....Sarah Wilson
- 8/7.....Jim Stinson
- 8/7.....Sarah Thies
- 8/8.....Tom Simon, Sr.
- 8/11.....Betty Campbell
- 8/13.....Gene Marshall
- 8/13.....Jeff Weber
- 8/14.....Erin Woods
- 8/16.....Sue Bass
- 8/18.....Larry Garriott
- 8/19.....Randy Surber
- 8/20.....Lisa Woods
- 8/21.....Deb Garriott
- 8/29.....Elaine Simon

Q: Dear Freida,  
What can we do when we have family that isn't living right?

A: Pray and try to help them.

# Freida

## Missions News

The Missions Committee has been busy! The Team met twice during the month of July to brainstorm on potential Mission trips. The 2005 Haiti Mission trip was cancelled due to political unrest in the country. MUMC still plans to support the country of Haiti. It may only be financial-until we can get back in the country. This summer, we are praying to go to south eastern Kentucky for several days to one week. The exact location and focus of the work has yet to be determined. We also pray to revive giving through Heifer International. This may be introduced to the Children's Church program. What a great way to teach our children! This is an awesome way to help impoverished areas be self-supporting. The Missions team also plans to address local needs. Several shelters and programs in Frankfort, Lafayette and Kokomo will receive support from MUMC. The team also plans to put together a School Supply Drive to help those who need assistance with school supplies. The Missions Team plans to work at least one of the Purdue football games as part of our fund-raising efforts. If you have ideas or just want to participate, see Ryan Turner.



Happy  
Birthday  
to You...

## Ministry Assistants

## Meetings & Events

### Traditional Service

**Communion Steward:** Rita Cornell

**Acolyte:** Freida Weber

**Greeters:**

**7th** Mike & Phyllis Huffer

**14th** Bill & Mary Fultz

**21st** Larry & Adam Garriott

**28th** Jade & Crysta Kas

**Worship Leader:** Rita Cornell

**Pray with the Pastor** (8:30 am)

**7th** Shelley Surber & Claudia Timmons

**14th** Marlene Boyd & Mark Newhart

**21st** Coralee Judge & Gene & Linda Marshall

**28th** Judi Hoehner & Cathy Harden

### Blue Jean Service

**Children's Church**

**7th** Becky Staley

**14th** April Farley

**21st** Sherry Gouvan

**28th** Hattie Cullom

**Greeters:**

**7th** Dave & Ginny Miller

**14th** Tom & Kellie Simon & Family

**21st** Dan & Carol Nagy

**28th** Vicki Hastings

- 7th** Communion Sunday  
**21st** Water Baptism Service 3 pm @ the Harden's  
**21st** Jr. High Youth Cook-out/Swim Party 4 pm @ the Harden's  
**28th** Corporate Prayer 6 pm @ the Church

#### Weekly Calendar

- Sun:** 8:30 am Pray with the Pastor  
 8:45 am Traditional Service  
 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Blue Jean Service  
**Mon:** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Corner Restaurant  
 7:00 pm Monday Night Service  
**Tues:** 5:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church  
 8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement  
 8 pm Worship Team Rehearsal @ the Church  
 8 pm Special Needs Prayer  
**Wed:** 7:00 pm Choir Practice @ the Church  
**2nd & 4th Sat. each month:** 7 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Church

**Last Saturday of each month: Scout Recycling Day-set your paper out early!**

**Administrative Board will not be meeting during July or August.**

**Bible Studies (Tuesday evening & Wednesday, 10 am & 2 pm) are on Summer vacation.**

**Jr. High Youth meetings will move from Wed. To Sun. evenings when we resume.**

#### Correction

Matt & Sandy Waninger's new address: 3019 Daniel St. Bloomington, IN. 47401. Phone number: 812-330-9382. Their area code was not listed correctly in the July Messenger.

## MUMC Vital Signs

	Offering Received
June 12 Attendance 167	\$6,931
June 19 Attendance 147	\$1,746
June 26 Attendance	\$2,466
July 3 Attendance	\$5,766
July 10 Attendance	\$3,105
July 17 Attendance	\$4,010
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$4,004
6 Week Attendance Ave.	154

## Telephone Prayer Chain

There are two prayer chain lists in our Church: e-mail and telephone. The prayer chain is an important ministry of our Church and we want everyone to be included. We are getting ready to revamp our telephone prayer chain list. If your name is not on the list and you want it to be added so that you will be notified of concerns within our Church and community, please see Barb Seager or call: 296-3883.

## Craft Ladies

The Craft Ladies would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to Steve Percy. We asked him to put together a "get away" for the Craft Ladies and did he ever put together a "get away" for us.

We are now all certificate holders from the "World's Largest Ball of Paint". We took two vans full of Craft Ladies and their spouses to Alexandria, In. There is a ball hanging in a shed that has thousands of coats of paint on it. We each chose the color we wanted to paint and then the owner took a picture of us (individually) by this huge ball. He had painted the number 18,925 on the ball to indicate the coat of paint we were adding. We each then took our turn at painting a strip on the ball. We got to choose the color we wanted to paint out of about ten colors. We were then each given our own certificate with our name, the coat of paint we used, the date and the signature of the owner. We were then listed in a book along with all the others who have signed it. We just briefly looked through the book and there were people from all over the nation who have been there and signed the book.

The owner then took us to the new building that they are getting ready to open in July. They are going to move the ball to the new building and display the pictures they have taken of all who have painted the ball.

We then went to a Pizza Cafeteria and ate lunch. It began to rain while we were eating.

Our last stop was at the Gaither's store and studio. We came on a good day-Bill Gaither was there with his wife. Several of our group got to have their picture taken with Bill Gaither. I think I can speak for the entire group, that we had a great day. We also owe a big thank you to Steve Percy. He planned the day and found out about the paint ball. We hope we will get to do this again soon.

P.S: Edith Boyd is the oldest person ever to paint the "world's largest ball of paint"!!

## Water Baptism Service & Jr. High Youth Cook-out/Swim Party

There will be a Water Baptism Service at the Harden's on Sunday, August 21st at 3:00 pm. Jr. High youth will have a cook-out and swim party at 4 pm at the Harden's. Please see Pastor Tom if you want to be baptized.

## Baby Shower a Big Success!

There was a good turnout for the baby shower held for Kendra Synesael. Several of the youth attended also, and everyone had a good time. This baby will not have to worry about a change of clothes for a very long time, nor will he be in desperate need of babysitters.

We are all children of the Living God, thus heirs to the Kingdom.

## **Floyd Barton Sportsmanship Award**

This award was established in 1995 and is in memory of Floyd Barton, umpire and special friend of softball. He gave freely of his time and talents to the game and the players. His love of the game was contagious. He gave the players a sense of fair play, the value of team spirit, and encouragement to follow the rules. Many players grew up with Floyd "behind the plate". He was considered a friend by everyone and will be sorely missed by all.

Each area in the G.L.A.S.A.G.S.L. will nominate, from their own teams, one girl per division for the F.B.S.A. The nomination should be based on sportsmanship, attitude, participation and other similar qualities. It should not be a popularity contest, and shall be based on current year activities.

Said nominations will be submitted to the F.B.S.A. committee by letter. The letter should contain the nominee's name, age, division, and reasons why this person is deserving of the F.B.S.A. Letters should be typed or printed on an 8.5" x 11" letter size paper, and be one page or less in length. The deadline for nominations will be different for each year but always before county tournaments start. No applications will be accepted after that date.

G.L.A.S.A.G.S.L. will judge the winner based only on the information contained within the submitted nomination letter.

There will be one winner per division. An award plaque will be given to the winner at the championship game of each division by Joyce Barton or her representative. If the winner is not a member of either team playing for the championship, the winners district coordinator will be responsible for getting said winner to the game so that she may receive her plaque.

The F.B.S.A. and award process will be re-evaluated annually by the League Board or an appointed committee.

The letter on page 6 is from Freida Weber's Softball Coach, Amy Heidt. Freida was chosen above many others for this special award.

Please take a moment to congratulate Freida and tell her how proud you and the entire Church are of her.

## **Congratulations Freida!**

### **Thank You**

I want to thank my Church Family for all their prayers, cards, visits and food sent to me while I've been recuperating from my stroke. God has answered your prayers and I am getting better every day.

Thank you!

J.C. Judge

## **Floyd Barton Sportsmanship Award, cont.**

This is to recommend one of my players for the Floyd Barton Sportsmanship Award.

Freida Weber

7 Woodruff Place

Mulberry, IN. 46058

(765) 296-3336 (H)

DOB: 3/30/94

Freida is my 1st base player for the Mulberry Cadet Softball Team.

She has played softball for several years, but this is the 1st time that she had been on my daughter's team. One of my other coaches has a daughter the same age and she was on her team last year. According to the other coach, Freida has greatly improved and matured since last year. She has a super personality and is just a little sweetheart.

Freida is very willing to do whatever it takes and would play wherever I would need her. I have found that she really excels at the 1st base position. She has a tall frame and moves quickly. This is the first year that she has played this position and it took a little bit to get going, but she never gave up. We have asked her to play off the base since her build is a bigger one but lean and has a nice pair of long legs for girls this age. This took a little while to get her convinced, but it has worked.

She is very complimentary to all the players as well as the coaches, ours or the opposing team, and is nice to the officials. Whenever one of the other players gets on base, she makes some kind of complement—"nice hit", "nice run", etc. We have had several opposing coaches make comments about her great disposition. She always has a smile.

She is not the best hitter and has struck out several times this year, but doesn't give up nor get mad. She just walks off with a smile and takes our "good try" comment very easily. She doesn't seem to get frustrated as some of my other players do.

She seems to love softball. She unfortunately had a sudden death in the family at the beginning of the season and missed 2 of our games on a Monday and a Thursday. You could tell our team missed her presence. On that Saturday, Mulberry had a town festival and she was to be in the parade for her church but chose to play in our game since she had already missed the 2 games prior in the week. She didn't want to let her team down and felt like she had by missing those games.

Freida is not the strongest player on my team, but I would definitely miss her if she were to be gone again. She is liked by all the players and coaches. She is just an overall great kid. I would ask you to consider Freida for the F.B.S. award.

If I can be of any further assistance or help clarify anything, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Heidt

Mulberry Cadet Coach

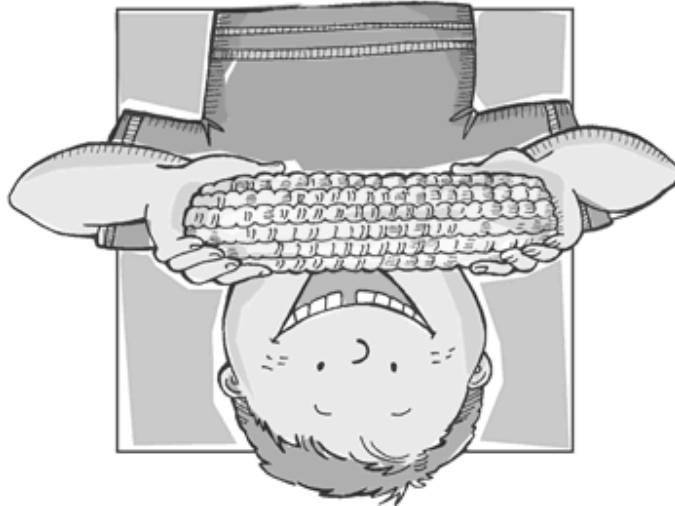
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