



Bright Horizons

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A Transforming Experience!

It happened again! A veteran Joshua group came to the Mission to work for a week. The jobs they were assigned were tough. They had lots of bathroom and kitchen work in old buildings. While the work was difficult and annoying, the relationships they developed were wonderful. They all fell in love with a third grader named, Trey. In fact, I think their hearts were broken.

One member of the group came in the office and said, "We are all upset and did not sleep well last night." I thought we (Urban Mission) had done something wrong and was preparing myself to listen carefully and correct whatever mistake we had made. Then she started telling me about a visit Trey made to the Joshua House the night before. The young man was polite, articulate, intelligent and fun! These adults were moved by the young man's poise and presence.

After he left, they began discussing what they could do to help. One man suggested starting an education fund for Trey. Others thought about making sure that birthdays and holidays were special for him. In the end, they decided to keep in regular contact with Trey. This past weekend a man from the Joshua Team stopped at Trey's house to finish a minor plumbing job. The man also invited Trey to the Pittsburgh Pirates game. Those two had a wonderful time together.

Joshua is about fixing porches, painting and other physical repairs. Joshua is also about repairing lives through loving relationships. A young man has a group of adults who will be mentors and friends. A group of adults have a young man to love and relate to as he grows up. The Joshua group needs Trey as much as he needs them.

In Psalm 51, it states that the sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken and contrite heart. I think the Joshua group from Church of the Lakes made a great sacrifice to God on this trip!

I must confess that my job has to be one of the best jobs in the world. I am privileged to see such wonderful Joshua missionaries and such wonderful young people like Trey fall in love with one another. The movement of God in such moments is powerful beyond the expectations of all involved. These are transformative experiences where the new life offered us by God is opened up for all to see and enjoy. I will watch for years to come as Trey grows, the Joshua group grows and the glory of God is shared with all.

God, open up all of our hearts that we might experience transformation and new life in Christ. Keep our hearts from fear and closing to new people and new life in Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Love, Pastor Bruce

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Mark your calendar!

Math Excellence Games/Workshop

Play: Deal or No Deal

**Tuesday
July 24, 2007
9 a.m. –12 p.m.**

Harding Middle School

*Open to all
Elementary school
students.*



Call 282-8010 for more information or to register your child for a fun filled day of learning!

Street Carnival Preparations



It is time to prepare for Urban Mission's annual street Carnival to be held, Saturday, August 11, 2007 from 12-4 p.m. It will take place on the streets in front of the Mission and surrounding parking lots. This is a great time for the community. Hundred's of families will attend this free event.

As always we need lots of volunteers and donations. If you, your family, church group or civic organization would like to volunteer please contact the Urban Mission at 282-8010. We need food and game vendors. We are also looking for choirs, soloist and dancers to minister to the audience throughout the day. Each vendor is asked to completely supply their section. For example the wonderful Terpenning family will bring a grill, hot dogs and the workers to give out over 1,200 hot dogs.

If you would like to make a donation toward the event, please mark it "Carnival". Look to see you there!!!

-Angela Suggs, Carnival Director

Thanksgiving Challenge



Believe it or not, we have already started to plan for Thanksgiving! Again this year we are asking everyone to help. Each month, from June through October, we are challenging everyone to lend a hand by collecting a different product for the distribution. It will be fun to see how many of these items come in. This help will allow the cost of the food for this year to be greatly reduced.

It is our hope that area churches, businesses, families, individuals, and groups will come on board with this project.

The month and items are as follows:

June: Chicken Noodle Soup (2,400 cans needed)

July: Cranberry Sauce (1,200 cans)

August: Sweet Potatoes 18-20 oz can (1,200 cans)

September: Vanilla Frosting (1,200 cans)

October: Yellow Cake Mix (1,200 boxes)

If you have any questions concerning this project or you want to participate, please give Linda a call at 282-2911.

Summer Activities for Youth



Various Churches throughout our area will be hosting Vacation Bible School activities. Sign your children up to be a part of these spiritually educational activities.

June 11-14, 2007

6:00—8:00 PM

Theme: "Quest for Truth"

Finley United Methodist Church
958 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville
Open to children in preschool - 6th grades
Call to pre-register at 740-282-9795

June 11-15, 2007

Holy Family Church
2608 Hollywood Blvd., Steubenville
Participating in Citywide VBS
Call for more information: 740-264-2825

June 11-15, 2007

9:00 AM—12:30 PM
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
221 North 7th Street, Steubenville
Open to children 3 years and older
Call Metta Holmes at 740-282-9244 for more information.

June 18-22, 2007

9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Starkdale Presbyterian Church
4600 Sunset Blvd, Steubenville
Open to children ages 4 years - 6th grade
Call Mary Louise at 264-5309 to pre-register.

June 25-29, 2007

9:00 AM -12:00 PM
Second Baptist Church
717 Adams Street, Steubenville
Open to children ages 3-18
Call 740-282-4949 for more information.

July 9-13, 2007

6:00 PM-8:30 PM
Theme: "Holy Land Adventure:
Catch Jesus in Action"
Wintersville United Methodist Church
702 Main Street, Wintersville
Open to children ages 4 - 8th grade
Call Ann or Susan at 740-264-1676 for more information.

Hutton House Needs

Several of the apartments at the Hutton House Homeless Shelter seventh street site are in need of porch repairs/replacements. Would you please consider a donation to help repair/replace the porches?



If you would like to make a special donation or would like more information, please call Debra at 282-8903. Or you may make a donation directly to this project by mailing your contribution to the Mission marked "Hutton House". Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

Joshua Work Teams

June 3, 2007—June 8, 2007

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School; Springfield, IL
Host Church: Second Baptist

June 10, 2007—June 15, 2007

Main Street United Methodist; Mansfield, OH
Host Church: Richmond UMC

June 17, 2007—June 22, 2007

Calvary Baptist Church; Newark, DE
St. Mark Lutheran Church; Warren, OH
Host Church: Agape Apostolic

June 24, 2007—June 29, 2007

Christ United Methodist Church; Ashland, OH
Host Church: Bell Chapel UMC

Welcome Joshua Teams! We look forward to seeing what transformations will take place physically and spiritually through each of you.



Parish Nurse News: Organ Donation

As a faculty member, I am required to attend graduation. Last week as I was standing in line with the other faculty members waiting to march into graduation, one of the English professors approached me with a question. He wanted to know what the term "coded" meant. I explained that term meant that the person had stopped breathing and his/her heart had stopped beating and he/she was given CPR and other life-sustaining treatments. He said OK and returned to his place in line. He returned a few minutes later to tell me the story of a friend of his who had been recently hospitalized and had died. This man was an organ donor and his daughter was in need of a kidney. When the wife inquired about why the daughter could not have her father's kidney, the wife was told it was because her husband had not been "coded". Since the lack of communication during this tragic event led to two tragedies, I decided to focus my column this month on organ donation.

Organ donation has been available for many years. The first organ do-

nations were done between live relatives, usually a family member giving a kidney to another family member. The next major breakthrough in transplantation was heart transplants. Organ donation now involves many organs, including kidneys, heart, liver, lungs and others. Organs can be donated from a non-relative, as long as the organ is compatible with the recipient. Many tests are done on the organs, including tests to ensure that the organ is free of disease, before the organ is transplanted. In order for an organ to be used for transplant, the organ must remain viable. For that reason, the donor is kept on life support until the organs are removed from the body and preserved.

Each time you renew your driver's license, you are asked if you would like to be an organ donor. Many organ donors are persons who have sustained life-threatening injuries in accidents. Having that information on a driver's license can assist the hospital staff and the family members in making the arrangements for organ donation.

Each state has an organ procurement system, which works with hospitals to secure organs for donation. The system in Ohio is called "LOOP" or Lifeline of Ohio Organ Procurement. This organization provides the following services: evaluation of the donor for medical suitability of the organs, obtaining consent from the next-of-kin, management of the donor to ensure that the organs will remain viable, arrangements for surgical removal of organs, placement of the organs for transplant, personnel available to make sure that the organs are properly preserved for transplant, payment of all costs related to the organ donation, quality assurance of all testing done on organs, professional education, and community education. More information about organ donation can be obtained from their website, www.lifelineofohio.org.

If you or someone you know wants to be an organ donor, make sure you get all the facts. That way you will be able to give the gift of life to others.

-Michalene King, PhD, RN

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Upcoming Events in June 2007

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Mission Rejoice Service (Saturday's)	6-8 PM
4, 11, 18 & 25	Parish Nurse (Monday's)	11:00 AM
5	God's Pantry Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
6	No Program Evaluation Committee Meeting	No meeting
7	Neighborhood Community Development Center Mtg. Greater Steubenville CDC Meeting	4:00 PM 5:00 PM
12	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
18	Lupus Support Group Meeting-Belleview Pool House	6:00-8:00 p.m.
19	Packing for Food Distribution	9:00 AM
21	Food Distribution	9-12;1-3
26	CSFP Senior Food Distribution	1:00 PM
28	UM Newsletter Folding	9:00 AM
28	No Board of Directors Meeting	No meeting
	<i>Unity Kitchen: Open Monday through Wednesday</i>	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	<i>Bible Study with Rev. Toni: Friday's</i>	6:00 p.m.

Mission Rejoice Picnic

Saturday, July 28, 2007

2:00-6:00 PM

Jefferson State Lake Park

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mission Rejoice Picnic. **There will be free food, fellowship, games and fun!** More information to come.

