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## SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

<b>JUNE 26 - JULY 1</b>	<b>5 - 6 GRADE</b>
<b>JULY 6 - 8</b>	<b>1 - 2 GRADE</b>
<b>JULY 10 - 15</b>	<b>7 - 12 SICK &amp; TWISTED</b>
<b>JULY 17 - 22</b>	<b>3 - 4 GRADE</b>

**COST**  
**5 DAY CAMP = \$225**  
**AFTER MAY 14 = \$250**

**GRADE 1 - 2 JULY 6 - 8 = \$100**



**Great News**  
First Baptist Church Mt. Pleasant

June 2011

## Left Behind...

This week has us all thinking about it. What's going to happen at the end? Harold Camping - the nutjob who was sure the rapture would occur on May 21st and that the end would come this October - has everyone talking about the end. Christians and atheists alike have been commenting, tweeting, talking, Facebooking, and texting about being left behind on that Saturday.

So what *will* happen at the end? In a few words: I don't know and I don't care.

Don't get me wrong, Jesus, Paul, and John all talked about it for a reason. Apocalyptic literature like Revelation is there in our Bible and God didn't do that by accident. But the obsession is dangerous. In fact, this isn't the first time we've seen people quitting on life because they were sure the end would come.

One of the first times was the church in Thessalonica. After Paul's first letter to this church, misunderstanding of his message led to people doing nothing but watching and waiting for Jesus' imminent return. After all, Paul said, "for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." (5:2) So instead of living their lives, people in this church just waited. Some who believe Camping's delusion are maxing out credit cards, going on vacations, quitting jobs, and quitting school; all because Jesus is returning soon. What a mess.

After Paul's first letter freaked out the Thessalonians, he quickly wrote a second. This

was certainly not the first or last time a preacher's been misunderstood. But Paul sent what we refer to as 2nd Thessalonians to calm the hysteria in the church. Paul reminded them that many things must happen first, and that we do not give up on this life to wait for Christ's return. He says, "not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us... asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction." (2:2-3)

So what, then, do we do? First of all, we don't believe anyone that claims they know when. Jesus said Himself in Matthew 24 that even HE doesn't know the day or hour. So clearly Camping, Nostradamus, and the Mayans are clueless. And then we continue to do what He has commanded us.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Then, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you..."*

If we're doing what Jesus is calling us to do, we'll be ready for whatever end comes to us. Because with Jesus, there really is no end; just eternity with Him.



June 27 – July 1  
6-8:30 p.m.  
Ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

Kick-off:  
Sunday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the  
Mt. Pleasant Pool (FREE!)

Any questions call Katie at 385-3573  
Registrations available at the church office or web-  
site [firstbaptistmp.com](http://firstbaptistmp.com)

*Greetings in the name of Christ:*

*This is a personal thank you from myself and the entire Missionary Partnership Team (MPT) working with Nzunga & Kihomi. I want to thank you for your donation to the "Truck for the Haitian Eye Clinic." With your donation we have almost reached the goal of \$40,000. At this time we have raised \$30,222.65. With the delivery of the truck the transportation of supplies to the Eye Clinic will be made simpler as will transportation to the outlying churches. We know the Lord will provide the rest soon.*

*May God bless you,  
Missionary Partnership Team  
Special Projects*

Mid-American Baptist Churches now has a page on Facebook and a Twitter account. The direct links to these accounts are:

[www.facebook.com/midamericanbaptist](http://www.facebook.com/midamericanbaptist)

[www.twitter.com/midabc](http://www.twitter.com/midabc)

or you can simply click on the links on the front page of the Region website at [www.mid-abc.org](http://www.mid-abc.org). You do not need to be a member of these services to read the postings. In addition, you can follow our Twitter feed on your phone by texting "follow midabc" to 40404.

#### JUNE NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>Babies</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Preschool</u>
5th	Sheryl	Melissa	Carolyn
12th	Mersihda	Judy Kayleigh	Maxie
19th	Lindsey Mary	Tena	Beth
26th	Judy Kayleigh	Amber Kenzie	Deb Brandi



— HERE AND THERE —

**Forest Lake Camp & Conference Center** now has a complete path around the lake to handle a 4-wheeler, reports Warren Messer. He and Larry Brenizer were there to see the project finished. A special thank you to them as well as Charlie Huff and Larry McKeehan who previously joined the **Mid-ABMen work week** in April. Their secretary, Gary Morrison, of Indianola, reported “42 volunteers completed 20 projects of various sizes during the last week of April. This year men and women from the Region (IA-MN) contributed 99 work days at Forest Lake Camp south of Ottumwa.”

Approximately \$1600 was received from the **May rummage sale** to continue necessary improvements at Forest Lake Camp. Don Bramschreiber has been involved in shopping for estimates.

Ruth Ann McKeehan volunteered to be **nurse** for a portion of the camper days coming up this summer.

**Fellowship Cup** is needing help to pack sack lunches for children this summer. There is need also for drivers to take turns in transporting lunches to outreach points. Phone : 319 385 3242.



Our **Sympathy** to Linda Anderson. Her father, Richard Christ, passed away in the evening of the day her house sale was completed. She is moving to Clinton, Mississippi.

In the aftermath of **2 earthquakes** in Valencia, **Spain**, \$10,000 was sent from **One Great Hour of Sharing** funds through International Ministries. The 2 Missionaries are unharmed. However, 91 people from First Baptist Church and the mission church, The Good Shepherd Church, lost their homes. Sanctuaries in both church and meeting places have been severely damaged. Pastor Banyuls remarked, “Their spiritual strength is remarkable. I hear them praising God and saw them thinking more of the needs of their neighbors before caring for themselves.”

### WOMEN IN THE POTTER'S HANDS

The Women's Ministries Regional Conference will be held July 8 & 9 at Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. Registration fee deadline is June 24 (a late fee of \$25 will be incurred). Please pick up an agenda and a registration form from the table in the church foyer.



# SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

During the month of June we will be taking the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering goes to help villages devastated by earthquakes, floods and poverty; bring safety, shelter and food to refugees stricken by these circumstances; and nurture stronger futures and self sufficiency through health care, education, job training and tools for livelihoods. Please give generously through OGHs. It's all about sharing—sharing resources, changing lives!



*Congratulations to our newly baptized ~~*

*Zach Carel, Cleo Carter, Dakota Latcham,  
Anthony Lentz, Sheldon Lentz, Brandi  
Simmons & Melissa Simmons*

*Congratulations ~~*

*to Alex & Kaysee Phelps  
who were married Saturday, May 14.*



*Congratulations to our graduates ~~*

*Brittany Medina from MPCHS  
Dylan Hofstad from MPCHS  
Dakota Latcham from Wisdom Quest  
Linda Anderson from SCC*



Come cheer on our two teams at Relay for Life —Saturday, June 4, at Iowa Wesleyan College from 12:00 pm—12:00 am.

## June Birthdays

Aaron Kelly	2
Kaysee Phelps	2
Janet Distelhorst	3
Glenn Glover	3
Gable Myers	8
Cleo Carter	11
Ed Pierce	13
Brandi Simmons	13
Don Upton	13
Mary King	14
Wes Barton	15
Audrey Mertens	16
Rudy Dyer	17
Robert Messer	17
Melissa Simmons	21
Suzette Wilkins	29
Kaitlin Jennings	30

## June Anniversaries

Larry & Carolyn Brenizer	2
Charlie & Kaye Huff	2
Dave & Nhoth Myers	7
Tony & Kristin Woodsmall	19
David & Karilyn Bale	22
Robert & Sharon Messer	23
Wes & Gerry Barton	24
Cliff & Stacy Hunsaker	27
Bill & Cindy Dorrell	30
Regan & Katie Stoops	30

Please inform the church office of any birthday or anniversary additions or corrections.

## June Communion

Preparer: Bob & Joyce Stull  
Servers: Stan Ross, Charlie Huff, Bob Stull & Diana Upton

# June 2011

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 6:45 pm BYG	2 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm Seekers Circle	3	4 12:00 pm Relay for Life @ IWC 1:30 pm Carel in Fellowship Hall
						
5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Communion	6 7:00 pm Discipleship Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Reach Team	7 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Jerry's Restaurant 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	8 6:45 pm BYG	9 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 5:30 pm F.U.T.U.R.E.	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Missions Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Reach Team	14  10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella	15 6:45 pm BYG	16 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm Link Circle	17	18
19  9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Reach Team	21 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 6:00 pm Trustees Mg. 7:00 pm Leadership Team Mtg.	22 6:45 pm BYG	23 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 5:30 pm F.U.T.U.R.E.	24	25
26 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 pm Vacation Bible School Kickoff @ Mt. Pleasant Swimming Pool	27 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	28 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	29 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School	30 10:00 am Prayer Mtg. 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School		