

# First Baptist Communiqué

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St. Johns, Michigan

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## October Events



**Theme - Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel**

**Theme Verse - Philippians 1:27**

**Sunday,**

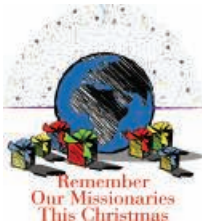
**October 2nd**

Pastor Ron Preaching -  
AM & PM Services  
Communion - PM Service

**Sunday,**

**October 9th**

Pastor Tim Preaching -  
AM Services  
Beacon of Hope  
Update - PM Service



**Sunday,**

**October 16th**

Missionary Christmas  
Offering - All Day  
Pastor Chad Preaching -  
AM Services

2 Video Segments - "Seek  
Social Justice: Transforming  
Lives in Need" - PM Service

**Wednesday,**

**October 19th**

Quarterly Business Meeting  
6:30 PM

**Sunday,**

**October 23rd**

Guest Speaker  
Brian Harmon - AM &  
PM Services



**Sunday,**

**October 30th**

Pastor Chad Preaching -  
AM Services  
Baptism/Membership  
PM Service





Ladies - You are invited to a bridal shower for Rachelle Walter on Saturday, October 15th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fire-side Room.

Rachelle is registered at Bed,Bath & Beyond, Kohls, and WalMart.

If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Bonnie McCorvie.



### Missionary Christmas Offering

Every year we take an offering to give our missionaries a monetary gift. The money collected will be divided equally among our supported missionaries to encourage them during the Christmas season.

There will be a gift-wrapped box on a table in the back of the Auditorium on Sunday, October 16th, for you to give your gift.

Reminder: This is a non-taxable gift and cannot be claimed on your income tax.

## UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Be sure to mark your calendars.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Praise Service -- 7 PM



Sunday School  
**Christmas**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Sunday School Christmas Program -- 6 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service -- 6 PM (Communion)



### Please excuse our mess...

Thank you for your patience and understanding during our Construction. We still have a long way to go and more changes will be coming. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes for those of you with allergies.



# “BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

## Church Showers

### Purpose

To provide a guide for a very special ministry of caring and fellowship to new parents and newlyweds. This form of ministry can also lead to opportunities for teaching and encouragement as outlined in Scripture (Titus 2:4,5). The intent of this policy is to be equitable and sensitive to opportunities to minister at special times in a family's life.

### Definition

A “church sponsored shower” is one in which the church provides the facility without charge. The cost for food, decorations, etc. will be by donations from friends and family members who have been asked to assist in planning the event. A “church sponsored shower” will be held at the church at a time that is convenient for the guest and at a time that does not conflict with other church activities. An open invitation to the church family will be placed in the communiqué or bulletin.

### Policy Guidelines

#### Part I - Baby Shower

A baby shower will be given for the first baby born to a family when at least one parent is a member/regular attender at FBC. This will include the first baby born to new members since they joined our church, even though they may have had previous children.

The exception to this policy would be a member involved in a pregnancy out of wedlock or resulting from immoral behavior which is left unrepented. Upon repentance of the sin and with the approval from the pastoral staff, an important ministry tool of restoration could be a shower given with compassion and discernment.

#### Part II - Wedding Showers

A church sponsored shower may be given for a member or the intended wife of a member/regular attender. The shower itself needs to follow the guidelines of our existing Wedding Policy for First Baptist Church.



**Men's Ministry**  
**First Saturday Breakfast**  
**Saturday, October 1st, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Gym**

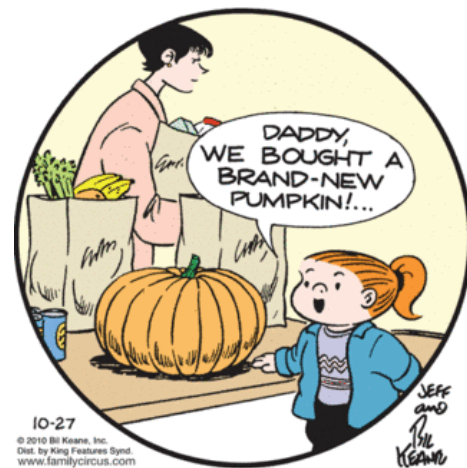
First Baptist Men's Ministry First Saturday Breakfast speaker will be one of our own, Craig S. He will be sharing with us as we head into local evangelism month. Let's learn together - bring your sons, bring a friend, and enjoy a free breakfast.

**PLEASE sign up at the Communications Table** - any questions, contact Tim Fair (517) 372-1405 or e-mail: [tdfair@msn.com](mailto:tdfair@msn.com)

## **Beacon of Hope/Men's Ministry Car Care Clinic** **Saturday, October 1st**



First Baptist Men's Ministry will once again team up with Beacon of Hope to have a Car Care Clinic for families in our Church and area. We need men who have mechanical skills and would be willing to help with oil changes and small repair work on the vehicles. The Clinic will take place on Sat., Oct. 1st, after the Men's Ministry First Saturday Breakfast, from 9 AM - 1 PM at Liquid Fertilizer on M-21, West of St. Johns. If you would like to help, sign up at the Communications Table. If you have any questions, contact Tim Fair (517) 372-1405/[tdfair@msn.com](mailto:tdfair@msn.com).



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“...but we need you to help us find out what kinda face he has!”





## Beacon of Hope Update

### Thank You!

Thank you for all of the fresh produce that has come in and for those on the emergency contact list compiled by John and Sharon Speck who have donated items for the Learn & Earn store.

### Buckle Up Event

On September 20 Beacon of Hope hosted its second Buckle Up Event put on by Clinton County Safe Kids. Parents were able to get their car seats checked to make sure that children had not outgrown them or that they have not been recalled. Several children received new car seats and all parents were shown how to install seats properly.

### Car Care Clinic

The First Baptist Men's Ministry, in partnership with Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer, is once again offering a car clinic to Beacon of Hope clients and church family members. It is a definite "win-win" as car guys get to do their favorite thing and those who need their vehicle's oil changed are blessed to have it done.

### Christmas Shopping for Beacon

Although fall has just begun, the stores would have you think that Christmas is right around the corner. But, if you are one who likes to start Christmas shopping early, please keep Beacon of Hope in mind as you find those great bargains. We plan to do a Christmas Shopping Day for clients again, where they will be able to spend the credits they have earned to buy presents for their families. Items that are most appreciated include: pillows, blankets, pots and pans, bake ware, cooking utensils, small appliances like toasters and coffee makers, toys, Christian movies and music CDs, children's pajamas, and of course little goodies for stuffing stockings. Last year we also had a table for items men need – like heavy socks, gloves, tools, and jumper cables.

### Who Can Use Beacon?

Beacon of Hope is open to any individual or family in need - both within the church and in the larger community. If you or someone you know is in need of some help, please don't hesitate to come or refer someone to Beacon. You can always contact Karen Leif (224-8342) if you have questions. We provide assistance in a sensitive and confidential manner.



## Library News Check it Out!

Your Library is still open and doing a lot of business. Please feel free to come on down and use the collection! You can still borrow materials.

We have only 1/2 as many xerox paper boxes as we will probably need to pack the library, when it's time to move. I know the mountain of boxes is HUGE, but our estimating tests showed, that we still need more boxes and so does the rest of the church. Thanks for all the boxes you've brought in the past months. They will be a great help! As changes take place with the building project, we will let you know about changes in the library. So far, we're doing business as usual.

Thanks for keeping Your Library a lively, exciting place to be.



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JEFF  
AND  
PIL  
KEANE

"We're checking all our books for bookworms."



### Church Phone Directories

We hope to have the directories available around the 30th of October.

Watch the bulletin for information on how you can receive your new copy.

Reminder: One per family. Young adults still living at home may have a copy also.



# MISSIONS UPDATE:



**BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS** - On September 13, we had 8 ladies present and filled 100 ditty bags. Two ladies learned to make pillowcase dresses and we completed three that day with a total of 42 thus far. Shelly Schafer stopped by and was happy to say she would take a number of dresses back with her next spring and plans were made to use some of our abundance of knits to make shorts for boys. If you like to sew simple items, we could use your help.

Some of our needs are combs, washcloths, and toothbrushes for ditty bags and gently used or new pillow cases, wide single-fold bias binding and 1/2 inch elastic for dresses and 1 inch elastic for shorts

Our next meeting will be held on October 11th starting at 9:30 AM in the parsonage. Bring your sewing machine if you wish to sew, or you can help fill ditty bags or tie a quilt or two. We're looking forward to working with you.

In His Service, Dee Chapman

**ITEMS GIVEN OUT THIS MONTH:** A Birthday gift of a candle and some face cream was mailed to Peggy Marsh for her September birthday.

A Corelle covered casserole dish was sent home with Carl Kresge for their hospitality meals.

**ITEMS WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT:** Cancelled commemorative postage stamps, used ink cartridges, used children's books, family type DVD's to pass on.



# Missionaries of the Month

## Craig & Shelly Schafer

**Field Address:**

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• 99352 • Indonesia

**Skype phone #:**

989.244.1139

**e-mail:** craig\_schafer@ntm.org

**Mission Agency:**

New Tribes Mission

**Home Church:**

First Baptist Church, St. Johns, MI

**Craig:** 5/26/80

**Shelly:** 1/2/81

**Married:** 7/14/02

**Children: Jade:** 6/30/05

**Kale:** 1/11/07

**Hali:** 5/18/09

Craig was raised in St. Johns in a great Christian family. He was saved at the age of 12, but did not really start living for the Lord until around the age of 21. At that time he knew that God wanted more out of his life, and Craig wanted more out of his own life as well. Craig wanted his life to have an impact on eternity. At that time he was first exposed to foreign missions and knew that was what God wanted him to do. Craig fought God for quite a while, thinking he was not spiritual enough for the job. However God showed Craig that He uses those who would give their meaningless lives to Him and depend on Him to use their lives for His glory. Craig met Shelly in his first year of Bible School and they were married the year after.

Shelly grew up in the Philippines, where her parents are missionaries. From the beginning she was introduced to what God is doing all over the world - drawing men to Himself. Although she was saved at the age of 7, Shelly's life consisted of meeting others' expectations of an MK, but her heart was never in it. When she graduated from high school she attended New Tribes Bible Institute, where God really started working in her life. Seriously studying God's word for herself greatly impacted her heart, mind and soul. On graduation, Shelly was considering becoming an elementary teacher, but the Lord kept bringing missions to her mind. She visited her parents in the Philippines that summer and once again saw the great spiritual need there. God really used that time to convince Shelly that He wanted to give her the privilege of serving Him overseas. Shelly returned to Bible school to work for a year and planned to continue the training the following year. After she and Craig met and married, they continued training together.

Craig and Shelly left for Indonesia in May of 2006 to continue the process of accomplishing their long-term goal of church planting. They spent a year (through Oct. 2007) in Salatiga intensively studying the national language and culture. After completing language school they moved to Sentani in the Papua region and then to Wamena in April 2009 to prepare for their move interior. Craig, Jeff Palmer and Matt Musser (teammates) spent about 9 months traveling into the central islands of Indonesia for many survey trips of Duga land. This is a people group of about 30,000 who live in a 30 by 50 mile mountainous area. Those in the Duga language group consider themselves Christian as there was a missionary among them for 20 years, but they still have little understanding of the gospel. There is a great need for discipleship and new teaching.

The team was led to allocate into a valley called the Kora to work with the Kora people (Duga language group) in a village called Nggingginim (the ng is like the ng sound in sing). They began the construction of their house in the village in September, 2009 and the family moved to the village in December, 2009. Their time since has been spent immersing themselves into learning the language and culture and building relationships. The kids have also picked up the language by interacting with the tribal kids. They have adjusted well to life and the many challenges of living in Nggingginim. In July, 2011 the family received their 5-year visas for Indonesia.

They arrived in the States in August for an 8-month furlough. Pray as they visit supporting churches and individuals with a ministry update. Continue to pray as they press on toward the hope that one day the people of Kora valley will see and hear the story of God told in their own language.



## Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians



### “Little Things Matter” and Other Truths I Live By

By Nancy Leigh DeMoss

*Nancy has touched millions of women’s lives through Revive Our Hearts (an outreach of Life Action Ministries) and the True Woman Movement, calling them to heart revival and biblical womanhood.*

Here are ten recurring, undergirding themes in my life/this ministry from the past ten years. I shared this with our team at our tenth anniversary celebration, and am talking about these ten themes on [today’s Revive Our Hearts broadcast](#). I trust that these reflections will minister grace to you, as the Spirit applies them to whatever your season or calling in life may be.

1. *Ministry flows out of intimacy with God* and the overflow of a life that is full of His Spirit. There is no substitute—if we’re not full, we don’t have anything of eternal value to offer others. We can fake it or “perform”—for a while; our efforts may impress others and produce “results.” But that performance will only carry us so far, for so long. In the long run, our ministry will be empty and powerless—“wood, hay, and stubble.”
2. *We are weak but He is strong.* Our weakness showcases His strength. Our limitations are no obstacle to His power!
3. *Pressure sanctifies.* We need it! Anything that makes us need Him is a blessing. God is not so concerned about using us to build a ministry, as He is about using the ministry to build our lives, to conform us to the image of Christ. The greatest growth happens in hard places. As we reflect back on all those “Red Sea moments,” we are reminded that He always comes through—He always provides a means of deliverance.
4. *Little things matter.* Everything we do contributes to a greater outcome that is the sum of all the parts. This is true both positively and negatively. Also, there is no “little player” on the team—we need every person and the gifts and contribution they bring to our mission and ministry.
5. *It’s not about us . . . it’s all about Him and others.* The effectiveness and success of the ministry is not measured in statistics, operations, the broadcasts and resources we have produced, or the events we have pulled off. It’s about the glory of God and the people whose lives have been/are being transformed by the power of His grace and the ministry of His Word.
6. *Ministry is hard.* It requires hard work and sacrifice; it involves bearing burdens and pressure and engaging in battle. It’s easy to be faithful when everything is novel, fresh, and new; but the real test is whether we have staying power and faithfulness over the long haul. When considering the price, remember that He is worth it and that all labor we offer up for Him will be rewarded—not necessarily here and now, but for sure, Then and There!

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## **(Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians, Cont.)**

7. *We need each other.* We can't make it without each other. The prayers, encouragement, and support of this team and God's people have been a huge gift in my life. Every person on this team is needed by all the others; our different gifts and strengths complement each other.

8. *God's truth really does set people free.* We have experienced the preciousness and power of the Word—to sustain and strengthen our own lives, and to change others' lives—to renew their minds, set them free, heal, and restore.

9. *God's faithfulness really is steadfast.* His promises are true; He knows our needs; He cares; "all we have needed, His hand has provided." He will continue to be faithful and provide all that we need in the days ahead.

10. *God's grace really is amazing.* It is greater than our sin; it is sufficient for every need. We are utterly dependent on the saving, sanctifying, strengthening, satisfying grace, lavished on us through Christ!

# October CALENDAR

Sat., October 1	First Saturday Men's Ministry Breakfast -- 7:30 a.m. (Gym)
Sun., October 2	<b>Pastor Ron Preaching -- AM &amp; PM Services</b>
Wed., October 5	<b>World Missions Prayer Meeting -- 7:15 p.m. (Fireside Room)</b> <b>AWANA, 24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30 p.m. (Church/Youth Wing-Swegles)</b> <b>Prayer Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>High School Bible Study -- 6:30 p.m. (Youth Wing-Swegles)</b> <b>Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30 p.m.</b>
Sun., October 9	<b>Pastor Tim Preaching -- AM Services</b> <b>Beacon of Hope Presentation -- PM Service</b>
Tues., October 11	Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Fireside Room)
Wed., October 12	<b>(Same as October 5th)</b>
Thurs., October 13	Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30 p.m. (Fireside Room)
Sat., October 15	Mentoring Moms -- 6:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Sun., October 16	Bridal Shower for Rachele Walter -- 10:30 a.m. (Fireside Room)
Wed., October 19	<b>Missionary Christmas Offering -- All Day</b>
Thurs., October 20	<b>Pastor Chad Preaching -- AM Services</b> <b>2 Video Segments - "Seek Social Justice: Transforming Lives in Need" -- PM Service</b> <b>(Same as October 5th) -- Quarterly Business Mtg., 6:30 p.m.</b>
Sun., October 23	Released Time Class -- 1:30 p.m. (Fireside Room)
Wed., October 26	Deacons Meeting -- 6:00 p.m. (Fireside Room)
Sun., October 30	<b>Guest Speaker - Brian Harmon -- AM &amp; PM Services</b> <b>(Same as October 5th)</b>
	<b>Pastor Chad Preaching -- AM Services</b> <b>Baptism/Membership Service -- PM Service</b>





# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03	Nancy Jo Cashen Amber Keilen	13	Mary Poling	24	Leah Deemer Caden Fore
04	Dan Halstead Samuel Marcotte	14	Michael Knaus	25	Bob Worthington
05	Barb Case Monte Ely Don Jones	15	Trisha Benson	26	Marc Hufnagel Pam Snyder
06	Shellie Walter	16	Nita Carpenter Melvin Crowell Megan Kniff	27	Ted Loznak
07	Vada Halstead Carrie Miller	17	Rachel Becker Fran Nelson Norm Sanford Aaron Stine Neil Stump	28	Megan Ely Becky(Motz) Johnson Katie Mullikin Cindy Painter
08	Kathy Annis	18	LuAnn Carlisle Lydia Cyrus	29	Keith Irish Sheila Robbe
09	Josiah Robbe	19	Peggy Foster	30	Joseph Marcotte Brayden Schmidtman Nathan Stump
10	Elijah Becker Grayson Ordway	20	Elise Morse	31	Rick Hopkins
11	Peggy Williams	22	Sharon Ashenfelter Joyce Worthington		
12	Chuck Blink Janice Crowell Caleb Robbe Ashton Sheen	23	Ayla Holben Jackie Mitosinka		



## GREETER SCHEDULE

- 02 AM 1 Angie Keilen  
Diana VanOrsdol  
\*AM 2 Ron & Jill Keilen  
Gary & Pam Snyder
- 09 AM 1 Sharon Ashenfelter  
Joe & Vicky Ondrusek  
\*AM 2 Tom & MaryBeth Moldenhauer  
Todd & Mishelle Pagels
- 17 AM 1 Jeff & Lori Ely  
\*AM 2 Mike & Tammy Underwood  
Jay & Becky Peterson
- 24 AM 1 Angie Keilen  
Diana VanOrsdol  
\*AM 2 Tim & Debbie Fair  
Michael & Susan Marcotte
- 31 AM 1 Chris & Sarah Bouck  
\*AM 2 Roger & Rosanne Schafer  
Scott & Gwen Hummel
- \*Greets in the Evening Service



We will once again collect shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Watch the bulletin for more information. When we get the brochures, they will be on the Communications Table in the foyer.



A big "thank you" for the many prayers offered on my behalf and so many cards with notes of encouragement while going through radiation and chemo. The Lord has carried me through it all.

Thanks to Evelyn Peterson for sending food over at just the right times. Always serving others quietly in the background, even when she has her own health concerns! Also to Sharon Ashenfelter & Kay Schmidtman for the cookies, fruit & the enjoyable visit.

Thank you Pastor Tim for praying for me & following up on my progress each week.

Sincerely, In Christ,  
Beverly Gill

Dear Church Family,

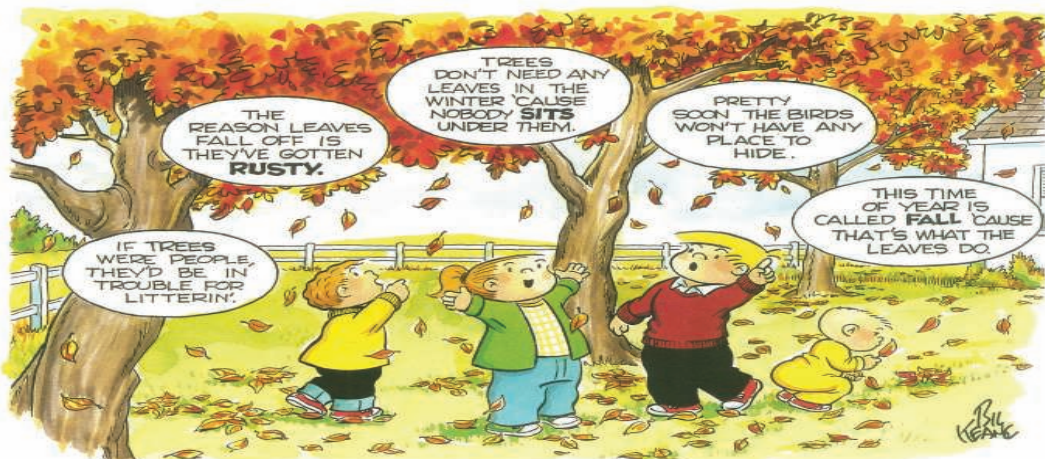
Thank you so much for your prayers, meals, cards and support. We appreciate your words of care at the sudden passing of my mom. Thank you too for the beautiful plant & Gideon Bibles placed in her memory.

Love,  
Chris & Leah Deemer

A big thanks to the church family for the dinner brought to us by Pam & Gary Snyder. Also, thanks for the cards, food and phone calls while I was in the hospital. It stops one thinking of "me, myself & I".

God was standing by us while I was sick. It helped Ken & us so much. Thanks for everything.

In Christian Love,  
Ken & Lois Warner



# SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER

## NURSERY

- 02 AM 1 Betty Barks  
 AM 2 Sarah Thomas, Lisa Crandall, Courtney Craven  
 PM Annette Peterson, Karen Leif  
 WED Debbie Fair, Fran Whitlock
- 09 AM 1 Pat Walker  
 AM 2 Melisa Kniff, Bethany Marcotte, Michellette Richardson  
 PM Dawn Benson, Cheryl Haviland  
 WED Jill Shackelford, Jen S.
- 16 AM 1 Diana VanOrsdol  
 AM 2 Sue Mullikin, Nicole Everts  
 PM Janice & Sarah Snyder, Rachel Robbe  
 WED Patti Jo Nichols, Ellen Morse
- 23 AM 1 Vicky Ondrusek  
 AM 2 Sheila Robbe, Darlene Dutcher  
 PM Eileen Feldpausch, Holly Merignac  
 WED Monica Perez, Eileen Feldpausch
- 30 AM 1 Lori Knaus  
 AM 2 Ellen Morse, Yvonne Sischo  
 PM Courtney Schneider, Andrea Bancroft  
 WED Carrie Miller, Debbie Fair

## NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

- 02 Sarah Thomas  
 09 Becky Becker  
 16 Bernadette Richardson  
 23 Monica Perez  
 30 Lori Knaus

## GREETERS

See Schedule on Previous Page

## TODDLERS

- 02 AM 1 Pat Wright  
 AM 2 Thad & Connie Cartwright, Megan Craven  
 PM Tim & Sharon Becker, Rebekah Snyder
- 09 AM 1 Marcia Feldpausch  
 AM 2 Sarah Bouck, Leah Robbe, Casey Ostrander  
 PM Dennis & Annette Wood, Kieren Becker
- 16 AM 1 Felipe Garcia  
 AM 2 Paula Nichols, Leighann Feliu, April Mullikin  
 PM Tim & Debbie Fair, Anna Ordway
- 23 AM 1 Michelle Rosendale  
 AM 2 Gwen Hummel, Amanda Deemer  
 PM Julie Konieczny, Emily Knaus, Nicole Simon
- 30 AM 1 Mindy Miller  
 AM 2 Carrin Dutcher, Cassie Sischo, Lydia Cyrus  
 PM Katie Fore, Kim Painter

**NOTE: If you are scheduled in the AM 1 Service, you will be serving in the nursery with a nursery worker.**

## TODDLER COOKIES

- 02 Nancy Arnst  
 09 Marie Showers  
 16 Debbie Fair  
 23 Sharon Debar  
 30 Michelle Rosendale

## USHERS

- 02 AM 1 \*Louie Simon, Clare Klein, Chris Bouck, Joe Ondrusek, \*\*Michael Knaus  
 AM 2 \* Tim Fair, David Cook & PM Nate Feldpausch, Harold Lichte, \*\*Ryan Shackelford
- 09 AM 1 \*Dell Schmidtman, Jim Ashenfelter, Doug Merignac, Jeff Ely, \*\*John Burns  
 AM 2 \*John Leif, Jeremy Thomas, Bryan Feldpausch, Jim Cyrus, Brian Snyder, \*\*Roger Crowell
- 16 AM 1 \*John Glerum, Walt Knaus, Nick Bancroft, Ted Loznak, \*\*Dean Feldpausch  
 AM 2 \*Scott McCorvie, & PM Dave Purchase, Doug Smith, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, \*\*Brian Mead
- 23 AM 1 \*Louie Simon, Clare Klein, Chris Bouck, Joe Ondrusek, \*\*Michael Knaus  
 AM 2 \*Julius Motz, Ralph Iocco, Tom Moldenauer, Rick Davis, \*\*Bill Richards
- 30 AM 1 \*Dell Schmidtman, Jim Ashenfelter, Doug Merignac, Jeff Ely, \*\*John Burns  
 AM 2 \* Tim Fair, David Cook & PM Nate Feldpausch, Harold Lichte, \*\*Ryan Shackelford

\*Captain \*\*Alternate \*\*Should be available by the door until just after service starts

