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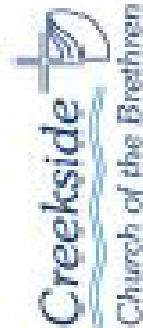
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## Worship Events for August/September

Worship Team is excited to be part of planning some special events in the following months. We appreciate your support, and hope that you can be a part of the following:

**August 12, Outdoor Service at Oxbow Park** Worship will begin at 10:30am. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. A picnic will follow the service.

**August 26, Labyrinth and Prayer Garden Dedication** This will take place during morning worship. We will have worship in the worship center from 9 a.m. to 10.a.m., and then everyone is welcome to the Prayer Garden for a time of dedication and blessing. Those who have contributed memorial funds, craftspeople whose work appears in the garden, and reporters from the Elkhart Truth and Goshen News will be invited. We will have Sunday School as usual.

**September 9, Heritage Sunday: Celebrating our Past** The Church of the Brethren is approaching its 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008; we want to recognize and celebrate this heritage in worship and in our congregational life in the coming year. Worship Team is providing a free anniversary calendar which runs from September 2007 to December 2008. These will be distributed the end of August through September 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional calendars for souvenirs or families may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

Worship Team will also be selling a one-year devotional book with 366 devotions from Brethren authors. It is titled "Fresh from the Word," and may be purchased for the group discount price of \$12.00 each. Twenty-five copies are available on a first come, first serve basis; more copies can be ordered at the group discount for 12 copies or more. The cost per book, if ordered individually, is \$15.00. The devotions begin on January 1.

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The worship service on September 9<sup>th</sup> will draw on elements of our Brethren Heritage: men and women seated separately, a cappella singing, and preaching from a number of voices. Watch the weekly announcements for more details.

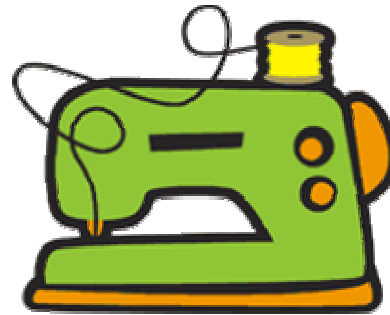
**September 16, Heritage Sunday: Looking toward the Future** Worship will be led by youth Krista Mevis and Nate Freeze, of N. Indiana District. Krista and Nate have been called as a "Youth Heritage Team," and participated in an intensive training event in Elgin this April. They will be sharing their gifts with congregations in our area over the next six months; we are delighted to welcome them to Creekside as part of our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Rosanna McFadden  
Worship Team

## Your talents help others

Do you enjoy sewing, knitting or quilting? Here are some ideas for using your talents to help others in need:

- Turban Ministry. Make turbans for women who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy.
- Quilt Ministry. Join or start a group to make soft, colorful quilts for sick and Hospitalize children, and for homeless children who sleep in shelters provided by churches and social agencies. Or make lap robes for shut-ins and nursing home residents.
- Walker Bag Ministry. People who rely on walkers often find it difficult to carry personal items. Sew bags that fit on walkers so handicapped people can transport a purse, book, cell phone or other personal items.
- Baby Clothes Ministry: Sew blankets and infant-sized clothing for those with limited means.



### Footprints IN THE SAND

Try this craft at the beach, at the park or in your own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

**What you need:**

- Plaster of Paris
- Sand (beach, park or sandbox)
- Small shells (optional)
- Water
- Small bowl
- Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little.
2. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
3. (Optional) Place shells face down on the toe imprints as toenails.
4. Follow the plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in bowl.
5. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
6. (Optional) Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps" (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27).
7. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.
8. Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprints we should follow, and that we are never alone.

### Just for KIDS

## Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)


**Psalm 119:133, NIV**

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM NEWS**

Since Jean Mann has retired, there are several positions that needed to be filled. The following is partial list of the people who have volunteered to fill some of these positions. There is a brief description of each position in case you would like to volunteer in the future. We are sharing this information so that if you need to contact someone about a certain issue, you will know the correct person to contact.

### **NURSERY COORDINATOR** - Doris Walters

The Nursery Coordinator is responsible for someone to cover the nursery during worship and Sunday School times.

### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING COORDINATOR** - Mary Lou Martin

This person is responsible for:

1. Placing envelopes in the individual classrooms.
2. Ordering new envelopes and attendance books.

### **LENTEN STUDY COORDINATORS** - Walt and Marilee Gilliland

These people are responsible for:

1. Ordering samples of new materials.
2. Scheduling leaders.
3. Finding locations for the study.
4. Scheduling the dates and times the study is to be held.

### **RELIGIOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR** - Myrtis Justiniano

This person is responsible for:

1. Ordering all magazines-Messenger, Upper Room, Pockets, and Devo.
2. Distributing these magazines appropriately.
3. Making labels for the children's magazines.
4. Ordering the recognition items as Bibles for the graduates and the children entering third grade.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM COORDINATOR** – Kristen Vance

This person or persons is responsible for:

1. Ordering samples of materials in July for approval.
2. Ordering appropriate number of books for each children's class from Elgin.

### **CHILDREN'S STAFF COORDINATOR** –

This person or persons is responsible:

- I. To find adults to teach children for at least a quarter.
- II. Secure a person to plan fun events each quarter.
- III. Be aware of what age group will need teachers.



## **AUGUST Birthdays**

Aug 1 Erwin Telgenhoff  
 Aug 3 Bill Swigert  
 Aug 4 Deana Markley  
 Aug 5 Sandy Xayyavongsa  
 Aug 6 Suze Loth  
 Aug 7 Nikki White  
 Aug 8 Imogene Rothermel  
 Aug 9 Amber Rodgers  
 Aug 9 Joel McFadden  
 Aug 12 Delores Wolf  
 Aug 12 Alysa Marcin  
 Aug 17 Kathryn Long  
 Aug 17 Tamara Toops  
 Aug 18 Tim McFadden  
 Aug 20 Saebrina Hoke  
 Aug 23 Eric Chris  
 Aug 25 Dale Crist  
 Aug 26 Trisha Hoke  
 Aug 30 Garnett Heeter



## **AUGUST Anniversaries**

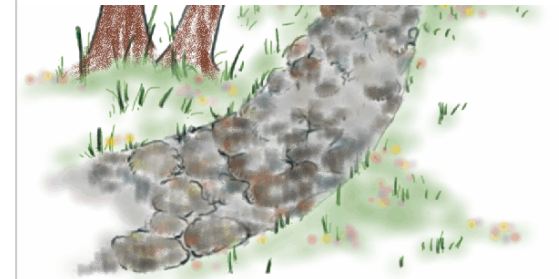
Aug 2 Larry & Vicki Ehret  
 Aug 9 Roger & Bonnie Neal  
 Aug 9 Ted & Sue Noffsinger  
 Aug 20 Tim & Rosanna McFadden  
 Aug 23 Steve & Judy De Pue  
 Aug 27 Jim & Kristen Vance  
 Aug 29 John & Betty Yoder  
 Aug 29 Kurt & Lisa Vardaman

## **ATTENDANCE NUMBERS**

DATE	Worship
7/1/07	109
7/8/07	114
7/15/07	101
7/22/07	92
7/29/07	

## **Truth**

In its purest form, truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder. Truth is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai were not 10 suggestions.  
 -Ted Koppel



**LABRYNTH WORK** will begin on August 4th &\* 11th (Saturdays) at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Bring trowels for some dirt/stone/sand work.

If you have questions, call Steve De Pue.

**To: Local Church Disaster Response Contacts 6/15/07**  
**Re: COB Recovery Projects**

The Northern Indiana District has been scheduled to send a volunteer team to the Church of the Brethren disaster response project in Pearl River, LA and staying UMC-Agape Building 65480 Hwy 41 (call or email John Sternberg for directions) on **August 19-25<sup>th</sup>** - we are in need of 10-15 volunteers to help with repair/rebuilding work. An assistant cook is also needed. BOTH SKILLED AND UNSKILLED HELPERS ARE WELCOME. The COB Emergency Response office recommends that volunteers receive a tetanus booster if they have not had one in the last 10 years. There are **A LOT** of other dates available please contact me for those dates.

I ask for your help to recruit members for this team. Please contact me with names as well as for more information. I need to have a completed volunteer list by JULY 31. Volunteers need to coordinate vehicles and travel plans. We will provide directions and a list of other volunteers for this team. I hope to hear from you.

If you have any photos of disaster projects from the past year please bring them to the District Conference at Goshen City Church of the Brethren in September to hang on the bulletin board during the conference.

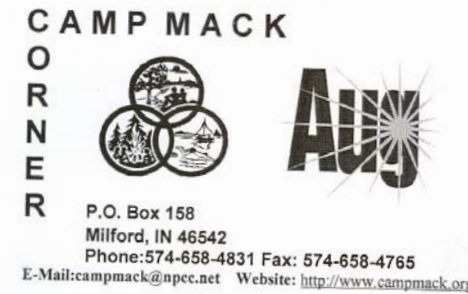
If you are not the contact person please forward this to the correct person and let us know of the correct email. Thank you.

God Bless,  
 Dist. Disaster leaders  
 JOHN & BETH STERNBERG  
 574-293-6028, home  
 574-612-2130, cell  
[jbsternberg@maplenet.net](mailto:jbsternberg@maplenet.net)

## Special District News Notes

### District Office

Beginning July 26 and continuing for the next couple of weeks, Nappanee is doing sidewalk construction in front of our office building at 162 East Market Street. While they seek to maintain access to our front entrance during construction, you may find it easier to use the rear door off the parking lot during this time. We apologize for any incontinence.



**CAMPER NUMBERS are up this summer.**

Beginners Camp (for those completing first grade) filled quickly and had to turn some children away. Youth Camp had an exciting and inspirational program for 95 campers and 13 leaders, up from 62 youth and 12 leaders in 2006.

**PLAN TO PLAY, SPONSOR OR PROVIDE PRIZES FOR THE ANNUAL GOLF FUND-RAISER on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at Maxwellton Golf Course at Syracuse.** Cost per player is \$65.00 and includes golf, prizes and the evening meal. **Call Camp Mack for registration, sponsorship or prize donor information.**

**FAMILY CAMPS: Colony Camp, August 17-19, and Labor Day Family Camp, August 31-September 3,** are wonderful times to experience the love of God, the beauty of camp and the joy of family togetherness! Why not check today for openings?

**THIS YEAR'S CAMP MACK FESTIVAL is Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to the close of the auction at about 5:00 p.m.** Food and rides will be open until 3:00 p.m. The Silent Auction is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Quinter-Miller Auditorium and the Benefit Auction is at 2:00 p.m. in Becker Lodge. **Quality auction items are needed,** such as quilts, antiques, theme baskets and homemade wooden items. "Personal involvement items" are especially requested - items like a four course meal for a given number of guests, a massage, a stay at a vacation home or condo, a hayride, a certain number of lessons, such as guitar or scrapbooking lessons, or a dessert a month made to be picked up. Please call Camp by **August 15** to let Mike or Lana Kauffman know what you can donate.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for: Camp leadership, campers as they return home, and families to be strengthened at Family Camps

**A Quiet Place Quote:** In solitude there is rest from all and for a time it is as if I come in touch with a deep current of truth that runs underneath everything else. Ruth Haley Barton.

### CREEKSIDE YOUTH ATTENDING CAMP THIS MONTH

Joel McFadden	July 29-August 3
Darren Vance	July 29-August 3
Cara Mastic	July 29-August 3



Lee and I, along with Rhonda, Shelly, Lori and their families, would like to thank all of you who joined with us at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was so wonderful to see so many of our present and past church family members, many of whom have moved away, along with special friends from various stages of our lives. Sixty years may seem like a long time but when we stop and think about it, it isn't all that long and we give thanks for each year and for each of you.



WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE COAT ROOM NEAR THE GATHERING AREA CLEAN AND NEAT. THERE SEEMS TO BE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED IN THE PAST YEAR.

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AND SEE IF ANY OF THESE ITEMS ARE YOURS.

ANY ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY **AUGUST 15**, WILL BE DONATED TO GOODWILL.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN AND NEAT!

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO TEAMS FOR 2007**

**(pink sheet in your mailboxes)**

**PROPERTY TEAM**

Scott Harney

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM**

Kristen Vance, Sunday School Curriculum Coordinator

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Maryann Zerbe



**Traumatic Death:  
A World Turned Upside Down**

**Oct. 19, 2007  
Goshen College Church-Chapel**

**Featuring: Robert Baugher, Ph.D.,  
a noted authority on traumatic death**

Co-sponsored by the Goshen College Social Work Education Program,  
[www.goshen.edu/sowk/Home](http://www.goshen.edu/sowk/Home) and Ryan's Place, [www.ryans-place.org](http://www.ryans-place.org)

For more information, contact Marge Brandeberry by e-mail at [margemb@goshen.edu](mailto:margemb@goshen.edu) or call (574) 535-7400.



- September—Annual Golf Outing
- September 3—OFFICE CLOSED
- September 5—Volunteer Fellowship
- September 6—7:00 p.m. Worship Team
- September 18—6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- October 7—CROP Walk (corrected for web version)
- October—Dinners for 8—Fellowship Team
- October 7—Love Feast & World Wide Communion
- October 16—6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- November 6—6:30 p.m.—Church Board at Angi Marcin's
- November 11—Congregational Business Meeting
- November 18—Stewardship Sunday
- November 25—Advent Begins
- December 2—Advent All Church Gathering—Fellowship Team

## JR HIGH SUMMER PARTY COOK-OUT & POOL PARTY

**WHEN:** SUNDAY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

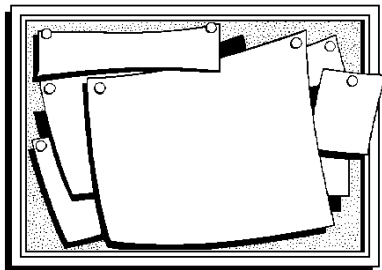
**WHERE:**

HOME OF RON & SABRINA FRITZ  
59159 MALIBARCT ELKHART  
PH 875-6706

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
SWIMMING SUIT & TOWEL

**AND FRIENDS!!!!**

**TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER  
CHURCH. PARENTS SHOULD PLAN TO PICK THEIR  
KIDS UP AT THE FRITZ'S AROUND 4:00**



### PROPERTY TEAM

The property team is looking to purchase a bulletin board for the gathering area. The one we would like to purchase is a piece of furniture. It has a cabinet below, which will match our doors to the worship center. It also has a

double side bulletin board that is 4" X 4" and is on casters so it can be moved to an other area if needed. The cost of the unit is approx. \$1,400. The funds for this are not available at this time, so we are asking for donations. We are also open to other suggestions. Please talk with someone on the Property Team.

We are currently working with a very small group and would like to have others to join us. We now have four, but would like to have seven. If you are interested please talk with John Zerbe or Dennis Weaver

## PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

The Prayer Garden is already becoming a blessing to our congregation. It has been used for Pastor's anointing prior to his surgery and people have been seen hunting all over the church for family members only to discover they were out in the garden. Any time of day, any day of the week you can meet folks coming or going from the Prayer Garden with friends and family.



The garden is "up and running" and our "pond master", Steve De Pue, is checking the water garden twice each day in an attempt to fine tune its operation so that it can run continuously on its own.

In the last "Connection", it was reported that we were very close to meeting our goals for stage one, expanded to include the entire water garden, including the upper pond, 51' stream and the larger lower pond. Folks were asked if they would like to help complete the balance of the remaining \$561 that was needed, to please mark their donation for the Prayer Garden. As of July 26<sup>th</sup>, we are thankfully nearly half way toward meeting that goal with only \$336 needed yet.



Preparations are underway for a Garden Dedication on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Several people have mentioned that we need more benches, or have asked if all the plants were planted. There are areas in the garden that are edged and mulched, ready for future plantings and benches as individuals or Sunday School classes are ready to make donations, or sponsor an appreciation gift or memorial gift. If anyone would like to do this prior to the Dedication, please check what is needed, with garden designer, Judy De Pue, from peonies, azaleas, boxwoods, butterfly shrubs, and dwarf mock oranges, to another flowering crab tree and 2 benches so they can be reserved and installed.

Most of all, come enjoy the garden and meet our God and Creator in this peaceful place on our Creekside Property. May your walk with Christ become clearer as you meditate in the presence of natural beauty.



# District News Notes

## 1) District Conference Due Dates:

Book Order - August 1

Church Picture/Greeting - September 1

Childcare/Meal Purchase - September 7

**Please note:** The District Conference book is going to be printed beginning NEXT WEEK!! Please expedite any reports that are for inclusion in the District Conference book.

- 2) The **2008 Salary and Benefit** information has been prepared and sent out. Each congregation received one paper copy sent by mail. In addition, every Pastor, Church Board Chair and Ministry Chair that has email received the link to acquire the information online. Please visit the following links: <http://nidcob.googlepages.com/salary>  
For insurance info: <http://nidcob.googlepages.com/insurance>
- 3) Christ's Covenant Church presents "**Godspell**", a benefit performance by Huntington University to support Education for Conflict Resolution training in the jails, in schools and in the community. This event is scheduled Wednesday, August 8 beginning at 7 pm, there will also be a free-will offering taken. The church is located at 2090 East Pierceton Road, Winona Lake.
- 4) The **Plymouth Congregation** has called **Ruth Yoder** as pastor. She will transition from interim to pastor effective August 1.
- 5) The District Office has copies of the **2008 Clergy Renewal Grants** booklet offered by the Lilly Endowment. You may also check online to learn more about these sabbatical grants at [www.indianaclergy.org](http://www.indianaclergy.org). While the deadline for 2008 applications is not until January 29, pastors and congregations planning to apply may wish to attend an informational meeting in Indianapolis in September. Call Herman for more information.
- 6) **The Brethren Academy** will offer a **TRIM** course (or Continuing Education Credit) at the District Office November 1-4. "Distinctive Marks of the Brethren" will be taught by Kate Eisenbise. A brochure with further information will be available soon from the Brethren Academy.
- 7) The **Friends of Timbercrest** invite you to *A Celebration of Summer* on Saturday, August 25. Tom Mullen is the featured speaker at this morning only event. The musical guests are Ann Donner and Trudy Spath Bixler. The program will include group singing, devotions, and a report from the Timbercrest Staff. Once again we will have our Food Market, and congregations are encouraged to bring in homemade foods before 8:30 am. This is a valuable source of income for Timbercrest and your help is needed and appreciated.

# Annual Church Picnic

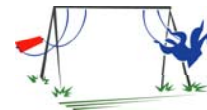
## PRAISE & PRAYER

Worship beginning at 10:30 a.m.  
(bring your lawn chairs)



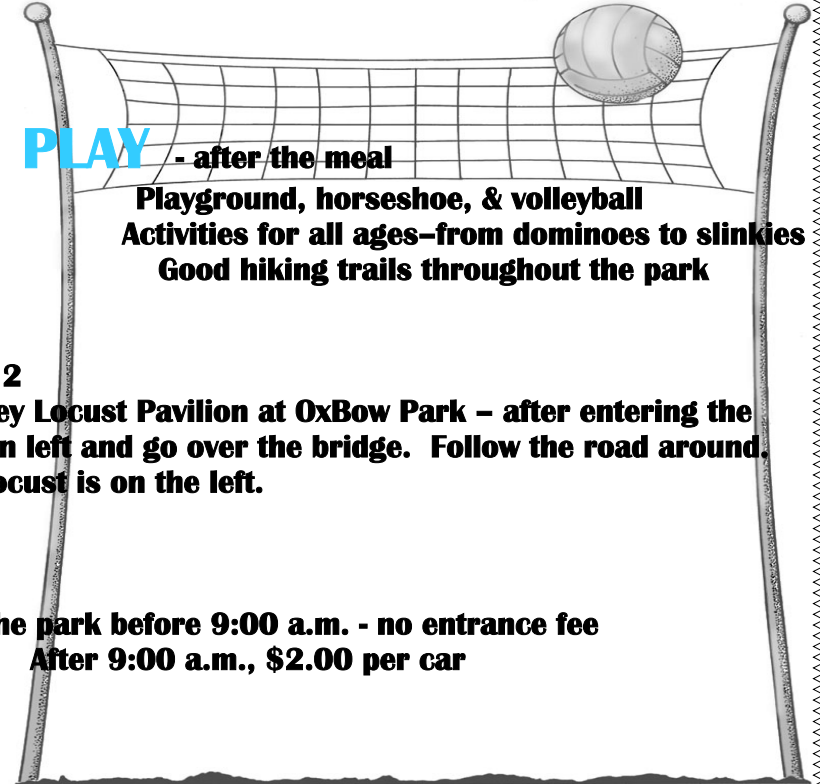
## PICNIC

Picnic beginning at noon.  
Sloppy Joes & drink provided.  
Bring vegetable, salad, deserts, & table service.



## PLAY - after the meal

Playground, horseshoe, & volleyball  
Activities for all ages—from dominoes to slinkies  
Good hiking trails throughout the park



**When:**

**August 12**

**Where:**

**The Honey Locust Pavilion at OxBow Park – after entering the gate, turn left and go over the bridge. Follow the road around. Honey Locust is on the left.**

**Enter the park before 9:00 a.m. - no entrance fee  
After 9:00 a.m., \$2.00 per car**



# AUGUST

# 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:30-9:30 P.M. - Life Keys for Church Board	<b>2</b> 6:30-9:30 P.M. - Life Keys for Church Board	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 P.M. - Property Team	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 P.M. - Worship Team	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 P.M. - Church Board at church	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. - Church Board at Church	<b>22</b> <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           DEADLINE FOR            NEWSLETTER         </div>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>25</b> Wedding
<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School Jr. High Cook Out & Pool Party at Fritz's Blessing & Garden Dedication	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	