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*“United in Christ’s Joy we  
welcome, love and serve all”*

Rev. Darrin Harvey  
Minister

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

### Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

*The  
VISITOR*

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.



Hello Church,

It is that time of year when we get the question, “When are we going outside?” Well, our elders have met and in consultation with our COVID team, technology team and consistory have determined that we will begin outdoor worship on June 20<sup>th</sup>. So, plan accordingly!

This is always an interesting transition time of year. On June 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate four graduates, three from college and one from high school. You can read more about what they have been doing during their time in school and future plans later in this newsletter. Congratulations to those students and families. We celebrate with you on this milestone and will continue to pray that God would bless you in your endeavors.

When we do go outside, we really could use help from our congregation as far as setting up and tearing down chairs. We could also use your talents, as we need to fill special music during the summer months. We want to thank our musicians this year for their efforts and time during the challenges of COVID in putting together music that could be performed with limited numbers. As always, we want to thank our technology team for their efforts of putting together a wonderful streaming experience for our members as we want to thank all our staff and volunteers for the adjustments made during this past year.

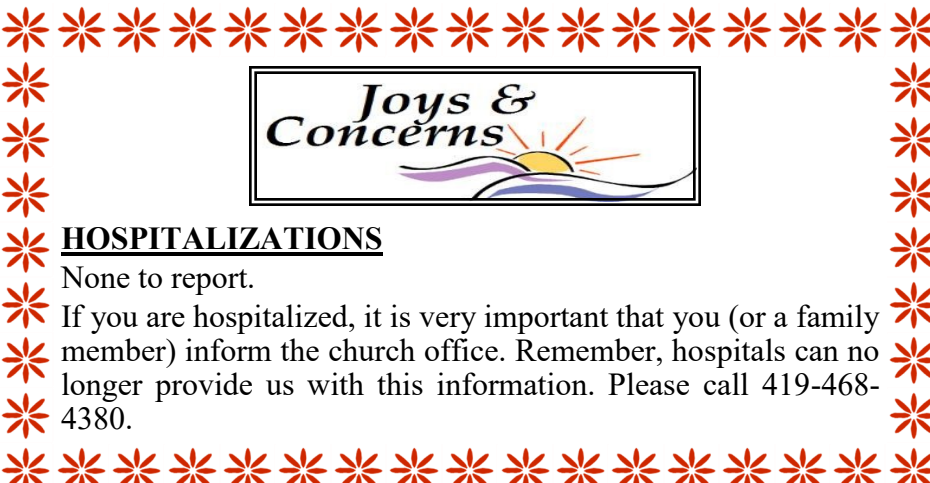
So, what is on my mind? Well, during this season of Pentecost, I want to make sure that we are taking care of ourselves spiritually. This applies not only for our personal selves but for our communal selves as well. If you do not already, spend some time in prayer and meditation every day. Pick up an “Upper Room” and place it in a familiar place in your home where you will see it and be reminded to read it. I also want to encourage you to reach out to one another. If there is someone who you have not seen in a long time, pick up the phone and give them a call. We are called to take care of one another, to be each other’s friends in support and comfort. We have been apart more than ever this past year and it is literally a matter of the spiritual health of our church that we make an effort to be there for each other.


The hymn many of you know is “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

We are to model a bit of what it is like in heaven. If we are doing it right, people will be attracted to this and want to be a part of something like this. Take care of yourselves by taking care of your spirit. Tend the garden of your heart. Love those around you by uplifting their spirits and God’s love will be shown.

Pastor Darrin

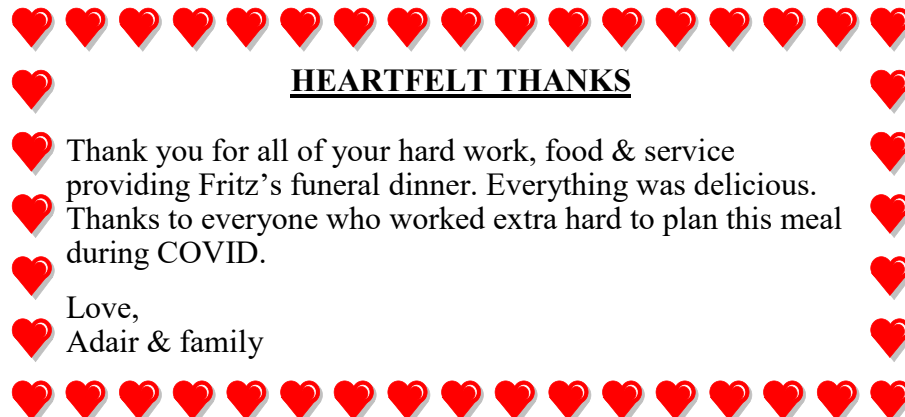




**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

None to report.

If you are hospitalized, it is very important that you (or a family member) inform the church office. Remember, hospitals can no longer provide us with this information. Please call 419-468-4380.



**HEARTFELT THANKS**

Thank you for all of your hard work, food & service providing Fritz’s funeral dinner. Everything was delicious.

Thanks to everyone who worked extra hard to plan this meal during COVID.

Love,  
Adair & family



## Birthdays

1st:	Jordan Burgess	24th:	Robert Reid
	Ken Gledhill	25th:	Steve Lamontagne
2nd:	Keith Cotsmire	26th:	Sundie Brown
	Mary Jane Bays	27th:	Ron Burkhart
3rd:	Ethan Burkhart	28th:	Rev. Darrin Harvey
	Mary Fulkerson		Deb Jeffers
	Tom Jeffers		Dennis Garverick
4th:	Kendyl Guinther	29th:	Isaac Black
	Jacalin Lugo		Zechariah Kennedy
	Matt Powell	30th:	Miriam Berry
5th:	Logan Pfeifer		Kevin Spore
6th:	Cameron Arbaugh		
	Conner Arbaugh		
8th:	Amanda Harvey		
9th:	Martha See		
10th:	Leslie Swartzbaugh		
11th:	Angie Moore		
12th:	Carter McGrady		
13th:	Brenda Treisch		
14th:	Dedra Collins		
	Teri Ekleberry		
	Chuck Musselman		
15th:	Ed Pfeifer		
16th:	Brett Green		
17th:	Nick Brown		
	Carol Walter		
18th:	Dylan Black		
	Ryan Reed		
20th:	Karen Meyers-Reid		



## Anniversaries

3rd:	Ken & Evelyn Feik
	Mark & Sandy Powell
	Doug & Carole Schreck
8th:	Bruce & Rachel McKibben
9th:	Steve & Jessica Hammond
10th:	Ken & Nancy Green
11th:	Chris & Hannah Ruth
13th:	Frank & Jo Isaacs
18th:	Steve & Lynda Eidt
	Keith & Cheryl Ketterman
21st:	Andy & Rachel Roesch
23rd:	Tom & Deb Jeffers
25th:	Terry & Janet Snyder
26th:	Ted & Robin Bruner
27th:	Jim & Ellie Heiser
28th:	Gary & Brenda Neal
	Jerry & Mary Nicholls
	Kevin & Beth Cotsmire
29th:	Dave & Angie Brocwell
	Robert & Robin Zier



# June

## The Joy of the Lord

Day 1 – Romans 15:13  
Day 2 – James 1:2-4  
Day 3 – Philippians 4:4-7  
Day 4 – Galatians 5:22-23  
Day 5 – John 16:21-22  
Day 6 – Proverbs 17:22  
Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:8-9  
Day 8 – Romans 14:17  
Day 9 – Psalm 118:19-24  
Day 10 – Psalm 16:9-11  
Day 11 – John 15:7-11  
Day 12 – Isaiah 55:10-13  
Day 13 – Psalm 30:4-5  
Day 14 – Proverbs 10:28  
Day 15 – Psalm 71:22-23  
Day 16 – Nehemiah 8:9-12  
Day 17 – Psalm 126:5-6  
Day 18 – Psalm 33:20-22  
Day 19 – 1 Peter 4:12-13

Day 20 – Psalm 5:11-12  
Day 21 – 1 Chronicles 16:25-27  
Day 22 – John 16:24  
Day 23 – Psalm 51:10-12  
Day 24 – Isaiah 61:10-11  
Day 25 – Psalm 94:18-19  
Day 26 – Isaiah 9:2-3  
Day 27 – Habakkuk 3:17-19  
Day 28 – Psalm 30:11-12  
Day 29 – Colossians 1:9-14  
Day 30 – Psalm 100



### PEANUT BUTTER SHEET CAKE

1 stick oleo  
1/2 cup vegetable oil      **Put in saucepan & bring to a boil.**  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup peanut butter

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Turn off heat & add remaining ingredients. Stir until well blended.

2 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
2 beaten eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Pour into greased & floured sheet cake pan (10x15)  
Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes

Cool & frost

### FROSTING

1 stick oleo\*  
1/2 cup milk\*  
1/2 cup peanut butter\*

(\* **Bring to a boil, remove from heat & add vanilla & sugar**)

1 tsp. vanilla  
1 lb. confectioners sugar= 3 1/2 cups (may need more sugar)

Jan Reynolds & Pat Bash





### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### RADIO BROADCASTS

The cost is \$70.00 per broadcast. Please sign the chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Listen on **WBCO 107.5FM** on Sunday from 9:00am-10:00am.

### PRAYER CHAIN

For prayer requests, please call the office at 468-4380.

### CARING CORNER

If you know of any member, friend or relative who could benefit from visits or cards, please let the office know! Stop by the Caring Corner and sign any of the cards. Also, please continue to fill the pull tab jar. Little things mean a lot so save those tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!

### FOOD PANTRY

Canned vegetables, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, dried beans, paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care products are needed. There are containers at both entrances to the sanctuary.

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduation Sunday will be June 6.
- Outdoor Worshipers are scheduled to begin June 20, weather permitting.
- Live Sunday School Classes will begin in the fall when services are again held inside. There will be two classes. The Adult Sunday School Class may begin to meet in the summer.
- Pastor Darrin will no longer be doing Bible Study and Prayer Services after nine months of presenting.
- 22 small wood chairs are being offered for sale. Cost is \$10 a piece or "Best Offer" over that amount.
- Jericho House 12 Step Program will be meeting every Thursday evening on the third floor of the church.
- The Presbyterians have left and are negotiating to sell their shed. There are five filing cabinets full of church music in the shed, which the Trustees would like to find a "home" for. If anyone knows of any interested party, please contact a Trustee or the church office.
- The Organ Fund balance is \$2488. The organ will be rededicated on the first Sunday that services are held back in the sanctuary (tentatively September 12). A plaque of key donors will be presented.
- The Corn Roast will be held in August (tentative date 11 or 18).
- The choir will continue through June 6.



### **FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL**

A BIG thank you to our bakers and cooks who participated in the May Fellowship & Outreach Meal. We all enjoyed a delicious beef & noodle dinner. Our June meal will be on Thursday, June 17th at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in baking a 9x13' cake for dessert, please sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office and let Adair know. See you all on the 17th!

### **SCHOOL BACKPACK MEALS**

Another school year is finished, and we can all be proud of our volunteers who delivered a bag of weekend food to school children in our community who might be hungry over the weekend. Thank you to the following : Bruce & Betty Angell, Adair Pittman, Doug Court, Lynne Goldsmith & Doug & Mary Ann Stone. We appreciate your monthly commitment to the mission & "Thank you" so much.

### **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH**

The sanctuary was beautiful on Pentecost with all the colorful geraniums. We so appreciated everyone that purchased a beautiful flower. The proceeds from the flowers enabled us to donate \$600 to Strengthen the Church, one of our church's 5 for 5 Missions. Thank you to the Genesis Friends ladies who planted over 40 of them in the pots & flower beds outside our church so we can enjoy them all summer long. The list of donors is enclosed in this month's Visitor.

### **THIRD FRIDAY**

As our lives are getting back to normal, the Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring Third Fridays in uptown Galion. This is a great opportunity to connect with friends, support our uptown businesses and enjoy the food trucks that participate in this event. We hope to have a spot on the square this summer for this event. Stop up and visit us and see all the wonderful things that our community has to offer. The dates for these events are June 18th, July 16th & August 20th.



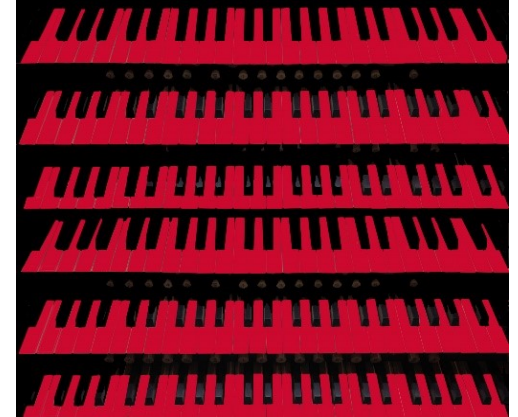
### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Coming soon! July 28th 530 p.m. - 730 p.m. more details to come!

## **The Organ Repair is Paid Off Congratulations**

# **YOU DID IT!**

With your amazing contributions, and a little help from Consistory, the loan for the organ repair has been completely paid off. Look at all of those red keys. As of our June payment, the balance is



## **\$0.00**

Plans are being made for another dedication service for the organ repair in September, when we return to the sanctuary for fall worship. At that service, we will honor the patrons who have made this possible with a plaque containing the names of those for whom keys have been dedicated.

Understand that by paying this loan off early you have freed the \$6000 a year trustees have been paying from the Sterrett Trust funds to cover interest and principle on the note. This money can now be used for other maintenance related costs.



## **Strengthen the Church**

### **Geranium Project**

**May 23, 2021**

#### **Geraniums Are Given In Loving Memory of:**

*Lee & Marsena Brooks by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone  
Fritz & Betty Durtschi by Todd, Adair & Dom  
Lowell & Mabel Eichhorn by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn  
Our daughter, Kaylee by Keith & Judy Eichhorn  
Robert Fetherolf by Wendy Fetherolf  
John Heitzman by Mary Ann & our children  
Loved ones by Tom & Deb Jeffers  
Our loved ones by Sandy Keller & Lynne Goldsmith  
Dwight Kirek by Debbie Truex  
Arpad & Teresa Kiss by First U.C.C. Mission Committee  
Our parents: Joel & Ethel Sames & Elmo & Genevie Koschnick by  
Jack & Barb Koschnick  
Our loved ones by Dale & Carol Miller  
Our parents by John & Marcy Miller  
Charles, Ruth & Linda Neal & Donald Hayes by The Neals & Hayes  
families  
Cousin, Billy Pfaadt by Bill & Lynne Shifley  
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh  
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Don Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh  
Don Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Susan Ritzhaupt by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Emery Shaffer by Marjorie & Mike Shaffer  
Our son, Randy by Gary & Martha See  
Melinda M. Sheriff by Todd, Adair & Dom  
My parents, Richard & Gertrude Shifley by Christine Coe  
Wilbur & Veda Shifley by Kevin & Kelly Spore  
Joyce Spore by Gail A. Spore  
Joyce Spore by Kevin & Kelly Spore  
Eric K. Stone by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone*

*L. Dean & Louise Stone by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone  
Loved ones by Ruth Swick  
Donnie & Tammy Truex by Debbie Truex  
Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins  
James Wittibschlager by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone  
Chet & Alice Zimmerman by their family  
Harold & Thelma Zimmerman by their family*

#### **Geraniums Are Given in Honor of:**

*My grandchildren by Christine Coe  
Our children & grandchildren by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn  
Our grandchildren by Keith & Judy Eichhorn  
Ranee Fox by Genesis Friends  
Rev. Darrin & Wendy Harvey by Don & Rhonda Harvey  
Our family by Darrin & Wendy Harvey  
Our children & grandchildren; Travis, Kerri, Caleb, Caitlin, Tyler,  
Janelle, Marissa, Madisson, & Mathis Koschnick by Jack & Barb  
Koschnick*

*Steve & Richard Meck by Mom  
Dorothy Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh  
Our grandchildren; Parker, Katy & Alex & their parents by Gary &  
Martha See*

#### **Geraniums Are Given To The Glory of God by:**

*Bruce & Betty Angell  
Doug Court & family  
Marlene McDaniels  
Dale & Carol Miller  
Carol Moran  
Miriam Shifley*

*Geranium donations are listed in alphabetical order by the last name  
of the person the donation is given for. If a name is not specified, the  
donation is listed by the donor's last name.*

**Fairhaven Community  
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter  
May 17, 2021**

Due to the pandemic, the meeting was held at Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) 13989 Township Rd 127, Upper Sandusky, OH

President Barb Nigh called the meeting to order.

Devotions were given by Barb Nigh and Trinity Tiffin.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 17, Staff – 3

Minutes from November 16, 2020 were read and stood approved as read.

Communications – Thank you's for VSG donations were read.

Treasury - \$4,211.14

Gift Shop - \$2,104.04

Bingo Cup - \$23.00

**VSG Business:**

Booklets for 2021 were distributed and reviewed. Necessary corrections were noted.

The question was raised if Harvest Fest would continue in the future. It was discussed that due to the aging of our volunteers and the loss of some of our church participants that instead of having the one large fund raiser to instead offer several smaller ones throughout the year, such as a bake sale, silent auction, and ice cream social. It was agreed to not have the Harvest Festival at this time as in the past and that the Harvest Fest Committee will meet at a future date and come up with a plan for going forward. At that time, all churches will be informed of the final decision.

Alissa distributed the annual Wish List. Everyone is to review it and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

**Staff:**

Fairhaven staff reported that the Scholarship Fund and applicant will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Memorial picture of Phyllis Diederich, which will hang in the gift shop, was shared with the group. Also, a picture of the wall hanging in memory of Ruth Adams which will hang in the Fairhaven Chapel was shared with the group.

Details were also shared of how Fairhaven has continued in the care of the residents through this difficult time. "For the Greater Good" is the continuing decision being made on everything that is done. With the continuing mask wearing, the staff has had to learn how to give "comfort with their eyes." They do daily to weekly updates to keep family members informed of what is going on. The need to maintain a "positive mental health" has been imperative. As of this time only about 35% of the staff has been vaccinated and 83% of the residents. No date is known for when the facility will be open for the VSG as in the past, but the feeling is that not before fall at the earliest.

A major donation has been received by the home which is greatly appreciated.

The meeting was closed with "The Way" and prayer.

The next meeting will be held at the Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am. Tiffin St. John's will have devotions and a sack luncheon will be held following the meeting.



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**2021 Graduates**  
**June 6, 2021**



*Congratulations  
Graduates!*

*Remember the love of your family and friends. Remember  
your own sacrifice and hard work. And, remember that God  
has a special plan for your life.*

*- Author Unknown*

**Name:** Ethan Hocker

**Parents:** Brad & Stacey Hocker

**School:** University of Cincinnati, College of Engineering & Applied Sciences  
(Major– Computer Science)



**Graduation Date:** April 30, 2021

**Awards/Honors:** Magna Cum Laude, Seven times Dean's List, Cincinnati Scholarship, Certificate in Cyber Operations (16 credit hours)

**School Activities:** Treasurer/ Vice President of European Club Handball team, Sponsorship team member of RevolutionUC (Cincinnati's largest hackathon.)

**Community Activities:** Completed volunteer hours for scholarship eligibility each semester, largely at Matthew 25: Ministries and RevolutionUC.

**Church Activities:** Bell Choir through high school

**What has been a most memorable moment in school?**

Receiving my degree at the first commencement ceremony UC hosted since COVID 19.

**What will you miss?** The close proximity and daily interactions with friends. I will also miss my friends who are moving away for jobs.

**What are your immediate plans after graduation?**

I will be staying in Cincinnati to work at an engineering company full time.

**Name:** Jane't Lugo

**Parent:** Jennifer Ness Lugo

**School:** North Central State College

**Graduation Date:** May 8, 2021

**Awards/Honors:** Honors, National Society of Leadership & Success

**School Activities:** NSLS

**What has been a most memorable moment in school?**

Going through nursing school during a pandemic, trying to navigate online and virtual learning. Also first hand caring for the lives affected due to COVID.

**What will you miss?** I will miss my classmates and instructors.

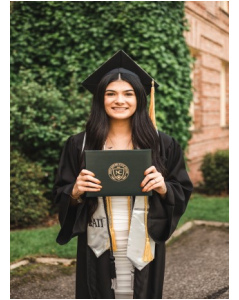
**What will you not miss?** The studying, loads of homework & tests!

**What are your immediate plans after graduation?**

Work as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department at Galion Avita Hospital. Obtain my BSN right away.

**What are some goals down the road?** I eventually want to work in Labor & Delivery, or I may obtain my Masters in Nursing & become a Nurse Practitioner.

**College you will be attending:** Ohio University online for my Bachelor's in Science of Nursing.



**Name:** Lauren B. Rudolph

**Parent:** Todd & Karen Rudolph

**School:** Ohio University

**Graduation Date:** May 2, 2021



**Awards/Honors:** Deans List, Phi Alpha Honor Society, Certificate in Womens Gender & Sexuality Studies, Certificate in Diversity Studies.

**School Activities:** Variant Magazine, Student Social Work Association, Self Discovery Club.

**Community Activities:** Volunteer Food Distribution, served Thanksgiving dinner at an Elementary School, Volunteered at “The Gathering Place” Community Center for adults with mental health disorders.

**What has been a most memorable moment in school?**

Making new friends. Getting to learn under Professors that care about the students & the Community.

**What will you miss?** My roommates, friends & social events.

**What will you not miss?** All the assignments & papers I had to write, homework & the stress of studying.

**What are your immediate plans after graduation?**

Attending Grad School at Ohio University. I will be working full-time at a Domestic Shelter as a Qualified Mental Health Specialist.

**What are some goals down the road?**

Graduating Grad School with a Masters in Social Work (MSW.)  
Getting my Social Work License.

**Name:** Dominic Anthony Pittman

**Parents:** Eric & Adair Pittman

**School:** Galion High School/ Pioneer

**Graduation Date:** May 23, 2021



**Awards/Honors:** 3rd in Regionals for Skills USA, Academic Letter, 4– year Varsity Letterman, 1st Team MOAC, 1st Team Northwest District, 1st Team Northwest Coaches Association, 1st Team All Ohio, 7th All Time State of Ohio Record books for 78/78 consecutive PAT’s.

**School Activities:** Skillz USA, Football, Choir, Teen Green, Key Club  
2-year Coach for Powder-Puff Football.

**Community Activities:** Second Harvest Food Bank Volunteer, Youth Football Camp.

**Church Activities:** Youth Group, VBS, Community Breakfast, Confirmation Camp, Feeding the Kids.

**What has been a most memorable moment in school?**

Getting 3rd at Regionals for Collision Repair & kicking the winning field goal at Clearfork in double overtime.

**What will you miss?** Football & Collision Repair.

**What will you not miss?** Homework & going to school.

**What are your immediate plans after graduation?**

To continue to run my detailing/collision repair business, Dom’s Auto Detailing LLC.

**What are some goals down the road?**

To run a successful business, own a house & win rebuild awards.

A father is someone  
you look up to  
no matter how tall  
you grow.



“I love how summer  
just wraps its arms  
around you like a  
warm blanket.”

– KELLIE ELMORE

