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*We are a Community
of Believers
in God & Christ
Jesus.*



Rejoice & Be Glad!!

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Jane Simmons

GREETERS:

Lisa Bleeke

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Robert Duerr

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Jacque Fisher
Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

Chapel Worship:

8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship:

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery - Adult

Ushers:

8:45 -

Gary Etter
Loren Houck

10:45 -

Charles Warren
Frank Taylor

"From the Pastor"

"But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62.

As we continue our Lenten journey, in Luke 9:57-62, we come across three paths of commitment, which all come short of entering the kingdom of God. These three paths are represented by people Jesus met along the way to Jerusalem.

The first man made a grand, pious commitment that went no deeper than words. He promised to follow Jesus wherever he went. We come to Jesus to receive what we want to solve problems or gain inspiration, but following Jesus is a call to a ministry of concern and caring for others, and such loving and forgiving as not always that easy.

The second man had unfinished business from the past. He wanted to follow, but loyalty kept him tied to the past. He was clinging to what was dead and past and not pursuing what would give him life.

The third man wanted to say good-bye to his family, which represented competing loyalties. Jesus was stressing the importance and urgency of following him, which are more important than any earthly loyalties. Our commitment must be unreserved to seeking first the kingdom of God.

In this season of Lent let us ponder on the ways we are trying to keep one hand on the plow of discipleship and the other hand reaching back to the past or to lesser commitments. Let us with the help of the Holy Spirit keep our eyes on Christ, His cross and His kingdom.

Your friend and Pastor,
Greg King

Sermon Bible Readings

- Mar. 29 - Micah 7:18-19; Mt. 11:28-30
- Apr. 5 - Lam. 3:19-33; Rom. 6:1-11;
Mat. 5:5; I Cor. 9:24-25



Vital Statistics

Attendance Mar. 29, 09

8:45 - 20
10:45 - 113
Sunday School - 34

Offering - Operating Income (monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827

Happy Birthday

Jane Simmons - March 30
Lottie Jaeger - March 30
Peggy Goldberg - March 30
Cletta Dicks - Apr. 1
Greg Robinson - Apr. 1
Abbey Roalef - Apr. 1
Robert Davis, Sr. - Apr. 2
Ken Hambrick, Sr. - Apr. 4
Les George - Apr. 4



In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil
Nate Anderson - in Vietnam
Charles Barlow - in Iraq
Glenda Boddie
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
Harriett Edwards
Jim Farra
Jamie Geswein
Gene Gibson
Dawn Gilmore

Beverly Guffey
Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek
Judy Hirshman (Chaney)
Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
Lottie Jaeger
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
Marilyn Jones
Dustin Knowlton
Jimmy & Mary Lehman
Peggy Lewis
Nancy Lyttle
Ron & Barbara Lyttle
Zachary McBride
Bob McCray
Deloris Miller
Marcella Miller
Michael Ourfalian - Iraq
Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods
Nancy Pratt
Ron Rearick - give Thanks, Ron is home now.
Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
Cindy Romano
Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
Rich Shea
Sue Shroyer
Kathy Steele
Connie Swanson
Gloria Van Camp
Mary Vance
Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler
Vera Westfall
Kevin White - in Afghanistan
Wilma Yost



Please let the church office know,
how God is answering prayers in
our lives.

"We're Having Great Fun!"



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th at 6PM. We will then resume with the regular Wednesday Schedule, the 2nd and 4th Weds. of the month. If there are any other children age 5-8 who wish to join our Angel group, please do. I am having great fun doing this and hope to continue. Thank you - Carol Landing

"Youth News"

Friday, Mar. 27 - Sr Hi - 5th quarter
Sat. Mar 28 - Jr. Jam/Cederville College - 3rd - 6th grade, leave at 7:30AM

Sun. Mar. 29 - 6PM - You-Con, Jr Hi

Car Wash-fundraisers planned
Saturdays 11AM -2 PM - at church
Apr. 4, May 2 & June 6

"Let's Make a Deal" - fundraiser
Saturday, May 16 - evening &
matinee on Sunday, May 17

These youth fundraiser plans will help support their regular meeting programs, and youth camp opportunities.

There will not be any 9:30 AM Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

"GriefShare Rescheduled"

Once again we are sponsoring GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. We have rescheduled to begin the sessions on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, here at the church. This is a 13 week free program, that is nationally recognized to provide comfort, support, understanding and encouragement for those in need at this difficult time.

Each session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A workbook can be purchased (but is not necessary) to assist you. GriefShare is nondenominational and features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics.

Please join us for these next GriefShare sessions. **You need to register by Friday, April 10th.** An information schedule and registration list is posted on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions, call the church office at 252-6705. - Rev. King & Charles Warren



"Alive 09" 4-day Camp & Music festival

Our Jr & Sr High youth are planning to attend this Christian Music Festival, June 17-20, at Canal Fulton, Ohio. Registration + a nonrefundable deposit of \$25 is due by April 12. There will be music, speakers, recreational activities and programs for adults and teens. Contact Sheri Parrett for more details, 475-5724 or 298-6210. (Individuals or families are also welcome - but must register on their own) See more information online at Alive.Org

Lenten Thoughts

"Community" - They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread... Acts 2:42.

We are called to community as we are called to communion. Christians should define yourselves by community. Begin with communication, and desire unity. Strive to bring Christianity back to unity - finding harmony in our words and actions.

Unite in remembering those who are hurting. Pray for those who are ill. Unite in remembering those who need food. Eat a simple Lenten meal and give the savings to the poor.

(Lenten thoughts are shared by Joe VonHolle)

"Spring Cleaning"

Mark your calendars to join the Social Action Committee in participating in the Five Rivers Metroparks cleanup on Saturday, April 18th from 9-11:30 AM. We will participate in this event to recognize Earth Day.

Volunteers will be assigned to a crew that will work at a Metropark or along a section of waterway removing litter. Gloves and trash bags are provided, you just need to bring yourself and a bottle of water. Wear boots or thick-soled shoes. If we register our group by April 3rd, we can receive a Free T-shirt.

Please sign-up outside the church office or contact Suzanne Dull at 434-5368 if you would like to participate.

Join people and businesses around the world who are turning out their lights for one hour at 8:30 pm on March 28 and taking action against climate change. Earth Hour not only turns global attention to the need to find solutions to climate change, it also demonstrates the power that each of us has to make a difference in the future of the planet. Go dark and show your concern for our living planet while sending a strong message to our leaders that we must act now to slow climate change.
Social Action





Approx. 95 came to Breakfast

We are happy to share that the first Pancake Breakfast served both church and community members. It was a nice turnout.

The Men's Group is thankful for the support from everyone. A special thank you goes to Sheri Parrett and the youth for setting up tables and chairs for us the night before.

We will again be offering this Free Community Pancake Breakfast the Saturday before Easter, April 11, to add to the children's Egg Hunt celebration. The Breakfast is free, but donations - if able, are always appreciated. -- The Men's Group



"Cards & Support - request"

Jane Simmon's grandson has been deployed to Iraq. The family is requesting prayers and cards or letters for him, while he is away. His address is:

Charles "Bryant" Barlow
VAQ 142 Unit 25416
F.P.O. RE 89389

The family appreciates your support and prayers. Yours in Christ, Jane Simmons

A MissionOutreach Report

Mission Outreach through the pantry served 7 days worth of food to 129 families in January and 103 families in February. They also gave out \$202 in Emergency Ministry help. We are grateful for your support.

We have been blessed with 3 sources of baked breads to give to our pantry families. It has been so abundant recently that we are also sharing free bread with any Pre-school families that might want/need some, an area assisted living facility, and our local fire station volunteers.

"The Bloomery" - CD offer

Just a reminder that CD's for the ladies retreat program, "The Bloomery" are available for ordering, if you would like one, please contact Nikki Taylor, 427-1774.

Tent Sale - April 24-25

Save your sellable unwanted treasures for the All church Tent Sale. It will be here before we know it. - Trustees



SAVE THE DATE!!!
Photos for updated picture directory
May 28, 29, 30, 2009
More info to follow soon!!!

"Easter Lilies "

Order your plants, now. They will fill the sanctuary on Easter. The plant's cost is \$8.50, and the plant can be taken home after the services on Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you wish to purchase one - Worship Comm.

"Easter Special Offering"

We will be giving our Easter offering to One Great Hour of Sharing, Bread for the World and World Neighbors. It will be equally divided between these three outreach & self sustaining programs. Offering envelopes have been included this week, for your use. - The Official Board



"Maundy Thursday - Galilean Supper- Please RSVP"

Plan to attend this Seder/ Lord's Supper Dinner. Join us as we remember our Lord's last meal and His dedication to being our servant King. The meal will be in the Donut Room at 6:15 PM, on Thursday, April 9, please sign-up, we need a count for the meal preparations.

Volunteer help or donations of food items toward the meal are also welcome, there is a list, you can indicate what you'll bring on the sign-up sheet. We encourage everyone to attend. - Toni Bailey, 643-3795 & Kelley Hager, 312-0203

"Easter Egg Hunt"

The Recreation Committee is planning the egg hunt for Saturday, Apr. 11 at 10 AM sharp. We are accepting donations of wrapped candies or money to purchase candy. Candy can be brought to the church office, monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate.



Volunteer help is also needed on Saturday, April 11, please sign-up. - Thank you for your support

"Special Good Friday Service Planned"

Join us for the one-act play, "John: His Story". This retelling of the Gospel of John in meaningful and humorous, first person accounts of "eyewitnesses" to Jesus' ministry. Four actors play the 27 different characters. This one-act play was written by Jeanette Clift George who is the Artistic Director of the A. D. Players, one of the premier professional Christian theatre groups in the country.

Five of our youth are generously putting in their time and their talents (sounds like good stewardship to me): to bring this powerful story to life. Adam Donovan, Tim Keltner, Jessica Parrett and Megan Weyrauch are the actors, with Jacob LaBeau as stage manager. I am honored to be working with them! - Patti King



