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The Cornerstone News

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Out of the Saltshaker...

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people ... so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all ... become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men unto Christ, to make them little Christs. (C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity)

Jesus died on the cross not just so people who believe in him can go to heaven when they leave the earth, but also so that they can become like him while they're on the earth. He said this very clearly in Luke 6:40—**Everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.** He said the same thing in John 14:12—**Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.**

In last month's newsletter, I concluded my column this way: *The measuring stick [for our church] is not numbers but health. And the essence of health is likeness to Jesus Christ.* When people in the church get intentional about becoming like Jesus, EVERYTHING is affected: worship, fellowship, evangelism, service, Christian education, missions, even finances.

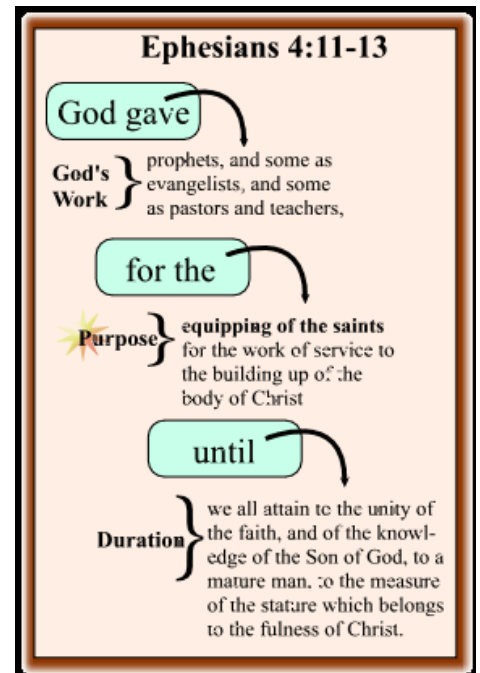
How do we measure likeness to Jesus? The best place to start is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): **Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.** Jesus said, **I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.** (John 15:16, italics added) That's our main assignment. It's right in line with the Great Commission: **Go and make disciples.** (Matthew 28:19)

Only disciples can make disciples. People who don't know Jesus come to know him mostly through other people—people who are committed to becoming like Jesus, people who bear the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit that brings the most glory to God is a life that has been changed: a non-Christian coming to Jesus, a Christian becoming more like Jesus.

Colossians 1:6 says, **All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all**

its truth. May it be so for our congregation; may it be so for all the churches in Paulding! More on this later Shalom.

Pastor Dave



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4 1st Wednesday Supper 5:30 Service 6:15 7:00 Choir	5 National Day of Prayer; prayer vigil and observance on Courthouse Lawn Bloodmobile Prayer at 7:00 at the Senior Center	6	7 Smalley Bridal Shower 9-6
8 Mother's Day	9 Bargain Bin lunch and annual meeting 9-3	10	11 Baccalaureate 7:00 at the High School 7:00 Choir	12 Prayer and Worship 7:00	13	14
15 Todd Searing Speaking	16	17 Session 7:00	18 7:00 Choir	19 Prayer and Worship 7:00	20	21
22 Megan Reineck open house	23	24	25 7:00 Choir	26 Prayer and Worship 7:00	27	28 Megan Fife Open house
29	30	31	June 4 Kacie Karlstadt Open house			

May Birthdays

2nd - Martha PUNCHES
7th - Mike Pennington
7th - Susan Kaysor
9th - Josh Pennington
12th - Reba Hurtig
15th - Erin Karlstadt
16th - Brenda Clark

18th - Kally Verfaillie

18th - Gretchen Noneman

19th - Erica Smalley Temple

20th - Brody Verfaillie

21st - Sue Crossland

21st - Patty Meriwether

22nd - Greg Griffiths

23rd - Jace Crossland

23rd - Abigail Katherine Haas

25th - Bud Koenig

May Anniversaries

4th - Jeff and Brenda Clark

5th - Bill and Jillene McMichael

29th - Ed and Arlene Cline

Session Highlights

April highlights next month

First Presbyterian—

Many thanks to our church family and friends for all your help and support during Dorothy's passing. We appreciate all the cards, prayers, the dinner, and displays of genuine love and care.

We were blessed to have Dorothy here in Paulding for the last ten years. She loved God and the people of this church.

*The Crossland and Constien Families
Phyllis, Sue, Don & Ruby, Rob & Cindy*



Sue Crossland's favorite cartoon, used during her celebration service and at one time framed and given to choir members for Christmas.

Dear Praying Friends and Family

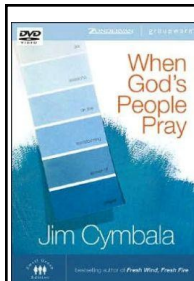
The other day my friend Marvie shared an answer to your prayers that I need to pass along to you, along with a big **THANKS for praying!** As you may recall, **Rachel May**, who had been having multiple fits every day, was being "treated" by Marvie's aunt Pacita who is a "healer." It cost the family both of their cows and pigs and money they didn't have (whatever Pacita said the spirits demanded), but the girl's problem only got worse. Finally Pacita told Rachel May's mother that she couldn't do anything for her and she should take her to a doctor. The mother had had enough of Pacita's "treatment" and was happy to do that. Now with medicine, Rachel May is doing much better!

Marvie still plans to go next week back to her home village, **Waterfall**. (She hasn't returned yet since I last wrote.) She got some good counsel from a Manobo pastor who was visiting us (see next paragraph)—about how to lovingly and gently share the gospel with her **family members who need the Lord**. If He lays it on your heart to continue praying for these people's salvation, that would be wonderful.

Thank you also for praying for the **visit of Pastora Rebecca Gomez and Louren Bentoso** which we mentioned last time. We are impressed with Louren's commitment and potential as a young school teacher and eager promoter of the Manobo language and the translated Scriptures. They were pleased to hear about the potential of help with **song-writing for the churches, laminated posters of Bible verses, more about the planned production of the Jesus Film, and how to get their system of writing officially approved by the government**. There is a lot of work to be done! Please ask for wisdom in prioritizing all those things and what our roles will be in supporting them.

Thank you again for your partnership that allows us to continue helping to provide Scriptures for the peoples of the Philippines!

Yours and His,
Donna & Ron



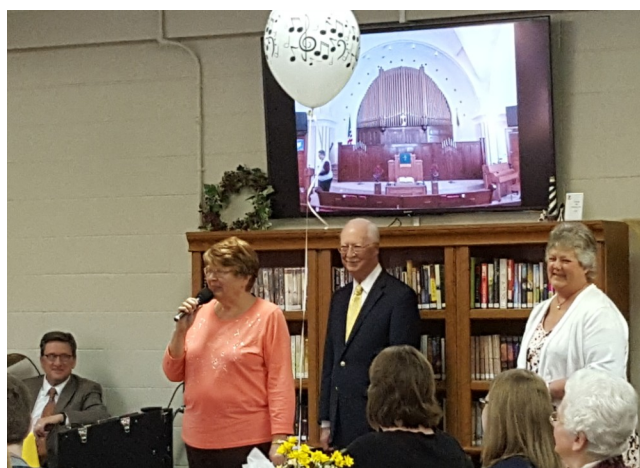
Discover the keys to powerful prayer. Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. In this DVD, Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows us truths about prayer that God used to turn his own church from a tiny, struggling inner city church to a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus and faith. Please join Pastor Dave in a 6 week study on prayer beginning April 17th.

New Adult SS Class Study

SC50 From beginning.....



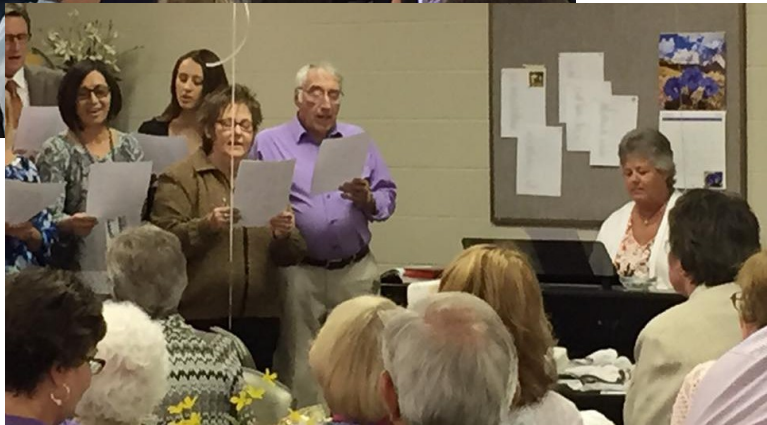
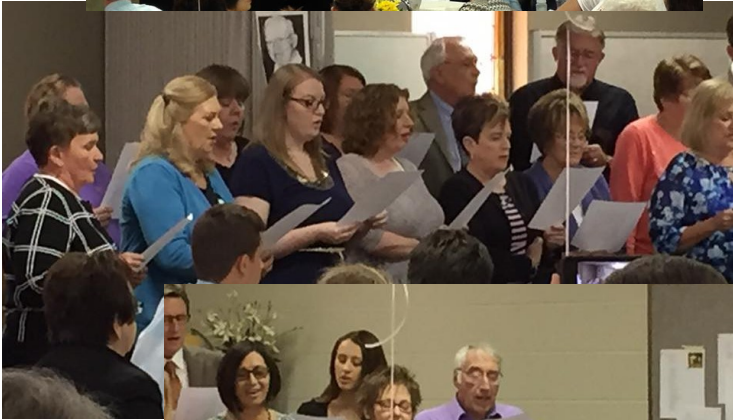
There were workers, guests, tables of food, music, laughter and lots of fun. Over 100 of you attended, hope you can find your pictures on these two pages!



It's All About 50 Years of Service to the King



We had the current choir, and an alumni choir. We had adorable babies and some of older folks. We had flowers and balloons. We had a church full and over 100 for lunch!



To end... **SC50**



The pool at Kirkmont Center needs \$65,000 in repairs before summer camp starts!

Thus far, the 50+ year-old pool has passed inspection with minor patches. This year, we have until June 1 to make extensive repairs to the pool deck and rim. Let's pool our resources and make this happen!

What is summer camp without a pool? We have committed in faith to make the repairs and need your help.

Last year Kirkmont Center was named a Camp that Changes the World by the Center for Faith and Service. You can throw Kirkmont Center the lifeline it needs to transform campers' lives. To talk to a board member about this effort, call Buzz Reed at 937-238-9695 or email buzzfdr@gmail.com.

Kids need camp! Camps need pools! Let's make this summer a great one. Thank you!

SC 50

On behalf of the committee that organized Sue Crossland's 50th Anniversary party, I want to thank everyone who helped with the planning or the carrying out of the SC 50 celebration. The committee, consisting of Don and Ruby Crossland, Pastor Dave Meriwether, Jane Nice, Sue Paulus, Barb Searing, Rhonda Smalley, and Carol Razo, met several times to "shape" the party and then carried out several tasks to make the day happen. And what a beautiful day it was! Thanks to everyone who pitched in in any way. Sue Crossland has her scrapbook, so if you meant to fill out an SC 50 notecard and have not done so yet, you can give them directly to her.
---Jane Nice

Women's Circle

Tuesday May 3rd

All women invited as we spend time together in study and fellowship.

7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

First Wednesday Meal and Service

Supper at 5:30

Worship at 6:15

Choir practice follows at 7:00

Join us and invite your friends as the meal and service are open to the community.

Guest Speaker for May is Justin Suffel

DM 25/60

On June 12, 2016 Pastor Dave will be celebrating his 25th year as our minister. That date also happens to be his 60th birthday! If you would like to be in on the planning to mark these milestones, contact Jane Nice. We will meet soon!



MOTHER'S DAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Ladies ,

In celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8 you are invited to bring a bouquet of flowers from your yard or garden.

Blooming plants, cuttings from flowering shrubs/trees, even single blooms are all welcome.

We would like to fill the sanctuary with the beauty and fragrance of God's creation.

For those of you who may need a vase or other assistance please see Jill

(419-399-5887) or Becky (419-399-4891).

"The earth laughs in flowers." Cummings

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

Your donations during April are evidence that our church family has a "gift for giving". Once again thank you for your generosity.

The needs in May are:

100% Fruit juices (individual and family sizes)

Toilet Paper

Shampoo & Conditioners

Tooth Paste

Tooth Brushes

Body Washes

Deodorant

Dry Skin Lotions

Dish Soap



Lighthouse Library News

Browse our library for the new books that have been added:

Behold the Man; the third book in the Bodie and Brock Thoene series

The Love Revolution by Joyce Meyer

101 Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck

Reflections of Dawn; book three of a trilogy by B. J. Young

Spiritual Avalanche by Steve Hill

Unusual Prophecies Being Fulfilled by Perry Stone

The Final Quest by Rick Joyner

Enjoy your reading time!

To my church family and friends -

Thank you so much for sharing the celebration of 50 years of music in our church. It was a wonderful day. I have enjoyed reading the many notes you wrote and there were many great memories shared.

It is truly an honor to play for you at this church and to honor God in this way. He has blessed me in so many ways and blessed our congregation as well. I thank you for maintaining our 100 year old organ and providing such a beautiful instrument to play. "IO am happy in the service on the King" and There is Joy in My Heart" as we sing and praise the Lord!

Thanks again and to God be the glory for the things HE has done!

Susan Crossland

Happy Mother's Day



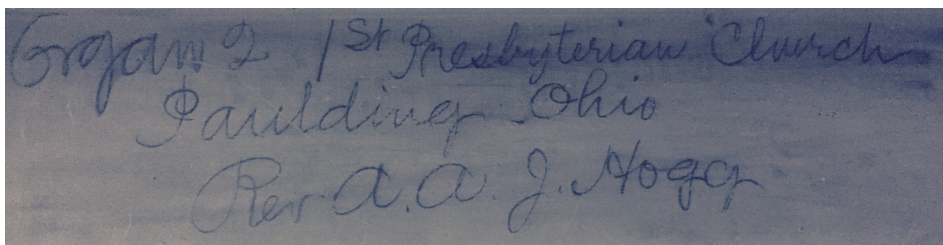
Sunday May 8th

Beginning of the Organ Repair



Picture on upper left shows the organ as it looked on Sunday April 24th (SC50) and the rest of the pictures as it looked by noon on Monday.

Photo of the board on the left: this board was removed from the swell chest which is being replaced. This was the outer portion of the shipping crate when the organ was installed (crate #2)



It reads: Organ 2 1st Presbyterian Church

Rev. A. A. J. Hogg

(Rev. Hogg was here 1911 –1912)



You're Invited



Megan Reineck

Open house
Sunday, May 22
4 - 7 PM

First Presbyterian
Church



Megan Fife

Open house
Saturday, May 28
1 - 4 PM

First Presbyterian
Church

Kacie Karlstadt

Open house
Saturday June 4
1 - 4 PM
First Presbyterian
Church



These three young women will be receiving Bibles on graduation Sunday, May 29th, during our worship service.



Did you know...
a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

Red Cross Blood Drive

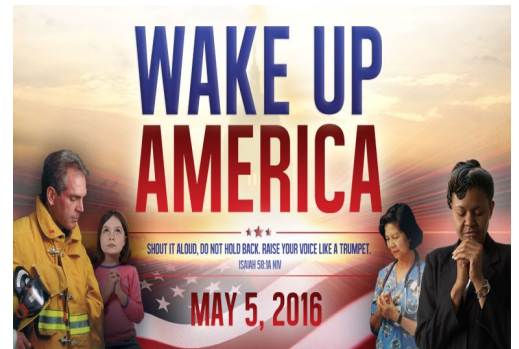
Thursday May 5th, noon to 5:00, 1st Presbyterian

A portion of Dr. Tony Evans prayer for our nation:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today as a humble people desperate for Your supernatural intervention on behalf of our beloved nation. First, we thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed on our land, blessings that have allowed us to bring so much good and benefit to not only our own citizens but also to the rest of the world. The very ideals upon which this country was founded were based on biblical truths, no matter how some try to rewrite history to deny that very fact today.

Thank You for Your promise to hear out prayers when we call to you with hearts of repentance and obedience, which is how we are appealing to You today, Father. On behalf of Your church we affirm afresh the priority You are to us that You would fill every dimension of our lives as we seek to bring you glory through the advancement of Your kingdom in our personal loves, our family lives, and in the lives of our churches and our government leaders. We confidently invite heaven's intervention into all the affairs of our nation and we praise You in advance for Your answer. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

The **65th** annual **National Day of Prayer** is just around the corner, offering us many opportunities to answer the call to pray for our nation. A Prayer Vigil is scheduled from 6 AM to 6 PM in our sanctuary. You are encouraged to sign up so that the whole 12 hours is covered, but you may also just come in and pray. You may also participate in the observance on the courthouse lawn at 8:00 AM. We are blessed in our home town to still have the opportunity to pray and read scripture on the town square. For this we are truly grateful.





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Worship Schedule
Sunday School 9:00
Praise Music: 10:15
Worship Service 10:30

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.
In All Things, Charity.

