



The Cornerstone News

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Out of the Saltshaker...

[We were] created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24)

The glory of God is a human being fully alive. (Irenaeus)

One of the paradoxes of Christian faith is that we are to humble ourselves before God, and we are also to *become like God*. As I wrote in the May newsletter, Jesus said, **Everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.** (Luke 6:40) In the culture of the 1st century, the goal of the teacher was to reproduce himself in his students, and the goal of the students was to become like their teacher, even to the point of being able to teach others.

We were **created to be like God**. One of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to show us what the Father is like. As Jesus said in John 14:9, **anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** Jesus revealed the Father, and we are to reveal Jesus. That's why we were created, so that we might *know Christ and make Christ known*. That is why the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, so that we might live in the world as Jesus did. The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is simply the display of Jesus characteristics in the lives of his followers—the students living like the teacher.

Salvation is about transformation: **Anyone in Christ is a new creation.** (2 Corinthians 5:17) This transformation has to do with both *position* (from condemned to pardoned) and *condition* (from living by natural ability to living by the Spirit). The exhortation to **work out your salvation** (Philippians 2:12) is about becoming in

your *condition* what you already are in your *position*. Anyone who has faith in Jesus has already been **raised up with Christ** (Ephesians 2:6); what is left is to **grow up into Christ** (Ephesians 4:15).

To live like Jesus brings us the most pleasure and it gives God the most glory. That is why Jesus came to earth, so that we can live this out. The Spirit does this, but it's not automatic. We participate through our willingness to obey, our desire to draw near and our openness to receive.

.... Shalom.

Pastor Dave



June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Prayer for the Community at the Senior Center 7:00 PM	3 Vision Team surveys due	4 Kacie Karlstadt Open House 1-4 PM
5 Communion 6:00 service on prayer at the Nazarene Church	6	7	8 Ladies Do Lunch Noon, at the church Vision Team meet- ing at 6:00	9 Prayer and Worship 7:00	10 Cottage Reserved	11
12 Celebration for Pastor Dave's 25th Anniversary and his birthday	13	14 Habitat for Hu- manity 3-5 PM	15	16 Prayer and Worship 7:00	17	18
19 Father's Day Celebration, continental breakfast following worship	20	21 Session 7:00	22	23 Prayer and Worship 7:00	24	25
26 Kim Wilson here to talk about God's Share Program Visit during worship from a Defiance chorus	27	28	29	30		

June Birthdays:

3rd Carol Razo
5th Chuck Lutz
10th Joy Nice Coughlin
11th Rhonda Smalley
12th Dave Meriwether
18th Conner Fidler

22nd Lauren Hill
25th Frieda Good

June Anniversaries:
3rd Paul & Martha PUNCHES

5th Matt and Allie Brown
7th Chuck & Phyllis Lutz
8th Todd & Lisa Searing
12th Bud & Cindy Koenig
12th Garrett and Maely
Alexander
16th Bill & Becky Hurtig

17th Chuck & Cara Lou
Strahley
22nd Matt & Linda Reineck
26th Terry & Marlene Buehler

Session Highlights

At recent Session meetings, elders:

*agreed to share our facilities with the Red Cross bloodmobile (5/5), the Bargain Bin spring luncheon (5/9), Habitat for Humanity district meeting (6/14), and Hands of Hope (10/6 cottage and 10/7 fellowship hall). Also approved was use of the fellowship hall for Megan Fife's graduation (5/28).

*approved summer events including a Father's Day continental breakfast (6/19 after worship); the Defiance Barber-shop chorus (6/26 for 10 minutes at the start of the service); and visits from two missions that we support: Kim Wilson from God's Share Program (6/26), and Brian and Beth Schwartz (tentatively July 3).

*okayed our church participation in a Pulpit Swap by the members of the Ministerial Association on July 17. Pastor Dave will lead our service that morning, with Pastor Vinnie Kroterfield (Family Worship Center) delivering the sermon. Pastor Dave will preach at House of Love's service at 3 pm that afternoon.

*heard praise from the personnel group for Pastor Dave's responsiveness to congregational needs. Dave is also working toward an electronic church calendar accessible to all, and plans to meet with each committee chair regarding establishing goals and possible improvements.

*discussed the need to raise our awareness of, and follow, the Youth Worker Policy in the church's Policy Manual.

*learned from the Property committee that peeling cottage shutters were replaced and wind-damaged cottage siding will be repaired by Clark Homes; and that extensive yard work has been tackled, including removing some dead and some overgrown bushes and trimming others. Mulch will be soon be spread by Dangler Landscaping.

*authorized the Property committee to enter discussion with Straley Real Estate about the home for sale on the northwest corner of the church block. The plan for any such possible acquisition would be to raze the house and garage, and return the parcel to a grass lot. This authorization by Session included making a modest offer on the property, contingent on the fact that finance committee, the Session, and the congregation all need to be consulted before any final action can be taken. An initial offer was made and rejected. The Session has decided to 'wait and see' at this time.

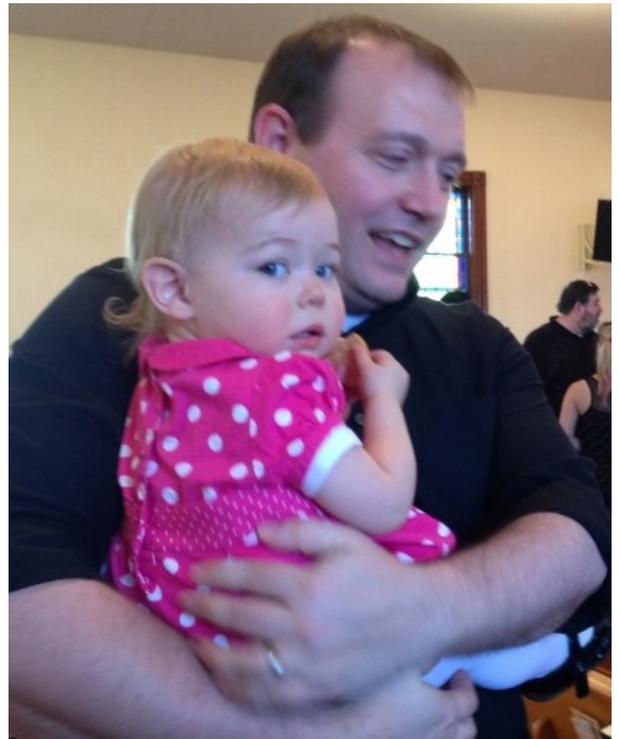
*learned that the only zoning requirements regarding the new garage project are a 15' setback from property lines. The project is in the design stages, and some flags defining the possible location have been set.

*decided to add a 'financial info corner' to the newsletter to speak more fully to financial activity during the month than can easily be addressed in the bulletin

Session Highlights Continued...

*were reminded of the new Meal Fund, which underwrites the cost of 1st Wednesday meals for anyone willing to plan one. The fund was established from the 2014-15 carryover funds. Meals are on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. *elected Barb Searing as a commissioner to General Assembly on June 21-25 in Northville, MI. Pastor Dave will also be attending. The church assumes the cost of registration and housing.

Abigail Searing with her daddy **Paul Searing**



Our little Miss Abigail Searing with her daddy following her dedication to the Lord on Sunday May 22. Grandparents Stan and Barb Searing were there for this momentous occasion.



Visit to New Jersey

Dick and Sue Paulus recently flew to New Jersey to visit their granddaughter, Danielle Morrison, her husband Ryan and 19 month old Quinn. While there Danielle drove them to the Spring Art Fling, a fund raiser for the City School (a program this church supports) where they visited with Tim Becker and Family, Jake Becker and Bruce and Mary Becker.



Ladies Do Lunch

The ladies of the congregation have agreed that we want to have a Ladies Do Lunch series this summer. Cindy Koenig is hosting a potluck lunch at the church on Wednesday June 8th at noon. Bring one of your favorite dishes, and a summer memory to share. Any volunteers to host at your home or at the church for July or August? Contact Barb Searing or the Congregational Life Committee to get more information.

*Dear Church Family,
We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support during Larry's recent health crisis. Your focused and enduring prayers, visits, phone calls, e-mails, cards and the gift basket have offered great comfort at a challenging time for us. Special thanks to Pastor David for the timely ministry of prayer and presence he supplied.*

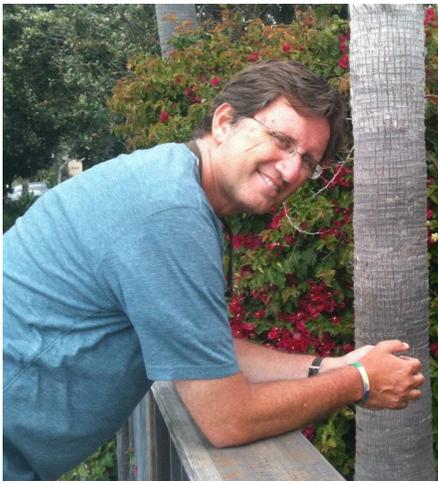


The healing continues at a gradual and steady pace with possibly more plastic surgery in the next few days. It is a comfort to know that we can count on God and others through whatever life brings.

*Gratefully yours,
Dr. Larry, Becky, Brent and Jeffrey Fishbaugh*

Vision Team Survey

Watch your home mail box for a survey mailed to those involved in our congregation. The Vision Team would really appreciate your comments and ideas by June 3rd. If somehow you don't received your mailed survey (two have had to be re-mailed due to old addresses, so don't give up on the expectation of receiving one!), please ask for one at from the church office.



You're Invited!



You are invited to an Open House
to celebrate
Pastor David Meriwether's
25 years of continuing service to the
First Presbyterian Church,
Paulding, Ohio
Sunday, June 12, 2016
(Also his 60th birthday!)
from
1-3 p.m.
At the church, 114 W. Caroline Street
(outside, weather permitting, casual attire welcome)



We will also be recognizing these milestones during worship services that morning.





During the service:

Special Music for Dad

A testimony of encouragement
from a Dad

Following the service

Join all the men that are Dads or had a
Dad for a continental breakfast in the
fellowship hall

Happy Father's Day

Sunday June 19

Praise Singing 9:15

Service 9:30

We are Invited:

The Nazarene Church is inviting us to their Sunday evening service on June 5th at 6:00 pm to hear Chet Swearingen speak on prayer and revival in Paulding. Chet's father was a minister at the Nazarene Church many years ago when they were still in the Perry Street building, so Chet grew up here. Some of you may remember the family.

**"Our Lord in His teaching regarding prayer never once referred to unanswered prayer; He said God always answers prayer."
Oswald Chambers**

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

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

The needs in June are:

100% Fruit juices (individual and family sizes)

Toilet Paper

Shampoo & Conditioners

Tooth Paste

Tooth Brushes

Body Washes

Deodorant

Dry Skin Lotions

Dish Soap



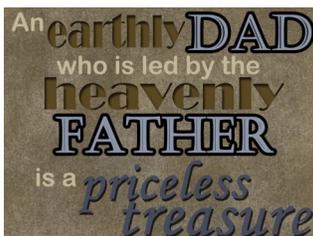
God's Share Program

"Our goal is to strengthen the hands of Christian missionaries as they are on the front lines fulfilling the Great Commission. Through God's Share Program, Inc. we provide quality items missionaries need for their family and ministry.

"We don't settle for 'Oh, missionaries will be happy with whatever they get.' We are good stewards, but we also strive to meet, if not exceed, our missionaries' expectations."

This quote is from the website of God's Share Program. Recently our church sent boxes of craft items to give to the missionaries for use in their programs, and they took all of the **Christmas Joy** CD's that we had left to put in the 70-90 Christmas gifts packages that they mail out to each year to missionary families.

On Sunday June 26th, Kim Wilson, director of God's Share Program, niece of Phyllis Crossland will be with us during the worship service to tell us more about their work. Please come!



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Senior Awards Night



Megan Reineck and Kacie Karlstadt were among many seniors receiving scholarships and other academic recognition for their years spent at Paulding High School.



FCCLA

The above high school students qualified to take their FCCLA projects to state competition. Kacie Karlstadt and her team collected items for hurricane relief in San Salvador, Erin Karlstadt and her team did a diaper drive for Hands of Hope in Paulding. The Hands of Hope projects earned that team a silver medal at state competition. Good job and congratulations to all of you.

Kacie's open house is the only one scheduled in June.

The church is invited, Saturday June 4th; from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall



Megan Fife



Kacie Karlstadt



Megan Reineck

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*Summer Worship
Praise Music: 9:15
Worship Service 9:30*

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In All Things, Charity.

