

Aug 2020

"Follow the Bells"



The Church Bell



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A Message From Pastor Casey

"Make Time to Learn Daily"

Everyone is an expert in the Bible, at least, they claim to be. Over the years of pastoring I have heard many people claim to be an expert on certain biblical topics, yet these same people have not read their Bible for years. Their expertise is based on remembering a bible verse or story from their childhood or hearing someone say something that sounded good about a biblical topic that interested them.

During one church function a gentleman approached me who I had never met before. He began asking me questions about my viewpoints on a couple hot button topics. I responded to this man with scripture. When my viewpoint, based on the scripture stood opposed to his, he turned red and claimed the Holy Spirit was not in me, only with a few more colorful words. He further accused me of reading from a false version of the Bible. I kindly invited him to walk 30 feet with me into my office where on my bookshelf were nearly every popular translation of the Bible and some that are not as well known. Among these were the traditional translations such as The King James Version. I challenged the gentleman to look up the same verses that I quoted from any translation that he desired and to see if they said the same thing. He refused, called me a false pastor and stormed off. Yes... everyone is an expert to themselves.

I have been a pastor for nearly a decade. I have a degree in the Bible and several certificates. I have read it many times from cover to cover, but I am not an expert. I will always be learning. Let us not fool ourselves on thinking that we know everything that God has to say. For the one who does not study the Word of God in a serious way fool themselves with ideas of knowledge, but they contain very little knowledge, and for the one who studies only a few verses and does not read the entirety of the Scripture, they fool themselves by proclaiming a narrow knowledge without knowing the context and how those verses really fit into God's Word. There is also the one who reads the Bible but does not know the Author. The Apostle Paul was like this at one time.

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Pastor Casey Chapman

Worship Leaders



Sharon Hopkins, Jeff Byler,
Ron Miller, Amy Popichak,
Curtis Bell, Carol Robinson,
Spencer Chapman, Amy Seger,
Linda Swauger, Justin Klamut

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The office is open

Monday-Thursday

8am-Noon

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Coffee Fellowship



August 2	Diana Martin
August 9	Bob and Betty Evans
August 16	Jeff and Brenda Byler
August 23	Ruth Young
August 30	Carol Glancy and Effie Welch

Pastors Message continued from the front page:

The Apostle Paul, who was previously known as Saul, believed that he was an expert on the Scripture. According to the *Easton's Bible Dictionary* Paul was a student of Rabbi Gamaliel and spent many years in the study of the Scriptures. Yet, Saul did not understand the meaning of the Scriptures for He would persecute the church until he encountered Jesus the Christ on the road to Damascus as found in Acts 9. In Galatians 1:17-18 Paul, who was Saul, recounts of how after his encounter with Christ he went to the wilderness of Arabia for three years to pray, study the Scripture, and to be alone with the Lord. When Paul was Saul, he had a head knowledge of the Scripture, but when he met the risen Lord, he realized that he needed the Lord to gift him with the understanding of that knowledge.

Dear friends, do not assume that you know all God has for you. Study the Word of God sincerely, and also ask God to make clear His ways for you that you may understand what you study.

Make time to learn, daily.

Cortland Christian Church Welcomes

our newest members to our congregation.

Linda Tucker, Lynn Hayes,
Spencer Chapman, Joyce Greenlee

A new member luncheon is scheduled for
Sunday August 9th.



July— Financial Report

Our monthly Budget for 2020 of \$13,000 explains the amount needed to maintain our church.

July1, 2020 to July 31, 2020

Offering Received	\$ 11,406.00
Expenses	<u>\$ - 9,018.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2,388.00

Jan 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020

Offering Received	\$ 93,485.00
Expenses	<u>\$ -73,122.00</u>
Balance	\$ 20,122.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Balance \$ 80,864.86

“Happy Birthday”

August 2	Charlie Beer
August 7	Linda Swauger
August 12	Betty Evans
August 14	Preston Polakoff
August 16	Carol Peterson
August 20	Curt Miller
August 21	John Molnar
August 21	Eileen Niemi
August 22	Abbie Lawrence

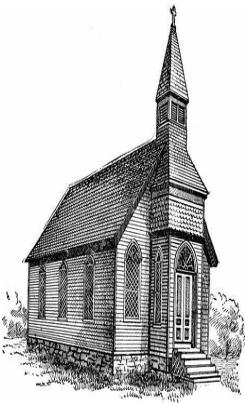


“Happy Anniversary”

August 5, 2020
Terry and Linda Swauger

August 25
Bob and Mary Jo Johnson

Elders Meetings



*Third Sunday
In the month
8 am —
Board Room*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



*“Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is
the future, but today is a gift.
That’s why it’s called the present.”*

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“Congratulations” Rylan Bland on Your Baptism “Jesus loves You “



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2. Sunday Service 10am Adult Sunday School 8:55am	3 	4.	5. "Youth Group" 12pm-2pm Lite lunch provided	6.	7. 
9. Service at 10am S S at 8:55am New Members Luncheon'	10.	11.	12. "Youth Group" 12pm-2pm Lite lunch provided	13. 	14.
16. Sunday Service 10am Adult Sunday School 8:55am	17. 	18.	19. "Youth Group" 12pm-2pm Lite lunch provided	20.	21.
23. Sunday Service Same as above	24. 	25.	26. "Youth Group" 12pm-2pm Lite lunch provided	27. 	28.
30.	31.				29. 

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Bob and Mary Jo Johnson
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Cortland, Ohio 44410

Katie and John Molnar
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Edwin and Eileen Niemi
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Cortland, Ohio
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Summer Youth Program

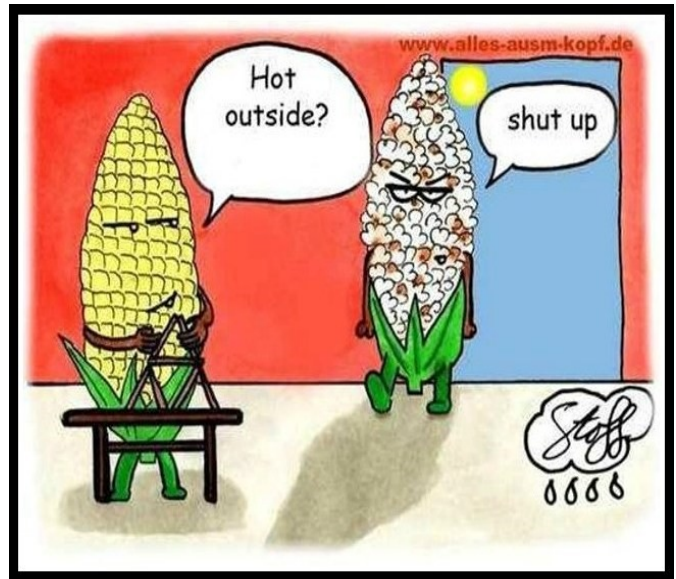
Begins

Wednesday

July 15th @1pm-3pm.

A lite lunch will be provided.

"Let the fun begin"



RUMMAGE SALE 2020



This year was unusual as we planned for a March Rummage sale, cleaned out closets and basements and garages, only to store them for several months in a pile somewhere out of the way if possible. But the day finally arrived and we were all so happy to see so many items on our tables. Lots of great items to fill a shopping bag.

Strong winds and hard pounding rain moved in to kind of put a damper on the sale. Saturday was rainy and gloomy, not the kind of day you want for your sale. Still many made the trip through the gloomy day. It did clear up later in the afternoon. We did not sell clothes.

Through the wind and rain we still had many customers, we are inside and air conditioned, as most of the sales were outside. The last count of yard and garage sales in Cortland number about 36 and there were more in the surrounding areas. The whole map of Cortland marked with the sales places looked like "a polk a dot sheet" of paper. If you didn't find what you wanted, you just had to keep traveling.

This is work getting this organized but also fun as we all did some shopping. The sales amounted to about \$1070. We were happy with that. So until next year, relax for a while and we will be calling on you next year. Usually in March. ***"Thank you"*** all for your contributions, (your help and donations). We can not do this without them.



Puppy Size Love

Author Unknown

"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer. "What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked. "Puppy size!" replied the mother. "Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for." The mom answered sadly, "I know...we have seen most of them."

Just then Danielle came walking into the office "Well, did you find one?" asked her mom. "No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back next weekend?" Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either."

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, Mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted. Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer. "I found the right puppy"

Mom came running to meet Danielle. "But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks." Danielle said "No not size ---- the sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed." He's the puppy, He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

She continued, "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart."

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. You can hear it the arms of your loved ones. The view of a sunset. The kiss of moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. They are the sighs of God. Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear.

Where God Ain't.....

He was just a little boy, on a week's first day.
He was wandering home from Sunday
School and dawdling on the way.
He scuffed his shoes into the grass; he
found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out
all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so wisely
placed on high,
Was just another wonder that caught his ea-
ger eye.
A neighbor watched his zig zag course and
hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day and
what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School," he said and
turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying, "I've
learned a lot of God."
"Mmm...very fine way," the neighbor said,
"for a boy to spend his time."
"If you tell me where God is, I'll give you a
brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God ain't."

New Member Luncheon

"Haystack Luncheon"



This is a fun time and fun luncheon to honor
our new members.

Menu

Frito Chips, taco flavored ground beef (Not
seasoned hot),
Lettuce, tomato, beans, peppers, onions, etc.
with chips on top, sour cream. All your
choice.

This lunch will be served to you at a buffet.
Servers will be gloved and masked.

There will be dessert, coffee and punch.



Tomato season is coming so keep this recipe handy..

Tomato Basil Squares

1 (12 Oz.) pkg. refrigerated pizza dough
1/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese
2/3 c. mayonnaise
4 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
2 T. fresh copped basil or 2 t. dried basil
1 clove garlic, crushed

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place pizza dough on a greased cookie sheet and spread into a square. Add 1 cup of the mozzarella cheese to dough square. Chop fresh or dried basil. Mince garlic. Place basil, mayonnaise, grated Parmesan cheese, and 1 c mozzarella cheese and garlic. Mix well.

Thinly slice plum tomatoes, place tomatoes evenly across pizza dough. Place mixture on top of tomatoes, Mixture will be thick. So placing in patches is fine. Place in oven for 15-20 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Remove from heat. Serve and enjoy.

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this one!)

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why..

Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat

She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet..

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his little feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years!



Our Summer Youth Group in action here at C.C.C.

You probably don't notice it, there is a spider web creation in this picture. The object of this game is that these kids have to get through the web without touching the web. They each have to find their own spot to climb through. They can't go through the same spot as any of the previous kids did..

Pastor Casey has set up a fun time for these kids. They also have a Bible Study, a light lunch, a game and time to get to know each other.



Any Middle School aged child and friend can join in on this summer time fun.

Call Pastor Casey 330-637-4611 for more information.

We all need some fun-inter-action during this unusual time in our lives.

**Anyone want to give
this a try?**

Picture taken and shared by Pastor Casey



Dorothy Lazar

We are all masking up, and we are now in the red zone, which means we don't have a choice if we want to protect ourselves from Covid 19 Virus. In our masks we look like we are ready for a Halloween party or maybe a robbery, except maybe for

Dorothy, she looks great in her mask.



Amy Kennedy was welcomed into our Church membership on July 12, 2020, transferring as a shared membership with her home church in Lordstown.

Pictures taken and shared by Ruth Young

Happy "90th" Birthday



Happy Birthday

to two beautiful and committed Christian Women who enjoyed their 90th birthdays at a celebration in their name during fellowship on Sunday.

Jean Scott on
July 6 and



Amy Kennedy on
July 12



THE WORLD IS MINE - Author Unknown

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman
and wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go..
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

If this poem makes you feel thankful, just forward it to your
friends.
After all, it's just a simple reminder that we have so much to
be thankful for!
Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!

I have been truly blessed with
AWESOME FRIENDS.

Submitted by Jack Hanna

This happened in Japan.....



In order to renovate a house in Japan
someone has to open the wall. Japanese
houses usually have hollow spaces be-
tween wooden walls. When tearing down
the walls, this man found that there was a
live lizard stuck in the dark space between

this wall, because a small nail was hammered into one of it's
feet.

He sees this and at the same time feels curious. It had to have
happened 5 years ago when this house was built. How could
this be? This lizard survived 5 years in such a position in a dark
wall without moving.?

It is impossible and wondered, how can this happen without
moving a single step. So he stopped his work and observed the
lizard to see what it has been doing to survive. Suddenly another
lizard appeared with food in it's mouth.

The Japanese man was stunned and deeply touched, for the liz-
ard that has been stuck by the nail in his foot, was being fed by
another lizard for the 5 years. It has been doing that untiringly
for 5 years without giving up hope for its partner.

Imagine what a small creature can do and a human with a bright
mind can't.

**Please never abandon your loved ones! Never say you are too
busy when they need you. You may have the entire world at
your feet. But you may be the only one in their world. A mo-
ment of negligence may break the very heart of the one who
loved you against all odds.**

**Before you say something just remember it takes a moment to
break a heart, but forever to make it right.**

Author unknown

Submitted by Ron Miller

"Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good For The Soul"

author unknown

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids to-day don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart."

Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid Ice Cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his Sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"

Congratulations

Amanda and Nick Taylor

A new life has just begun for these two little sweeties.

Introducing

Left: Eliana Raine Glennnis Taylor

Right: Adeline Delilah Rhona Taylor.

These darling little ones are the granddaughters of Sharon Hopkins, (one of our elders)

They are the daughters of

Amanda and Nick Taylor, who have two other children, Peyton and Haylee. .

What an adventure that family will have with two little active babies and their other two active little girls.



Hasselback Potatoes (Yummy)

8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, softened

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/3 cup finely chopped chives

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

Stir together the butter, olive oil, chives and some salt and pepper in a small bowl.

Place a potato between the handles of 2 wooden spoons or 2 chopsticks. Slice the potato into thin slices, **leaving 1/4 inch at the bottom unsliced; the spoon handles will prevent you from slicing the potato all the way through.** Repeat with the remaining potatoes.

Put the potatoes on a baking sheet and brush on the butter mixture, making sure to get in between all the slices. You can also place inch sized slices of cheese between slices of potatoes. . Bake until tender and crisp, **55 to 60 minutes**. Delicious... Will make often..

You're going to love these, if you like fair fries.

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