



August 2018



The Church Bell

"Follow the Bells"

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The Priestly Blessing

by: Rev. C. Chapman

Num. 6:22-27 HCSB

The blessing or benediction that we are familiar with in our church service is that from ancient times. The earliest records that we have concerning the benediction contain instructions for blessing the people. This practice was quickly put into place in the Temple of the Lord. In Numbers 6:22-27 the Lord hands down the benediction that is to be proclaimed over Israel to Moses who is to pass it on to his brother Aaron, the High Priest.

May Yahweh bless you and protect you;
may Yahweh make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
may Yahweh look with favor on you
and give you peace.

In this way God's name is pronounced over the Israelites and He promised to bless them. Today through this benediction God's name is pronounced over all believers in Christ and indeed He blesses His church. Charles Spurgeon wrote concerning this blessing:

What a joy to abide under the divine blessing! This puts a gracious flavor into all things. If we are blessed, then all our possessions and enjoyments are blessed; yea, our losses and crosses and even our disappointments are blessed. God's blessing is deep, emphatic, effectual. A man's blessing may begin and end in words, but the blessing of the LORD makes rich and sanctifies. The best wish we can have for our dearest friend is not "may prosperity attend thee," but "the LORD bless thee" (C. H. Spurgeon, *Faith's Checkbook: a Daily Devotional*, Accordance electronic ed. (Altamonte Springs: OakTree Software, 2006), paragraph 1259.).

How great it is to realize that the Lord keeps us so close to His heart to pour out His blessings upon everything in our life. God can bless us immediately and He can bless us mediately. In this case it was through the priests, the mediators of God's blessing, that God blessed Israel. Today it can be through the pastor or elders. God can even use you to bless someone else in His name. Yes, you have an important part to play. As you walk according to the ways of the Lord, His Spirit will tug at your heart to be a blessing in someone else's life. What treasure we store up in heaven by listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

This month be still, as you dwell upon God's Word, the Holy Bible, listen for the Spirit of Christ to call you to be a blessing to others.

"And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'" Matthew 25:40

Our Worship Leaders

August 5 Amy Popichak and Amy Seger
 August 12 Jeff Byler and Carol Robinson
 August 19 Linda Swauger and John Molnar
 August 26 Sharon Hopkins and Curtis Bell



Deacons Captain: Judene Ainsley 330-637-9938
 Brenda Byler, Chuck Corbet, Bob Bradford,
 Joyce Hall, Betty Evans, Ron Miller
 Deaconess: Ruth Young
 Organist and Key Board: Jonathan Gallo

Pastor Casey's

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or stop in to see him

WELCOME PASTOR CASEY

On behalf of the Elders and myself, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Casey! He has hit the ground running and I feel confident in his ability to lead our church and grow the church into OUR vision for the future.



What we have here at Cortland Christian Church is like no other church I have ever attended. As soon as you walk in the door, you can feel the love and warmth of our congregation. Although we would all like to see the congregation grow in numbers, the most important part of coming to church is being moved by the Holy Spirit. So what can we do as a congregation? Keep inviting friends and family to share in our love of Jesus Christ and each other, do not limit the invitation to solely "Bring a friend to church Sunday." Spread the word about our new minister and what a great loving church we have.

Remember, Pastor Casey is only one member of the team, it will take the whole church to accomplish our goal. Let's open our hearts and minds and show Pastor Casey our support !!!

Blessings to all, Amy

July Financial Report

Budgeted monthly expenses — \$10,500

Month - July 1-31 2018

Offering Received	\$ 8,959
Expenses	\$ 5,674
Balance	\$3,239

**\$10,500
 needed
 monthly
 just to
 maintain
 CCC**

Monthly mortgage payment \$2047.67

Yearly (Jan 1, 2018 - July 31, 2018)

Offering Received	\$69,666
Expenses	\$ 71,605
Balance	\$ - 1,939

Mortgage Balance \$70,244.53

"Happy Birthday"

<i>August 2</i>	<i>Charlie Beer</i>
<i>August 7</i>	<i>Linda Swauger</i>
<i>August 11</i>	<i>Betty Evans</i>
<i>August 14</i>	<i>Preston Polakoff</i>
<i>August 16</i>	<i>Carol Peterson</i>
<i>August 17</i>	<i>Patti Oriti</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Pastor Curt Miller</i>
<i>August 21</i>	<i>Eileen Niemi</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<i>Abbie Lawrence</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>Florence King</i>



"Happy Anniversary"

August 5	Terry and Linda Swauger
August 13	Jamie and Toma Leveto
August 25	Bob and Mary Jo Johnson

No Board meeting
this month unless a
called meeting is
necessary.

"MEETING"

Elders Meeting
Third Sunday
of the month

8:00 am.



Smiling Jesus

This picture says "love and peace"
with just a smile.

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After church

At CCC

Sept 16

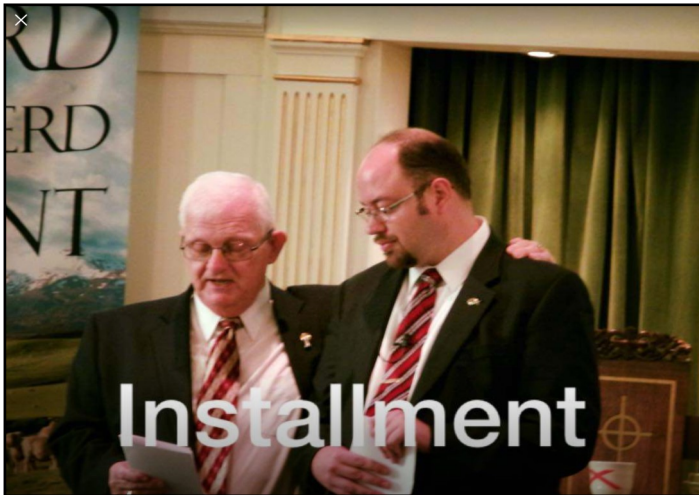
Old Fashioned Outdoor Games,
Popcorn machine, Scavenger Hunt for the
Children, Activities for adults

Potluck—picnic foods,
hotdogs, burgers

Start thinking about friends or families that
you can invite to enjoy this day with us.

Pastor Casey Chapmans Installation

Pastor Casey was installed as our new minister on July 15th, 2018 by Pastor Curt Miller. Pastor Curt has been our interim minister that has been taking care of us for the last year. Here are a few pictures of the event.



This is to certify that
Pastor Casey Chapman
has been officially
installed as Pastor of
Cortland Christian
Church on this day 15
July, 2018.

Officiating officer was
Pastor Curtis Miller.



34rd Warren Italian American Heritage Festival

Courthouse Square downtown-Warren, Ohio

August 9,10, 11, 12, 2018

Kickoff breakfast, Entertainment, Cultural Exhibits, Italian Outdoor
Mass, Bocce, Morra, Miss Italian Pageant, Tiny King and Queen Pageant,
Wine Taste Competition, Homemade Pasta Sauce Contest, Rides,
Games, Outdoor Italian Mass, Procession

ITALIAN OUTDOOR MASS 9:30

www.warrenitalianfestival.com or call 330.550.7877 for more info

HAPPINESS IS



...singing

With Joyful Noise

Pastor Casey Chapmans First Official Day as Minister of Cortland Christian Church

July 22, 2018



Photo's taken and submitted by Jack Hanna





Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other, "Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don't even recognize me". The other donkey replied, "that's how

it is my friend. **Without Jesus you
you are nothing**



Women's Fellowship

Women of Worship

W.O.W

"Breakfast With Friends"

at

"Four Star Restaurant"

Saturday, August 11th, 2018

10 am

Bring any thoughts or ideas you have
and would like to share.

*With Special
Thanks*

TO ALL OF YOU

*TO PASTOR CASEY & OUR
WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY,*

For everything you've done...

for being the special people

that you are...

thank you so very much.

*WE ARE TRULY BLESSED
TO HAVE ALL OF YOU
IN OUR LIVES.*

*LOVE
BRENDA & JEFF
BYLER*

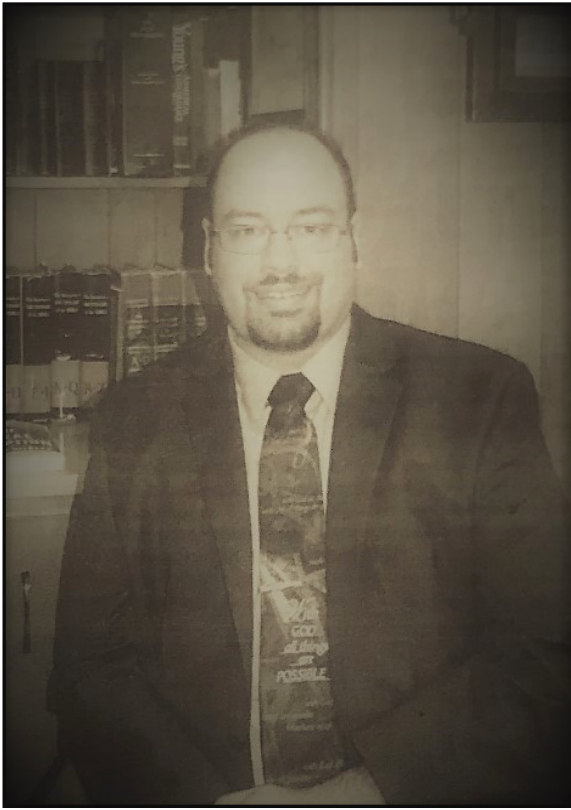


A bird doesn't
sing because
it has an answer.
It sings because
it has a song.

-Maya Angelou



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CORTLAND — Cortland Christian Church has officially installed Casey Chapman of Sandy Lake, Pa., as its new pastor, effective July 15.

A welcoming celebration for Chapman will be Aug. 5 following the 10 a.m. worship service.

Chapman, who previously served four years as the pastor of the Atlantic Church in Greenville, Pa., said he started as a nursing major at Liberty University in Virginia before changing to ministry.

“I was at a Christian college and the more I studied, I felt the Lord was telling me this was not the path he wanted me on. I already had my vocational diploma in health care, but after I spoke to my pastor in Sandy Lake I decided to switch over to pastoral leadership,” he said.

Chapman said he was a little reluctant about being a public speaker but said after he studied pastoral leadership he knew that would have to change that because he would be speaking to church congregations. He received both his bachelor’s degree in religion and his master’s degree in pastoral leadership from Liberty University.

Chapman said he has been meeting with the church staff and congregation and said he would like to focus on starting up the Sunday school program.

“I would love to add a junior church for the children, which we are in the process of doing. I would also like to see an evening Bible study,” he said.


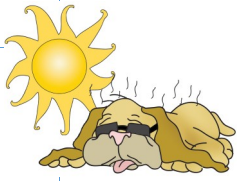
Chapman said he would like to get the youth as active in the church as possible.

Chapman was looking for a new church to serve when he saw the opening at the Cortland church when Pastor Donald Barnes left and was replaced with Pastor Curtis Miller, who served as an interim for one year. Chapman himself had served as interim pastor at churches, including Milledgeville Community Christian Church in Carlton, Pa.

“I was led to this church. I had seen the postings and was looking for a church that was close. I came here and met with the pastoral search committee and fell in love with the people,” he said.

Chapman said he likes small town church atmosphere.

August 2018

St AUGUST	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Joyful Noise	2. Aerobics Aerobics	3. 	4. Aerobics
5. Sunday Service Pastor Caseys Welcome Pot Luck Luncheon	6.  Aerobics	7.	8. Joyful Noise	9. Aerobics	10.	11. Aerobics Breakfast with Friends
12. Sunday Service	13. Aerobics	14.	15.  Joyful	16. Aerobics	17..	18. Aerobics 
19.. Sunday Service	20.  Aerobics	21.	22. Joyful Noise	23. Aerobics	24.	25. Aerobics
26. Sunday Service	27. Aerobics	28.	29. Joyful Noise	30.	31. 	

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a card
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista
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Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab
Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

Frank Zanin

18170 N.91st Ave.
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Peoria, Az. 85382

Raymond Kline

502 Arcaro Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410
234-244-4241

Kathie Bates

Room 105
369 N. High Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Alice Kalas

Champion Estates
Windsor Place
Warren, Ohio 4448
330-307-7583

Edwin Niemi

Lake Vista
Apt. 207
Mecca Street,
Cortland, Ohio

Chuck Lucy

73 Lake Vista Drive
Cortland, Ohio

Doris Bennett

61 Heron circle
Cortland, Ohio

Lauralee Lawrence

124 willow Street
Cortland, Ohio
44410

Kathy Miller
416 North High Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410





CORTLAND — On a living room wall facing the entrance of John Klamut’s front door is a handmade U.S. Navy Seabees emblem.

It was given to Klamut, 86, as a gift, and was built with several different types of wood. Each piece of wood is in its natural color, and the craftsmanship of the emblem makes it a fitting gift for a construction battalion veteran who had a role in the largest earth-moving project ever undertaken.

Klamut, who served from 1951 to 1955 in the U.S. Navy as a 3rd Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, better known as the Seabees, was a heavy equipment operator.

Building an air strip in a dense patch of rocky, jungle terrain with a mountain range was a project fraught with obstacles from animals to terrain. The U.S. Naval Air Station at Cubi Point, Subic Bay in the Philippines, which took five years to complete, would ultimately be used during the Vietnam War. It was a project some said was impossible, and larger in scale than construction of the Panama Canal, Klamut said.

Dirt was hauled out in equipment that held 12 cubic yards and would travel at 14 mph on the ground. Coming down the mountain, drivers would shift into neutral and hit speeds of 80 mph, Klamut said.

One time, tons of explosives were brought in to blow up part of a mountain. The mountain was supposed to come straight down, but didn’t, and instead Klamut and others found themselves watching from another mountain and being rained on by rocks as was a Japanese admiral who had been brought in to watch the mountain come down.

“We cut down half a mountain and filled in a valley,” Klamut said.

Klamut learned how to drive “every piece of equipment there is” in Port Hueneme, Calif. It’s a job he thinks he got because prior to joining the U.S. Navy he had experience driving a semi-truck and he operated a crane for the Taylor Winfield Corp. in Warren. After his training, he was on a ship to the Philippines.

“We were on a troop ship and 22 days later, we were in Manila,” Klamut said. “I didn’t get seasick, but a lot of guys did. I had a buddy. His name was Bob Wadsworth. Tough guy. He had a hide like leather — until the ship they literally moved mountains or drank beer on their down time.

During the rainy season, work couldn't be done, Klamut said. After being sent to repair an airstrip in Korea, and a short stop in Hong Kong, it was back to the Philippines, and it was still raining. This left Klamut some time to tell jokes and drink beer, and on one of those rainy days he ran into a high school classmate who had been a year behind him.

After the next rainy season, when it was time to come home, Klamut ran into a guy who was a year ahead of him in high school while on a ship with 5,000 men. Klamut bought a 1948 Ford when he returned home, drove cross country and met former President Harry Truman who was shaking hands with people in a small Missouri town. Klamut told Truman he was from Akron because he figured Truman wouldn't know anything about Ravenna.

Klamut, who ultimately settled into a job as a machinist and a union president at Taylor Winfield Corp., is a man who loves his country. He loves a good joke too.

"What's small, round and blue?" Klamut asked. "A cranberry holding its breath."

It's one of several one-liners Klamut delivers quickly with a chuckle. One can picture the old union man, who came out of boot camp at 145 lbs, throwing out one-liners as a young man with his buddies in the heat of the jungle as they literally moved mountains or drank beer on their down time.

Great story share! Thanks! This is one of our own church "characters".. We love you , John



Does anyone know who these pretty girls are?

Yes, I dance in my car ...

Yes, I sing at the top of my voice in the car....

Yes, I see you staring at me....

No, I don't care.....



A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church, the Christian Church"

The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"



Submitted by Jack Hanna

Thank You

It's hard to think of a more adorable animal than a fawn. Whitetail deer often have twins, so it was no surprise to Jo and I to see these two appear together on our property. It was impossible for us to choose which one we liked the most. In fact, it was hard to tell them apart since they were twins. Scripture uses the illustration of the twins Jacob and Esau to teach us something about God's choice of those to whom He will bestow mercy. Jacob received mercy and Esau received justice. The amazing fact is that God made His choice before the twins were even born. It is crushing

to human pride to know that our supposed goodness contributes nothing to God's choice of those to whom He grants mercy. Salvation is all of grace, and it is only when we come to understand this fact that God is most glorified. That God would choose to have mercy on anyone is cause for amazement. If we cry that this is unfair, it is only because we do not understand what fairness means. It means we are asking God to give us what we deserve.

And what we as a sinful race deserve is condemnation.

But doesn't God choose us because we have chosen to follow Jesus? In other words, isn't our choosing God the reason that God chooses us? Scripture is clear on this point, the only reason we have chosen Him is because He has first chosen us. Our faith is the response of God's choosing, not the cause of it. Whenever we hold onto something we have done as a reason for God's acceptance of us, we take some of the glory that belongs to God alone and put it on ourselves. Fawns are adorable and innocent. We are not. If you are a follower of Jesus, it is only because God has chosen to give you what you do not deserve - mercy. - John



Mackenzie Polakoff



Several of you have asked about Phyllis Hake's address:

I am posting it again here in this column. Send her a card to let her know you are thinking about her. She'd love to hear from you!

Phyllis Hake
321 Oxford Cove
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Mackenzie Polakoff is at Camp Christian for two weeks. She is making her debut as a camp counselor, not as a camper. This is her first year as a leader. She has been going as a camper since she was 12.

She says it has been such a remarkable experience and so much fun. Good Luck at camp with those youngsters.

May God Bless her.

CCC Memorial Garden

Sunday July 29 2018, our sweet little memorial garden was dedicated and prayers were said in memory of all those who have gone before us. Come and spend some time here.



Take a moment and just sit and relax.

Share with a friend.

Let all of lifes little miseries disappearfor a few moments.

Reflect on your fond memories.

Or just rest your weary body.

James 1: ~21

In simple humility, let our gardener God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.