



# Church Bell

JULY 2016



“Follow The Bells”

## Cortland Christian Church

153 Grove Drive  
Cortland, Ohio

Reverend Donald P. Barnes



*Love the Lord with all  
of thy heart, mind,  
will, and strength.  
Love your neighbor  
as yourself.*

Leviticus 19:18

July 2016

## Pastor's Pen

Haven't been in my hammock all summer! Just been too busy – vacation, work, new camper, dance recitals, birthday parties, planting flowers, mowing grass. You know the routine. No greater compliment than telling someone they are busy: “You sure are busy! Don't know how you do it, Pastor! Busy! Busy! Busy!” Oh, yeah! Back to my hammock. This isn't just any hammock. It's stretched between two huge maple trees with pinions screwed deep into the wood. I set it high off the ground. You need a ladder to get into this “baby.” When I had more time, I used to climb up into my special resting place, lay back, and the world seemed to melt away. Nothing like a nap while nestled in the loving arms of two huge maples. It was my get away. I miss that hammock. I need that hammock. It offers me a respite from the busy-ness of this world. My drained batteries boast a full-charge after an hour in my hammock.

You might not have thought of it this way, but Sunday morning worship kinda' functions like my hammock. They don't call it a sanctuary for nothing. Time in God's house on the first day of the week grants us the spiritual energy we require to negotiate our way through this world. Unfortunately, secular concerns can impinge on this sacred space. We suffer as a result. What have you been busy with this summer: baseball, soccer, camping, traveling, etc., etc., etc? I pray wherever you find yourself this summer, you seek out that inviting sanctuary that calls you to spend time in a heavenly realm. Kinda' reminds me of time spent in my hammock in the trees. It was my get away. I miss that hammock. I need that hammock.

In his book, *The Integrity Crisis*, Warren Wiersbe, shares this insight into the transformative nature of worship:

True biblical worship so satisfies our total personality that we don't have to shop around for man-made substitutes. William Temple made this clear in his masterful definition of worship:

For worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose -- and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

This evening, I sit in my backyard and gaze at my empty hammock. We enjoyed so many peaceful moments together. I am better for the time I devoted to my peaceful sanctuary in the trees. I know there's a correlation here. I'll let you figure it out, but I do have a question. Where will you be Sunday morning?

*Pastor*

**Our  
Worship  
Assistants**



**Elders:**

**July 3 John**

**Molnar—Joyce Seagle**

**July 10 Joyce Lewis— Carol Robinson**

**July 17 Larry Dix—Amy Seger**

**July 24 Justin Klamut—John Kloboves**

**July 31 Bob Johnson— Joyce Seagle**

**Deacons:**

**Captain: Phyllis Hake 330-638-3973**

**Barb Bradford, Terry Swauger, Judy Hansel,  
Mackenzie Popakoff, Carol Glancy,  
Cindy Miller.**

**Deaconess:**

**Judene Ainsley**

***The Church Office will be open on  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 am.***

***Phone: 330-637-4611***

***Feel free to call or stop in if you have a  
question or need help.***

***JULY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP***

**July 3 No Volunteers**

**July 10 Curtis and Anita Bell**

**July 17 No Volunteers**

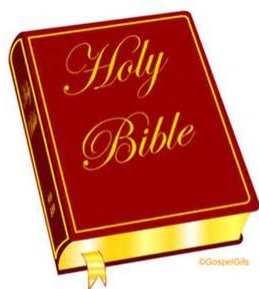
**July 24 Roger McCafferty and  
Pris Wodzinski**

**July 31 Barb/Bob Bradford  
and John/Sarah  
Kloboves**



**Thank you all so Very Much**

**I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles  
like we treat our cell phones.**



**What if we carried it around in our purse or pocket?**

**What if we flipped through it several times a day?**

**What if we used it to receive messages from the text?**

**What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?**

**What if we gave it to kids as a gift?**

**What if we used it when we traveled?**

**What if we used it in case of an emergency?**

**Oh, and one more thing... unlike our cell phones, we don't have to worry  
about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus has already paid the  
bill.**



**Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?"**

**And no dropped calls!**



Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because, when you take a closer look,  
This world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists  
I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
Today was a good day

Now read from the bottom to top.

This is amazing, read all the way through, you will be surprised.

It was written by a 14 year old!



*Happy  
Anniversary*

July 13

Sharon and Jerry Polakoff

July 27

Barb and Bob Bradford

July 1 David Miller  
July 7 Andy Kronauer  
July 9 Nicolas Miller  
July 9 Amy Popichak  
July 11 Effie Welch

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July 12 Barb Bradford  
July 22 Vicki Lawrence  
July 27 Chuck Chagnot



## ***Keep them In Your Thoughts and Prayers***



Let us all pray for the family of Norman Martin 72, passed away on Sunday June 26. Norman leaves behind his wife, Diana Hilton-Martin, whom he married on July, 1967; two sons, Grant R. (Rouen) Martin and Lance Martin, both of Windham; a brother, Marlin "Boots" (Karen) Martin of Brookfield; and a sister, Debbie (David) Beltz of Cortland. He also leaves behind four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Norm was very active with the Masonic Lodge.

A Lakeview High School graduate and a U.S. Army Veteran "Stormin Norman" was a Cortland Police Officer for 17 years, He also was a 17 year heart transplant survivor.

He lived a full life and will be thought of fondly by friends and family.

We pray for Barb and Bob Bradford in the loss of Barbs son **Scott Hartley, 46** of Newton Falls, who passed away unexpectedly Thursday, June 23, 2016 at his residence. He leaves behind a daughter, Alyssa Hartley of Newton Falls; two sons, Aiden Hartley of Newton Falls and Chance Hartley of Leavittsburg; a sister, Shari Hartley of Cortland; a brother, Steven (Nancy) Hartley of Austintown; and a niece, Brooke Barker of Cortland

Scott was a 1988 graduate of Newton Falls High School. He previously was employed as a printer with PM Graphics in Streetsboro, currently he was the maintenance person at Diles Store.

Scott was a member of the Newton Falls United Methodist Church. He loved the Cleveland sport teams, especially the Cleveland Browns. Scott had a big heart and enjoyed acting crazy and having fun with a personality that lit up a room.

He will certainly be "greatly missed" by all who knew and loved him.



**A Benefit For**

**Rykar Ainsley**

Daughter of Keith and Kara Ainsley  
Grandaughter of Donna Ainsley

**Chinese Auction  
and 50/50  
Drawing**

**July 16th, 2016  
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.  
Cortland Christian Church**

*Rykar has many medical problems and will continue to need much more medical care. She was born last May with are Congenital Heart Defect. Over the past year, she has undergone over 20 surgeries and procedures, spending much of her first year of life in the hospital. She has been a fighter and will continue to battle this condition for years to come.*

**If you can't come and would like to donate to her and her uphill battle, or to purchase dinner tickets ahead of time.  
Call Jen @330-719-4623**



## **Spaghetti Dinner for Jeffrey Jiang**

**Friday July 29th  
4 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**2619 Hoagland Blackstub Rd, Cortland**

**\$10:00 for adults—\$5:00 for children 10 and Under  
Basket Raffles and 50/50 raffle**



**Jeffrey is 13 year old Boy Scout who is full of life and always willing to do for others! He is having convulsions and been passing out for over three months. No test or doctors have a clue to what is wrong with him. Please help Jeffrey and his family! THANK YOU!**

**Call Scott Nowak at 330-502-3927 for information or to make a donation..**





# CHOW

## Cortland Humanitarian Outreach Worldwide

They are selling “**Scrapper Tickets**” for \$8.00, a savings of \$2.00 off each ticket for box seats at any home game. Home games begin June 17th, 2016. If you would like to support CHOW, save money and enjoy a game, call Maryellen at 234-244-8143 or Becky at 330-637-0219.

The sale ends August 24, 2016

CHOW raises money to collect usable items, desks, furniture, school supplies and sends them to people in Appalachia and Central America.

This serves two issues, helping the needy and keeping these items out of landfills



## Red Cross Blood Drive

**American Red Cross**

July 13th 1-6pm

Garden Brook Banquet Center

Sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene



*You  
Shall  
Love Your  
Neighbor As  
Yourself*

**Matthew 22:39**



# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Aerobics
3 Service and Fellowship	4 Happy 4th of July!	5	6 Joyful Noise	7 Aerobics	8	9 Aerobics
10 Service and Fellowship	11 Aerobics	12	13 Joyful Noise	14 Aerobics	15	16 Spaghetti Dinner for Rykar Ainsley
17 Service and Fellowship	18 Aerobics	19	20 Joyful Noise	21 Aerobics	22 	23 Aerobics
24 /31 Service and Fellowship	25 Aerobics	26 	27 Joyful Noise	28 Aerobics	29	30 Aerobics

## Elders Corner

### *Love's Not Blind*

I've heard it said many times: "Love is blind." That may be true of "puppy love" or "lust mistaken for love," but true love, the kind that Jesus demonstrated and taught, is not blind. It sees every flaw and goes right on loving.

Jesus demonstrated this principle. See him as he meets with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4:4-42.) There was such hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans that she was reluctant to even give him a drink of water. Biblical scholars tell us that it was evident the woman was not beloved in her own community. She was shunned by her own people because of her immoral life style and came alone to the well to avoid the shunning that occurred when the other women gathered to draw water and chat. As Jesus and the woman talked on, He told her all about her immoral life; 5 husbands, 5 divorces and now an adulterous affair. Realizing how well He knew her and her evil ways, she discerned him to be a prophet and slowly began to recognize Him as the Messiah. Overjoyed in her belief, she ran to tell others and soon many in the land of Samaria were saved.

Next time you are with someone you might not "like," take a minute and recall Jesus reaction to someone he was supposed to despise. Likewise, if you are infected with "puppy love" or "lust," you might look a little closer at your relationship and save yourself a pile of misery. As always, let prayer lead you on and fill your heart with Jesus' kind of love .

Joyce Seagle, Elder

### God Granting Miracles

A religious man is on top of a roof during a great flood. A man comes by in a boat and says "get in, get in!" The religious man replies, "no I have faith in God, he will grant me a miracle."

Later the water is up to his waist and another boat comes by and the guy tells him to get in again. He responds that he has faith in god and god will give him a miracle. With the water at about chest high, another boat comes to rescue him, but he turns down the offer again cause "God will grant him a miracle."

With the water at chin high, a helicopter throws down a ladder and they tell him to get in, mumbling with the water in his mouth, he again turns down the request for help for the faith of God. He arrives at the gates of heaven with broken faith and says to Peter, I thought God would grand me a miracle and I have been let down." St. Peter chuckles and responds, "I don't know what you're complaining about, we sent you three boats and a helicopter."

## L.O.A.F.

*Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship*  
Is having a community "yard sale"

**Saturday August 13, 8am-6pm.**

Bring your used, not wanted goods on  
Friday Aug 12  
volunteers for set-up on Friday, Aug 12,  
Saturday August 13, to help with the sale.

**Proceeds will benefit Heifer, International**







Justin Klamut and Shirley Frantz

Sunday June 5, was a sad day and happy day, as Pastor Don and Lorra left for vacation, Happy for them, Sad for us.

However, something special was in store for the congregation of Cortland Christian Church as Pastor Shirley Frantz was our guest speaker for Sunday Service.

She received new seminary training at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Columbus. Having served at Bristolville United Methodist Church for 9 years, and 8 years at Harpersfield (in the Geneva area), she retired in 2014.

Pastor Shirley and her husband Allen live in Bristolville and are the parents of 7 grown children and 12 grandchildren. Her spare time is spent filling pulpits in the area. Allen plays trombone in the Cortland Community Band and they spend a lot of time at concerts.

Everyone enjoyed her message and invited her to come back again, to visit or to share another message with us in the future. Thank you Pastor Shirley



**"Children's Message" with Pastor Don and the kids praying during Children's Worship in our Sunday Service. This is such a wonderful addition to this Sunday morning experience, knowing these children are getting the start of a bright new adventure with Christ. Pastor is so calm and gentle with them and they react in to his every word. This part of the service may have 2 to 12 children in attendance, on any given Sunday. What a soothing and interesting way to teach about Jesus. Their hands are together ready to pray, their little heads are down, as they listen to Pastor as he prays. What peace and joy, knowing they are safe in Gods Hands.**



# Daily Bible Readings

*"The One Savior"*

May God Bless us,  
as we feed on the Bread of Life.

1. Revelation 1:1-8
2. Revelation 1:9-20
3. Revelation 2:1-7
4. Revelation 2:8-17
5. Revelation 2:18-29
6. Revelation 3:1-6
7. Revelation 3:7-13
8. Revelation 3:14-22
9. Psalm 38:1-22
10. Psalm 40:1-17
11. Psalm 144:1-15
12. Psalm 146:1-10
13. Isaiah 12:1-6
14. Isaiah 44:21-28
15. Habakkuk 3:1-19
16. Romans 14:13-23
17. Philippians 3:12-21
18. Titus 3:1-11
19. I John 4:7-21
20. Luke 1:1-25
21. Luke 1:26-38
22. Luke 1:39-56
23. Luke 1:57-80
24. Matthew 1:18-25
25. Luke 2:1-20
26. Matthew 2:1-12
27. Matthew 2:13-21
28. Luke 2:41-51
29. Psalm 147:1-20
30. Psalm 148:1-14
31. Psalm 150: 1-6

How are you doing  
with this project?

## Church Chuckles



An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, the preacher made several turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workers were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workers say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years, and I've never seen anything like that."



Thanks to Larry Dix and Amy Popichak for being so capable to come forth and deliver the message on Sundays when Pastor is away.

This is not something we all could do, it takes someone very knowledgeable of the Bible and of life to be able to open our minds and hearts with the love and compassion we all need.

They give of their hearts, time and talents to be there for us when we need them.

"Thank you " Larry and Amy,  
So - - Very -- Much.

***Here below are our shut-in members or members of concern, Please!  
Drop them a card or a note of encouragement and let them know we care!***

**Grace Wagner**

175 Wall Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410  
330-637-5957

**Phyllis Beer**

Lake Vista  
41 Heron Circle  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Lorena Quinn**

Moved

**Vera Kidd**

Community Skilled Nursing  
Room 221  
1320 Mahoning Ave.  
Warren, Ohio

**Raymond Kline**

502 Arcaro Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Jean Davis**

87 Lake Vista Dr.  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Frank and Gloria Zanin**

18170 N.91st Ave.  
Apt.1210  
Peoria, Az. 85382

**Helen Carleton**

477 N. High Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Vivian Jensen**

Meadowbrook Nursing  
3090 Five Points -Hartford Rd  
Fowler, Ohio 44416



Serving Up (LOVE)

**Mary Totten's Chocolate  
Cherry Cake**

(Easy and very tasty)

1 package of chocolate cake mix  
1 can cherry pie filling  
2 eggs  
1 tsp almond flavoring

Mix all together Bake in a greased bundt pan  
Bake at 350 degrees 45-50 minutes Cool  
Frost with following frosting

**Frosting**

1 C sugar  
5 T margarine  
1 (6oz) package of semisweet chocolate  
chips  
1/3 C milk

In a sauce pan combine Sugar Margarine  
and Milk Boil stirring constantly for one mi-  
nute Remove from heat Stir in chocolate  
chips Pour over cake.



Love these little men! See More

by Doug Wilson

# "Congratulations"



***Cole Popichak***

Our best wishes for happiness and-  
much success go out to

***Cole Popichak***

Son of — ***Amy and Mark Popichak***

Cole graduated from Lakeview High School with Honors and  
will also be in the Honors Program at  
Youngstown State University in the fall.  
He will be majoring in mechanical engineering.



## Nearly Useless Information

- 1) Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
- 2) The word "samba" means "to rub navels to together."
- 3) Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown West.
- 4) The average person spends 6 months of their life sitting at red lights.
- 5) One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet.
- 6) In the United States, a pound of potato chips costs two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes.
- 7) Crocodiles and alligators are surprisingly fast on land. Although they are rapid, they are not agile. So, if being chased by one, run in a zigzag line to lose him or her.
- 8) The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- 9) There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
- 10) When you sneeze, air and particles travel through the nostrils at speeds over 100 mph. During this time, all bodily functions stop, including your heart, contributing to the impossibility of keeping one's eyes open during a sneeze.
- 11) A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- 12) On average, Americans eat 18 acres of pizza everyday.



May you believe--with all  
your heart--that God is  
writing a great story with  
your life! May the lies that  
came your way today fall  
by the wayside and not  
make their way into your  
heart. May you instead  
know and believe the truth  
about who you are and  
whose you are. You are  
loved, accepted, gifted,  
and treasured. You have  
important things to do in  
this life. May you refuse  
to let anything distract you  
from God's highest and  
best purposes for you.  
He'll make a way where  
there seems to be no way.  
He'll move mountains at  
just the right time. You  
can trust Him. So trust  
Him. And sleep well  
tonight.

susie larson



# 8 year-old's Explanation of God

*Written by an 8 year old from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I wonder if any of us could do as well?* By Danny Dutton



One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this .

Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water

and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

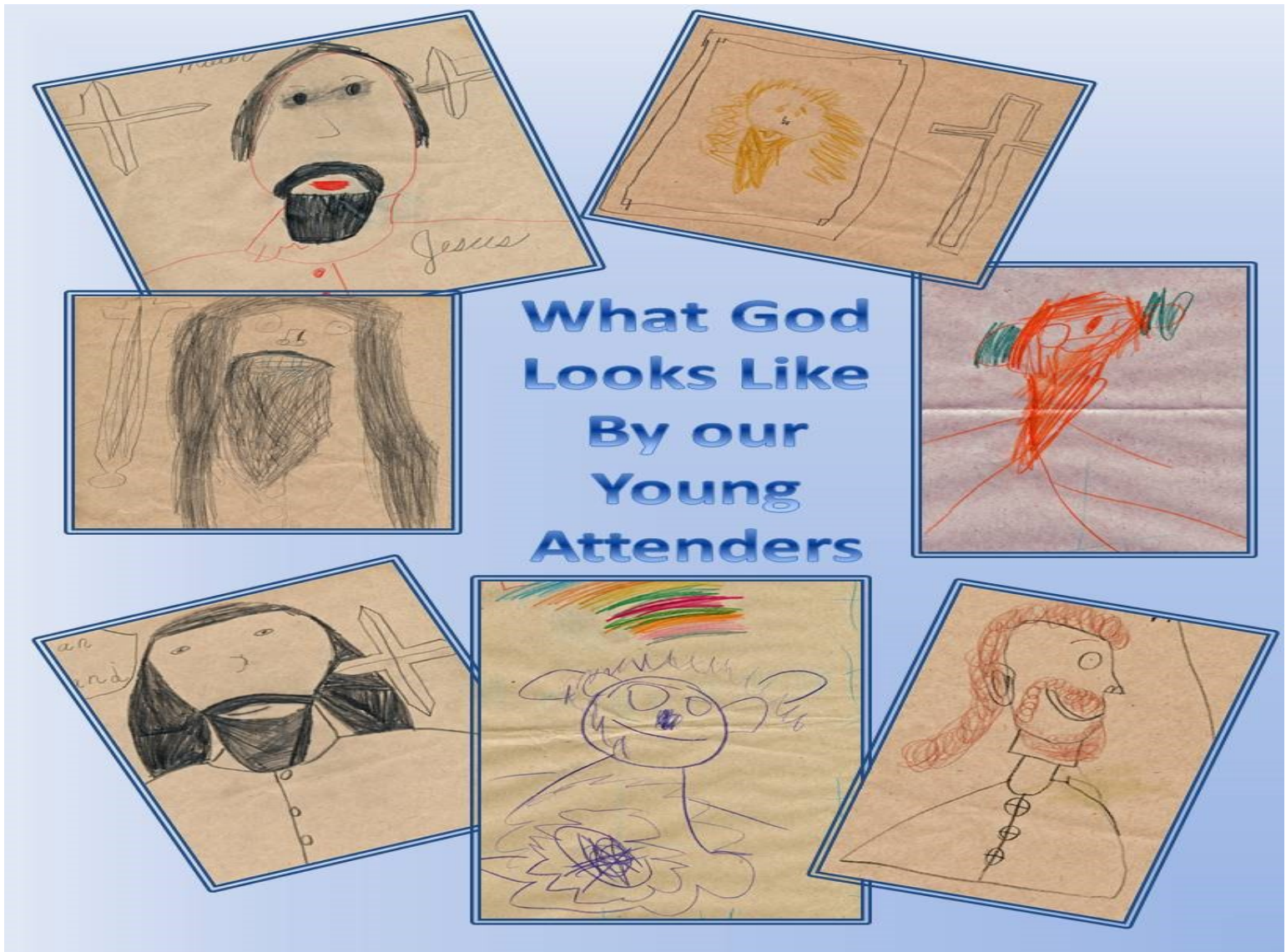
You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But... you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And this is what I know about God.



## What God Looks Like By our Young Attenders



**Independence Day** honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence was actually a letter to King George that had been written on July 2 by Thomas Jefferson. It was a formal explanation of why the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain. It was meant to justify a revolt against the British, with a list of charges against the British king.

The main problem is that the colonists were angry they were being taxed by the British government, and they had no vote or voice in the decisions that affected them

In 1870 the Congress made the 4th of July an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, Congress declared 4th of July a paid federal holiday.

The first public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804. The first Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi occurred at Independence Creek and was celebrated by Lewis and Clark in 1805.

Today, the 4th of July is a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.

# Letters To The Pastor

The following are actual questions written to pastors from children across the world.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister.

Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9, Phoenix

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something.

Robert Anderson, age 11

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?

Love, Patty. Age 10, New Haven

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9, Albany

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there.

Stephen. Age 8, Chicago

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.

Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota

Dear Pastor, Please pray for all the airline pilots. I am flying to California tomorrow.

Laurie. Age 10, New York City

Dear Pastor, I hope to go to heaven some day but later than sooner. Love, Ellen, age 9. Athens

Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher.

Thank you. Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh

Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena

Dear Pastor, Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God?

Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9, Titusville

Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class.

Carla. Age 10, Salina



# LOAF-Community Vacation Bible School Pictures

Cortland Christian Church has hosted this Vacation Bible School for many years, as this facility is large and offers so much. This year 68 children attended, there were 15 teen helpers, and 22 adult leaders who made this a great week for the children. The decorations were unique, *Cave Quest* was the theme, Area churches all helped with their time and talents.

**Vacation Bible School, or VBS, is a fun-filled program many churches offer, usually during the summer ("vacation") months, to connect with the children and families in their communities. VBS is an outreach meant to bring in children who don't normally attend church and to teach them the gospel. As an evangelistic tool, VBS helps churches fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).**

Vacation Bible School began in the 1890s. A New York doctor's wife wanted to find a way to keep children off the streets in the summertime, and so she rented a large beer hall in the East Side in order to conduct what she called "Everyday Bible School." Her idea expanded, and eventually the New York City Baptist Mission Society established several of these Bible schools around the city.

Today, Vacation Bible School is a popular summer activity for Christians and non-Christians alike. Churches generally run Vacation Bible School for a week, and each program has its own theme (medieval castles, water parks, the Old West, etc.) that children can explore. A week of VBS usually includes games, snacks, crafts, skits, and, of course, Bible lessons. There is always a connection between God and the theme, allowing kids to discover God in a creative way.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for fresh grace  
and a week full of promise.

Lead me in your ways  
and fill my heart with your  
love and joy.

Help me see others as you  
see them. Guide every  
decision, response, effort  
and conversation  
I have for your glory.

Amen

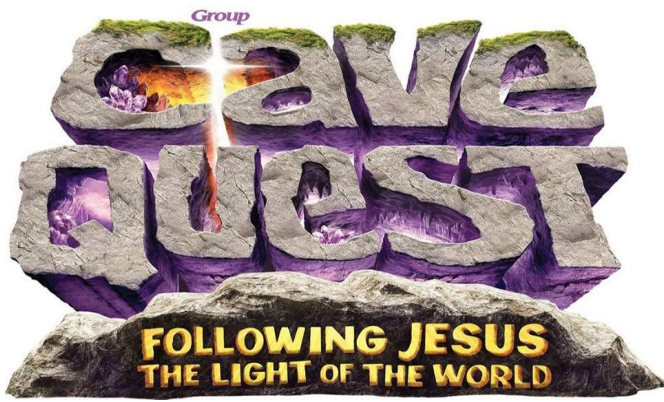


Little Church Mouse  
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Thank You to our loyal VBS kitchen Helpers, Amy Seger, Alice Shimek, Sharon Polakoff, Not shown, Dorothy Moss, Linda Chagnot, Teagen Pierce, and Phyllis Hake





Theme for VBS for 2016 was "Cave Quest"



Preston Polakoff being passed around



Could this be the Third and Fourth Graders ? learning one of their songs and motions.

Is that Lauren we see? In the front row.



Can you find Rylan Ainsley?



Gail Peura (Adult Leader), and Brian Kovach (Director of VBS)





**Addie Miller** is in the melon colored shirt with a Pink bow in her hair, during this portion of the days activities.

They are learning through **Adopt-A-Foot**, a program to help provide shoes for those students who need them.

Is that **Lauren Niemi** on the left back by the yellow tablecloth?

**Pastor Denise Gunderson** leading the children in a worship session. Teaching them about God and his amazing life and gift He has given us.

