

May 2021

"Follow the Bells"



The Church Bell



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A Message From Pastor Casey

"Make Everyday a Mother's Day"

This Mother's Day we pause to praise the godly women who have brought us up in the faith. Proverbs 31:25-31 from the HCSB gives us insight on a godly mother. It reads the following:

"Strength and honor are her clothing and she can laugh at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle. Her sons rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her: 'Many women are capable, but you surpass them all!' Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD will be praised. Give her the reward of her labor, and let her works praise her at the city gates."

These seven verses say so much about a godly woman who is also a mother. They are the ones who give us wisdom. Indeed, a mother teaches her young many things, and the Bible says that she does so with "loving instruction". Sometimes when a person receives "instruction" they are prone to take the instruction in a wrong way. Often people do not like being wrong or corrected and so when a person receives instruction they will become bitter to the instructor or corrector. However, in a family a mother often must give correction to her children. In this case, instruction refers to the law of the Bible. A mother is one who many people owe their faith to. Mothers, in love, instruct their children in the ways of God correcting their paths as their children grow.

Not only do mothers give wisdom and instruction, but they also watch over all the activities of the family. The Bible even says that "they are never idle". Today, stop and think about all of the things a mother does and be thankful for her. Treat her as verses 28 and 29 say... Call her blessed and praise her. Tell her how she surpasses all around her. Even a simple word of appreciation will make any of her days a "Mother's Day".

The Bible says that she is to be given the reward of her labor so let us not take advantage of the women in our lives; especially those who are mothers. Let us not use them or take advantage of their loving kindness but let us praise her works. Let us make

every day a Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Casey



Worship Leaders

May 2 Sharon Hopkins and Justin Klamut
 May 9 Amy Popichak and Spencer Chapman
 May 16 John Molnar and Curtis Bell
 May 23 Ron Miller and Amy Seger
 May 30 Jeff Byler and Linda Swauger

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Coffee Fellowship



May 2 Carol Glancy and
Effie Welch
 May 9 Marsha and Roy Nichols
Brenda and Brad Bevan
 May 16 Bob and Betty Evans
 May 23 Kay and Dave Moore
Joyce Greenlee
 May 30 Kerry Culp, Kelly Culp, Pat Culp

Thanks to You!!!! It is so nice to be able to share the experience of putting this Church Bell together. This month I want to thank those who have contributed to making this a fun project. The photos, jokes, stories, and of course information all make this a better magazine. It is “our magazine” with our pictures, projects, plans for fun, and humor.

Thank you all so very much.

Jack Hanna, Jeff and Brenda Byler, Chuck and Linda Chagnot, Ron Miller, Sharon Polakoff,
 Pastor Casey, Dorothy Moss



April 2021— Financial Report

Our Budget for 2021 of \$13,000 explains the monthly amount needed to maintain our church.

April 1, 2021 to April 28, 2021

Offering Received	\$ 11,658.00
Expenses	\$13,784.00
Overall Total	\$ -2,126.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Loan Balance \$ 63,903.63



May 11
Justin Klamut

—
May 11
Pastor Casey



Church Elders
meet
Third Sunday in the
month

— 8 am —

Church Meetings

Tuesday, May 4

Finance Meeting 6:15pm

Board Meeting 7pm

L.O.A.F. Meeting

Prince of Peace

May 6— 10am

Prince of Peace Church



Happy
Anniversary

May 1
Mark And Amy Popichak

May 8
Chuck and Linda Chagnot

May 12
Greg and Judene Ainsley

May 12
Jim and Judy Hansel

May 17
Matthew and Darlene Ball

May 21
Spencer and Cherri Chapman



“Breakfast with Friends”

Women of Worship

Saturday— May 22







10am

Four Star Restaurant

We are personally inviting “YOU”

to share this time with us to get to know us and learn what we do
and how we got to be so in touch with
each other.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Aerobics 
2. Sunday Service 10am Adult Sunday School 8:55am	3. Aerobics	4. <u>Meetings</u> Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm	5.	6. LOAF Bazetta Christian Church 10am Aerobics	7.	8... Aerobics
9. Sunday School Service at 10am Mothers Day	10. Aerobics	11.	12.	13. Aerobics	14. 	15. Aerobics Trip to Museum And lunch trip
16. Elders Meeting Service at 10am Adult Sunday School 8:55am	17.. Aerobics	18. 	19.	20. Aerobics	21.	22. Aerobics Breakfast with Friends 10am in 4 Star Restaurant
23 <u>Service at 10am</u> <u>Pentecost</u> Memorial Day	24  Aerobics	25.	26.	27.  Aerobics	28	29. Aerobics

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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Edwin and Eileen Niemi
Lake Vista Apt. 207
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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission

Good Morning OCC Partners

Because of your partnership, children's hearts are being changed for Christ all over the world.

Operation Christmas Child is such an awesome Ministry, Here are statistics to date for 2020 from The Greatest Journey class. 198,091 teachers trained.

3,573,179 Children enrolled in class

2,115,562 Children Graduated

1,392,630 Children Accepted Christ as their Savior

1,680,228 Children committed to praying for and sharing their faith with friends and family.

It is so amazing what a simple shoebox gift can accomplish. God bless you for partnering with OCC.

Please share these stats with your team and church family. If you would like more information about The Greatest Journey class, please let me know.

Have a Blessed day

John Knepp

Operation Christmas Child

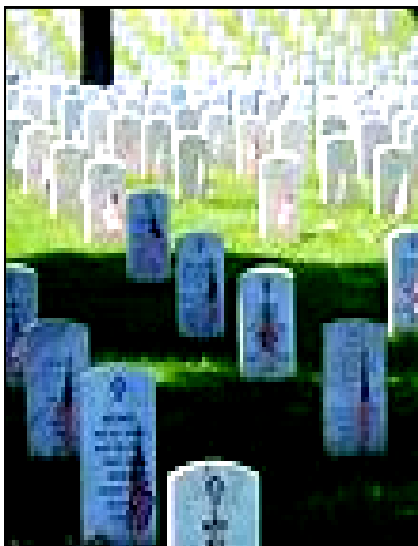
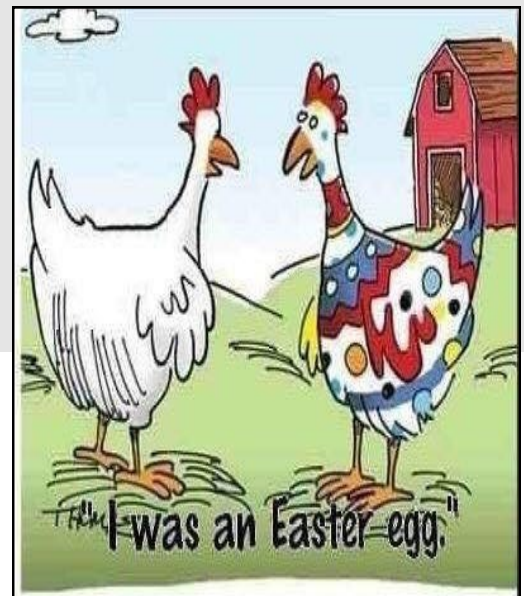
NE Ohio Area Coordinator

Operation Shoebox

Chuck..Would any of **GOLF**
these guys be you?



THE ADULT VERSION OF AN EASTER EGG HUNT



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.



Little Lambs Closet

Set-Up is May 5, 5-8pm

Friday, May 7- 9am-7pm

Saturday May 8 - 10am -2pm

This is a great way to share no longer needed children's clothing, toys and equipment.

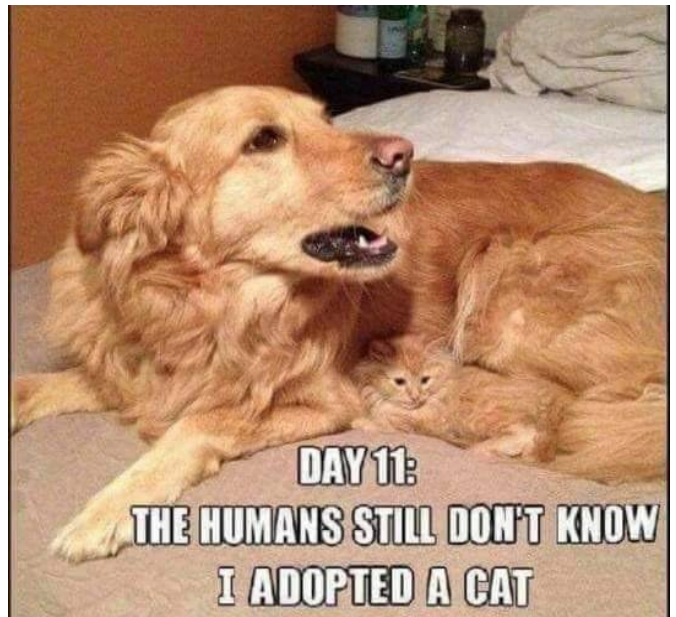
"You price and tag the items, we sell them for you.

****Sellers benefit and so do the buyers.**

What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school? "

I was told I'm supposed to walk by Faith!"

Instead of a sign
that says '**do not disturb**'
I need one that says
'**already disturbed**
proceed with caution'



DAY 11:
THE HUMANS STILL DON'T KNOW
I ADOPTED A CAT

Is this not beautiful???
Wouldn't we all love to have a
combination of furry friends like this one.



If ya' ain't got
JESUS
then ya' ain't got
nuttin, buddy!

SHARE if you love Jesus

[facebook.com/JesusLightTheWay](https://www.facebook.com/JesusLightTheWay)

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

“Being Active in our Community”

Our church is one of the founding members of the Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship organization, affectionately called LOAF. Our pastor has been very active in LOAF since his arrival in our church. He has been the President of LOAF for the past two years, and Pastor Casey Chapman has been nominated to serve another term as President for the 2021-2022 session.

LOAF is an organization currently made up of eight local churches consisting of both pastors and laity. The organization meets to set-up community religious services, VBS, and outreach opportunities each month of the school year.

At the April meeting, Cortland Fire Chief David Rea and two Bazetta Fire Fighters, David Walters and Rob Wasser, came to express their appreciation for ballistic vests that LOAF helped to raise funds for at the 2019 Christmas Concert. The vests have now been purchased, in part by the donations from LOAF and our community, to provide for the safety of the EMS responders who must risk their lives during a hostile situation in order to save the life of another. Pastor Casey was asked to model a vest as LOAF president. The four men, including the pastor, are pictured in the photos.

LOAF is a great opportunity to have a voice in our community. Often Mr. & Mrs. Chagnot, members of our church, participate in LOAF – and you are welcomed to participate too. Our next LOAF meeting will be May 6th at Bazetta Christian Church at 10am. We are allowed up to four votes at any LOAF meeting, including that of the pastor. At the very least come and share your ideas of how our churches can all work together.



Pentecost is May 16..

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

Some say that this may be considered the beginning of the church as we know it today.





Easter Sunday was a day for Baptism. There were three who committed their lives to Jesus...

Pastor Casey baptised Jeff Byler, Rachael Kreager, and Jack Schoonover.

Cortland Christian Church baptizes with full immersion, This is Jack coming up out of the water in this picture.

Congratulations Rachael, Jeff, and Jack



MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your underwear. Mine say five to six.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget... This particular Sunday sermon... 'Dear Lord,' the Minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust...' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four-year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

HERE IS THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!

The Cortland Christian Church



The Carillon

For 147 years the bell at Cortland Christian Church has been rung and heard throughout Cortland, from the days when we were a small village to now a city. Since 1874 the bell has tolled in times of sorrow, and it has rung during times of joy. It sits atop its tower calling people to the small, white, country church near the creek – even to this day. It would not be until 1973, 99 years after being installed, that the beautiful hymns that ring from the bell tower would be added.

In 1998 after 25 years of faithful service the first carillon made by the Virden Bell Company was replaced by the new and current Chime Master Carillon. With the new instrument installed in the church, over 600 hymns began chiming from the tower. The carillon has played for funerals, weddings, services, parades, street fairs, and so much more. Those who have gone away from Cortland for a short vacation, to college, to serve our nation, and those who have moved away always comment on how they have missed the bells and are so glad to hear that old country sound when they return for a visit or to stay. Many in the community have sent thank you cards to the church, who they themselves have not attended, thanking Cortland Christian Church for the uplifting music that found them in their back yards or on their daily commutes during difficult times in their lives.

Roger and Pearl Baldwin, members of the town's church founded in 1828, donated the funds to purchase the first carillon system of Cortland Christian Church. Carillons are becoming increasingly rare but are beautiful instruments consisting of chimes and bells that can be played from an organ, keyboard, or from a recorded format. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin's gift brought beautiful music to the peaceful countryside of Cortland and, also, hourly chimes keeping our town moving on time

For 23 years our current carillon has served the city faithfully, but age is catching up with the moving parts contained within the carillon. Some have noticed failures during certain hymns that play as our carillon nears the end of its life. The sound of Cortland that so many love shall not fall silent despite the trouble the current carillon is giving, and we are still trying to keep it going daily. In preparation before it fails completely and in knowing how important this instrument is in our community a new carillon is planned to be purchased from Chime Master, however, the cost is a huge burden. The new carillon system, to purchase and install, will run \$13,750. That is why we need your help. We need your donation of any amount to help save what so many remember about Cortland. Help us save that old country sound. Checks can be made out and sent to: Cortland Christian Church at 153 Grove Drive, Cortland, Ohio, 44410. Be sure to right "bell tower" on the memo line or envelope so that we know what the check is for. All donations are tax deductible so be sure to include your name and full address if you wish to receive a tax-deductible statement next January. As the 50th pastor of Cortland Christian Church, I want to personally thank you for helping us save such a beautiful instrument and continue this community tradition for generations to come. God bless you.



Dorothy Lazar

recently celebrated her 99 birthday. Still looking as pretty and well coordinated as ever. Nothing seems to slow her down . God Bless you Dorothy and Happy Birthday from all of us.

Pictured is Dorothy and her son, Stefan, who came to share this happy occasion with her.



Letter from a Friend.... Dorothy Moss
Thought you might like to read it too.
We miss her....

Cortland Christian Church Field

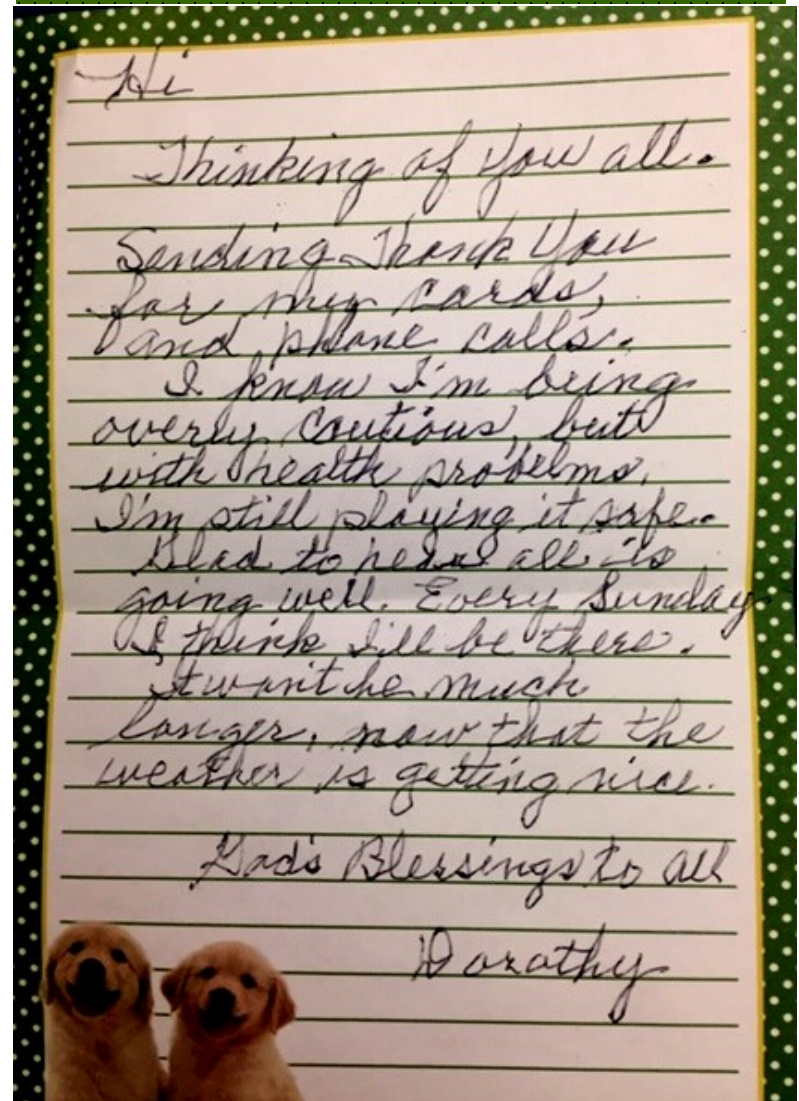
Medici Museum Of Art

In Howland
(Formerly Butler Museum of Art)



**Art Collection
of Norman Rockwell
American Scout Collector
and
Lunch at Salvatore's**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021
Time: 1:30 pm.
Sign up in Narthex**



Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.

Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.

Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now

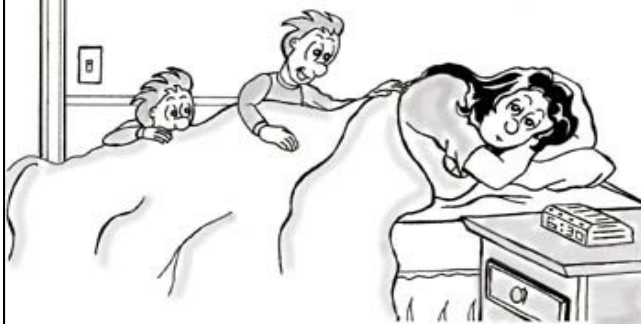


Happy Mothers Day
Mom



I had chocolates for you
But they needed inspecting
So I ate them one by one
Not what I was expecting
They didn't taste rotten, they were actually fine
Chocolaty and sweet, tasted divine
I'm sorry mom, maybe next year will be better
Instead of chocolates, I'll get you a sweater

This year we decided not to make you breakfast in bed and keep your kitchen nice and clean....
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!



Mother *noun.* A person with the ability to detect a lie, hear the smallest noises, and see out the back of their head.



A Mother Like you
I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me,
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly.
The many things you've done
All the times that you were there,
Helps me know deep down inside.
How much you really care.
Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do,
Richly blessed is how I feel having a mother just like you!

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Mom

It's no secret
I'm your favorite child
I know I'm a handful
I was born wild
I think that why
I'm so fun
I will always be
Your number one
You love my siblings
It's not a test
But let's be honest
I'm the one you like
best!

Happy Mothers Day



WHO didn't love the cartoons???
We watched them religiously... so funny, so moral... each story had a good ending!
Wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is???
Do you know who he is?

His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel. He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20 year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time

as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas.'

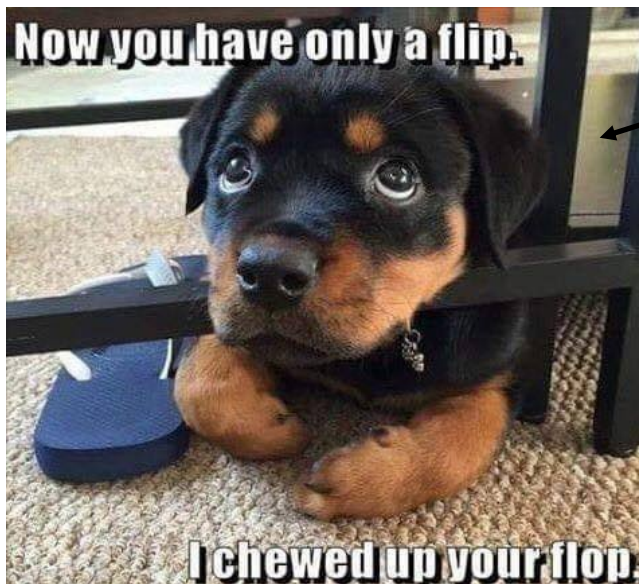
The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea' stories.' Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater.' He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way..



Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations

Who knew he was a real man?? Awesome!!!



Frankie is that you?

Cute like Frankie...

Color similar, age close...

Oh.. No.. wrong kind of dog and Frankie wouldn't do this??

Or would he, Roy?



Dead Church



A new Pastor in a small Ohio town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members inviting them to come to his first service. The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was every-one's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead Church", all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. Can you guess what was in the coffin?

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

So tell me did this make you laugh? Did it bring you down? Mixed emotions?

Some thing are so bothersome these days and Maybe it bothers you too.. Why is there so much unrest among God's people? Why does everyone seem so unhappy?

Everywhere you go, people are impatient, honking, texting badness, pushing, saying unkind things. When did this all happen? There seems to be so little happiness.

Usually when we are unhappy, it is because we have encountered unkind words or actions of others or we have said or done something we sincerely regret. Happiness is what we create ourselves most of the time.

Dictionary says – **"Happiness is a pleasurable or satisfying experience".**

We think marriage, children, wealth, prestige, health, power, sex, pleasure, leisure, revenge, Christ.... Will make us happy.

Christ does not promise this kind of happiness because it's fragile and temporary. If we trust Christ he promises a state of well-being and contentment: **JOY**

Happiness comes from inner peace and joy that defies circumstances.

Is there anything as fun as hearing a baby laugh or small children playing and giggling.

"A merry heart is good like medicine" (Proverbs17:27)

Lets do our part to overturn the worlds stereo-type of a frowning Christian killjoy—

take time and spread little healing laughter, today.

I read about a baby who stopped crying whenever her Mom played loud music.

The baby couldn't hear herself cry. So She Stopped crying.

Sometimes playing, singing or dancing to loud music might stop the sad thoughts swirling around in our heads. I personally like to turn up the Gaither Gospels and sing along. But you use what you like.

Old funny movies or Andy Taylor and Opie , Lucy and Ricky sitcoms are good for the soul. Or the newer sitcom, "Last Man Standing" is a good one.. On Netflix, watch "Man with A Plan" Good, funny, family situations and it is several seasons long. Not continued episodes, each one ends with an interesting ending.

You will like this sitcom.

Easter
Sunday

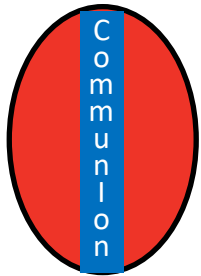
2021



Pastor Casey Chapman



Jonathan Gallo bringing us the
beautiful music each Sunday.
Thank You Jonathan.



Fellowship

Time



Easter
Egg Hunt

