

Church Bell



"Follow The Bells"

November 2016



Cortland Christian Church

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Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

Pastor's Pen

"... in the likeness of humankind." Philippians 2: 7

I spend forty hours a week with folks that are facing their own mortality. My role is to connect with them on this level. I arrive with no agenda but the patient. My tool box includes open questions, active listening, empathic reflection, and silence. My education and experience have informed me regarding how these "tools" function at the bedside, but my tool chest would be for not if I were unable to be fully present. It's called ministry of presence and it is essential in the helping professions. The most important element of any counseling relationship is the "relationship." Does the relationship exude integrity and empathy? Am I able to see things through the eyes of the other? This perspective – seeing things through the eyes of the other – is fundamental to the divine economy – the manner God adopts in his dealings with a broken and sinful creation. We see this approach embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. God "putting on" flesh and blood in order to identify completely with those whom he is ordained to save. The church celebrates the birth of the God-Man during the Advent / Christmas season. God picks up his "tool box" and walks into our world and identifies on a personal level with the plight of those he came to save.

The Christian hymn recorded in Philippians 2 captures the essence of the divine plan:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Advent is offers the world an opportunity to prepare for the one that is coming to us. When he arrives will you be ready to receive him? According to an unknown author: "If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior." God "putting on" flesh and blood in order to identify completely with those whom he is ordained to save. The church celebrates the birth of the God-Man during the Advent / Christmas season. God picks up his "tool box" and walks into our world and identifies on a personal level with the plight of those he came to save.



November 6	John Kloboves and Joyce Lewis
November 13	Larry Dix and Carol Robinson
November 20	John Molnar and Bob Johnson
November 27	John Klamut and Amy Seger

Deacons: **Judene Ainsley 339-637-9938**
Jeff Byler, Selena Oriti, Brenda Byler,
Curtis Bell, Joyce Hall,
Chuck Corbet, Bob Bradford,

Deaconess: Judy Hansel

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

November
Coffee Hour Host and Hostesses



November 13 **Amy Seger, Carol Robinson,
and Mary Jo Johnson**

November 20 Ron Miller and Cindy Miller

November 27 Any Volunteers??



VOTE

All Souls' Day

commemorates the faithful
departed, in particular
(but not exclusively) one's relatives.

It will be celebrated on November 6th during our Sunday Service here at CCC

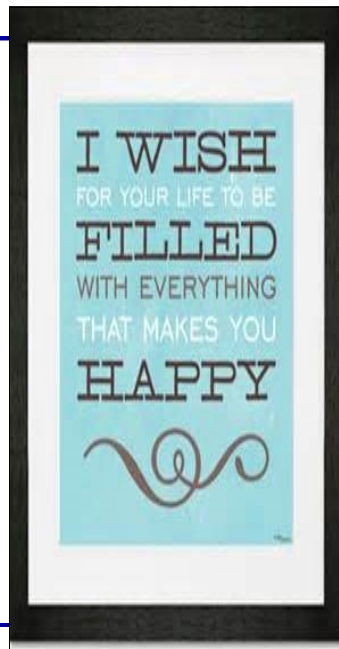
FINANCIAL UPDATE OF CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS

Fund	October			Year-to-Date		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
General	8,946	6,762	2,184	82,559	76,787	5,772
Building (Mortgage)	2,313	2,048	265	20,867	20,477	390
Total>>	11,259	8,810	2,449	103,426	97,264	6,162

Mortgage Balance 114,487.94

"Happy Birthday"

November 15	Doris Bennett
November 15	Sharon Hokins
November 18	Tim Niemi
November 21	Rose Steinhauser
November 22	Carol Glancy
November 24	Vivian Jensen
November 25	Daniel Kuhmer



"Happy Anniversary"

November 15
Amy and Greg Seger

November 25
Judy and Dan Kuhmer

Autumn Church Pride Day

We try to keep the church clean and neat all year around. Gerry Payne keeps the inside clean and tidy.

Five (5) women of our congregation cleaned up the dead flowers, plants and trimmed some of the bushes, and sprayed for weeds, etc.

We all want the landscaping looking nice for winter which will be here before you know it.



Greg Seger always keeps the lawn under control and looking good.

Thank you to all who came out to help... Good Job!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday November 09, 2016

Place: Garden Brook

Time 1:00-6:00pm

Sponsored by

All Saints Community Church

One of our loved ones moved on to be with the Lord.

On Oct 11, 2016, David Deemer, a gentle man and loving husband and father passed away. Carol and Dave have children living close and he enjoyed his time with Carol and their family...



You would always see Carol by his side during his extended illness. He will be missed by all here at Cortland Christian Church, where he had been a member for several years. Everyone who knew him admired his gentleness and warm smile. His services were held on Saturday morning October 15, 2016, with Pastor Don officiating, and a luncheon was held afterwards in the Fellowship Hall for his family, relatives and many friends.

We all loved Dave and will miss him immensely.



Editor's Note: The newly revised and updated version of Lee Strobel's well-renowned *The Case for Christ* released this month. With the dramatic scenario of an investigative journalist pursuing his leads, Strobel uses his experience as a *Chicago Tribune* reporter to interview experts about the evidence for Christ from the fields of science, philosophy, and history. Enjoy this excerpt from the family edition *The Case for Christ for Kids*.

Don't you love drive-thru restaurants? You pull up to a speaker and shout what you want to eat. Then by the time your parents drive forward in their car, your food is ready to go.

The popular California-based restaurant In-N-Out Burger claims to have created the first drive-thru in 1948 with two -way speakers. Other historians say Red's Giant Hamburg in Springfield, Missouri, had the first drive-thru window. While Red's is long gone, In-N-Out Burger has only increased in popularity with nearly 300 restaurants in five states. Some fans of the fast-food chain love the Bible verses on the food packaging as much as the burgers.

Soda cups feature John 3:16 printed on the bottom.

Shakes have Proverbs 3:5-6.

Hamburger and cheeseburger wrappers point to Revelation 3:20.

Hungry people find Nahum 1:7 on Double Doubles (that's double the meat and cheese), while Proverbs 24:16 is printed on french fry holders.

Only the references can be found on the In-N-Out products, so if you want to know what the verses say, grab your Bible and look them up.

Examine the Case:

Some Christians treat God like a drive-thru restaurant. We bow our heads in prayer and give our order. Then we expect God to answer as soon as we "pull forward." And if God doesn't do what we ask, we get angry or think He doesn't hear us.

God always hears our prayers, and He wants us to pray to Him about everything. Philippians 4:6 says,

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

That means God wants to hear when we're worried about a math test, need wisdom for how to deal with a friend, or desire strength to do well on the athletic field. But prayer is much more than asking for something. When you talk with God, remember this acrostic:

P=Praise. Tell God about the things you're thankful for. Acknowledge His amazing power. Praise Him for being ac-



Grape Salad

4lbs. mixed red and purple grapes, washed, drained and towel dried.

Mix --8 oz. softened- Cream cheese and 8 oz. of sour cream

1/3 cup sugar and 2 teas. Vanilla

Pour mixture over grapes and mix well.

Just before serving sprinkle with 3 Tbsp. Brown sugar and 3 Tbsp. chopped pecans.



Stocking for the Troops

Another Christmas Holiday is upon us and we are preparing the Stockings for the Troops. The men and women of Cortland Christian Church are filling stockings for our military men. These Stockings are filled by the donations of our congregation either monetarily or members shopping for items. It is surprising how many useful items you can fit into one of these stockings, also many fun items too.

The soldiers always enjoy something from home and are especially comforted to know others care about them too. If you would like to donate, contact the church at

330-637-4611 Mon. - Thurs. 9-Noon

We have a list of items but you may have some ideas we don't. Please try to be a part of this.



There are not words big enough.
There is not a hug strong enough.
There is not a smile wide enough.
All I can offer is thank you.
You are my hero.
You are in my thoughts.
You are in my prayers.
For all you've done, thank you.

Happy Veterans Day

Women of Worship

How fun it is to hear about some one else's profession or career when they love their job.

Lt. Shawn Peura, one of the firemen of the Warren Fire Department is one of those people. He worked with many of the EMS companies in Warren. He also is a state fire instructor and teaches primarily at TCTC. He loves what he does and it definitely shows by comfortable demeanor and the knowledge and effort he put in to the information he was willing to share. Shawn came to speak to our Women of Worship about keeping us safe in the event of a home fire or any fire, anywhere.

Shawn explained how fires can start so easily, and how to be ready to do what is necessary. He told of many ways to give us extra time to get out of a burning building, maybe the minutes it would take to save your life. He told us to always look around when you are in unfamiliar places to find the fastest exit route, just in case of a fire, always being aware of our surroundings, doors, exits and windows. Knowing how to get out of a room when basically trapped or what to do to give you 10 or more minutes to get out safely.

Some of these ways were new to most of us, We learned of a right way and a wrong way to use fire extinguishers, so as not to get burned in the process. Carbon Monoxide detectors and fire alarms are an absolute necessity to give you the advantage of getting out of the burning building quickly and safely.

Shawn owns an industrial company that provides confined space rescue protection for workers.

He the son of Tom and Gail Peura, and sister of Amy Popichak from our church family.

His daughter "Raven" demonstrated the method of putting out a fire if the clothing you are wearing is on fire, using the actions and the words STOP, DROP, And ROLL.



Lt. Shawn Peura

Warren City Fire Department

Our next meeting of Women of Worship will be November 5th, 10:00am in the Board Room and will be the installation of officers and the stuffing of the Stockings for the Troops. Come join us it should be a fun and rewarding get together..

See You Later!

By Joyce Seagle

Walking our dog Stanley at Lake Vista and hearing Cortland Christian's carillons play the old hymns I know so well will always be a fond memory for me. Even more so will be the sight of Josh Musson and Justin Klamut pulling on the rope on Sunday morning, as I hear the bell peal out an invitation to our community to come and worship Our Lord together.

My curiosity about this bell grew when, to my amazement and gratitude, John Kloboves volunteered to climb (and I do mean climb) to the inside of the steeple and photograph **THE** bell. More amazement! It was cast in 1866 by Vanduzen and Tift in Cincinnati and installed in our bell tower in the 1870s. Think of all the people who have responded to that bell in the last 136-plus years. I wonder how many of them have been touched as deeply as Stan and I in the few years we've been here.

So what has touched our hearts so? It was heart-warming to see the congregation gather in love on Sunday morning or talk to sisters and brothers in Christ at various socials. We came to love all of you and felt your love for us. We valued and enjoyed the outreach programs; Kidz Klozet, the food drives, WOW, Stockings for the Troops, and so forth, but looking back we are grateful most of all for the atmosphere you provided in which the Holy Spirit could move – and move and work He did - in our gracious sanctuary through the always-true-to-God's-Word sermons Pastor Don delivered, the Children's Message, Joyful Noise, Jonathon Gallo's instrumental music, Communion and Baptism services and, well, in every nook and cranny in our church.

That's what our prayer for Cortland Christian will be: that you will maintain this community of love—love for one another and others outside the church walls—and that you will steadfastly uphold God's Word and continue to revere Him, His Son and His Holy Spirit.

Come visit us at 157 Xenia Court, Monroe OH 45050 or talk to us by phone (330-282-6533) or email us (stan.seagle@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

We aren't saying goodbye to you. Being Christians we're assured we will meet again, though perhaps not until we are in Heaven, so, if not now, we'll be together someday. We hope it's soon. For right now it's "See you later."

With much love and heartfelt gratitude,

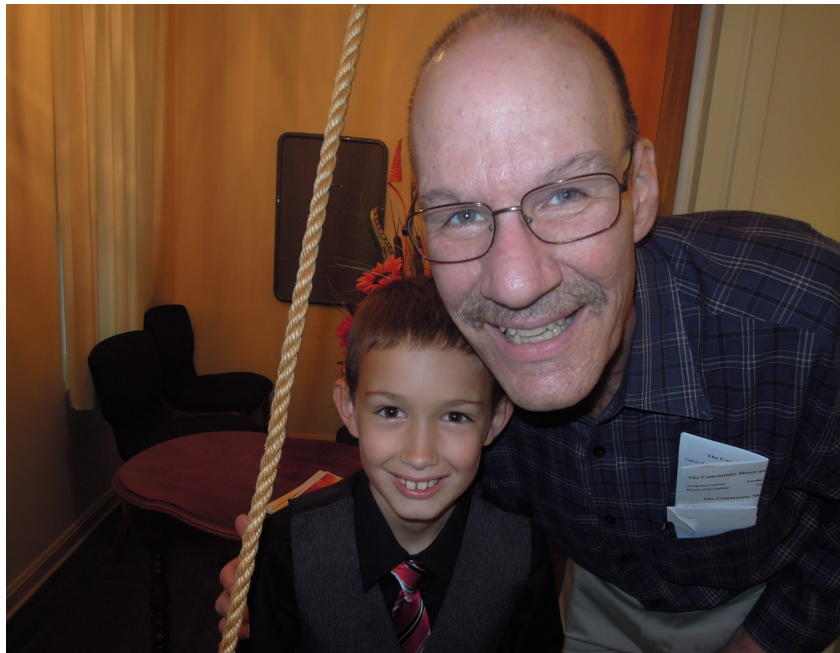
Joyce for Stan and me



You can read where
it was cast and the
date of 1866.

Made in Cincinnati.

Josh Musson (L.)
and Justin Klamut
(R) ring out the bells
to let everyone
know it is Sunday
and this is the
Lords day.



This is the bell that
chimes out the
hymns several
times every day and
also chimes the
hours.

The music can be
heard for quite a
distance.

Just another part of
history for Cortland
Christian Church.



November 2016



Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

James 1:26

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board Meeting	2	3 Ladies Lunch 4-Star Diner 12:30pm Aerobics		5 Aerobics Women of Worship 10am
6 Service 10:30 am All Saints Day	7  Aerobics	8 Election day Go Vote	9. Joyful Noise Bible Study	10 Brownies Meet Aerobics	11 Veterans Day	12 Aerobics
13 Sunday Service	14 Aerobics	15	16 Soup Prep Joyful Noise Bible Study	17 Soup / Sandwich Aerobics	18	19  aerobics
20 	21 Aerobics	22	23 S/S Prep Bible Study Joyful Noise	24  Thanksgiving	25	26 Aerobics
27 Sunday Service	28 Aerobics	29	30 Joyful Noise Bible Study			

Soup and Sandwich

Always the Third Thursday of the month.

(No soup and sandwich in December, May, June, July or August.)



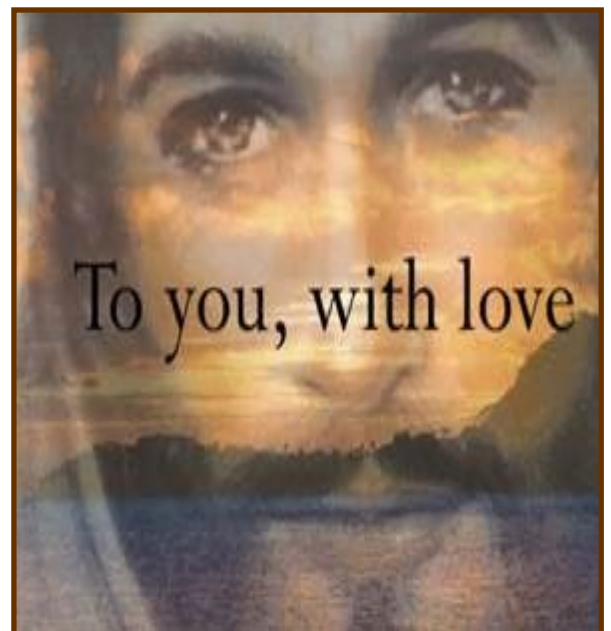
*Next Soup and Sandwich is November 17th
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
—eat in or take out—*

Carry-outs available.

*Always a variety of soup and sandwiches, and of course many kinds of Home-made pies.
Coffee, Tea, Water and Soda*

Many of our congregation help preparing the vegetables on Wednesday, and setting up, making soup and the filling for the sandwiches, serving and cleaning up on Thursday.

*It is a time of fellowship and also a learning experience.
And it is fun, too.*



16-This is how we know what love is , Jesus laid down his life for us.

18- Let us not show our love in words or speech, but in actions and in truth

1 John 3:16and18

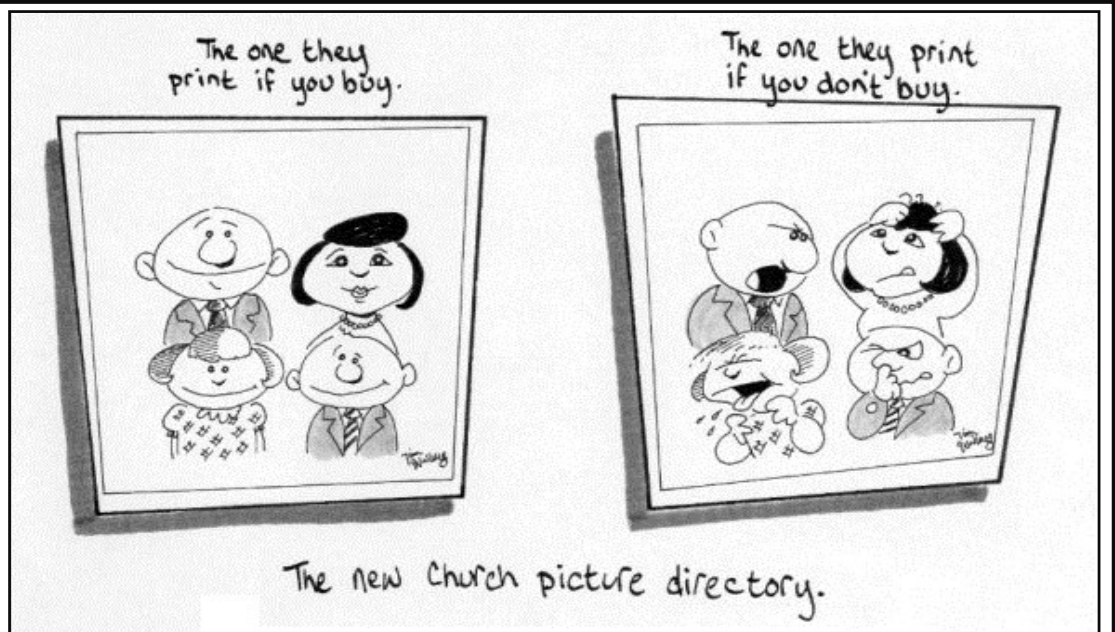
Pictorial Directory

Pictures have been taken, some of us have ours and the last have just been taken this week.

We are all waiting in anticipation to see our new directory but will have to wait a while yet until the fun pages are put together.

More information has to be collected and soon, we should have our finished, informational directories.

It will be a good feeling to see the faces that go with the names. "Thanks" to Virginia Carr and Carolyn Sparhawk for all the work they have done to get us this new Directory. "Thanks" also to all who cooperated with them to make this possible.



A card of "thanks" from Habitat "Mission Trip 2016"

A beautiful Thank You card from
Habitat of Greater Birmingham—

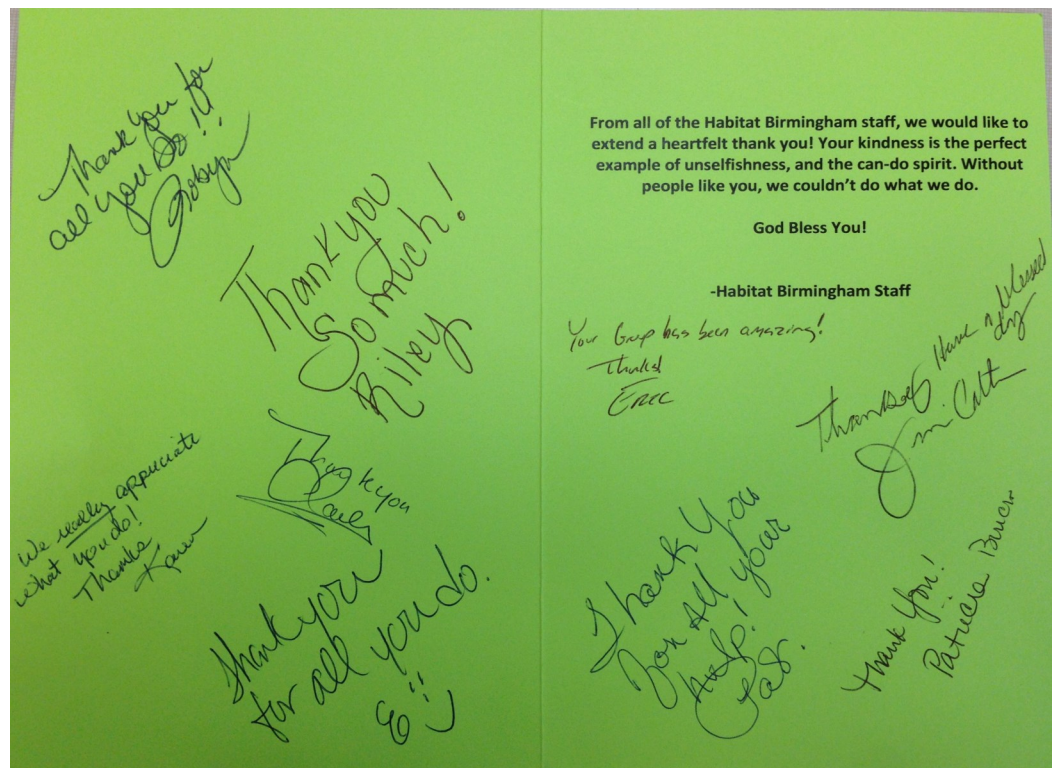
Seeking to put Gods love into ac-
tion, Habitat for Humanity helps
bring people together to build
homes, communities and hope

—>

Some pictures of the Mission

Teams

Spaghetti Dinner



Remember Me

In what was perhaps the last letter Paul ever wrote, he begged Timothy not to forget. You can almost picture the old warrior smiling as he wrote the words.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. - 2 Timothy 2:8

When times get hard, remember Jesus. When people don't listen, remember Jesus. When tears come, remember Jesus. When disappointment is your bed partner, remember Jesus. When fear pitches his tent in your front yard. When death looms, when anger sings, when shame weighs heavily.

Remember Jesus.

Remember holiness in tandem with humanity.

Remember the sick who were healed with callused hands.

Remember the dead called from the grave with a Galilean accent.

Remember the eyes of God that wept human tears.

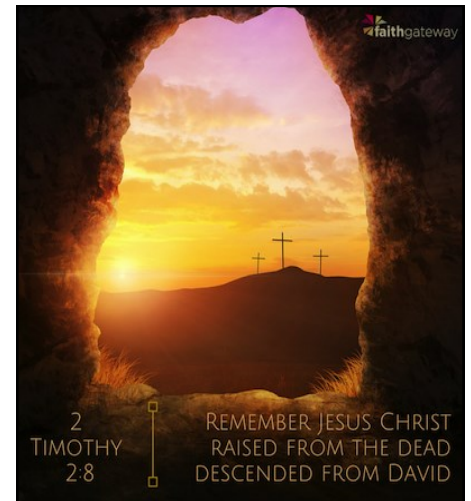
Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. -

Matthew 10:29-31

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. -
Psalms 139:14

We are God's masterpiece.

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. - Ephesians 2:10



A Little Church Humor

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited --- until you try to get into their pew. [George Goldtrap, Madison, Tennessee]

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close. [Mark Twain]

Most of us spend the first six days of the week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure. [Fred Allen]

Do you know the three times that most people are in church? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched. [Lowell B. Yoder, Holland, Ohio]

Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong. [Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania]

If a church wants a better pastor, it can get one by praying for the one it has. [Rev. Robert E. Harris]

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing On The Promises" are just sitting on the premises. [Sr. Monique Rysavy]



November

30 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out.
Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice
as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- Psalm 95: 1-7
Day 2- 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Day 3- 2 Corinthians 4: 15-18
Day 4- Isaiah 12:2-6
Day 5- Colossians 3: 12-17
Day 6- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18
Day 7- Psalm 107: 1-9
Day 8- Philippians 4: 4-9
Day 9- Psalm 100: 1-5
Day 10- Psalm 136: 1-12
Day 11- Psalm 136: 13-26
Day 12- 1 Chronicles 16: 8-14
Day 13- 1 Chronicles 16: 23-36
Day 14- Psalm 116:12-19
Day 15- Psalm 147:1-7
Day 16- 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
Day 17- 2 Corinthians 9:10-12
Day 18- 2 Corinthians 9: 13-15
Day 19- Psalm 28: 6-9
Day 20- Psalm 69: 30-36

Day 21- Psalm 107: 28-32
Day 22- Psalm 9: 1-2, 7-12
Day 23- Lamentations 3: 22-27
Day 24- James 1: 17-18
Day 25- Psalm 118: 1-7
Day 26- Psalm, 118: 8-14
Day 27- Psalm 118: 15-21
Day 28- Psalm 118: 25-29
Day 29- Psalm 105: 1-7
Day 30- Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalm 119:18



Thinking about getting a
tattoo?



Happy Thanksgiving



Tag By: Lulu

Numbers

6:22-27

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing:

*'May the Lord
bless you and
protect you.*

*May the Lord
smile on you and
be gracious to
you. May the
Lord show you
his favor and give
you his peace.'*

Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them."

Wealth, Success and Love

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat." "Is the man of the house home?", they asked. "No", she said. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" he said. The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a House together," they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know. One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home." The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!!," he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!" His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!" "Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest." The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest." Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him.

Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!!"



People have so many problems!!

A Prayer for First Thing in the Morning

Good morning, Lord!

Great is Your faithfulness and Your steadfast love! Your mercies are made new every morning.

I don't know what is going to happen today, but You do. So I give this day to You.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and energize me for Your work. Awaken me to the wonder of Your salvation, and quicken my spirit to Your presence in my life.

This day is Yours. My body is Yours. My mind is Yours. Everything I am is Yours.

You will be faithful to complete the good work You've started, and as I step out into my day, I declare Your sovereignty over every area of my life. I entrust myself to You and ask that You use me however You see fit.

May You be pleased with me today.

Amen

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Truths about my life...

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How [redacted] I are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this - ever.
15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? I [redacted], but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voice mail. What did you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?
16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
18. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
19. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.
20. I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.

Elders Corner

Friendship

In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others." —C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

C.S. Lewis is a very interesting Christian Author. I have not read all his books, but I have read enough to discern that the man has wisdom provided by, obviously, a much higher Power. I borrowed these words from him today (or at least borrowed them from a reference source as I could not find this book at the moment) because the words resonate with me.

Today I received an email (Mr. Lewis I don't think had an email address) that hit me hard. That email was from folks that, a few years ago, were complete strangers to Kathy and I. Those folks crossed our path in a way that one could say was strictly a random occurrence of random choices during random events. HA! Once you realize that there is a God, once you accept that God into your heart, you know, and I mean know, that there are not random occurrences in your life. Or, let me rephrase and say, that there are no occurrences in your life that God doesn't control.

So those folks became a part of our lives. We got to know them. We spent some (but not enough) time with them. We had meals (but not enough), seen a movie (wish there were more), discussed politics, faith, Christianity, health, family, friends, music, traveling, business, investing, and whatever else came across our paths. I was surprised at how much they traveled, how active they were, and prayed (yes prayed) that God would grant me that much energy when I retired. As we got to know them, we realized how lucky we were to have them "randomly" come into our lives. We grew to love them, and consider them family.

We watched these folks become involved actively at Cortland Christian Church. We watched them both use their gifts where they could be of best use within our church. We watched them become a gift to all of us. We all grew to love them.

So today, when Joyce, Stan, and Stanley, let us know that they soon would be leaving the area, it caused a certain regret inside our hearts. We did not get to spend enough time with them. After kicking it around among ourselves and within ourselves, we realized that we understood the reasoning but it did not make it any easier.

Obviously the Master of Ceremonies mentioned by C.S. Lewis felt their skills were needed at another location. That perhaps, the best thing for them was time to be closer to their family. And though it makes us sad, we do know, they will remain in our hearts forever.

To Joyce, Stan, and Stanley, may God bless you as you have blessed all of us.

Love to you, dear, dear friends.

Larry, Kathy Dix, and the members of Cortland Christian Church.

*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 how much we care!*

Take time to smell the flowers and
share them with someone..



Jean Davis

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Cortland, Ohio 44410

Grace Wagner

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

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista
41 Heron Circle
Cortland, Ohio 44410
330-637-1456

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3090 Five Points -Hartford Rd
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I'll bet you smiled when you saw this
cute face.....

THINGS YOU'LL NEVER HEAR A MAN SAY...

1. "Does this hunter's outfit make me look fat?"
2. "Do you think he is prettier than me?"
3. "My wife never listens to me."
4. "I'll have the light vinaigrette salad and a diet soda."
5. "Why don't we go to the men's room and freshen up?"
6. "No, I didn't see the game last night. I was watching QVC."
7. "Looks like it's time to buy some NEW underwear."
8. "Okay, who left the toilet seat up?"
9. "I'VE GOT MY FATHER'S THIGHS!"
10. "The dog ??? No, that was ME."

- Reynolds

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord"
Colossians 3:23 NIV



Scrape...scrape...scrape...

One by one he scraped old flyers from poles on the Budapest sidewalk.

I was sitting in my favorite restaurant, writing. Well, actually, I was looking out the window...and I saw him.

I've lived in Budapest almost 5 years on and off, but I'd never seen anyone doing this job. Oh, I'd seen those sidewalk poles full of old flyers announcing sale items, concerts, or flats for rent. But I'd never thought about someone cleaning them.

Scrape...scrape...scrape...he did his job, although no one noticed, and no one stopped to thank him.

Scrape...scrape...scrape...

Sometimes I feel like that man. Does anyone notice what I do?

Then I remember...

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23,24)

Scrape...scrape...scrape...

Thank-you, Lord, for that promise.

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He has leveled the dirt and planted grass seed hoping it still has time to grow a bit. Now comes the watering, once done, it will look like that section of sidewalk was never there.

Thank you Gerry.!

Last month, the church was pressure washed to remove dirt and bugs from the siding..

Every little bit we do keeps this church in fine style.

C.C.C (Cortland Christian Church is always working to keep our beautiful church, neat and clean. There is one person you can always count on doing the best he can to accomplish that goal. Inside and out he is constantly fixing, cleaning, and moving chairs and tables and much more.

He keeps the Fellowship Hall readied for any event.

Here he is shown shoveling dirt to fill in a section where part of the sidewalk that was removed because of hazardous conditions.

