

September 2020

"Follow the Bells"



# The Church Bell



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### *A Message From Pastor Casey*

*"Celebrating Labor Day,  
Remember God's Original Purpose of Work"*

With Labor Day here many companies have given their employees a day off to celebrate the work that they have labored all year in doing. There is no doubt that the hard and diligent work of the worker should be celebrated but let me present you with a different perspective that the worker should also be mindful of.

Genesis 2:15 says, "The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it," (ESV). From the beginning humans have had their assigned work, but the work that was intended for us then is not the same as the work that we do now. The concept of working and keeping the Garden of Eden no doubt involved some physical work, but when one looks at the Hebrew verbs that are used here a conclusion can be formulated that the work in the Garden of Eden involved spiritual service, that is worshiping and obeying God. Many people do not consider this aspect of work as they go about their daily labor, but they should.

Laboring today is a rigorous task, but it was not supposed to be that way. It is because the first humans allowed sin to enter into this world that the labor of all mankind has increased. Because the first human, Adam, sinned against God his labor was increased to a hardship in Genesis 3:17-19. The original task of labor did not go away. The work of worshipping and obeying God did not cease, but a new kind of work was also established; the work that causes the sweat of the brow.

As people celebrate Labor Day may they indeed celebrate the work that they have accomplished, but may they also remember why their work is so toiling. It is because of the curse of sin, and in remembering this, may they also remember the original form of work that God wants from them above all else, spiritual service, that is worship and obedience. Happy Labor Day!

*Pastor Casey Chapman*



## Worship Leaders

Sept. 6 Sharon Hopkins and Amy Seger  
 Sept 13 Ron Miller and Spencer Chapman  
 Sept 20 Amy Popichak and Curtis Bell  
 Sept 27 Jeff Byler and Justin Klamut

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## Coffee Fellowship



September 6 - Brenda and Brad Bevan, Marsha and Roy Nichols

September 13 -Linda Tucker ad Friends

September 20 -Kelly and Kerry Culp

September 27 -Diana Martin



## August — Financial Report

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

### August 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Offering Received	\$ 11,811.00
Expenses	\$ -9, 081.00
Balance	\$ 2,730. 00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

### Jan 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Offering Received	\$ 105, 297.00
Expenses	\$ - 82, 516.00
Balance	\$ 22, 780.00

Balance \$ 79,347. 20

## ***"Happy Birthday"***

<i>September 2</i>	<i>Cherri Chapman</i>
<i>September 4</i>	<i>Greg Ainsley</i>
<i>September 9</i>	<i>Jack Hanna</i>
<i>September 15</i>	<i>Karen Miller</i>
<i>September 16</i>	<i>Brenda Bevan</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>Ed Niemi</i>
<i>September 28</i>	<i>Terry Swuager</i>
<i>September 29</i>	<i>Katie Molnar</i>



## ***"Happy Anniversary"***

*September 7*

*Nick and Rachel*



*September 29*

*Katie and John Molnar*

## ***Important Meetings***

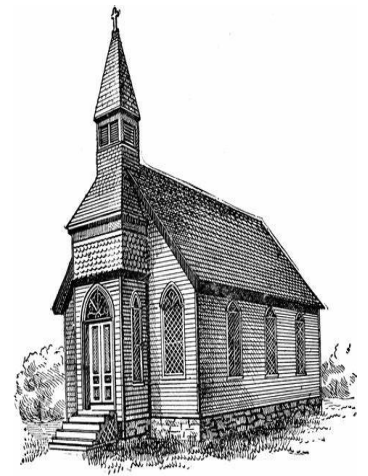
**Finance Meeting 6:15 pm**

**Board Meeting 7pm**

## ***Elders Meetings***

*Third Sunday  
In the month  
8 am —*

*Board Room  
Board Room*



## ***A Letter from MOM***

A young pastor was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch. He opened a letter he'd just received that morning from his mom.

As he opened it a twenty-dollar bill fell out. He thought to himself, Thanks, Mom, I sure needed that right now. As he finished his meal, he noticed a beggar outside on the sidewalk leaning against the light post.

Thinking that the poor man could probably use the twenty dollars more than he, he crossed out the names on the envelope and wrote across the top in large letters, PERSEVERE! So as not to make a scene, he put the envelope under his arm and dropped it as he walked past the man. The man picked it up and read the message and smiled.

The next day, as the pastor enjoyed his meal, the same man tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a big wad of bills.

Surprised, the young pastor asked him what that was for. The man replied, "This is your half of the winnings. Persevere came in first in the fourth race at the track yesterday and paid thirty to one."



# SEPTEMBER

## 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. <u>Meetings</u> Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm	2. Bible Study Garden on Grove 6pm	3.  Aerobics	4.   Aerobics
6. Sunday Service 10am  Adult Sunday School	 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	8.	9. Bible Study Garden on Grove 6pm	10.   Aerobics	11.   Aerobics
13. Service at 10am Adult Sunday School at 8:5am	14.  Aerobics	15.	16. Bible Study Garden on Grove 6pm	17.  Aerobics	18.   Aerobics
13. Service at 10am Adult Sunday School at 8:5am	21.  Aerobics	22  First Day of Autumn	23.. Bible Study Garden on Grove 6pm	24.  Aerobics	25.   Aerobics
13. 27. Service at 10am Adult Sunday School at 8:5am	28.  Aerobics	29.	30. Bible Study Garden on Grove 6pm	  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*

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328 Orchard  
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Katie and John Molnar  
2444 Williams Drive  
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Lake Vista Apt. 207  
Mecca Street,  
Cortland, Ohio

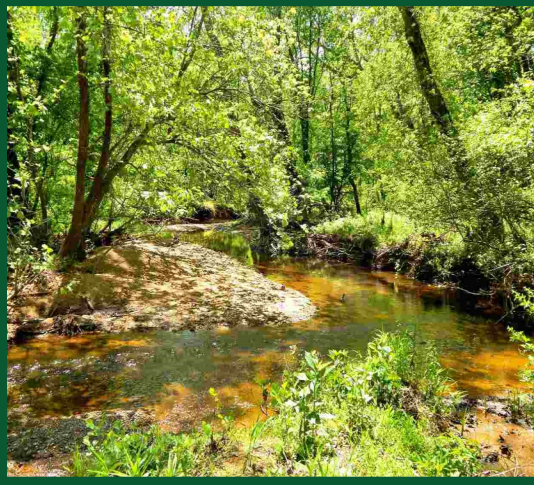
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Warren Ohio

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## ***"Bible Study By the Creek"***

Wed - September 2,9 16, 23,30      **6-7pm**

**Study Topic: James — Chapters 1-5**

### **Location:**

***"Garden on Grove" by the church overlooking Walnut Creek.***

***Bring a lawn chair and your Bible***

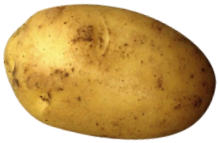
***Parking is close.***

## ***Your reaction matters more than what happens to you....***

"Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.



Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.



He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. 'Daughter, what do you see?'

'Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,' she hastily replied.

'Look closer,' he said, 'and touch the potatoes.' She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

'Father, what does this mean?' she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water.



However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

'Which are you,' he asked his daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?'



## Rely On Jesus

The Bible is full of ordinary people whom God called to His divine relay. Which of them, in their power, their resources, or their ways had what was required to do what God called them to do?

Not one.

Moses was told to lead his people from slavery, then was caught between Pharaoh's chariots and the Red Sea. Joshua was told to conquer the walled city of Jericho armed with nothing more than trumpets.

Gideon was told to defeat the massive Midianite army after the Lord purposefully shrank his army from 32,000 men to only 300 armed with nothing more than trumpets, torches, and empty jars. Peter was beckoned by Jesus to get out of the boat and walk on water.

Are you catching the theme here?

Just like these people, when we learn to focus on who God is rather than on what we are not, we see that it is God who is working in us to do the very thing He has purposed to do in our lives. As we learn to run the race, accept His batons, and submit to His training, God's work in and through us is always growing and increasing. Christ in us becomes an unstoppable force in our lives and is spilled out into the lives of others.

Carrying the baton in our race is never about what we can accomplish for God. If He wanted, God could accomplish everything on His own without us, just as He created the heavens and the earth. He could have slain Pharaoh's army and horses in midstep and melted the chariots in the blink of an eye. He could have brought the walls of Jericho down as Joshua and his men were sleeping. He could have turned the massive Midianite army to stone before Gideon's men blew a trumpet. He could have transformed the wild waves beneath Peter's feet to solid rock. God's goal in each of those cases was to do far more than accomplish a task - it was to build the faith of His people. He wanted them to grow in their experience of Him. He wanted His people to taste His power and be transformed by His might.

As you continue in your race, refuse to focus on what you are not, what you cannot do, and what you do not know. Rely on God's power. Rely on God's resources. Rely on God's ways. Focus on who Christ is in you. This is fixing your eyes on Jesus!

As you carry your baton, Christ's unstoppable power is expanding in you. His impact on your world is going to increase. His transformation in you is going to increase. Once you've grasped this mystery - Christ in you - you will transform the world through acts of love and you will be continually transformed on the inside to become more like Him.

*I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians*



Autumn begins September 22



## Fall Church Pride (Clean-up) Day

Cleanup around the church, edging, weeding, trimming bushes back, spraying the grass around the Memorial Garden. Watch your bulletins for more information. We can pick a day or come when you can.





## New Members / Haystack Luncheon

Thanks go out to all who helped with this Luncheon. It is so worth the effort. What a great crew of people we had working on this project. And It worked well..

Betty and Bob Evans, Jeff and Brenda Byler, Carol Glancy, Carol Deemer, Joyce Hall, Diana Martin, Sharon Polakoff.

Shown: Our version of the Haystack, peach pie and lemonade.

**“WELCOME”**  
to the newest members  
of C. C. C.”

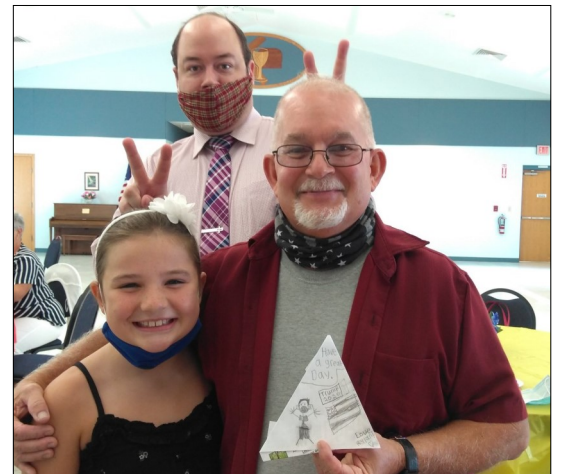
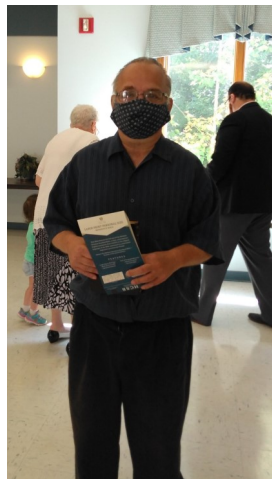
Greg Liberatore,  
Joyce Greenlee,  
Spencer Chapman,  
Betsy Miller,  
Roy and Marsha Nichols,  
Pastor Casey, and  
Brad and Brenda Bevan,  
Not Shown: Lynn Hayes,  
Amy Kennedy.





# New Members—Haystack Luncheon 2020

Pictures-Submitted by  
Jeff and Brenda Byler





## Damaged souls still have worth.....

"A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said:  
'Puppies For Sale.'

Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children, and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner; 'How much are you going to sell the puppies for?' he asked.

The store owner replied, 'Anywhere from \$30 to \$50.'

The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. 'I have \$2.37,' he said. 'Can I please look at them?'

The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, 'What's wrong with that little dog?'

The shop owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. 'That is the puppy that I want to buy.'

The shop owner said, 'No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you.'

The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said; 'I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for.'

The shop owner countered, 'You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies.'

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, 'Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!'"



Author Unknown

## Inspirational Word Search

J F T T A L B N E S O R F G R  
C L U Z T I E S I Y D E M O C  
V O A C H A R A C T E R M Q I  
R Y M S S G K A R H M U E S P  
O O Y P T E S I T N H B I H E  
M H M Q A S T N N R I R E C R  
U A I U O N E A I G O N N A S  
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## Inspiration 42

<i>"I'm LEARNING</i>	<i>is GIVING, and</i>
<i>the DIFFERENCE</i>	<i>comedy</i>
<i>BETWEEN HUMOR</i>	<i>is TAKING away.</i>
<i>AND COMEDY,</i>	<i>HUMOR IS</i>
<i>BETWEEN THE</i>	<i>COMPANIONA-</i>
<i>LAUGH that</i>	<i>BLE, comedy</i>
<i>LASTS</i>	<i>IS COLD. HUMOR</i>
<i>FOREVER and</i>	<i>is CHARACTER,</i>
<i>the ONE THAT</i>	<i>COMEDY IS</i>
<i>EVAPORATES</i>	<i>PERSONALITY."</i>
<i>AS SOON as</i>	<i>(ROGER</i>
<i>IT HITS AIR.</i>	<i>ROSENBLATT)</i>
<i>HUMOR</i>	

## Surgeons Discussing Patients

Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who the best patients to operate on are.

The first surgeon, from New York says, I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered.

The second, from Chicago , responds, Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded.

The third surgeon, from Dallas , says, No I really, think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order.

The fourth surgeon, from Los Angeles chimes in: You know I like construction workers, those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over.

But the fifth surgeon, from Washington , DC shut them all up when he observed: You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no brains and no spine, and the head and the rear end are interchangeable.



Question from previous lessons drawn on floor to create a game



Kids pondering the answers.



Y  
O  
U  
T  
H

Game: Answering questions on previous lessons, and moving up the squares with the throw of the dice.  
And the winner is???



G  
R  
O  
U  
P



Learning the bible lesson.



Snack time...

### Always Complaining

“People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over again. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: ‘You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?’

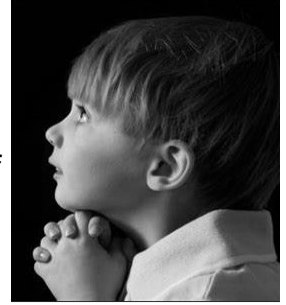
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## **An Eight year old child explanation of God's work**

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA .

He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well? [ .... and he had such an assignment, in California , and someone published it -- I guess miracles do happen! .. ]



### **THE EXPLANATION OF GOD:**

"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. 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 to 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...that's why I believe in God.

(If you believe in God, please pass this on, and may God bless you too.)

Author Unknown

## Interesting Prayer

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. It has been reported to us that when Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem....

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen! !

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright was pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively.

The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer.

Author Unknown

## Delicious Recipes for the Autumn Season



### Easy and Delicious Apple-Cranberry Pie

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1- 3/4 c. flour, divided        | 1c. fresh or frozen Cranberries, chopped |
| 1/2 t. salt                     | 1/2 c. sugar                             |
| 3/4 c. butter, divided          | 1 -1/2 t. ground cinnamon                |
| 4-6 T. cold water               | 1/2 c. chopped Walnuts                   |
| 1 can (21oz.) apple pie filling |                                          |

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix 1-1/4 c. of flour and the salt in a small bowl; cut in 1/2 c of the butter with pastry blender. Gradually add water, stirring until mixture sticks together, shape into ball. Place on lightly floured surface, roll out to 10 inch circle. Place in 9 inch pie plate, flute edge.

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### **Pumpkin Pancakes**



- 1-1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. pumpkin
- 1 egg
- 2 t. vegetable oil
- 2 T. vinegar
- 2 c. flour
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. ground allspice
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. ground ginger
- 1/2 t. salt

In a bowl, mix together the milk, pumpkin, egg, oil and vinegar. Combine the flour, brown sugar, spices. Mix well in a separate bowl. Stir into the pumpkin mixture just enough to combine. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 c. for each pancake brown on both sides and serve hot.