

An Epistle from Paul:

Parasitic or Symbiotic? – John W. Wade, a faithful preacher who is in the presence of the Lord, gave me the following idea. I want to be sure to give credit to where credit is due.

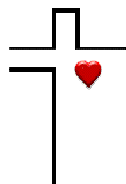
Symbiosis is a term used by biologists to describe a situation in which two different types of organisms live together for mutual benefit. A good example of this is found in the heather that grows in the Scottish highlands and moors. Living throughout the heather plant is a special fungus that allows the heather to survive in soil and weather conditions that make life impossible for most other plants. At the same time, the heather provides nourishment and a place of growth for the fungus. This symbiotic arrangement contrasts sharply with parasitism, in which one plant or animal is used by another plant or animal without any resulting benefit.

Let me use the above to illustrate yet another important Biblical principle. This principle has everything to do with living for Him!

The world is wrapped up in *self*. Selfishness is *the way* of the world. Another way of putting this is being *parasitic* (being a parasite). The world seeks to satisfy, care for, and look out after one thing – *self*. The Lord's Church, on the other hand is a *symbiotic* community. Every member of the Body of Christ by design, ought to derive benefit from each other while at the same time provide benefit to every member of the Body....

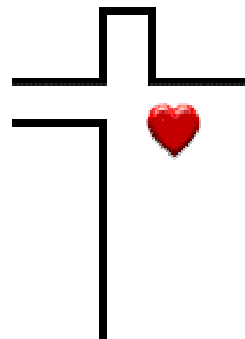
Parasitism in the Body of Christ, however, seems far more common than symbiosis. Why is that and what is the cure for such a wrong situation? The answer to church parasitism is to apply the truth of God's Word to each of our lives. For example, in Romans 12:10 we read "*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.*" Sound like parasitic or symbiotic to you? Make no mistake, brethren we need each other!!

In His Marvelous Love, Paul



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Come Worship and Serve Him With Us!

Bible School9:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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**Bible
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July 13th – 17th, 2015

These are the dates for our 2015 VBS effort. There are still areas needing help. Speak to our directors and let them know of your willingness and desire to be apart of this year's effort!

Let's Get the Word Out!

Preparations for this year's VBS effort continue. If you have yet to find an area to serve in this effort one of the most important areas is *getting the word out*. We will be passing out information sheets throughout the area in the near future. We hope you will come out and help with this blitz of information... We also hope you will lift up in prayer this effort as young lives are molded by His Word!



Here's the Count!

April 26, 2015\$2,281.00
 May 3, 2015\$2,296.00

Next Wednesday Luncheon Set!

Midway Restaurant



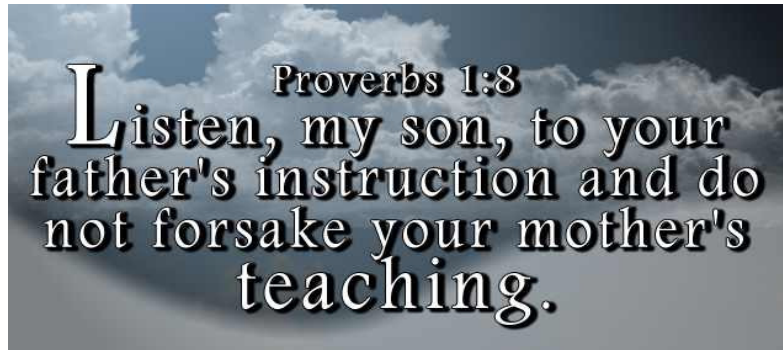
Wednesday, May 20th, we invite you to come and join us at the Midway Restaurant in Lewisburg, OH. We will gather there at 12 Noon in the backroom. If you want or need a ride, get in touch with us and we'll make sure you get that ride. Good food, the best of fellowship and opportunity to be led in a devotional/spiritual thought – can you beat that? Not hardly and certainly not with a stick. See you there!



What Can We Do?

We really want to urge and encourage our young people to make plans now to attend Christian Camp this summer.

The dates are soon to be upon us. The church here will be paying *the full amount* of the week you plan to attend. Honestly, we don't know of a better deal for our young people and their families – good food, good company, and an intense week of Bible learning!!



(by no means an exhaustive list)

Military Personnel: Zachary Claywell, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts...

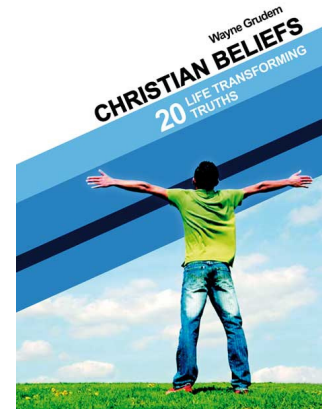
Recovering and Other Matters: Doris Childers, Betty and Cronley Teater, Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger,

Dottie Campbell, Pam Kauslick, Eddie Johnson, Jack/John Rowell, Tammy Dunaway, Anna Eiford, Connie Moore, Barry Rieger, David Ramey, Connie Martin, Kevin Nolan, Emma Sartain, Daryl McKee, Evelyn Davis, Bryson Masten (8 yr old burned), Martha Gabbard, Gary Stevenson...

Dealing With Cancer: Dalene McIntire, Rita Culp, Judy Riley, George Collins, Chuck Paul, and Evert Synder...



New Wed. PM Series!



This new dvd series will begin right after we conclude the present series we are studying... This new series entitled "Christian Beliefs: 20 Life Transforming Truths" will be a challenging study to us all. The teacher, Wayne Grudem, is not a Restoration teacher/preacher... He is strong on the authority of God's Word, however and the areas he leaves the tracks will help us all better understand and be able to

defend our stance on God's Word. We urge and invite you to bring your Bible and come join us for this new series of Bible studies!!!

