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DISCERNING GOD'S VISION

On June 7th the Leadership Team consisting of the Elders, and 5 elected Board officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Clerk met to discuss four articles given to them by me. These articles raised questions every Church should consider before building for the next generation.

Some of the questions we discussed were:

1. Do we really want to grow? It takes incredible unselfishness to bring others into the body of Christ!
2. How must my role as the pastor change from minister to leader? Others have to share the ministry.
3. Should we start multiple worship services?
4. Should we expand our facility?

Some of the issues discussed at the June 7th meeting based on the above questions were:

- The change in communion. This has been addressed most appropriately in our sermons on the Be-Attitudes. Each part of the communion service has a specific reason and purpose so we can be in God and God in us.
 - **Some people's hearts** are still in the old church building. It is difficult to leave a cherished place, one where family members have been baptized, wed, etc. But 20 years prior the church had already decided to move to the new property on Call Road.
 - Changes require time and commitment. There is some concern over what the required time commitment will be. **We really can't answer until we know God's vision for us.**
 - We need to let the Holy Spirit move in our worship. This is the purpose of worship to be filled with the Spirit before going back out to the mission field which starts at our doorsteps.
 - Reasons people have for not attending any church. In this century many are feeling there are not enough hours in a day for all the work, sports, church, entertainment, family, etc. And some feel church is a guilt trip or that Sunday is my time and I want to do my thing. There is no doubt that all denominations are experiencing this dilemma, but we are still called to take the Good News to the ends of the earth.
- One important conversation was around discerning...
- **WHAT** God's vision is for us,
 - **HOW** God wants us to implement the vision, and
 - **WHEN** God wants us to implement the vision.



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Special points of interest:

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To this end, I asked each person to take until our next meeting, July 19th, to listen to what God has to say. At the July 19th meeting we will be hearing what God has told each person. In the past when we have taken time to pray and listen to God, the vision has been very clear.

Each person on the leadership team has been given the following **message about discerning God's voice.**

Dear Leadership Team:
Each person is wired differently. We each hear God differently. One sees something and a light bulb goes on in his head and he simply understands what it is he is searching for. Another searches her mind for God to speak and all of a sudden she understands by the thought that is revealed to her. Another talks to someone, and unsolicited that person reveals to him the answer to what he had been researching. Hearing God is not audible. It is an understanding, a revelation, an idea, or a scene. All of the above have one thing in common. They all are in concert with the Bible, and other Christians can confirm the "hearing."

Discerning God's voice is not about your desires, your wants, your understandings, your training, or your beliefs about something. **Discernment of God's will by hearing God's voice in whatever manner we are wired to hear**

God's voice, is about opening ourselves to allow God to bring to our minds that which we could not have done for ourselves through intellect. All of us are intelligent. But generally speaking, God reveals ways we would never attempt or think of doing, like when we built our current building with less than all the money we needed.

The key to doing big hairy audacious goals for God, is to be sure it is God who is calling us to do them. Then it is imperative **we don't run ahead or behind God** but always walk with God and let God fight the battle. God owns all the cattle on a thousand hills, and if we would just ask for the resources to accomplish what God has asked us to do, God will supply. If God calls us, God will equip us, and if we ask, God will give us all we need to do what God wants to be done. Remember what was said in article #2...

You get God's vision by saying "What do You want me to do? How do You want me to do it? And when do You want me to do it?" You need to stop praying, "God, bless what I'm doing." Instead start praying, "God, help me to do what You want to bless." I get up in the morning and I pray a very similar prayer every day. "God, I know You're going to do some very exciting things in the world today. Would You give me the privilege of just

being in on some of them? I just want to be in on what You're doing. I want to do what You're blessing" (3 Aspects of the Vision God Has for Your Church by Pastor Rick Warren).

So as you take this time to talk to God, remember to also sit quietly to hear from God. God will speak when you are quiet long enough for God to talk to you. When we come back together July 19th at 6:15p we are going to answer **the question: "What is the vision that will change lives?"** And, if we are blessed, we may **also find out: "What doors or avenues need to be opened to do that?"**

I'm asking the congregation to keep our leaders in prayer as **they discern God's vision for our church.** The work of the team will be brought forth in a congregational meeting for all to review and discuss when we **discern God's vision for our church.**

Blessings,

Pastor Janet



FELLOWSHIP and MISSION

FUN NIGHT

Saturday, July 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Perry Christian Church — 3270 Call Road, Perry

Bring a friend and join in an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please register on Facebook, by calling the church and leaving a message (440-259-4821) or by calling Carole Martin (440-259-2257) to let us know how many children and what ages will be attending.

Being a family event, we would like parents or guardians to stay and enjoy the time with their kids.

We will be outdoors - weather permitting.

Upcoming Saturday Fun Nights

August 13th—Collecting School Supplies for "Stuff the Backpack"

September 24th

October 22nd—Samaritan's Purse Collection

November 19th Chili Cook Off

December 17th—Christmas Party

FOOD

GAMES

FREE

FUN

PROJECT HOPE

Here's this month's selection for Project Hope's Saturday Side Dish. On July 14th at 6:00 we will prepare Taco Dip to be delivered on July 16th. We need :

- 6 pkg. of 8 oz. cream cheese,
- 3 containers of 16 oz. sour cream,
- 4 cans of refried beans,
- 4 cans of Armour chili with or

without beans,

- 2 large bags of shredded cheddar cheese, and
- 3 large bags of corn chips.

For the sack lunches, we need:



- 2 Bags of 20 individual chips
- 2 Cases of Water Bottles 24 or

more each)

- 55 slices of ham
- 55 slices of cheese
- 5 loaves of bread
- 55 apples

As always, thank you for your help and donations to this very important mission. Please take time to read the thank you letter on page 7.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

Fresh From the... Connection Garden Team



Just a reminder to everyone to stop by the kitchen garden and help yourself to the herbs or anything that is ripe. Right now we have PEAS. And feel free to do some weeding if you would like!

July 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	1	2
Pastor is on Vacation (see below)						
3 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	4 Independence Day—Office Closed	5	6 9a Community Mission 1p Endowment Team	7 2p Prayer Team	8	9
10 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	11 7p Trustee Mtg.	12	13 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Board Mtg.	14 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	15	16 10a Band Practice 5-7p Fun Night 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
17 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	18	19 6:15p Leader- ship Team	20	21 2p Prayer Team	22	23
24 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	25 Newsletter articles are due	26 10a Pastor in Columbus at Ohio Disciples Endowment Committee	27	28 2p Prayer Team	29	30
31 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	While Pastor is on vacation... For hospital visits call Linda Warfield (259-4635) For prayer concerns call Mary Hale (639-8833) For administrative concerns call Carole Martin (259-2257)					

July Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters
3	Jeff Bartlett	Linda Warfield Don Bartlett	Don and Judy Bartlett
10	Don Bartlett	Joann Rombough Linda Warfield	Ellen Maier Pat Boehnke
17	Brenda Carr	Earl Johnson Rick Bartlett	Angie Silvis Pat Boehnke
24	Glenn Mers	Don Bartlett Joann Rombough	Connie Smith Ellen Maier
31	Ben Pierce	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	Frankie Blanchard Amanda
All Month Sacristan Sherry Smith Pat Johnson	Deacons *Bob Wright **Judy Bartlett Rod Collins	Counters Frankie Blanchard Vicki Wakelee (not 7-3) Connie Smith (7-3)	Hostess Laurie Martin

Born in July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Virginia Brennan
3	4 Andy Brewer	5	6	7	8	9
10 Lauren Braden	11	12 Joyce McCrea	13	14	15	16
17 Jeff Bartlett	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Rick Bartlett	26	27	28 Tim Johnson	29	30 Louise Burzanko

THIS AND THAT

CWM FUNDRAISER—CHINESE AUCTION

Our CWM fundraiser is rapidly approaching. October 2, 2016 will be here before we know it and we need to get our Chinese Auction baskets together.

Suggested (not mandatory) minimum value for a basket would be \$25.00. If you are able to prepare a basket, of that value, on your own - GREAT! However, if you cannot "make" a basket of that value, but want to help, you may:

- 1) Donate a dollar amount
- 2) Donate lottery tickets (for a lottery tree)
- 3) Donate items and specify a particular theme for the item
- 4) Donate a gift card



We have many suggestions for basket "themes", such as:

- 1) FUN IN THE SUN - kiddie pool, pool/beach toys, beach towel, outdoor kids games, sun block
- 2) CHRISTMAS TIME - ornaments, wreath, candles, placemats, etc.
- 3) BABY GIRL/BABY BOY - blankets, onesies, baby toys, baby book, bathtub, towel, etc.
- 4) Backyard BBQ - placemats, condiment holders, BBQ tools, pot holders, etc.



These are just a few suggestions. There is a list of 172 basket ideas available at the church or by calling Carole Martin (259-2257). Deadline for baskets or basket items is Sunday, September 18th. This will give us time to put the baskets together and wrap them.

We appreciate your continued support. Let us know your ideas/suggestion.

Carole Martin, Joann Rombough, Laurie Martin, Penny Angeloro

SINGLES

Perry Christian Church Singles are partnering with the Cornerstone Singles on Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m. for miniature golf at Red Mill Golf Practice Center in Perry and all are invited. (Psst! There's also an ice cream store there!) It should be a fun time of food and fellowship. For more information, contact me.

Tim Johnson



OPERATION CLUTTER FREE

In an effort to de-clutter and to place all information in its proper place, we removed all duty schedules from the bulletin board and prayer room. You can find these **schedules on the secretary's desk** in a green folder labeled: Elders, Deacons, Sacristans, & Worship Leaders next to the custodian's red

notebook. The Bulletin Board is for events and mission projects, only. The Trustees have requested the mowing schedules be placed in the trustee book on top of the **Secretary's largest file cabinet.**

Please remember to remove any papers or bulletins from around your chair after worship. There is a trash can in the back of the sanctuary for these items. Thank you for your cooperation.

TRUSTEE NOTICE!

Per the Trustee meeting of June 13, 2016 the Church garage outside door code will change on July 1, 2016. Your inside key pad code will not change. Please see Eric Van Boxel for the new code number. Thank you

THANK YOU From Project Hope

since january, you've helped to provide...

GUESTS FROM:
PAINESVILLE: 44%
MENTOR: 8%
WILLOUGHBY: 7.5%
OUTSIDE LAKE CO.: 26%

TOTAL NIGHTS AT PROJECT
HOPE AND DAYS AT FAMILIES
MOVING FORWARD TO:
5,027

SHELTER, CARE AND
GUIDANCE TO:
28 CHILDREN
145 ADULTS

131 POSITIVE TRANSITIONS!
THIS REPRESENTS
87% OF OUR GUESTS!

Dear Friends,

Wow! What an amazing first four months! In just one-third of the year, your support has given 173 people – individuals and families, adults and children – with life-changing care, support and guidance. This is clear by the amazing transition rate; **a record-breaking 87 percent of our guests so far this year have successfully transitioned into a better quality of life.** Whether they've entered their own homes, moved into a treatment facility for more intensive care, or found a place to stay with safe family or friends, these guests are now entering the next face of their lives – and it's all thanks to your generosity.

Your gift **donated 05/21/2016** will help this month's guests join those who have already made a positive transition and found a new hope and life through the programs you are providing. And while we are grateful, it's not just us. Volunteers, staff and board members alike appreciate all you do. None, though, are more thrilled by your support than our former guests.

They say it best, actually. Listen to what this former guest had to say about her time at Project Hope:

"Thank you for the many blessings you have given me & my daughters. I appreciate the thoughtfulness & love that I was shown in my time of need. Thank you for being there to help me get back on my feet. Project Hope you gave me hope."

We'd love to see you at our upcoming Freedom Road Run, a 5k race and 1-mile walk that will continue to raise support for shelter operations. We've included a race form with your thank you letter. Also, check us out on Facebook for more information and activities!

In Service,



Judy Burr

Executive Director | director@projecthopeonline.org

Newsletter



July 2016

Pastor Rev. Dr. Janet Mers
Worship 9:30am
Fellowship 10:30am
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