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For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

-Romans 14:11

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Having been brought into this church last August, my job and role as the interim pastor involves several things. In a generalized overview of those things, my job is to prepare and ready this church for whatever its future may be as it pertains to the active ministry taking place within the building itself, as well as what the congregation does within the community. Specifically, I am not empowered to somehow tell the congregation what to do, or how to go about choosing to undertake any specific direction. What I am empowered to do is to help this congregation, formulate and design whatever it is that the congregation feels is God's call to them as disciples of Christ operating within Perry Ohio, and Lake County.

The just completed cottage meeting revealed several interesting things. I begin by first, thanking those who willingly shared parts of their time, and their thoughts and feelings about things, and wish to acknowledge their participation which has helped to make this brief overview possible. The meetings did discuss some aspects of past church administrative and ministerial leadership direction, but for the most part, the focus was continually being directed towards the future of what this church and congregation hope to achieve in a dedicated approach to progressively forward thinking. To that end, there does seem to be expressed interest in continuing to focus on outwardly directed programs and

mission opportunities that can directly impact the lives of those within this, and neighboring communities. There are no true complaints about global outreach mission opportunities, but the clear implication seems to point to somehow being able to better directly impact lives that can tangibly be touched by this congregation, as opposed to lives that spring to mind in our imaginations due to distance, and other practical concerns. During the meetings, people also seemed to recognize and appreciate as well, the more recent congregational trend towards growing and developing ecumenical ties to other Christian organizations and congregations throughout the Perry area. More than a few people men-

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BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will start a new session on Thursday, April 12th from 6:30p till 8:00p. The book is entitled, **“When God doesn’t Fix It: Laura’s Story”**. Here’s a brief description of the study.

Laura Story's life took an unexpected turn when her husband, Martin, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The devastating news forever changed their lives and brought Laura's dreams of a fairy-tale life to an end. Yet her struggles to accept her new situation also brought her deeper joy and intimacy with God as she allowed him to rewrite her story.

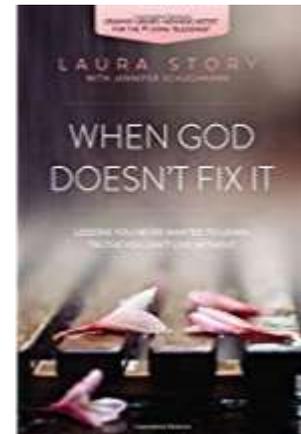
In this five-session curriculum, Laura

examines the twists and turns that took place not only in her own life but also in the lives of many of the heroes of the faith. She reveals how God used crises in the lives of people such as Abraham, Sarah, David, and Paul to bring them closer to him and set them on the path he wanted them to take. She also shows how God used each of these individuals in spite of their flaws and brokenness.

God may not fix everything in our lives. In fact, our situation might not ever change or get better. But we can know that God will lead us to a place where we are better because of it.

The study guides will cost \$7.00 and I will order them from Amazon. It is a five week study. Please let me know if you will be attending and if you want a book. You can email me at: pennyspad@sbcglobal.net. Hope to hear from you soon.

Penny Harrison



CWM — CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The All Daughter’s banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Our program for the evening will be **GOD’S GIRLS ON WHEELS**. They will be presenting **CHURCH LADIES**. See more information on page 7. We still aren’t sure what the men have planned for the menu, but we’re confident it will be delicious. We will start taking reservations in a couple of weeks.

We are planning to attend the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast on Saturday, April, 28, 2018. Eleven tickets were purchased from the Cornerstone Friends Church.

We are planning a book exchange for June 10, 2018, right after church. A light luncheon will be served.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October, 28, 2018. This is the date for

our annual fund raiser. Plans are still in the works, but we do know that our entertainment will be a stand up comedian, Mike Conley. Mike comes highly recommended by Mary Factor (the woman who did our first program). We’ll keep you posted as our plans develop.

Carole Martin, Chair

All Daughters Banquet
- Sun., April 29th -
5:00 p.m.

Date Change:
April 22nd

MISSIONS

PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

This month for the Saturday Side Dish for Project Hope, we'll be making sub sandwiches.

Here's what we will need:

3 loaves of French or Italian bread—not sliced

1 lb. sliced ham

1 lb. sliced salami

1 lb. sliced turkey

2 lbs. sliced cheese

1 small tub soft butter

1 small Italian dressing

1 small ranch dressing

2 small bags of shredded lettuce

For sack lunches we'll need:

5 loaves of bread

55 slices of turkey

2 cases of water

1 bag of individual bags of chips

Fresh fruit

We'll gather

to assemble the meal on Thursday, April 19th at 6p. The meal will be delivered to Project Hope on April 21st at 6:45p.

As always, your help is essential and SO appreciated.

Frankie Blanchard



COMMUNITY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Do you know that there are children right here in Perry that have never had a birthday party? Hard to believe, huh?

Birthday parties are something most of us take for granted. What kind of

cake would you like? What flavor of ice cream? A special meal for your day? A present or two, just because it is your day. Many children don't get to experience these basic celebrations of their very existence.

A team is being organized to start meeting this simple need. If you would like to be a member of this team, please contact Carole Martin or Jeray Bunnell.



For many years our church has given support to the Bethany Christian Mission Center's student fund through our members' donations to this mission.

Bethany Christian Mission is a non-

denominational mission organization with a primary focus on Christian education. Located in the foothills of the beautiful Appalachian mountains in Kentucky, Bethany has been serving the needs of Wolfe County and beyond for many years. Relying on God for all their needs, Bethany, which has been in continual ministry for 87 years, pro-

vides both spiritual and physical help to the surrounding communities.

If you would like to help with this mission by donating, please mark your check or church envelope "Bethany Student Fund" and put it in the offering plate.

If you have questions, please see me. Earl Johnson

BETHANY CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter</p> <p>8a Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>9a Community Mission Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>8a CWM Exec. Mtg.</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p>  <p>Graham Polzer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7p Trustee Mtg.</p>	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30-8p Bible Book Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Audriana Polzer</p> 	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p>	16	17	<p>18</p>  <p>Pat Johnson</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6p Project Hope Food Prep</p> <p>6:30-8p Bible Book Study</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>6:45p Deliver meal to Project Hope</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter articles are due</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Helen Hayes</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30-8p Bible Book Study</p>  <p>Emily Hinton</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>8a Priscilla Shirer Simulcast- Cornerstone Friends Church</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p> <p>5p All Daughters Banquet</p>	30					

April Service Schedules

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
1	Don Bartlett	Rick Bartlett Don Bartlett	<u><i>Deacons</i></u> Rod Collins Bob Wright
8	Kimmy Lawson	Laurie Martin Vicki Wakelee	<u><i>Sacristan</i></u> Pat Johnson
15	Taunya and Andy Brewer	Linda Warfield Carole Martin	<u><i>Counters</i></u> Judy Bartlett Frankie Blanchard
22	Darla Bartlett	Don Bartlett Rick Bartlett	<u><i>Hostesses</i></u> Pat Johnson Frankie Blanchard
29	Alexa Collins	Laurie Martin Linda Warfield	

Priscilla
SHIRER
SIMULCAST

April 28, 2018

Cornerstone Friends Church

Doors Open at 8a Live Simulcast at 9a

Worship with Anthony Evans

Join us!

CWM has tickets. Talk with Carole or Laurie

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tioned the pulpit exchange, and the joint Seder meal gathering as events that seemed to favorably bring Christians together through their common faith. Overwhelmingly, those who expressed an opinion about such events, did so with an enthusiastic nod to wanting to continue along those lines as a unified congregational approach to working within Perry.

There exist in church analysis studies, congregational systems flow charts which depict the life cycle of an average church congregation. In showing the small cottage groups **the chart, the inverted "V" shape** which points to three major areas of life cycle events for any church such as in having a church experiencing

growth is thought to be in a state of **"incline."** A church that is not actively doing much anymore of what they do used to do in the past, due to complacency, is considered, to be **in a state of "recline."** And finally, a church that has not only shut down much of what it used to do, and is then ceasing certain programs and events completely, is thought to be in the final stage of congregational **life known as "decline."** In asking what each group thought in terms of where the Perry congregation might be right now, an array of answers was provided, but whereas some **thought "recline" might be the right answer**, most who responded thought that the most recent trends **indicated small levels of "incline,"** as in building-up slowly from whatever might have been present until just recently.

Overall, the emotional temperament of the groups. and of the congregation seems to be one of hope, and optimism. None of us may know exactly what any of that means in terms of a long-term outlook, but what I think I can let you know is that Christian groups of any type that are somehow lacking in either hope, or optimism are in trouble both from a practical standpoint, but also from a spiritual one. Perry Christian church does not appear to suffer from either one of those current afflictions. **Thanks be to God for all of God's tremendous mercies!** There will be more to come as a follow-up to the cottage meetings, as well as other **development ideas that we'll all get** to join in on together in the next weeks, and months.

Pastor Paul

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS It has been brought to my attention that for lunches, I have a tendency to always call the same people. I hadn't really given it thought, but yes I do and I'd like to apologize. I've put a sheet up on the bulletin board for people to sign their name, phone number, what they especially like to make and whether they are able to work on those days. If you aren't able to come to church to sign up but are willing to help please call me at 440-257-7417 or e-mail me at: ssscurrys@gmail.com. God Bless, Sherry Smith

TRIP TO CHINA

Ric and Debbie Cattell shared their China experience with CWM and other members of the congregation on Tuesday, March 20th. The Cattells spent two years in China, teaching English, music and the Christian Gospel to children of the Ambassadors to China.

Their power point presentation showed where they lived, the people they taught

and worked with and the beautiful scenery. They had many souvenirs from their trip, as well as food to share.

Ric and Debbie are asking for prayers as they await word from God about their next missionary assignment.





A Christian drama ministry

Since 2006, God's Girls on Wheels has been presenting their drama ministry program to more than 500 groups...being led by Jesus Christ and returning the glory to Him. The productions are humorous, entertaining, and fueled by audience participation. God's Girls' passion is for spreading God's word, one performance at a time.

The skits are enjoyed by audiences of all ages and can be used in a variety of ways as an outreach tool for your church or group. They have performed for Ladies' Banquets, Ag Credit Meals, Vacation Bible School programs, Sunday morning and evening services and much more.

The team of women are sure that their performances will leave you with a lasting impression and encourage you to go home, open your Bible and check out God's world for yourself.

The Program

Church Ladies

Church Ladies is a humorous skit during which the team performs the parts of 9 different church ladies including the church choir. From Do-Everything Ethel to Foyer Box Betty, we learn that we are to love each other in spite of our differences.

THANK YOU!

Dear Perry Christian Church Family,
Thank you for all the love and support you showed our family after my Dad's death. The funeral was just beautiful and the funeral luncheon afterwards was delicious, as always.

Penny Angeloro



Dear Pastor Paul & Church Family,

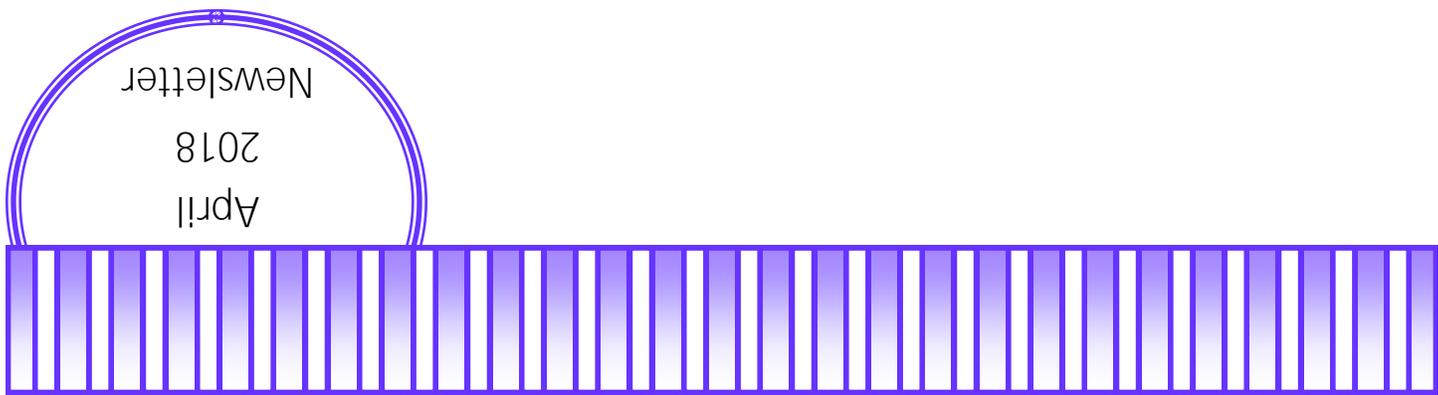
We want to thank you for your gift of food donated on February 17, 2018. We are so blessed to partner with community members like yourself who have come alongside of us to offer renewed hope and restored life to our friends experiencing homelessness in Lake County.

May you receive great blessings this year, just as you have been a blessing to those we serve.

In Service, Judy Burr,
Executive Director
Project Hope for the Homeless



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