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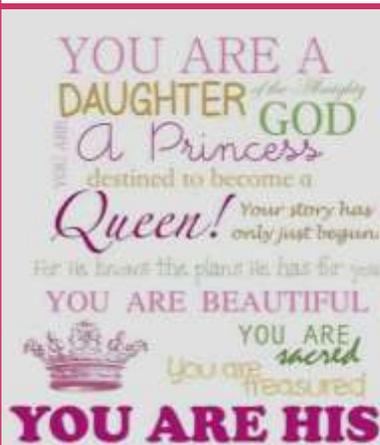
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

You know, it's all kind of funny. I don't mean funny as in humorous. I'm referring to it all being funny in what should be viewed to be an interesting way. A church, and the congregation from within the church, can be actively engaged in a transformation process of some sort, and not really, be aware, of the fact that they are. Of course, it may help to define just what is meant by use of the word "transformation." More simply stated, a transformation is a slowly evolving change of some sort. The change is not usually noticed or seen by anyone, based upon one or two specific things. No, for the most part, a truly transforming situation is one that changes, grows, and evolves slowly enough so that the people who are even smack dab in the middle of the change, or changes taking place, are not consciously aware of the fact

that changes are occurring all around them. The changes are taking place on multiple levels, and the changes are also happening in various ways through differing stages of growth and development. Through transformation, a change may involve something as dramatic as deciding to implement a whole new program of instruction or learning environment setting. But, just as likely – a transformative change may more simply be something that becomes an alterable approach to doing something mundane as in the ways in which donated funds can be provided by those who've decided to donate.

Let's examine this church and congregation for the briefest of moments. It would be my contention and might also be the opinion others would agree with, that this church and con-

gregation are doing the "unthinkable," and are actively transforming through elective choice. In case you can't read the tea leaves I'm looking at, the leaves of change are indicating to me that a season of change is taking place based upon our own motivations and desires. I can't know why with all certainty, but my belief is that through God's help, we are opening our own doors to the realizations that tell us that it is only through doorways that have been opened and have then remained open by design, that people can feel comfortable enough to even build within themselves, a desire to find out just what awaits them on the other side of the opening that sits squarely in front of them. We may not be able to see all the detail from across the entire length of the open floor space sitting in front of us, but

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by having our doors standing wide open, we can see that there is both space in front of us, and, also, an inviting and comforting room to consider walking into. Golly, who'd have ever thought that we'd one day be

transforming ourselves by design. Hmm, come to think of it – I'll bet that God has not only thought of it, but also designed the entire course of study for us to participate in. And you thought that the phrase, "God Is Good," only made for a wonderful,

trite, phrase appearing on certain automotive bumper stickers?

I'll look for you Sunday,

Pastor Paul

GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE – A WONDERFUL STORY

The Perry Christian Church has many wonderful associations that have formed down through the years. As we know, people come, people go, but the church, the structures of the church, and the associations formed from **within the structures of this church, all remain built upon the firm foundation located through God's providential** love of us all. It is difficult in many ways, to pinpoint what that association, or that structural foundation always takes the form of. For most, it comes through service to the church and community. But, what exactly is service to both church and community? Is it service as in worship participation? Is it service as in ferrying various people around in cars who cannot drive themselves? Is it volunteering at a community center, or a senior citizen facility? Is it the sending of cards regarding well-wishes, or prayerful commitments directed on behalf of the card recipients? It might even be a servicing to both church and greater community that involves an attitude of financial benevolence.

One such financial benefactor, so categorized has been the late Clifford T. Barclay, whom many of you either knew in life, or have come to know about through various other means. This church owes the late Mr. Barclay, a tremendous debt of gracious gratitude. His personal attitude concerning his own servicing to this church and community, involved what amounts to two very sizable monetary donations, which have already, and will for this final time, be received by our congregation within a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness for what he was thoughtful enough while in life, to set aside for our benefit.

It is not difficult to give thanks for his kindness and his tremendous graciousness towards us, but it is difficult to precisely find the right words that do justice to the type of man he was as seen through this series of acts, which have helped all **of us push forward God's righteous agenda for this world. May God continue to** bless not just his legacy, but also this church. Mr. Barclay, we too thank you in



FYI — *For Your Information!*

Sherry Smith will be on vacation from the 16th of May until the 27th. If anyone has any administrative concerns, they'll need to contact Aaron Brewer at 440-796-9108.

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 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 ham

55 slices of cheese

3 cases of water

2 bag of 20 individual bags of chips

100 Ziploc

Sandwich bags.

We'll gather to assemble the meal on Thursday, May 17th at 6p. The meal will be delivered to Project Hope on May 19th at 6:45p.

Thanks so much for all you donate to this worthwhile mission.

Frankie Blanchard and
Brenda Carr



CWM — CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Book Exchange

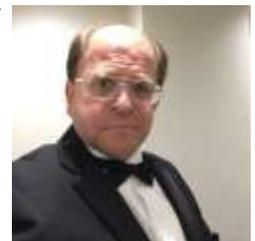
We will be having a book exchange on Sunday, June 10th right after church. A light lunch will be provided. Plan to bring a favorite book to exchange for someone **else's favorite book**. It can be a mystery, a romance, a spiritual book or any book you want. Please let Penny Harrison (440-463-2562) or Carole Martin (440-259-2257) know if you will attend, so we can plan on enough food.



Fundraiser

Sunday, October 28, 2018 will be here before you know it. That is the date of our annual fundraiser. We will have the traditional Chinese auction baskets and the delicious appetizers, we are known for.

The entertainment this year will be a stand-up comedian, Mike Conley, who comes highly recommended by Mary Factor (our entertainment the first year). A list of suggested baskets will be available on the table at the back of the church.



"Who's the funny man?"

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Penny Angeloro or Carole Martin.

May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 9a Community Mission Team | 3 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30-8p Bible Book Study | 4 | 5  <i>Alexa Collins</i> <i>Laurie Martin</i> |
| 6 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 7 | 8 | 9 6p Elders Mtg. 7p Church Board Mtg. | 10 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30-8p Bible Book Study | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 14 7p Trustee Mtg. | 15 | 16 | 17 9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 6:30-8p Bible | 18 | 19 6:45p Deliver meal to Project Hope  <i>Linda Warfield</i> |
| 20 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 21 Newsletter articles are due. | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30-8p Bible Book Study <i>Penny Harrison</i>  | 25  <i>Pat Boehnke</i> | 26  <i>Sydney Martin</i> |
| 27 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 28 <i>Memorial Day</i> the office is closed. | 29  <i>Mindy Polzer</i> | 30 | | | |

| <i>May Service Schedules</i> | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | <i>Worship Leaders</i> | <i>Elders</i> | <i>All Month</i> |
| <i>6</i> | Connie Smith | Vicki Wakelee Linda Warfield | <u><i>Deacons</i></u> Eric Van Boxel Donna Van Boxel |
| <i>13</i> | Gayle Salsberry | Rick Bartlett Laurie Martin | <u><i>Sacristan</i></u> Penny Harrison |
| <i>20</i> | Ellen Maier | Carole Martin Vicki Wakelee | <u><i>Counters</i></u> Vicki Wakelee Connie Smith |
| <i>27</i> | Virginia Brennan | Carole Martin Don Bartlett | <u><i>Hostess</i></u> Penny Harrison |

THANK YOU!

We've received 2 thank you letters from Project Hope since the last newsletter was published. Here's the shortened versions.

March 27, 2018

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your gift of \$540.03 donated on 3/13/2018. Our community helped us give support and guidance to 475 individuals last year. We also continue to see huge success with positive transitions in over 80% of our guests! This means the cycle of homelessness is ending, and our guests are finding the hope and victories they have needed.

April 24, 2018

Dear Pastor Paul & Church Family,

We want to thank you for your gifts of food and lunches donated on 4/21/2018. Here is a true story which demonstrates just what kind of impact you are having on our community.

"I was recently contacted by a former guest, age 62, who worked at Deepwood for 30 years due to a disability. He moved into his own place in August with the help of a subsidy. His move date was continually extended due to needed repairs on the rental. He called once he was settled to say thank you and was hesitant to ask, but politely requested a winter

coat. While talking, he also shared he was afraid to shower and requested a shower chair to avoid a fall. I was able to locate & bring him both items. When visiting, he told me he had lived in the same apartment for 20+ years, but he never got any sunshine. He went on to share how he loved his new place because he gets sun in the morning & in the evening. As I drove off, I realized we take **these things for granted. I'm thankful he now has sunshine in his life."**

—Aftercare Coordinator

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

In Service,

Judy Burr, Executive Director

THANK YOU!

BREAKING NEWS: ALL DAUGHTER BANQUET COMES UNDER ATTACK!

Heck, I was just kidding! There was **no attack that I'm aware of, and so if wishing to do so, please just consider my heading as fake news. Now, you must admit...fake it might have been, but successful in terms of "making you want to read this nonsense,"** shows that it worked beautifully! **The "nonsense" all comes down to this:** The guys of, and from around this church came out in bunches and droves and put together a crew worthy of a Dutch Masters' cigar box photo. Aaron Brewer, the Dutchiest Master of them all, collaborated with his number one sous chef, Pastor Paul, who then collaborated with the rest of the in-house culinary staff, and wonderfully took the proverbial banquet ball, and ran with it the rest of the way towards completing a

banquet setting, and menu worthy of all daughters who have ever graced this church and community. Executive Chef Aaron, luckily relied upon his own good judgment, and decided to by-pass all of Pastor Paul's suggestions about various foods which all ended with the letters "o's" as the suffix added to all the various food words. Things such as spaghetti's, beanie-weenie's, hot dogo's, and beef jerkyo's were all rapidly decided against! Additionally, nobody on the crew could even begin to figure out how one would even begin to make ice creamo's.

Many, now-turning serious, for the moment, thanks are extended to the following crew and staff contributors: Aaron Brewer, Pastor Paul, Tim

Jalovek, Earl Johnson, Don Bartlett, Jeff Bartlett, Rod Collins, Alexander Braff, Bob Wright, Andy Lawson, Adam Lawson, Eric Van Boxel, & Chef Boyardee. Many thanks also to local firms and companies who provided various food items: (And, in the case of the Perry Family Restaurant – it would be important to note that they literally, donated free of charge, **the green beans.**) **Sam's Club, GFS Marketplace, Walmart, Perry IGA, and the Perry Family Restaurant.**

We owe both genders within this church, many, many thanks for helping to make for a wonderful time of sharing and honoring all who gather **through God's abundant love of us all!**

GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD FUN

That describes the evening of Sunday, April 22nd at the All-Daughter's Dinner. **The 64 "daughters" who attended were treated to a delicious dinner of fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, a salad bar and topped off with an ice cream bar with a variety of ice creams and toppings. Yum! Yum! Many thanks to the men for the planning and preparation of the scrumptious meal. Donna Van Boxel shared some thoughts about the friends we make throughout our lives.**

The entertainment for the evening was a presentation of "Church Ladies" by God's Girls on Wheels. Everyone seemed to enjoy the humor and perhaps saw a little of themselves in the ladies portrayed.

The offering collected (\$123.00) will be given to The Perry Center, our local food bank.

Thanks to Deb Kendrick for wonderful printed program and to all who helped to make this event so enjoyable.

Carole Martin, Co-chair



Angie Silvis is currently at the rehab center located directly behind the Mentor Home Depot. You can send her your well wishes at:

Grand River Health and Rehab Center
1515 Brookstone Blvd Room 113
Painesville, Ohio 44077.