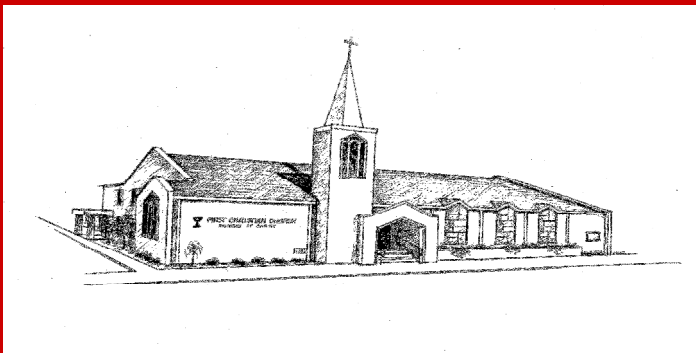


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“To know Christ and make Him known .”

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Traditional Worship
8:15 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Blended Worship
10:45 a.m.

When God's People Pray

is a 6-session small group study with book & DVD, in which author Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows what the Holy Spirit can do when Christians get serious about prayer and the Gospel. Cymbala tells how God moves in life-changing ways when we set aside our own agendas, take him at his Word, and listen for his voice.



Meeting Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. (You choose.)

SEPTEMBER 23, 30 and OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, & 28 Six total sessions.

Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office, or call the church office at (419 335 4557) to register. Limited to 8 persons per class (two classes). \$9.00 registration covers book cost. Registration deadline is September 5th. To get an idea of the ministry at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, visit www.brooklyntabernacle.org

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Disciple 3 Class Leader Needed

Some interest as been shown in having a Disciple 3 class, but we are in need of someone to teach. This would be a commitment of approximately 32 weeks. If you would be interested, please

contact Julie Peebles at 419 335 1261.

The Purpose of Christmas

Pastor Maxted will offer a three-week mini-course (November 4, 11, 18) developed by Rev. Rick Warren author of *The Purpose Driven Life* and pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. Future *Callers* will have more info.

July Financial Report

Our current fund balance (operating expenses) improved by almost \$10,500 in May and June. In July we lost \$5980.00 and we now have a negative balance as of August 1, 2010 of -\$26,157.16.

Historically, attendance and giving are lower in the summer months, but our expenses do not lessen. Please continue to pray about our situation.

Steve Brannan
Finance Chair

VIDEOS...VIDEOS...and more VIDEOS!

First Christian Church Library recently added a large selection of videos to its collection. These family-oriented, theatre length movies were acquired through the Memorial Fund in memory of Claude Rupp, father of Loretta Brannan. Many of them were produced by Feature Films for Families, which focuses their movies on themes of morality, character, and faith. Check out *Rigoletto*, a modern day beauty and the beast tale with a twist, or *Believe in Me*, a sports story of courage and determination.

A number of the videos are based on the true stories of everyday people, overcoming adversity and hardship to find God's purposes for their lives. With titles such as *No More Baths!*, *The Brainiacs.com*, and *Escape from Wildcat Canyon*, there are wholesome stories that will interest people of all ages. Be sure to stop by the library and **check them out!**

Statistics for Sunday, August 22, 2010

Worship Att: 8:15 a.m. **38** 10:45 a.m. **130**

Sunday School: **83** SS Offering: **\$52.00**

In the Life of the Congregation

Joys

Happy **70th** anniversary to **Stan and Kay Fauver!** Happy birthday to **Deb Gleckler** and the Vier twiins, **Laura and Linda.** Praise God for good test results for Cathy Wagenknecht. Congratulations to **Adam Schuch** who will graduate from OSU on August 29th! He is the son of Pam and Doug Schuch.

Prayers

Family of Paul and Betty Kesler, Paul passed away one day after his wife Betty passed away

Family of Norm Walker

Marianne Hauzer, Burr Road librarian, MCO from a stroke
Kellen Keiser, St. V's with a fungal pneumonia, also waiting for a bone marrow transplant.

Joan Zeigler, relieve the pain in her leg

Irma Lowery, recovering from surgery at Heartland

Diane Vaughn, from KY who had a stroke

Concerns

Cindy Knauer, David Miller, Karen Blanton, and Marion Armstrong

Ralph Miller and family with decisions

Tohar Haydarov, imprisoned for Christ in Uzbekistan

The Gleckler's and others for their Trot-for-a-Track at Evergreen next weekend

Students and teachers as they start a new school year

Families who are suffering emotionally

Those who have not been attending church

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Deacons: 8:15 a.m. Bill Hammontree, Paul Rosenbeck
10:45 a.m. David Rhoads, Del Burkholder, Doris Ruhlin, Susan Wood, Kim Cupp, Nora Sallows, Rhonda Snipes, Donna Rhoads

Communion Prep: Scott Sallows

Junior Deacons: Sarah Mull, Emily Bray

Projectionists: 8:15 a.m. Steve Brannan
10:45 a.m. Seth Burkholder

MISSION LUNCH

We will be serving our first lunch for the fall of 2010

Sunday, September 19th

A schedule has not yet been posted, but please watch the Caller and the bulletin board for more information to follow.

SEPTEMBER 2010 CWF SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 6:00 p.m. "Kick-Off" dinner in the F. Hall
Hostess: Reception Committee
Speaker: **Patricia Franz Pahl**
"Planting Fruit Trees in Africa"

Sept. 10-12 OWM Fall Retreat-Camp Christian

Just around the corner.....

CWF Annual Fall Thrift Sale

October 13th, 14th, and 15th

set up will be on October 11th and 12th

As you clean your closets, cupboards and garages, please remember to save your good used items for our sale. Please watch the Caller for more information as the time draws near.

ICE CREAM MAKING DATES:

Saturday, August 14th and 28th

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

4 hour shifts - Sign up sheet posted on bulletin board
Any questions call Dan Burkholder: 419-822-5960

Fulton County Fair

September 3rd through the 9th

A sign-up sheet for selling ice cream at the Fulton Co. Fair is posted on the church bulletin board.

The times available are:

Friday and Saturday - 4 people per shift

11:30am-2:30pm

2:30pm-5:00pm

5:00pm-7:30pm

7:30pm-10:00pm

Sunday hours: 1-4pm 4-7pm 7-10pm

Monday-**Labor Day** same hours as Friday/Saturday
5 people per shift

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 4 people per shift

11:30am-2:30pm

2:30pm-5:00pm

5:00pm-7:30pm

7:30pm-10:00pm

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Fulton Manor - Pastor Maxted
First day of school for Wauseon Schools

Thursday August 26

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Community meal at UMC Church

Saturday, 28

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ice Cream making for FC Fair

Sunday, August 29

7:45 a.m. Partners in Prayer
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
2:00 p.m. NODMA Gathering, both pastors

Wednesday, September 1

7:00 p.m. Youth Advisor meeting

Thursday, September 2

6:00 p.m. CWF Kick-Off dinner and meeting
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Community meal at UMC Church

Friday, September 3

11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. FC Fair Ice Cream Sales
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. FC Fair Cart driving

Saturday, September 4

11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. FC Fair Ice Cream Sales

Sunday, September 5

7:45 a.m. Partners in Prayer
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
1:00 p.m. FC Fair Ice Cream Sales

Fulton County Fair Cart Driving Schedule

Friday, September 3rd

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

2 hour shifts

3 & 4 drivers needed at Gate D

2 drivers needed at Gate K

1 driver needed at outside the gate

Monday, September 6th

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

2 hour shifts

4 drivers needed at Gate D

2 drivers needed at Gate K

1 driver needed at outside the gate

There are sign-up sheets and a map posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bray at 419.388.9274 or 419.335.4557.

Youth News

Attention All

CCF - CHI RHO* - CYF Youth September 15, 2010.

Wednesday night youth fellowship will begin with an indoor picnic and party! We will grill hamburgers and hotdogs! The church congregation is also invited.

Supper begins at 6:00 p.m.

3.00/person or \$10.00 for a family of four

CCF (grades 1-5) - meetings are 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CHI RHO(grades 6-8) - meetings are 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
CYF (grades 9-12) - meetings are 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.



Chi Rho Car Wash Saturday, Sept. 11th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(behind in the church parking lot)
Bring your dirty or not so dirty cars and/or trucks and get the fair dirt washed off by our youth.

Mark your calendars!!

**Important meeting for all
youth advisors...
Wednesday, Sept. 1st at 7:00 p.m.
in the church lounge.**

Advisors for all three groups
(or anyone interested in being an advisor)
are encouraged to attend.

Boy Scout Troop 8 Donation Drive

On Sunday, August 29th there will be a drive to collect times for troops over seas through

OPERATION GRATITUDE.

This service is being organized by **Colin Grisier** for his Eagle Project. Any item donations or monetary donations can be given before or after the service on these Sundays. Items include: *Beanie babies, small bottles of hand sanitizer, notebooks, pens, small treats (ie.; candy, beef jerky, granola bars etc.), hand written letter of thanks and brown, olive or black scarves.*

If making a monetary donation make check payable to Boy Scout Troop 8.

Thank You and God Bless, *Colin Grisier*

Mary Jo's Bray...

Today, for me personally, feels like the end of summer vacation. I have enjoyed some much needed time at the lake, enjoyed my family, and appreciated the slower pace of the summer church calendar. I now feel ready to “kick in” to the academic and church schedule that fall brings. I’m ready for the kids to be back in school. I’m ready for fall sports and other school events. I am excited about seeing our youth meeting again after a summer hiatus. I am ready to clean off my desk, and clean out my office in preparation for the fall thrift sale. I am looking forward regional youth work, Regional Assembly, and a workshop I am leading at the Retired Regional Ministers Retreat.

I am also looking forward to seeing our worship attendance increase with the return of our “campers” and “lakegoers.” I will enjoy seeing our sanctuary full again, at least for a few months until the cold weather drives our “snowbirds” south, or keeps others indoors.

I know that with the new academic years come many activities, and family calendars fill up very quickly. I also know that it is easy to feel stretched in many different directions. It is my hope that worship attendance will be a priority for you and your family as we begin this busy season. The Bible calls us - immediately on page one in Genesis—to “remember the Sabbath day and keep

it holy.” Even when—I believe especially when—our lives are so full, we need times of worship, prayer, praise, and Bible study to keep us energized, keep us grounded, keep us whole. It is my hope that Sundays will be for you a day of worship first and foremost, a day of rest of rejuvenation, a day of staying in constant communication with our God.

Until I see you in worship, or along the way.....

Mary Jo

In preparation for worship on
Sunday, please read

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

The sermon title is

***“When God Made a
Choice for Leadership”***