

WORSHIPnotes

With the approaching summer the music ministry begins to wind down in a few areas and shift energy and focus to others. On June 9th our Worship Choir will sing for the last time of this present choir season. Our final offering will once again be a combined number with the Men's Quartet. Our Hand bell Choir will also be on hiatus while the bells are out to the factory for some much needed servicing.

As the school year comes to a close the music side of our Wednesday night Children's Ministry will also scale back some for the summer. A special word of thanks to Holly Dilts and Mike Landis for the great work they are doing with our kids to develop their musical gifts and use them in worship. We as a congregation are blessed to have such committed and gifted people pouring into our next generation.

The Worship Arts Ministry Team has been and continues to prayerfully pursue the Lord's direction for Christmas Ministry offerings. We have had some great initial conversation on this issue and hope to have a decision for this year made by the end of June. They will also be at work over the summer giving some attention to staffing needs of platform and tech teams. I ask your continued prayers for Scott Potts, Sean Fox, Rob Rose, Clarissa Ramirez, Holly Dilts, Faith Pencil and for Ellie Crew who make up the team. Each brings unique perspectives, insights and gifts to the ministry.

For Christ & His Kingdom

Pastor Tod

CONNECTIONS

Praying for the Comptons

Recently, in mid-April 2013, Scott, Deanna, Eliana and Ian Compton went out to visit the children sponsored through the Safina Children of Promise program in Tanzania. They visited 15 villages in 18 days, delivering supplies and meeting with 902 children and their families. This is a routine part of the sponsorship program that

helps provide accountability and needs assessment.

The Comptons share responsibility for the Safina program with a Tanzanian national named Herman David, co-director of the program. In early March, Scott traveled 14 hours with Herman to Dar es Salaam to obtain a US Visa for Herman to travel to the States this summer for a training put together by the Children of Promise home office for all of the directors of individual COP programs from around the world. Obtaining proper paperwork for entry into the United States is not an easy process, but by the grace of God, Herman received his Visa and will be traveling to the US for the COP conference as well as the Church of God Global Gathering in Anderson, Ind., this June. The Compton family and Herman will also be worshipping and sharing with us at Maiden Lane on Sunday, June 9.

As you pray this month, please specifically pray for: continued safety and health for the Comptons as they serve in Tanzania; safe travels for the Comptons, Herman and the other 31 national directors coming from all parts of the globe; a productive and educational conference that will better equip those serving COP; and a special blessing on the children and partnered sponsors who are building relationships through the COP program. Blessings,

Pastor Joy

ENONnews

Last weekend we had a great day at the church on Saturday. Our CWC group held their bi-annual sale and lunch in conjunction with the community sale at Hunter Glen. Hundreds of persons visited our church and the ladies made over \$1,700 for missions work. While the ladies were selling, the men were outside spreading the new rubber mulch in the playground. Thank you for coming to help. They spread 7 tons of mulch out in only an hour and 15 minutes! By the way, the kids and our custodian love it! It is soft to walk on and doesn't track in the building!

Vacation Bible School is coming fast! We will hold this year's VBS June 17-21 from 6-8:30 PM. This year's theme is God's Big Back Yard Bible Camp Under the Sun! We can still use a few more workers but can praise God that all the major roles are filled! This year's mission project will be to purchase animals for the country of Rwanda. In past years the offering went to the Enon Emergency Relief but this year we wanted to do something different. We will have opportunities for you to share in the kid's adventure. Perhaps you would like to help purchase something. Our big ticket item is a dairy cow at \$700.00. Make sure you mark your calendars and bring your kids, the neighbor's kids and invite others you meet!

Our next sermon series is titled, "Upside Down Living" and will begin on May 26th. Most people will not argue that we live in an ever changing world. In addition to these confusing times, there is the phenomenon of merely "looking the part" as being an acceptable way of maneuvering through the minefield of daily living. Jesus taught that "looking the part" is not enough. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus traces the outward "look" back to its inner source and the more important motive in the heart. He gives us tools to initiate change from the inside out with real, lasting, positive change. His teaching defies modern thinking and seems upside down, but Jesus helps us understand life from God's perspective and equip daily living with His tools to survive and thrive.

The Sermon on the Mount is like a plumb line showing the crookedness of a wall but not having the power to rebuild it. The blessedness of life that Jesus outlined in the Sermon on the Mount is lived only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Consider the following three steps toward Upside Down Living: First: enter into a relationship with God through salvation in Christ. Second: be teachable. Third: consciously depend on the Holy Spirit to enable you to live the principles Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, inwardly and outwardly.

Mark your calendars now and be here on Sunday!!!

Pastor Dan

STUDENTministries

As the school year slows down, Student Ministries at Maiden Lane continues to heat up. The first Sunday in June has been designated Graduation Sunday. We will be recognizing all of the high school and college graduates from our congregation. If the student plans to attend service on June 2, it would be helpful to have a picture of the graduate and any information about their future plans. Also, I will be sharing the Sunday morning message.

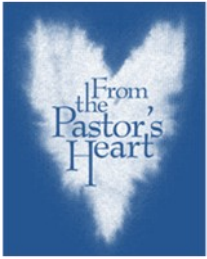
Our students will be headed to Camp Marengo in June. Pastor Missy and I will both be there for 7th-9th grade camp. Pastor Missy will be teaching lessons throughout the day and I will be providing the messages in the evening. Will you commit to pray for our students this summer? For many this time away from home allows them to process their personal relationships with Christ.

I wanted to add a very special thank you to the "Connections" Sunday School Class for their willingness to help provide meals twice per month for our youth on Wednesday nights.

We are also in need of adults willing to ride the bus to pick up or drop off kids on Wednesday nights. If you would like more info please email me at: triley@maidenlane.org.

We sincerely appreciate the continued generosity and love that the congregation give our teens. Every success in student ministries is because of the time, effort, and giving of God's people. Thank you all very much!

Pastor Tim



This week we will complete 1/3 of our journey through the Bible called “The Story.” In chapter 10 we meet a number of key characters in God’s Story. We meet Elkanah, Peninnah, Hannah and Samuel. We meet Eli, Hophni and Phinehas. We meet Saul and Jonathan. Some of these persons are very attuned to God’s will for their lives and realized that they have a part in his Upper Story. Others are very disconnected from God and give little to no thought to his will for their lives.

Hannah, for example, passionately seeks God to have a child and promises to dedicate this child completely to God’s service should he grant her this gift. God does gift her with a child who becomes the great prophet Samuel. Samuel is fully devoted to God’s purposes in his life, but his sons Joel and Abijah are not.

Saul who is selected to be the first king of Israel starts his leadership with a strong commitment to follow God’s will for his life. However with the passing of time and the gaining of more power he turns his back on God and in the end abandons following the Lord faithfully. His son Jonathan stays true to God and continues to do what is right in spite of his father’s failure.

These Lower Stories illustrate a very important principle for us. That principle is that God has given each of us the power to freely choose to obey him or to disobey him. A parent can do what is right in the eyes of God, but that doesn’t mean that his or her child will. A parent can do what is wrong in the eyes of the Lord, but his or her child can choose to do what is right in spite of a parent’s poor example.

In “The STORY” we are discovering that God passionately pursues a personal relationship with anyone and everyone who will choose to trust and obey him. God is not a respecter of persons and he loves all equally. The difference is that all do not love him back equally.

Jesus said, **“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”** (John 14:15) His point is that faith is not primarily demonstrated by words, but by righteous action. On one hand a person can say he has faith in God and then totally disprove it by the way he lives his life with total disregard for the will of God. On the other hand a person can be very quiet about her faith in terms of words and demonstrate its authenticity by consistently doing God’s will in her life. As my grandmother used to say, “It’s not how high you jump, but how straight you walk when you come down.” Actions always speak louder than words.

This coming Sunday we are going to look at three key ways God’s image is distorted in the lives of his people. Those three ways are **phoniness (hypocrisy)**, **conformity** and **misrepresentation**. We see these at work in Eli and his sons, the nation of Israel and King Saul. All three of these spiritual snares still exist today and we must safeguard our lives and the life of God’s church against them, or else we will fall prey to them just as these persons did.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Mark



JUNE 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 <i>Regular services Graduates Honored The Point 5 pm</i>	3 <i>JOY Circle pies (peach)</i>	4 <i>Enon CWC Golf League</i>	5 <i>Regular services</i>	6 <i>Women's Study Women of Promise</i>	7	8 <i>Outreach House</i>
9 <i>Regular services The Point 5 pm</i>	10 <i>Leadership Selection Committee</i>	11 <i>Golf League Enon Women Study</i>	12 <i>Regular services</i>	13 <i>Women's Study Game Day EMOT meeting</i>	14	15
16 <i>(Father's Day) Regular services The Point 5 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Golf League</i>	19 <i>Regular services</i>	20 <i>Women's Study Enon Men's Prayer Breakfast</i>	21	22 <i>Outreach House</i>
	Enon Vacation Bible School					
23 <i>Regular services Church Picnic The Point 5 pm</i>	24 <i>Holiday—office closed</i>	25 <i>Golf League Enon Women Study</i>	26 <i>Regular services</i>	27 <i>Golden Agers</i>	28	29
30 <i>Regular services The Point 5 pm</i>						

SLDG = Spiritual Leadership
Development Group
EMOT = Enon Ministry
Oversight Team
KH = Kids Hope

THE POINT
SUNDAYS @ 5 PM
relaxed environment | expressive worship | conversational message