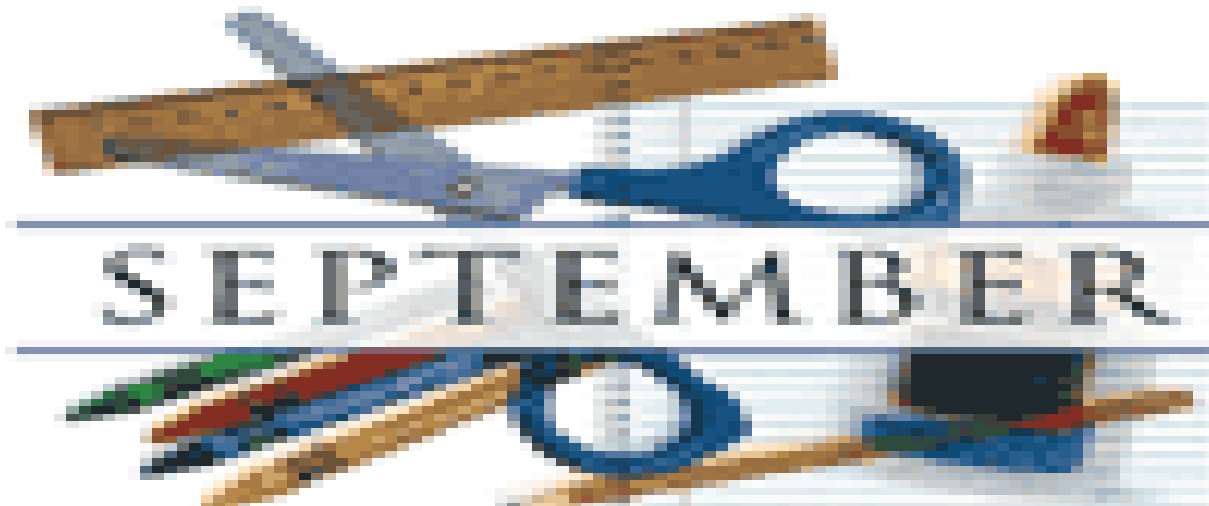


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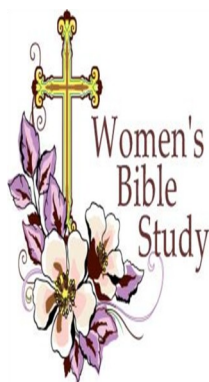
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The Women's
Bible Study
will begin Tuesday,
September 2
from
9:30 am to 11:00 am.



Senior Fun Bunch
September 9
Red Lobster
Colerain Ave.
Leave church at 11:30 am.
Sign up sheet on bulletin
board.

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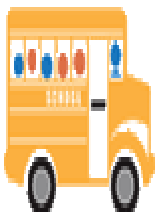
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September

*From Dan's Desk***Where Has Summer Gone?**

Hard to believe summer is almost over. Much is the pity—especially since the Farmer's Almanac predicts this winter will be just as bad or worse than last winter. Yuk! I hate winter and I love summer. Yet the seasons roll on inexorably and proper preparations must be made for each. (I am already looking at snow tires for my car!)

And that set me to thinking (Not about snow tires, but about proper preparation for eternity that is). Just as we must make preparations for the change in seasons coming, we must also get ready for the time in which we will stand before the Lord.

And the only preparation that will get us safely to our destination is to live a life of faithfully following Jesus. Hebrews 4:11 tells us: "We want each of you to show the same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure."

Are you doing that, my friend? Are you faithfully following Jesus and answering His call to take up your cross daily? This is how we show diligence to the end and make our hope sure. This is how we make proper preparations for eternity.

The promise is then given to us by the Lord, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10) The life of faith is what gets us there. As someone once put it, " Life without Christ is a hopeless end, while life with Christ is an endless hope."

For Him,
Dan

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Mt. Healthy Christian Village Auxiliary Meeting

July 14, 2014

Pat Glatthaar, Vice President, called the meeting to order and Vivian Lowe presented a devotional on "Love".

The April Minutes were approved as written.

Reports:

Sherry Williams, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$11,531.62 as of 7/13/14. Total from the Walk-A-Thon was \$2,928.00, of which \$1,205 is included in the bank statement. There are two outstanding invoices: \$2,000—4 N. shower room and \$400 for planter boxes.

JoAnn Martin, Membership, reported a total of \$3,338 from 17 churches which is an increase from last year (\$3014) with 2 churches and MHCV yet to be included.

Ed Wilson, Maintenance, reported the 4 N. shower room is finished and work on the new therapy floor will begin spring of 2015. With our 5 star rating, hospitals want to send people here for rehab.

Old Business:

MHCV Fall Festival is September 13 from 10 until 3. There will be a car show and Elvis. We need you to provide bake goods, etc for this sale, and to invite others to our beautiful campus.

Tabled from a previous meeting was a motion to purchase a Simon Dewey painting. A motion to provide \$1,000 to purchase two prints was approved.

New Business

John Underwood, New Chaplain, requested funds for a Christian Flag. Motion was made that we provide \$100 to purchase a Christian Flag was approved.

Ed Wilson requested funds to purchase gliders for the Memory Gardens. Motion made that we provide \$1,000 to purchase the gliders was approved.

After prayer by John Underwood , a delicious lunch was provided by Debra and her staff.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13 AT 10:15, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Misty's Musing

Obedience...Or Something Like That

God is faithful. This is something I have heard many, many people say many, many times. So many people and so many times, in fact, that it began to seem less meaningful and more like a routine thing that Christians say when they can't think of anything more creative or more thoughtful to say. It may even be up there in the ranks with "I'll pray for you" and "It was a God thing." I don't discount the truth behind these phrases, but we can't deny that they have become overused Christian clichés. However, despite my usual resistance to bandwagon trends (I will NOT be dumping ice on my head anytime soon), I am about to say this with the utmost sincerity...God is faithful.

Let me tell you the story of Misty Jordan's life over the past year. This story has threads that go back much further than that, but I will keep this short.

One year ago today, I had a life that most would see as successful for a 24 year old fresh out of college. I was working for the North American Christian Convention, making a good salary with benefits, and living independently in a new city. I was not fulfilled.

That was the summer that God told me to dedicate my life to music and youth ministry. I'd like to tell some elaborate story about how it was revealed to me. The truth is I was just sitting in my car alone, driving home from church camp, and I said aloud to myself, "I am supposed to hang out with kids and play music every day." For the first time in my life, I knew without a doubt that God was speaking to me. So then I quit my job.

I didn't have another job lined up, I had bills to pay, and everyone told me that I was foolish and that I was making a poor decision on a whim. I knew that I was obeying God. I couldn't explain how I knew, but I knew.

This began my season of serving tables at the Cracker Barrel while searching for a ministry job. During those several months, I didn't make anywhere close to enough money to support myself, but the money seemed to come from the most unexpected places and sometimes completely out of nowhere. I was turned down by many churches, being told that I am too young and too single and too female to serve in a ministry role. This was one of the most difficult times of my life, but at the same time there was so much beauty in the mystery and the uncertainty. While everyone else was calling me crazy, I had this unshakable confidence that I was following God's will, and that I had to surrender everything and rely only on Jesus.

Today I am in full time worship and youth ministry at West Side Church of Christ. My heart is overflowing with gratitude that I get to invest my entire life in my greatest passion and what I absolutely love doing. If I didn't know this to be true before, I do now: God is faithful

Bible Trivia

Daniel was taken captive to Babylon during the reign of what king of Judah?

Daniel 1:1-6
Johoiakim



Hymn Formation (c) by Sam Sippel

To popular music fans, a “one hit wonder” is a performer who has one major hit recording, then slips back into obscurity. This also happens to songwriters. One pop music example is “Moonlight in Vermont.” This also happens in sacred music as well. “Jesus Paid it All” is a prime example.

Not much is known about Elvina M. Hall except that she was born June 4, 1822 in Alexandria, VA and died July 1889 in Orange Grove, NJ. She was a widow who married a minister. She also sang in church choirs for many years.

On one Sunday in 1865, she was sitting in the choir loft at Baltimore’s Monument St. Baptist Church. Another minister, Rev. George W. Schreck, conducted the service that morning. During the service, her mind began to wander. Soon, a new poem began to form in her head. Searching for a piece of paper and finding none, Elvina wrote her poem down on the inside flyleaf of her hymnal.

Choristers know that anything that happens in the choir loft will be noticed by the congregation. After all, they usually sit in front in the chancel area where everything and everybody is noticed. The congregation, doubtless, noticed her inattentiveness. Perhaps the minister noticed it too. After the service, she showed her new poem to Rev. Schreck. He read it over, then remembered a new melody that the church organist played him recently. The melody might fit with these words, he thought.

The church’s organist was John T. Grape (May 6, 1835-Nov. 2, 1915), a Baltimore, MD native. Not much is known about him either, except that he was a successful coal merchant and an active Christian layman. He served various churches in the Christian Education and the Music Departments. John wrote his melody while he was organist and choir director of the Monument St. Baptist Church. While the church was undergoing repairs, the organ was moved to his home. This enabled John to spend more time practicing new music. One of those new works was a melody by William Bradbury that appeared in a new hymnal that he received recently. John liked it so much that he wrote a similar melody in that style.

This was the tune that he showed Rev. Schreck. Sometime later, Elvina had showed the minister her poem. He realized that the words and melody fit, except for one thing. John’s melody included a refrain. Elvina’s poem didn’t have one. She quickly wrote a few words, completing the collaboration. Soon, the new hymn was being sung not only in the Monument St. church, but in neighboring churches as well. Eventually, John submitted his poem for publication. It first appeared in an 1868 hymn.

It has been published in many hymnals since then. It has been recorded many times since the late 1920s. Recent recordings include those by the Gaithers, The Newsboys, Fernando Ortega, and Kathy Troccoli.

“Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.”

-Elvina M. Hall, 1865

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Dorothy Anderson
Chrystal Ashcraft
Steve Baker
Alvin Bolser
Darrell Collins-
Maruilyn Curry
Don Dent
Richard Freeman
John Layman
Nilah Layman
Mary Rose Long
Brandon North-
Vickie Robb
Sue Robbins
Mark Robinson
Eddie Sapp
Leah Sawly
Diane Scarth
Bob Sizemore
Robby Stephens
Mike Steward
Sam Welch
Orville Wilson
Jane Wright

All with health
concerns

Dorothy Anderson
Sophie Bovenizer
Mae Lasley
Dale Richter
Ruby Singleton
Mag Thacker
Ruby Wyatt
homebound



PRAYER MATTERS *from the Prayer Ministry Team*

Adapted from the article *Are You Ready to Be the Answer to the Prayers You Pray?* by Kim Butts

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13).

May I suggest a short prayer that you and/or your family can lift up each and every day? "Lord, show us the people You want us to help or encourage today. Lead us to those who are hurting or in need and we will trust you for the means to do something about it." I can promise you that your loving Father will answer if you will listen and obey. He will trust you with small things first and then He will stretch you to be obedient in His bigger plans and purposes.

Being the answer to the prayers of others is one way to be used by God. Being the answer to our own prayers is an astonishingly powerful privilege. There may be situations in the lives of people you know, or perhaps He will choose to use your prayer to work in the lives of those you may never meet. Prayer is a great mystery, but God has chosen to use us to be His agents of answered prayer. Knowing this makes prayer such an honor. It encourages us to pray more and to listen better! We should always be ready to stand in the gap when the Lord places a burden or need on our hearts. He may not always use you in certain situations, but because of your prayers, He may have touched the heart of others to respond. A good prayer when those you are praying for are far away is, "Lord, would you put one of Your willing servants into the path of this person today who can be a blessing to them?" The family of God is extensive and worldwide. He will use every heart that is willing to listen to His voice.

PRAYER: Lord may we seek you always and your will, show us those who are hurting and in need of our help and how we may help them in action, not just raising them up in prayer alone.

FAITH: The Old Beagle by Bobby D. Harkins

While I was sitting on my porch one morning, drinking my coffee and doing my daily Bible reading, I looked down the street and saw an old Beagle, walking alone. It did not take long to see that the old dog was totally blind. He would run into things like the neighbor's porch steps or his car. Each time he hit something, he would turn and go on until there was nothing in his way. I told my wife about him and we were afraid he would get hit by a car. The old beagle came over to my side of the street and went behind my neighbor's house. I went over to see if I could catch him and give him some water because it was hot that day. I called to the old dog to try and get him to come to me but all he would do was stop, turn his head to hear where the sound was coming from and go the other way. He would not listen to me.

He wandered around for some time, running into things. He headed toward the main highway. I went out to the highway later to see if he might have gotten hit by a car. I did not see the old dog. Later that evening, I looked up the street and saw the old beagle following a man. The old dog was listening to the man's voice. When they came to the street they needed to turn onto, the man turned but the dog went straight on until the man spoke to him, then he turned and continued to follow the man home.

It reminded me that the Lord wants us to be like that old beagle. He wants us to only listen to His voice and follow Him home. When we start to go astray, He speaks to us in that still small voice to bring us back in line. I do not know about you, but I am going to follow the Master's voice on home, "Because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Jesus said "My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me." Are you listening to His voice today or are you like the old beagle starting to go down the wrong road?

FUN: A letter from a Lewis County, Kentucky mother to her son--Copied.

Dear son,

I'm writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left. Your father read in the paper where most accidents happen within 20 miles of home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address as the last Kentuckian family that lived here took the numbers with them for their next house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

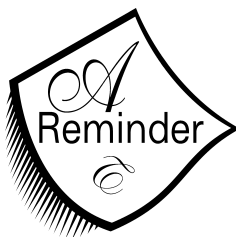
This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in, pulled the chain, and haven't seen them since. It only rained twice last week, three days the first time and four days the second time. The coat you wanted me to send you, your aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. We got a bill from the funeral home, said if we don't make the last payment on Grandma's funeral bill, up she comes.

About your father...he has a lovely new job. He has 500 people under him, he is cutting grass at the cemetery. About your sister...she had a baby this morning, I haven't found out if it's a boy or girl, so I don't know if you're an aunt or uncle.

Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving, the other two were in the back. The driver got out, he rolled down the window and swam to safety, the other two drowned, they couldn't get the tailgate down. Not much more news this time, nothing much has really happened.

Love, Mom

FELLOWSHIP: Thanks to all those who are helping redo the teen room. Ladies please join us for the new women's Bible study, *Family of Jesus* from Karen Kingsbury, led by Dorothy Thomas.



- Women's Bible Study starts Sept. 2 at 9:30 am
- Small Groups are on hiatus.

Seniors on the Go – September 9 11:30 am Red Lobster Colerain Ave.

July 30, 2014

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary!!! We really enjoyed seeing so many in our yard and home (at our children's planning and inviting)! We did spill over into our neighbor's yard too!! We're thankful for the lovely weather God gave us during the time of the party too, after the rain of the morning!

We have read the meaningful messages in all the beautiful cards, both brought that day, and mailed before and after! We are thankful for all your well wishes and prayers for many more years together, and we hope for the same.

Our Christian friends and family are a great blessing to us. Thank you also for your prayers these past years for Del's health problems. We do remember all of you in our prayers as well.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for a wonderful celebration and renewal of our marriage vows.

Love in Christ,

Del and Winnie

Northern Lights Emmaus Community will be holding a Men's Walk on Oct. 2-5 and a Women's Walk on Oct. 9-12. They will be held at the Church of God Camp in Lebanon. If you would like to go, please contact anyone who has been on a walk for sponsorship. Please contact Bud or Becky Haacke and we can get you with one of the other members to do the sponsorship.

PARDON OUR DUST. The Teen room is being remodeled. Please avoid entry until finished.

September Communion Preparation for New Members, Dan Knisley

September 7

At the Table: Willard Adkins, Bud Haacke
Serving Communion: Ron Baker, Michael Brady, John Cole, Jack Crouch, Jason Hickerson, Pat Kremis, Tom Perry, Bobby Ramsey
Benediction: Bud Haacke
Home Communion: Al Milleer,
Exit Greeters: (SD), Louie Spaulding (BD) Sharon Knisley

September 14

At the Table: Dave Combs, Al Miller
Serving Communion: Brian Butts, Ron Gann, Bobby Haynes, Bob Schaefer, Louie Spaulding, Chris Thompson, Willie Jones, Volunteer
Benediction: Al Miller
Home Communion: Roger Richardson
Exit Greeters: (SD), Brian Butts (BD) Sheryl Kremis



September 21

At the Table: Wayne Kieser, Roger Richardson
Serving Communion: John Geyer, Anthony Perry, Micah Knisley, Ron Baker, Michael Brady, Brian Butts, 2 Volunteer
Benediction: Wayne Kieser
Home Communion: Ray Dalton
Exit Greeters: (SD), Louie Spaulding (BD) Micah Knisley

September 28

At the Table: Bud Haacke, Willard Adkins
Serving Communion: Jason Hickerson, Pat Kremis, Tom Perry, Bobby Ramsey, John Cole, Ron Gann, Bobby Haynes, Volunteer
Benediction: Bud Haacke
Home Communion: Bud Haacke
Exit Greeters: (SD), Jack Crouch (BD) Helen Crouch

Birthdays

2. Jan Metcalf
7. Debby Brady
12. Becky Haacke
14. Helen James
16. Linda Kieser
18. Vanessa Lipscomb
20. Doug Sandlin
21. Dan Knisley
Dylin Hibbard
25. Glenn Rehkamp
Kim Thompson
27. Chloe Barker
29. Julie Markle

Anniversaries

3. Roger & Phyllis Richardson
17. Ray & Cheryl Dalton
Glenn & Andrea Rehkamp
20. Rob & Sharon Rich

THANK YOU--THANK YOU

Thanks to all who help make the LUAU (Back to School) Street Party such a great success. 643 students received school needs. The children and their families enjoyed the games, fun, and food.

Thanks to all of you who bought needed supplies or gave financial donations to purchase school supplies. Thanks to all who volunteered on Wednesday, your behind the scenes work is appreciated. Many thanks to the Saturday workers who tolerated the heat playing games, painting faces, painting nails and talking and encouraging the children.

Please continue to pray for the families in the North End area.

Thanks for all you do,
Carrol Combs

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| September 1 | Labor Day |
| September 2 | Women's Bible Study |
| September 2 | Trail Life |
| September 9 | Women's Bible Study |
| September 9 | Fun Bunch Red Lobster |
| September 9 | American Heritage Girls |
| September 14 | Promotion Sunday |
| September 16 | Women's Bible Study |
| September 16 | Trail Life |
| September 22 | Caller Deadline |
| September 23 | Women's Bible Study |
| September 23 | American Heritage Girls |
| September 30 | Women's Bible Study |
| September 30 | Trail Life |



Services

Sunday:

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|-----------------|----------|
| Bible School | 9:30 am |
| Worship Service | 10:30 am |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 pm |

Wednesday:

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Evening Bible Study | 6:30 pm |
| Worship Team Practice | 7:30 pm |

