



August 2021

Upcoming Events

- August 18
Grocery
Giveaway
- August 18
Fellowship
Dinner
- August 20
Card
Making
- August 21
Back to
School Night
- September 16
Women's
Ministry
Planning
Meeting

Message from Pastor Terry For the Birds

A while back I wrote about an unidentified bird photographed by my grandson sitting on their windowsill. The bird, not my grandson. The App I downloaded from the ornithology department at a prestigious American university was no help at all. Recently, another friend showed me this photo of two of the same type of bird.



In this setting they looked more like doves to me than ever – (I tried the stupid app again and it pronounced them screech owls.) just not like any doves I've ever seen or any doves listed as native to this region. I searched my Peterson's Field Guide and looked through online lists of the bird species of Ohio all to no avail. Finally, my secretary, Angela signed us up for an online birder group and the first answer we got proved right. I had guessed earlier that the bird in question might conceivably be a juvenile lark – Juveniles always fool you. It turned out they are juvenile mourning doves. Once you start looking up pictures of juvenile mourning doves, all doubt is removed. Positive identification. Mystery solved. It was a great satisfaction to get the answer to a question after many failures and disappointments.

Proverbs 15:23 says, *A man has joy in an apt answer and how delightful is a timely word.*

We frequently find ourselves confronted by mysteries, troubles, and circumstances for which there seems to be no answer in the world. Perhaps we have just not sought the answer from the right source yet. (Even before the bird identification app I have long ceased to regard most American universities as a reliable source.) And when we do look for answers from the right source, it will all be perfectly clear in an instant. Well, maybe situations arise for which there are no answers in the world. But there is an answer with the Lord. For what it's worth, I'm pretty sure God can identify all species of birds – having made them and all. More importantly, He has the answers for all our problems, sorrows and conundrums. It may be more accurate to say that He IS the answer.

When we come to the Lord, questions begin to melt away into certainties and unknowns are outshined by faith.

In every circumstance, if only we could skip all the false leads and dead ends and go to the right source in the first place, huh! Well, how long until we make the Lord our continual first resort? As Larry Norman once sang – *Why don't ya look into Jesus, He got the answers!* The words of Proverbs 15:23 are never more true than in regard to our relationship with the Lord.

The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 302 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

2021 ways to Glorify Christ in 2021

Scrap	35 tons	goal = 50 tons
Paper	18 tons	goal = 35 tons
Garden	5 tons	goal = 18 tons
Pantry	1 ton	goal = 2 tons
VBS Pennies	45K	Achieved!
\$ for other		
Ministries	\$17K	goal = \$25K
Pill Bottles	0	goal = 1846

Well, with one month off – Month 1 of Covid response round 2! As cases are on the upsurge, we are disinfecting the building with the fogger again. The garden is in full swing and tons of fresh produce are being trucked out to help reduce hunger in Stark County. Our praise team had a brief road tour (one stop) and enjoyed helping the New Alexander Christian Church celebrate their 150th anniversary. Thanks to our brothers and sisters there for inviting us! Terry, Eric, Jeanelle, and Angela all took vacations this chapter – not at the same time! Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help fill the gap! Dick Sutton has had the wound drain removed! Praise God! Sharlene Hudy is home and recovering. Praise God again! And pray for Archie Sanders who is in the ICU dealing with the aftermath of COVID. Archie is slowly improving and we pray that progress continues. Pray also for Bill Miller who suffered a stroke this chapter but is home and doing well. Pray for a full recovery. God bless all and we'll see you in chapter 303!



August 1st is National Girlfriends Day! This is the day of the year set aside to encourage women across the US to get together and celebrate their special bond of friendship. And what could be more special than the bond we have with each other through Christ Jesus our Lord? So be sure to give your girlfriends an extra hug, high five or atta boy this month.

And if you'd like to make a difference in the lives of all IRCC ladies, consider attending the next Women's Ministry planning meeting in September. We enjoy fellowship, great conversation and get to dream up and plan events for all the ladies of the church.

Upcoming Events & Items of Interest

- Ruritan Dinner (WM fundraising and community outreach) on August 17th. Meals will be served at 6:30pm. Sign-up sheet available for volunteers to help with meal prep, serving and clean-up. Dinner is available to all volunteers the night of.
- Card making on August 20th @ 9am to 2 at the church. Please bring your own lunch.
- Women's Ministry planning meeting is September 16th at 7pm at the church. All ladies are invited to attend.
- We're looking for a new location for our Ladies Christmas Dinner this year. If you have a suggestion, talk to Stacey (330.904.4408), Mikel, Heather or Mary or email IRCCWMM@gmail.com. Thanks!!

Scripture Search for August



Last issue's answers were as follows:

1. Dan, Genesis 49:17
2. Job, Job 19:8
3. God, Proverbs 2:8
4. Isaiah 2:3 and/or Micah 4:2
5. Three, Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4

Russell Thorn and Diane Gross know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them on this new search on – housetops.

1. To whom did God speak saying that the strength of the people was scorched away like the grass on the housetops?
2. Locate the prayer of the afflicted which included the lament of being like a lonely bird on a housetop.
3. Which prophet pronounced judgement upon those who bowed down on the housetops to the host of heaven?
4. Jesus said – *What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light and what I _____, _____, _____, proclaim upon the housetops.*
5. At what hour did Peter go to the housetop to pray before having the vision of the sheet full of animals?

When you know the answers and the references get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your Bibles too well!



Are You Forgetting Someone?

Bible Verse

“It took Solomon thirteen years, however, to complete the construction of his palace.” 1 Kings 7:1

Message

Solomon took eleven years to finish the temple and thirteen years to finish his own palace. Solomon was visited by people all over because he had been blessed by God with wisdom. Maybe he thought he deserved that palace. Don't be shocked because we tend to do the same thing. God blesses us, people start noticing, and pride kicks in. Being proud of yourself and/or your accomplishments isn't necessarily bad, but if we're not careful it can easily lead to us taking all the credit and leaving God out. An easy way to avoid thinking more of yourself than you should is by remembering that everything you have and all that you are is because of God. Thank him for your successes, for your blessings, for your talents. Keep your eyes on Him and off of yourself.

Challenge

Each day thank God for blessing you with a talent, ability, or opportunity and give him the glory for the successes you are experiencing.

God Bless,

Jeanette Thorn



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The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom should I fear?
The LORD is the ^[a]defense of my life;
Whom should I dread? Psalm 27:1

Think back to your youngest childhood days. Do you remember being afraid of the dark? Or maybe when our parents thought we could be left alone?

Now move forward to more logical adult fears—illness, unemployment, social interaction, political turmoil, and death. While some of those fears may seem far-fetched, there are other fears you might encounter that will truly drive you to your knees in prayer.

How would you respond to life-threatening persecution? What if your children recant their faith and abandon everything, they have been taught to them from Scripture? Could you handle the loss of loved ones and all of your possessions?

The Bible is filled with examples of faithful believers who suffered (Hebrews 11:36-38). Many of the Psalms were written by King David. But he wasn't the only subject of fear, suffering, and trauma. Perhaps the godly man Job comes to mind. A godly man. Yet he was allowed to be tormented, removing nearly every good thing from his life (Job 1:12; 2:6). Just how is it possible for him to still respond in faith to the One who protected his soul?

In the above scripture David draws our hearts to what Charles Spurgeon calls “a threefold cord which could not be broken.” The Lord is our light, salvation, and strength. And then he asks two rhetorical questions: “Whom shall, I fear? Of whom shall I dread?”

With the Lord on your side, you need not fear anyone or anything. His love for you is sure and steadfast. Nothing in the entire universe—darkness, disaster, or the devil—can separate you from His love (Romans 8:38-39).

In Christ,
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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. and
10:15 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Attendance

Date	8am	SS	Worship
June 27	48	--	124
July 4	40	38	81
July 11	55	35	89
July 18	48	35	113



Do you have scrap metal? Newspapers, magazines, or cardboard boxes that need recycled? Drop your items off at IRCC! Paper and cardboard can also be recycled at Lowry's Restaurant and D&K Supply. For larger items, call the church office.



Today's Sermon can be found on iTunes by searching the podcast section for: Terry Bailey Ministries



Christian Youth Podcast with
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June Financial Report	
Church	
Balance June 1	\$45,400.37
Deposits	14,352.03
Expenses	(\$15,420.37)
Balance June 30	\$44,332.03
Mission	
Balance June 1	\$0.00
Deposits	2,652.00
Expenses	(\$2,652.00)
Balance June 30	\$0.00
Special Gifts	
Balance June 1	\$15,746.55
Deposits	1,532.00
Expenses	(\$0)
Balance June 30	\$17,278.55
New Building Vision Fund	
Balance June 1	\$158,952.68
Deposits	2,450.00
Expenses	(\$0.00)
Balance June 30	\$161,402.68
Total Balance for June	
\$223,013.26	

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Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6