



September 2021

Upcoming Events

- September 10
Card
Making
- September 15
Grocery
Giveaway
- September 15
Fellowship
Dinner
- September 16
Women's
Ministry
Planning
Meeting
- October 1
Ladies Night
Out

Message from Pastor Terry For the Birds

If you are into the world of birding then you know that 2020/2021 has been a tough time for our feathered friends. There have been massive song and perching bird die offs across the nation. However, it really appears to be two separate die offs. The birds in the southwest United States have been deemed to have died of starvation owing to unusually cold temperatures in the Spring and early Summer. The birds in the northeast United States have had no shortage of food. Still, they died in large numbers. The worst decimation seems to have taken place among Blue Jays, Starlings and Grackles though there has been plenty of death among other species. (On one of our hiking expeditions we discovered a dead Cedar Waxwing, apparently physically unharmed and far from roads, homes, and other likely sources of impact death.) Most usual viral and bacterial suspects have been ruled out. No large-scale contamination of commercial bird seed has been discovered and the species list for the die off exceeds normal feeder visitors anyway. Nevertheless, it has been requested that we not use our bird feeders so as not to encourage birds to gather in concentrated groups – avian social distancing. The good news is that the peak for the die off seems to have been in May/June and the deaths began to slow significantly by the end of July. This has led some scientists to speculate that the '17 year locust' (cicada) hatch may be responsible. Every animal that eats bugs at all feasts on a locust year! Still, no one has identified a toxin or disease in the Cicadas and there has been no corresponding die off in mammals, reptiles etc. that also glut out every 17 years. Of course, maybe birds are more vulnerable than other classes of animals to – whatever it might be – in the cicadas – or something else entirely. The search continues. It may be that the die off will pass without the cause ever being known for sure – or that it will continue until a cause is found – or that it will end and a cause be realized at some later date – or...



In any case – a correct diagnosis is needed if any truly helpful prescription is to be reached. Incorrect diagnoses lead to incorrect prescriptions which can be disastrous to birds just as they are to humans. Everyone will know a story on that count! All of this leads me to say something horribly politically incorrect. But here goes. Racism is evil and needs to be rooted out. But blaming every social ill on racism is a massively incorrect diagnosis and will lead to wildly unhelpful – and even hurtful – prescriptions. Exploitation, violence, abuse, and etc. have been practiced by all of humanity over all of time and all of geography by and against people of different skin colors and by and against people of the same skin color. Yes – otherness is a factor but nationality, ethnicity, ideology, etc. all serve at least as well in race in designating the 'others' to be victimized. Exploitation is a crime of opportunity. If there isn't someone around with a different skin color – trust me, an opportunity will still be found. So, a correct diagnosis. Well, I may be biased but I'm going with sin. And the cure is Jesus Christ whose love, in our hearts, alone can lead us to treat each other as we ought. Only by seeking the things above will things below ever be improved. Colossians 3:1-5

The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 303 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

2021 ways to Glorify Christ in 2021

Scrap	41 tons	goal = 50 tons
Paper	21 tons	goal = 35 tons
Garden	19 tons	Achieved!
Pantry	1.1 tons	goal = 2 tons
VBS Pennies	45K	Achieved!
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Ministries	\$19K	goal = \$25K
Pill Bottles	750	goal = 1846

Month 2 of Covid Response Round 2 – same as last month! The garden is slowly closing down – corn, cabbage and potatoes all done – peppers and a few zucchinis, cucumbers and watermelons continue – sunflowers and sweet potatoes still waiting in the wings – and gleaning off site continues with more corn, peaches, and whatever else turns up. As you can see, the goal has been exceeded. Glory to Christ! We had a great time with Back-to-School Night this chapter. Archie, Dick and Sharlene are all doing better and thank everyone for the prayers. Sadly, we report that we have had to say goodbye to Bill Miller for a time as Bill went home to be with the Lord this chapter. Pray for Bill's family and friends. We also welcomed little Luke Allen into the Picciano family and the congregation – congratulations Will, Jenn and Paul. And finally – congratulations to Jacob and Korryn (Haines) Garwood as they were married this chapter. See you all in chapter 304.



Hi Ladies! I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but have you noticed how early it's getting dark lately? And how the green of a few trees is starting to look just a little bit faded and yellowed? Like it or not, fall will be upon us before we know it, with its crisp days, earthy colors and scents and longer nights. As the bustle of summer gradually gives way to the dormancy of winter, let's take a moment to give thanks for the unchanging, unfading, perfect nature of the awesome God we serve! No matter what may lie ahead this fall, we can trust His amazing love and magnificent plan!

A few events coming up in September, just for the ladies:

9-10 - Card making at the church, 9am-2pm (Please bring a lunch)

9-16 - Women's planning meeting at the church, 7 pm

Another possible event we are looking at: Ladies Night Out in Brunswick, OH on Friday, Oct 1 at 7pm. This event features author/speaker Melissa Spoelstra, Christian comedian Anita Renfroe, and musician Mia Koehne. For groups of 10 or more, tickets are \$20 each. We would like to get a feel for how many ladies might be interested in attending. If you think this event is something you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the info center by September 12, and we will follow up with more details based on interest. See Mary Sanders, Stacey Fallot or Jennifer Bryan if you have questions.

Scripture Search for September



Last issue's answers were as follows:

1. Hezekiah, (I accepted 'Isaiah' as he was the spokesman and 'Sennacherib' as he was the subject of the message to Hezekiah) II Kings 19:26
 2. Psalm 102:7
 3. Zephaniah, Zephaniah 1:5
 4. 'whisper in your ear', Matthew 10:27
 5. The 6th hour, Acts 10:9
- Deb Reed, Sean Martin, Diane Gross and Lynn Schaeffer all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this new search on 'foundations'.
1. Who spoke to Job of houses of clay with foundations of dust that could be destroyed by a moth?
 2. Because Hebrew is a notoriously difficult language to translate, locate the verse which, depending on the translated version says Moab will moan for the (peoples, raisin cakes, or foundations) of Kir Hareseth. Me, I'm voting for raisin cakes!
 3. Which two gospels include the parable of the wise and foolish builders who laid foundations on rock and sand respectively?
 4. What two men are named as spreaders of empty worldly chatter that corrupts the church but in spite of whom the sure foundation of God will stand?
 5. The book of Revelation speaks of those whose names have been written from the foundation of ____.

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

Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity
2 Timothy 1:8-9

Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
and catechists as well as those who
lead and support them in their efforts.
May this school year be a time of grace
and potential as they teach, share,
and challenge others to grow in faith,
knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin a new
school year.
May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery and
insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this
new year.
Amen.

Paul had steadfast faith. He was also a very faithful encourager for the saints, “Let’s hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23), he encourages Timothy to publicly express his faith in several tangible, but risky, ways.

Timothy is encouraged to not be ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible’s message is both very different from and very convicting of the world’s thinking. We now find many outside of Christ react to His messenger (the believer) with ridicule and personal intimidation. It is hard to stand against this tide, and the believer’s embarrassment may manifest itself in silence. It could have been dangerous in Timothy’s culture to claim, “I am a Christian,” as is still the case in many places around the world.

But Paul’s exhortation and encouragement also includes not being ashamed of “the *testimony* of our Lord,” which is His Word. Every day in schools, on TV, or in other media, the Bible and those who believe it are ridiculed, attacked, or denounced. These attacks can be so scornful and relentless that even many evangelicals find it difficult to not be ashamed.

Next, Paul adds *himself* to Timothy’s list when he says, “nor of me his prisoner.” Fellow believers faithfully and accurately proclaiming God’s Word—especially those in a firestorm of resistance—need other believers to support them, not back away in embarrassment. Paul is urging Timothy to move beyond not being ashamed and to actively “get in the fight” with him. Paul knew that Timothy would feel a deep and lasting shame and remorse if he withdrew out of fear to the “safety of silence,” watching others boldly proclaim the gospel in a world that can be very hostile to the message.

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
July 25	57	40	97
Aug. 1	51	42	63
Aug. 8	54	-	92
Aug. 15	53	-	114



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July Financial Report	
Church	
Balance July 1	\$44,332.03
Deposits	13,908.75
Expenses	(\$18,574.00)
Balance July 31	\$39,666.78
Mission	
Balance July 1	\$0.00
Deposits	2,190.00
Expenses	(\$2,190.00)
Balance July 31	\$0.00
Special Gifts	
Balance July 1	\$17,278.55
Deposits	3,090.33
Expenses	(\$0)
Balance July 31	\$20,368.88
New Building Vision Fund	
Balance July 1	\$161,402.68
Deposits	760.00
Expenses	(\$0.00)
Balance July 31	\$162,162.68
Total Balance for July	
\$222,198.34	

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The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Proverbs 16:1