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I Just love to Fix Things

When I was a kid growing up I found myself fascinated with things that were broken and discarded as junk. I would tear things apart to see how they worked and at times this really got me into trouble. One of those times was when my dad bought my brothers and me a go-cart. It wasn't anything special but it had an engine that, in my opinion, didn't go fast enough. That's when an idea struck me, if I tweaked the carburetor some I could get a little more out of her. After all this was a 3.5 horse Clinton and it should be able to produce more horsepower resulting in more speed. However, I discovered very quickly just how difficult carburetors could be—so many small parts. Well you guessed it! I really messed it up and my dad really chewed me out for that. Even so I still love to fix things that many have given up on.

Today I ran into an old friend and our conversation landed on the fate of the church. As she shared about her church my heart was grieved at the mindset that exists in her church. Statements like, "well we're not alone and all churches are losing people" describe to me just how some are disconnected with reality. Are you saying that the church Jesus died for is going to be extinct in a few short

years? I don't know about you but I believe this to be, as my forefathers use to say, hogwash. Jesus' church isn't going to die out and neither are the people who make up the church. What is going to die are the leaders of churches who continually turn their backs on the problem. Yes some churches will close their doors and I am grieved at this fact, but it just doesn't have to be that way.

Churches can thrive in their communities if they just follow the commands given to us through Jesus (Matt. 28:16ff). The Bible says that Jesus came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for others (Mark 10:45). Many sitting in the church today have lost this idea, they can be so self-serving. I asked the question, why? Simply put, leaders of many churches are not leading the people of the church in the direction that Jesus laid out for us. They have the mistaken idea that church is there for them. This mindset is just unacceptable for me. I simply cannot process this type of thinking. It contradicts within me everything I have come to believe regarding Jesus' church. Maybe that is why God has called me into ministry. My deep rooted desire to fix things and my love for His

church makes for a perfect combination.

I love God's church and what it is called to be and become. I loved the Peru Church of the Brethren and I love New Horizons Community Church. Both realized what needed to be done and both have stepped up and are doing it. God's church is about Kingdom building, about people who don't know Him, and about training people to carry on His work. Peru got this and NHCC get's it, but many churches don't and this grieves my heart. It has to start from the top down, you cannot expect people to do something their leaders don't believe or teach. If church leaders believe that church is a dying thing, believe me, their church is.

I love all of you who make up what we call New Horizons Community Church. I believe you are a church that sees the big picture and I am proud to be called pastor.

Pastor Marvin

Worship & Music

Upcoming Sermon Topics

May 2nd – “What Happens When I Die?”

May 9th – “Why Did Jesus Come?”

May 16th – Dr. Biberstein

May 23rd – Dr. Biberstein

May 30th – Dr. Biberstein

May 16th– Jerry & Connie Sell, Bill Miller, and Jerry Sill

May 23rd – Jennifer Hamrick, Bryan Sutton, Toni Hauter, Chris Heitkamp, Sandy King, and John Foster

May 30th – Jerrold Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Martha Baltzell, Margie Sill, Larry Worden, and Ed Garver

Weitz, Adam & Lisa Williams, Bob Schumm, and Jim Sager

May Birthdays!!!

1st – Tom Lyons
Rachel Schleucher
4th – Brad DuBry
Lisa Williams
10th – Julie Long
11th – Shirley Miller
Arwen Williams
14th – Julia Larson
15th – Deb Williams
17th – Barb Decker
18th – Alexis Bates
20th – Ron Searight
22nd – Jami Pontsler
Donna Felver
24th – Bryan Sutton
26th – Bridget Brogan
31st – Stacey Henkle

Second Service

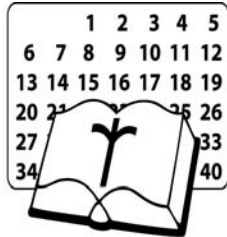
May 2nd – same as first service

May 9th – Rob Hoehamer, Bob Schumm, Sharon Davis, Tom & Shirley Pryer, Jim Sager

May 16th – same as first service

May 23rd – same as first service

May 30th – Mike & Candy



Pastor's Message
for May

May Helpers

First Service

May 2nd – Jami Pontsler, Rod & Jan Heiser, Donna Riley, Bill Miller, and Rob Hoehamer

May 9th – Jerrold & Sue Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Ralph & Susan Moeller, and Ed Garver

Christian Education

A huge THANK YOU to Donna Felver for all her hard word organizing the camp fundraisers!

Pioneer Club is over for the school year. THANK YOU to Dave and Kathy MacWhinney for their leadership in this ministry and to the many volunteers who helped throughout the year.

Bible Travelers will be the name of our Sunday morning children's ministry beginning in June. As we travel through the Bible. We are in need of Bible time clothing for drama. Has God blessed you with a talent for creating costumes for children 3 years through 5th grade? We would appreciate any items made from machine washable fabric. Stop by the TENT

(near the restrooms) to see what we have so far.

As a possible fundraiser for church camp next year, we are considering putting together a church cookbook. If you have any experience in putting together a cookbook, or have ideas regarding the organization and production of the cookbook, please contact Misty Riley at 419-363-2467.

9:30 Service Nursery

May 2nd – Linda Schwartz
Shirley Pryer

May 9th - Janice &
Andrew Peel

May 16th - Laura & Jenna

May 23rd - Katy Sill
Jane Smith

May 30th – Sue Eichenauer
Merhanda Sager

11:00 Service Nursery

May 2nd - Pam & Madison Meyer

May 9th - Amy & Raegen
Bransteter

May 16th - Pam & Madison
Meyer

May 23rd - Julie Long
Bridget Brogan

May 30th – Barb Schumm
Youth Helper

Clean Nursery Toys & Linens – Barb Schumm



Youth and Parents

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!!

Can you believe it? Another school year almost over. Another summer here again! We have some fun things planned for May. Our 2nd annual Night of a 1000 Wings is May 26. If you recall, last year we had approximately 270 students show up!! This is one of the best outreach events we do as Wired Youth Group. Here's some news about some of the awesome things happening:

DODGEBALL/WII TOURNAMENT @ PRAISEPOINT CHURCH

Saturday, May 22. Our youth groups are going to party together!! Meet at PraisePoint - 555 Decatur Rd, Willshire, OH.

2ND ANNUAL NIGHT OF A 1000 WINGS

Wednesday, May 26 from 7 - 9 p.m. Costs \$3, \$1/raffle ticket (or \$5 for 6) for Wii & iPod. All-you-can-eat wings from Buffalo Wild Wings!! Many raffle giveaways including a Wii, iPod, and other stuff!! Super contests such as the Happy Meal shake chug, blazin' wing eating, air guitar contest, and much more!!

p.m. - Know Sweat informational meeting.

2ND ANNUAL FAITH FACTOR

July 25 from 5 - 9 p.m. Have you ever seen the show Faith Factor?? We have our own similar competition. Gross competitions like blend-o-rama, chee-toes, slime games, cricket spit, and many more!!



KNOW SWEAT NEWS

June 28 - July 2. May 16 from 1 - 3 p.m. - Car wash fundraiser at Barry's. May 30 @ 5

Spiritual Care

BOUNCE INTO SUMMER Fun Night.

On, Wednesday May 19th, the Congregational Care Commission is sponsoring a fun night for all. Enjoy supper, consisting of sloppy joes, hot dogs, veggies, chips, desserts and drinks. Afterwards, the kids can enjoy bouncing in the inflatables courtesy of Al Schumm, while the adults and young adults (meaning junior high and high school kids who don't want to bounce in the inflatables) can take part in Wii tournaments (bowling and home run derby). Or feel free

to simply enjoy visiting. Supper starts at 6:00 p.m. And the rest of the events will run from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Church Volleyball

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone (Men, women, and co-ed) interested in playing church volleyball this summer. Also, if anyone is interested in being the contact person and would like more information please contact Jami Pontlser.

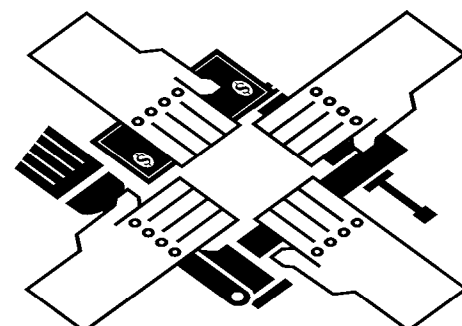


Outreach/Missions

Help Haiti

The Outreach/Missions Team is asking for your help. We are asking for people to donate tooth brushes and tooth paste for the people of Haiti. For both adults and children. Please bring them into the church and there will be a box labeled for this project. We will be accepting these articles through July. We will be sending the tooth brushes and tooth paste with a group from Huntington University. They will be going to Haiti on a Mission trip in the Fall.

Thanks for all of your help.



Aid for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti

Pioneer Club Update

The Pioneer Club has ended it's six week study of Genesis 1 - Creation. We culminated the unit by taking a motor coach to the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH. Thirty-eight students, from grades 1-5, plus nineteen chaperones experienced the history of creation in a unique way. Children saw examples of the six days of creation plus experienced the seven C's of Bible history. The zonkey and zorse were a hit! They were also "drenched" while watching "Men in White". For further details about dinosaurs, creation, and the Bible, see any Pioneer Club member. (Pictures of our experience are displayed on the south hall bulletin board.)

The four and five year old Pioneer Club members had a "private party" to end their Creation Unit. We ate some of the items created by God on day 3 (check your Bible for further details), watched a movie about God's plan for three trees, and had races securing symbols for each day of creation using "bouncy balls". We also learned skills using a parachute. (see pictures on the south hall bulletin board.)

Pioneer Club has ended for the year but will resume again in October. A special thanks to all small and large group leaders. Without your dedication to God, this program would not be possible. A special thanks to Robin Worden and Annette Felver for the countless hours devoted to this ministry.

Dave & Kathy MacWhinney



Update from Paul Goodwin

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In this letter Paul's tells about his work:

In February I had the privilege of working at our Summer Missions Orientation again. This year I redesigned our fundraising training section and presented it in a new format that I think will help our students be more effective in fundraising.

I helped them design and write a letter communicating why they want to go to another country and how God led them to do it,. In this letter they also explain their financial needs and ask people to invest in this trip that will probably be the biggest experience of their lives.

I love helping students get ready for their summer missions trips. We work harder every year to improve the preparation we give them. This summer we will send students to Namibia to work with orphans, to the Philippines to work in the slums, and to Argentina to share the gospel with college students, as well as over 25 other trips.

It's exciting to see the next generation prepare to reach every nation, tribe, people, and language with the gospel. How are the nations reached? One person at a time. One by one. With international discipleship. Humbly, and patiently, but with purpose. Show grace and love to each person as Christ lives through us. But, we have to go to these people at the ends of the earth. Would you pray that I effectively send these "go'ers."



Graduation Open House

*You are invited to an graduation
open house for*

Taylor Bates

Sunday, May 16th

At

*New Horizons Community
Church*

3:00-5:30 P.M.

Here is a list of our 2010 Graduates

Taylor Bates
Samantha Beerbower
Crysti Hoehamer
Blake King
Tara Luth
Zach Searight
Amy Williams

If we have missed anyone please
contact the church office.



**MEET OUR
UPCOMING GRADUATES**