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Youth News



If you haven't already heard, we're going to Camp Jumonville the weekend of November 19-21!!! We'll be leaving from church @ 6:00 pm on the 19th and getting back Sunday late-afternoon. What are we going to do at Jumonville? Well, aside from the standard-ops Capture the Flag, outdoor chapel, and bonfire, we'll be spending Saturday doing "team building" activities (challenge course things) and a big surprise for Sunday afternoon!

The cost for the trip is \$75 for church members; \$100 for non-members (so yes, you can invite your friends). The church is helping to pay for this trip because we want as many youth to go on it as possible.

Adults! We'll need chaperones for this trip too, so please prayerfully consider whether you would like to serve in this way!

Contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office if you have any questions or would like to sign-up!

THE YOUTH AT ZION have been invited to attend Tool Time, a youth ministry event at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the weekend of Nov. 5-7. The theme, Bon Voyage!, based on Matt.14:13, will help high school students grow in and live out their faith through games, music, skits, speakers, a servant event, and more. Transportation, dorm housing, and meals are all provided for a cost of \$50. Students are welcome to bring a friend! Contact Sandra Quinlan @ 724-873-8728 or the church office for more information or registration forms.



MEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Now that it's fall, what's better than fellowship and football?

We're meeting at the Damon's in McMurray (off of Rt. 19) @ 8:30pm to watch Monday Night Football and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Nothing complicated about it, just good times with the guys from church.

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday,

October 10. The "item of the month" is baking supplies. This would include sugar, flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder, spices, etc.

FOOD BANK

COLLEGE ADDRESSES

If you have a child away at college please get their updated address to the church office by October 15th. Not only would we like to send them a copy of our monthly newsletter, but the church would also like to send them a care package.

If you have not given your current email address to the church office please do so. We are in the process of updating our database and would like to move toward sending our monthly newsletter via email rather than snail mail.

EMAIL ADDRESSES



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IN GOD'S WORD



I hate to destroy the notion that Pastors only work one day a week.

A funny thing has happened since Alissa and I moved to Bridgeville and you installed me as your Pastor. Well, there's been more than just one, but we're going to focus on only one of them this week. (Just to keep you guessing, the others involve Bo (our dog) running away and getting cornered in the hallways of the apartments behind Shop-n-Save, wearing a talking helmet with a blinking light and face shield, becoming avid bowlers, learning how to share a bathroom, and building a potato canon... just to name a few.) But the funny thing I want to share with you this month is actually not funny... it's different. Different in one of those "I can't believe it's taken me this long to be doing this" kind of ways.

You might think that Pastors spend all of their time in a big leather chair, under dim light, reading big books in Greek, Hebrew and Latin. Or that we spend all of our time golfing. Or being taken out to lunch. But the fact of the matter is,

until coming to Zion, I spent maybe a day and a half of my week as a Pastor working with the Bible. The rest of the time was spent with people (also a very good thing) and in meetings (which, I am sure, will count against my time in Purgatory if we happen to have that one wrong).

That's all changed. Now, my schedule includes a Bible Study at 6:00am Monday morning, helping Alissa with her women's study on Tuesday (and I am aware that, in this case, "helping" is a relative term), preparing for and teaching Wednesday's and Thursday's Bible class, preparing for Sunday morning's Bible class and preparing for the Sermon.

All in all, I easily spend two-thirds of my week engaging in some sort of activity where my Bible is open. And, as predictable as it sounds- especially coming from a Pastor, it has changed my life. It has changed my life because it has rooted every day of the week in the gospel of Jesus

Christ. Every day, I come face-to-face with a God who loved me enough to die for me, and who has promised to be with me in this life and the next. Every day I learn something new about who God is, who He has made me in Christ, what my calling as a disciple is, and what He has in store for the future of His creation.

First, let me thank you for calling me to a vocation where I can do this.

Second, let me challenge you all to do one simple thing. Add a weekly Bible Study to your schedule and go to it for a year. (It can be a Bible Study we offer at the church, or it can be somewhere else, like Bible Study Fellowship... something where you are in God's Word with other Christians.) At the end of the year, ask yourself if it wasn't worth your time.

I have yet to find someone who has invested time in Bible Study who hasn't thought it was worth it.

As someone whose life has changed through studying Scripture, I ask you, PLEASE be in the Word!!!

- Pastor Duncan



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Did You Know?

That there are Bible Studies at Zion Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday?

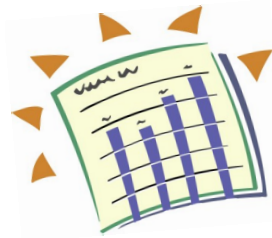
- Sunday Morning for all ages; adults in the undercroft, children meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes @ 9:30 am.
- Monday Morning @ 6:00 am (you read that correctly!) the men meet in the undercroft for breakfast and an informal Bible Study. There's plenty of coffee too.
- Not to be outdone, the women meet at 8:00 pm on Tuesday in the undercroft. Led by Alissa McLellan, the women are engaged in an in-depth study of the Bible!
- Wednesday 7:00pm and Thursday 10:00am, everyone is welcome to attend a Bible study in the Conference Room led by Pastor Duncan on the sermon text for the coming Sunday.

It's good to be in the Word!
Hope to see you in Bible Study!

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

As of September 11, 2010, we are estimating \$23,980 cash on hand. All bills through September 11th have been paid. The high cash on hand is due to a number of Preschool families who paid their tuition in full. We are establishing a special account to ensure prepaid tuition dollars are spread across the calendar year.

August Budget	\$46,954.00
August Actual	48,380.00
Favorable to Budget	\$ -2,886.00



The reason for a negative \$2,886 was due to paying the new Preschool bathroom initial installment payment and church taxes. The funds to cover the new bathroom expenses were transferred from the Preschool fund raising holding account to the church account. The negative balance was more of a process and timing issue rather than a financial issue.

Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to maintain this positive financial picture throughout the new fiscal church year.

Bob Schmidt, Chairman



Notes From the Preschool

What a beautiful fall! God has richly blessed this part of His world with His beauty. The power of His presence is felt as we enjoy walks in the woods and cool clear nights under the stars. Enjoy and rejoice because right now, here on earth, we can enjoy a wonderful sense of our Lord's presence. It is not a distant relationship, but a close, intimate one. We are blessed because the finished work of Christ has removed every barrier standing between the Lord and us. Indeed rejoice!

Zion Preschool is also blessed and we rejoice. The Lord's presence is felt just walking into the classrooms of smiling, laughing, happy children at their play. After just a few weeks into the new school year it is evident that the children are comfortable and the parents are satisfied that this is the best place to be.

The staff is to be complimented on not only their hard work in getting a "messy" school back together after construction, but also they need congratulations for

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their positive uncomplaining attitude as they gave up holiday time to ensure that all was ready for our opening. We are blessed with a fantastic Christian staff.

We are also blessed with the results of the summer construction. The addition is not only functional, but it turned an ordinary classroom into an inviting place for two year olds who are not quite sure what

to expect in their first school experience. Ask Mrs. Paula why she smiles a lot.

Who is the man greeting the children and parents at the school door and interrupting the classrooms to interact with the children? Clue - he is sometimes accompanied by a beautiful and very large dog. If you can guess, let Pastor Duncan know.

September was the month of the 13th Annual Fund-raising Road Rally. My report will be in next month's issue. Our expectation is to raise over and above the costs remaining for the addition.

This month we are eagerly anticipating a visit from Fire-fighter Phil, having our pictures taken, and an exciting fall festival. Until next month, have a great fall. Stop in and visit us sometime.

We welcome you.

In His Service,
Carole Davis, Director

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



1 Florence and George Boehme	1955
3 Sara and Don Jones	1992
9 Dione and Frank Vallelunga	1993
11 Kathleen and Wayne Conn	1997
16 Joann and Walt Brookfield	1951
17 Judy and Lou Schrecker	1970
18 Barbara and Wayne Oechslein	1975

19 Salina and Greg Howcraft	2002
19 Stephanie and Jim Eckels	1996
20 Norma and Jim Lynch	1956
22 Michelle and Eric Hunsberger	2005
23 Carrie and John Lemonovich	2004
26 Roxanne and George Burgh	1974

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Consider the following as you care for and show appreciation to your pastor and the important work that he does.

1. Pray for your pastor.

Ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, and joy, as he pursues the activities of ministry for you and your family.

2. Express appreciation, spoken and written.

A spoken compliment is always welcome. A written one can be



read over and over again. Tell the pastor's wife something nice about him, she'll appreciate it and he will hear about it later.

3. Encourage his personal interests.

Find out what your pastor likes. Is he interested in football? How about music? Does he golf? He will feel appreciated when you discover and support the interests of his wife as well.

4. Lovingly insist on "time off."

Your pastor will need to take time for renewal and rest, but may feel as though there is too much work to get done. Help him know that he not only has permission to get appropriate rest and relaxation, but that it will benefit his ministry and provide a good model for the members.

5. Live in peace.

Appreciation is more than cards and gifts, it's an attitude. Pastors sometimes face a great deal of criticism, both to their face, and behind their back. Speak well of your pastor when you hear him criticized.

Service Participants for October

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
October 3	8:00 am	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Mia Case
October 10	8:00 am	Carl & Karen Bauer	Sara Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Kay Lyn Case & Mia	Molly Oelschlager
October 17	8:00 am	Clara Hayes	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Gielarowski Family	Ben Ackerman
October 24	8:00 am	Susan & Missy Radovich	Joe Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Jim & Marylou Neill	Rachel Klemash
October 31	8:00 am	Bob & Shelly James	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Janet Oelschlager	Mia Case
November 7	8:00 am	Gene & Sharon Koop	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Mark & Laurie Coleman	TBA

ELDERS	Jim Neill & Tom Erbrecht
ALTAR GUILD	Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet, Judy Meier
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Tom Biscusky, Steve Kovach, Jim Neill

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the Church Office (412) 221-4776) of the change.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Dale Miller	10 Diana Schmidt
3 Dwight Weldon	11 Dylan Walsh
3 Bill Bishop	12 Cheryl Piper
3 Jodi Fitzgerald	13 Renee Trudel
4 Stephanie Ivancza	14 Craig Scott
5 Rebecca Ivancza	14 Laverne Eckels
7 Dorothea Heslop	15 Kimberly LaJeunesse
7 Carolyn Wible	16 Samuel Jenkins
8 George Burgh	16 Sara Jones
9 Aaron Hunsberger	16 John Lemonovich
10 Daniel Jenkins	17 Donald Jones



18 Wayne Oechslein
21 Lois Sauro
22 Jennifer Elikor
22 Patricia Neill
23 Kristy Ivancza
24 Debra Trichtinger
25 Nathan Morgan
26 John Gielarowski
29 George Boehme
30 Laurie Coleman
30 Sharon Koop