

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

April 2011



PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

"LOVE AND COMMITMENT"

Spring is a time for weddings – the joining in marriage of a man and a woman who pledge their love and commitment to each other. Each time I perform a wedding, I am reminded of the vows Gail and I shared with each other 38 years ago in Zanesville, Ohio, where we covenanted to love each other and be committed to each other “until the Lord shall call us home to Himself.”

The other relationship which is to have an even deeper kind of love and commitment – is our relationship with God. When we say “yes” to Jesus – when we come to Him and admit that in and of ourselves we are powerless to save ourselves and invite Him into our lives as our Savior and Lord – we make the same kind of “lifetime” commitment to Him. We promise to love Him and be committed to Him “until the Lord shall call us home to Himself.”

How does this commitment manifest itself? What are the marks of what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ? How do I show God that I love Him? Here are some ways that we can show God our love and commitment:

Devotion and loyalty to Jesus as the Lord of our lives.

“He (Jesus) is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.” (Colossians 1:18)

Does Jesus have first place in your heart and life?

An active and growing prayer life. The Apostle Paul encourages us to **“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Daily spending time in the Bible through reading, study, and meditation. **“Be diligent to present**

yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Making worship a weekly priority. **“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other one, especially as we see the big Day approaching.”** (Hebrews 10:24-25, The Message)

Walking in the Spirit of Christ. **“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”** (Colossians 2:6-7)

Keeping a short account of our sins, ready to immediately confess our sins as the Holy Spirit impresses it upon our conscience. **“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (1 John 1:9)

Moving toward giving the tithe (10%) of your income to the Lord. **“You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow (the income that you receive), which comes out of the field every year.”** (Deuteronomy 14:22)

Sharing your faith in Christ with others as God gives you the opportunity. **“...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses...”** (Acts 1:8)

Being a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ calls forth the best in us – it calls forth our love and commitment to God.

See you at the *“love and commitment”* place Sunday!

Craig

DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

"THE PROMISES OF EASTER"

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Easter is a season of promises fulfilled and promises waiting to be realized. One of the latter is that believers, like the Savior, will experience physical resurrection (John 5:25). Christ's triumph over the grave makes possible our victory against death.

When the Lord returns, the dead in Christ will hear His voice and come forth from their burial places. Each soul that shed a mortal "cloak" upon entering heaven will now dwell in an imperishable body. Next, believers still living in "earthly tents" will be transformed (2 Corinthians 5:1). In these customized vessels, God's children will be perfectly suited for reflecting His glory.

When I preach on this subject, I am often asked, "What will we look like?" To answer that, let's think about Christ's seaside encounter with His disciples following the resurrection (John 21:1-14). John, who witnessed the event, said that the seven men did not immediately recognize Jesus. Only after interacting with Him for a few minutes did they know their Lord. Though He seemed familiar, He was also amazingly changed. In a word, He was glorified.

Believers, too, will have glorified, perfected bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42-43). We won't be limited by time, space, or matter. Therefore, nothing can stop us from serving God to the very best of our abilities.

Studying about the saints' physical resurrection can bring up more questions than the Bible answers. But we know some things for sure, so let me leave you with this assurance: believers are going to be in God's presence forever. This means that whatever we and the new heaven and earth are like, we'll be satisfied.

Dr. Charles Stanley, *In Touch*, April 2009

"CELEBRATING EASTER DAY"

Luke 24:1-9

The Easter story is a message of hope. Yet many people celebrate this holiday only with chocolate bunnies and egg hunts because they do not know its real purpose. The gospel is precious information that Jesus asked His followers to spread widely (Matthew 28:19). He expects that each of us will be prepared to answer those who are curious about the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15).

Christianity is unique. Other religions and belief systems have a "doer" philosophy. In other words, to achieve eternal life, a follower must obey leaders' instructions, adhere to rules, and/or give as much as he is told. The Christian life also includes good works, obeying commandments, and tithing. However, these activities are the *result* of serving Christ rather than a supposed method for reaching heaven. Instead of placing our hope in human ambition and diligence, we recognize Jesus as the only path to God.

Jesus Christ's primary purpose in coming to earth was to die for mankind's transgressions. Had He stayed in His tomb, everyone would be responsible for his or her own sin-debt. But Jesus conquered the grave, which means that His followers can too. Those who believe in Him are released from their death penalty and invited to spend eternity with God.

What are you doing with the amazing message of God's love? The commission to "*go and make disciples*" is meant to be an integral part of every believer's life. We should share about Jesus while at home, at work, among friends, or pursuing hobbies. In other words, we are to celebrate Easter every day.

Dr. Charles Stanley, *In Touch*, April 2009

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LENTEN SERMON SERIES: THE ATTITUDES THAT BRING JOY

- April 3** - "Happy Are the Single-Hearted"
Matthew 6: 19-34; Matthew 5:8
- April 10** - "Peacemaking: Taking the
First Step" Philippians 4: 4-9;
Matthew 5:9
- April 17** - "The Risks and Rewards of a
Daring Friendship"
I Peter 1: 3-9; Matthew 5:10

LENTEN DINNERS

Wed April 6th - VIM - Cookout - Opening Day theme
- brats, metts, sauerkraut, burgers, beans, coleslaw,
chips.

Wed April 13th - Education - Montgomery Inn, Mac
& Cheese

Wed Apr 20th - Nurture Membership Care - Italian
Night

**DINNERS served 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM ~ Donations
Taken at the Door ~**

Hotdogs & apple sauce will be available for children.



Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper
"Lord, Is It I?"

Maundy Thursday, April 21 - 7 PM
(Fellowship Hall)



- 7 AM** "Son"-Rise Service
7:30 - 9 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet
9:20 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:20 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:20 AM Contemporary Worship Service



COMMUNION SCHEDULE FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2011

- April 3
 April 21 The Last Supper Drama
 (Maundy Thursday)
- May 1
- June 5



These kids today....

Many times in my life I have heard about "These kids today..." I have never liked it because normally it is being brought up as being negative.

Bill and I recently agreed to be chaperones on the youth retreat to Potters Ranch. To be truthful, I actually dreaded it. I never know exactly how teenagers are going to take me and I get worried about it. Here are some of my observations from this trip:

These kids today are energetic. These kids today love to be goofy and silly when they can. They will chew whole packs of gum in one sitting, they will sing crazy songs at the top of their lungs, they will make up new acronyms so that they can put their own stamp on things (GEM was the word this time), they will play harmless pranks on each other like oyster crackers on the ceiling fan blades, a real octopus sitting on your porch swing to greet you on the way out, cover each others shower heads and toilet seats with wrap to make you think something is wrong with the plumbing, and decorate the boys room with various female products marked with markers to bring a scream, they will hide in a garbage can and knock on your door so they can jump out and scare you. They will keep a poster of all of the funny things that are said during the weekend and will continue to add to where you absolutely can not help but laugh looking at the quotes.

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These kids today are thoughtful, they are bright, they are compassionate, and they are wonderful. They have great depth to them. They will get music and practice it while their friends are hanging out so that they can help with the worship service the next day. They will cry with their friends over the loss of their father or grandfather. They will cry with their friends over the loss of their dog. They will thoughtfully and compassionately help daughters and a grandson go through pictures of a recently departed loved one and put the pictures on the board for the memorial service. They will make those same people laugh and listen to their stories. They will listen and learn about forgiveness and thoughtfully pray and consider something that they need to forgive so they can write it down and include it to throw it in the fireplace to turn it over to Jesus. They will accept the challenge to work on forgiving and also accept forgiveness. They will hug their friends. They will be there for each other. They will pray. They will WORSHIP! They will include others who are newer to the group and may not know as many people. They will be brave as people newer to the group and throw themselves into the challenges of the weekend. They will come up with skits on their own that have to do with forgiveness and they will perform with great enthusiasm. They will encourage each other on the zip line. They will be sweet to their chaperones. They will joke with the chaperones. They will IMPRESS US!

I have to say, it was a great experience. We are blessed, so very blessed at this church for so many reasons. One thing we are blessed with is - These kids today!

Thank you youth group and leaders!
Debbie Hauser

Westfed Update



Thank you to the congregation for your generous response to the Westfed Food Frenzy last month. Two car loads of food and toiletries were collected in addition to financial donations for future purchases.

Each month, we are assigned specific items to provide for 100 families served by Westfed. Wallet cards, available at the Welcome Centers, list items by month. Weekly updates are noted in the Sunday bulletin. ALL unexpired food items are gratefully accepted at any time during the year and may be placed in baskets outside Werner Lounge.

We praise God for His bounty and those who share so willingly with the less fortunate.

CUMC Preschool



Openings for the pre-school year 2011-12 are still available. The pre-school is open for ages 3-5. There is also a Friday class for 30 month olds. Call Paula Long at 389-3060 for more information.



NO MONTHLY MISSION SUNDAY OFFERING IN APRIL

Easter Sunday is the fourth Sunday of April, our offering will be our Easter Offering. We will resume our monthly mission offerings on Sunday, May 22. God bless as you give to the Easter Offering.

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THANK YOU

The Woodburn Family would like to thank all those who sent cards and gave expressions of sympathy upon the passing of Don's Mother on March 6, 2011.

Juanita & Don



Attention:

All Committees and Groups

Spring "House Cleaning" on Saturday, May 7, from 9-12 noon. We will clean out all storage areas, cabinets, rooms, & etc. Be prepared to THROW things out. Don't want to wait? You can start anytime.

The Trustee Committee



MILITARY

Charles New
Ryan Long
Jocelyn Padilla
Dustin Struckman

The following persons have been lifted in prayer. Please continue to pray for them.

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| † Dotty Meyer | † Paul Meiners |
| † Don Francis | † Shirley Chestnut |
| † Casey Hickey | † Dominic Francis |
| † Winnie Baldock | † Carol & Elwood Black |
| † Charlie Edmisten | † Clairice Krieg |
| † Karen Colon | † Betty Kareth |
| † Stephanie George | † Diane |
| † Wilma Craig | † Rebecca |

Please notify the church office when you know of someone is ill or in the hospital. The Pastors would like to minister to them. Thank you.

Card Ministry

Do you know someone who could benefit from a card or note? Please contact **Carolyn St. John at 451-0535 or email at cjstjohn5@hotmail.com** if you would like a card or note mailed on behalf of CUMC and our church family.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

4/6 *Bill Hartmann Jr.
Mitchell Barr*

4/7 *Dan Maret*

4/10 *Kenneth Smith IV*

4/12 *Linda Hoff
Tony Halusek*

4/13 *Joe Hoff*

4/14 *Rex Ruberg*

4/15 *Ryan McGinnis*

4/17 *Carol Becker*

4/18 *Andy Mohr
Janice Henshaw
Don McGinnis
James Byrnes
Jake Simmons*

4/20 *Mark Woodward*

4/22 *April Miller*

4/23 *Brian Schummer*

4/24 *Bill Hauser
Alexis Kraus*

4/26 *Phil Brice
Mary Painter-Romanello*

4/28 *Sara Goebel
Ruth Daum*

4/29 *Ken Schuster
Chris Cooper*

4/30 *Garry Kremer*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

4/1 *Jim & Cathy Klein*

4/8 *George & Mary Anne Ernst*

4/12 *Scott & Ellie Blackburn*

4/20 *Dick & Carol Becker*


4/24 *Dick & Janice Marsh*

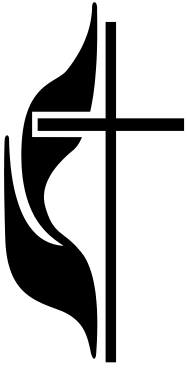
4/25 *Bob & Fran Loudin
Herman & Renee Heine*

4/27 *Pete & Kathy Reeme
Rex & Karen Ruberg*

4/30 *Jack & Peggy Paff*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM - 11:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:10 AM Adult Bells 4:15 PM Youth Bells 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM CUMYF Meeting	28 7:00 PM AD Council Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	29 1:00 PM Recovery Group	30 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs	31 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	1 Women's Retreat	2 Women's Retreat 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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24  EASTER 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:20 AM Contemporary Worship SVC.	25 7:00 PM AD Council Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	26 1:00 PM Recovery Group 7:00 PM Walk Thru the Bible Small Grp.	27 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs	28 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	29 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Flower Deliver Pickup	30 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Youth Flower Deliver Pickup 7:00 PM Family Game Night



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:20 A.M.

Traditional Worship

10:20 A.M.

Sunday School (All Ages)

11:20 A.M.

Contemporary Worship



Pray for Peace



Worship with us!

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