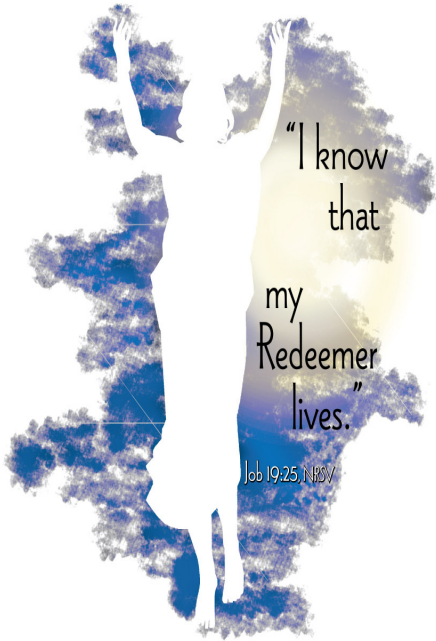


1st Things



Without JESUS ...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny – empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet – easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit – it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily – it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans – sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket – full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg – looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny – always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps – becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade – a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card – a message of love unclaimed.

–David Patterson

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focusing on the ONE

reMark

Do you remember the old children's song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands?" It is a simple ditty that helps us remember how great God is. Everyone and everything is held in His hands, so we can find peace and comfort in scary times. But there is much more to the concept of everything being held by Jesus. Paul wrote to the church at Colossae "He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:17), and it goes far beyond just being protected by Jesus. Paul told the people in Athens that "in Him we live and move and exist." (Acts 17:28)

Can you see the wonder in these statements? Wonder is the very reason behind the architecture of the great cathedrals of Europe. The design was employed with the desire of creating a sense of awe in the presence of God. Over time we have lost that sense of wonder, well at least the reason we feel that wonder. We have lost the awe of innocence.

Consider how science has been used to drain wonder from life and replace it with knowledge. The focus has been slightly shifted and we miss the picture that would drive us to our knees in worship. Yet, science itself opens windows on the divine that can give us a new glimpse at the expanse of God's glory.

"He holds all things together." This is not just a simple throw away comment. Science can increase our sense of awe and renew our wonder at God. *Coulomb's Law of Electricity* tells us that like charges repel and opposites attract. So what? You are made up of atoms that all have a cluster of protons in the nucleus. They are all the same – protons. Protons should repel each other because they have the same charge, that's the law. Let's step back just a tad and you will see that those atoms are surrounded by electrons. The electrons have a negative charge, which means they should collapse into the nucleus because they have opposite charges. IT'S THE LAW. Yet, everything is maintaining its structural integrity despite the law. Why?

"Every Christian needs a half hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour."

- Saint Francis of Sales

Because He's got the whole world in His hands. Jesus holds us together. If He were to remove his hands from us, we would fly apart on a cellular level – pchoo. No more you. No more me. No more ice cream. No more. You get the picture? Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus that Jesus was "all in all." That is a statement that should fill us with awe. That awe should fill us with an urge to praise and worship. That praise and worship should cause us to yearn to be with God. That yearning should evoke in us a desire to be obedient. That desire to be obedient is the essence of discipleship.

Are you in focus?

Pastor Mark

ENCOURAGING WORDS



Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought.

Thoughts on this verse

Trust. Can we trust in God? Is the Lord faithful? Our lives are meant to prove this fact. I just read two articles that talk about the Japanese people moving beyond their secular thinking. The "drought" that has hit them in the form of 3 disasters is causing them to rethink their strongly held self-reliance. Just as a tree may appear to care for itself, deep beneath the surface the earth nurtures and supports it. Let us pray for the testimony of God's people in Japan that it might break through the cultural barriers and set the captives free.

Prayer:

Holy God, I know you are there! In the morning, in the evening, in the long nights, I know I am not alone. Thank you for knowing me and going with me through all my days. Please make your presence known this day as Your children seek to honor you in what they do and say. Through Jesus my Lord I ask this. Amen.

in the **1st** place

If you weren't with the **1st Family** last month, here's what you missed.



Smile Train

In March, we provided an opportunity for you to contribute to **Smile Train**. Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train mission is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. There are millions of children with unrepaired cleft lips and palates who have little to no prospect of ever being helped. Smile Train provides free cleft surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries at a cost of \$250. It also provides free cleft-related training for doctors and medical professionals empowering local doctors in these countries—78 of the world's poorest.

We have surpassed our goal of \$250.00 with a total of \$325.00 to date.



ATTENDANCE

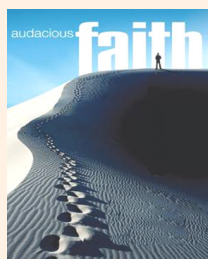
Following is our average attendance February 27—March 23:

Sunday School	—	21
Sunday Worship	—	43
Sunday PM Bible Study	—	10
Weds. Prayer Noon	—	3
Weds. Prayer PM	—	5



Thanks to the ladies for sorting and filling our Easter Eggs for our EGG-Stravaganza.

Woman-To-Woman



Pastor Mark continued his *Audacious Faith* series. His sermons highlighted examples of faithfulness found in the Bible.

- 03/06 **GOD'S GIFT** - "You don't want what you deserve."
- 03/13 **JUGGERNAUT** - "Prayer is designed and purposed to be an overpowering force in motion."
- 03/20 **LIVING AUDACIOUS FAITH** - "Our actions will make our faith visible to the watching world."
- 03/27 **PUTTING FEET TO YOUR PRAYERS—**
"If you are going to believe audaciously, be prepared to act audaciously."

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was \$500.00. We were able to collect \$56.73 to date. You can still give to this North American Mission Offering which provides help to missionaries throughout all of North America.



At the special called business meeting on March 6, the Amendments to the Constitution which had been previously presented and the four changes to those Amendments were all approved.

The changes were:
 Section 3: Change "Responsibilities" to "**Definition**" of Membership
 Section 3B: Inactive Members—Remove "**on a monthly basis.**"
 Article IX Dissolution of Church—Insert "**special called**" before business meeting; and add: "**For details, see the section on Dissolution of Church in the Operations Manual.**"

Coming Soon...

In the future, you have an opportunity to experience God's blessings through these upcoming events.

PRAYER BREAKFAST—Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 AM
BUSINESS MEETING—Wed., April 13—7:00 PM

CHURCHWIDE CLEAN UP DAY—Your help is needed on **Saturday, April 2**, beginning at 9:00 AM, to do necessary clean up work on the churchyard. Bring your own tools and supplies. Lunch will be provided.

The Spring Associational Session of the BAGC will be held **Monday, April 11 at 6:45 PM** at Alpha/Omega Baptist Mission. Messengers are Pastor Mark, Carl & Marilynn Guertler, Ron & Nora Sargent, and Bob & Diana Schaefer. Others are invited to attend to learn about the work of the Association.

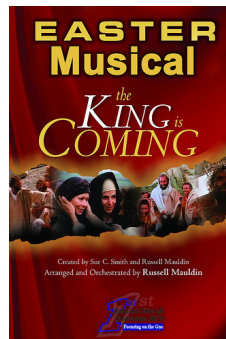
On **Tuesday, April 12**, we will provide a meal for the students in the **Collegiate Ministry** program at the University of Cincinnati. This year we will take a **Mexican Feast**. There could be 100 students. Pray about participating this year. You can prepare the food, give money to buy the food, and/or help transport and serve. The students are very appreciative. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to indicate how you would like to help.



EGG-Stravaganza — Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This event is scheduled for **SATURDAY, APRIL 23,**

from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We have more eggs to fill, so more candy would be appreciated. The candy must be individually wrapped—**NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE.** We have reserved the block party trailer and inflatable rides. We will need adults to help on the day of the event to set up the inflatable rides, hide eggs, SUPERVISE and clean up. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board so you can indicate how you will help.



SUNDAY, APRIL 17

11:00 AM

Join us as the choir presents a message of salvation and praise.

During the week of **June 27-July 1, World Changers** will be in Cincinnati working with the **Baptist Association of Greater Cincinnati**. Over 300 students are signed up to come to Cincinnati to help homeowners with various maintenance jobs. There will be 25 work crews throughout the city. We have been asked to take lunch to one of the crews of 16-20 people during the week. We will have more details later.

ADOPT A FLOWER BED—We are again asking for volunteers to maintain areas of the church grounds this spring and summer. Please sign up. See Bob Schaefer for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Remember to collect items for children's shoeboxes. You can bring your items to church and place them in the baskets in the adult Sunday School rooms.



Destination: New York City

Bright lights, noisy city, smells of street vendors, Time Square, Central Park, Broadway, Statue of Liberty – What a trip! Sound exciting? Come and join us on our **Vacation Bible School Big Apple Adventure - June 13-17 from 6-8 pm.**

We need a lot of help this year. Please be in prayer about where you might help. We need prayer and teachers. We will also need help with decorations, snacks, crafts, recreation, Family Night, and clean-up at the end of week. Please let Holly know if you can help in any way. We are planning our annual VBS showers—April 10th and 17th. Be watching for more details.



Following is a summary of action taken at the latest Business Meeting.

Special Called Business Meeting — March 6, 2011

Approval was given for the Amendments to the Constitution which had been presented previously and for four changes to those Amendments.

Regular Meeting—March 9, 2011

The Budget Director’s Report for February showed that our expenses exceeded our income by \$2,746.78. Year to date expenses exceed income by \$4,348.65. Our principle balance for our mortgage is \$58,144.84

Approval was given to set up a committee headed by Bob Schaefer to research and prepare a plaque in memory of our deceased members.

A committee consisting of Pastor Mark, Norm Klenk and Bob Schaefer was formed to make necessary changes to the Operations Manual.

NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - WEDNESDAY, April 13 AT 7:00 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS OMEDEO

Chris Omedeo has been very busy. His class project in business finished **first in the region** and third for state competition. In addition, he was chosen **“STUDENT OF THE MONTH”** for March at Anderson High School. Keep up the good work, Chris! Your parents, grandparents, and church family are very proud of your accomplishments.



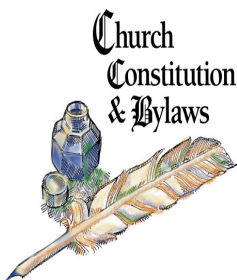
EASTER LILIES IN MEMORIAM

If you would like to display an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one at Easter, let Nora know by 4/13. Please bring your lily to the church by Sunday, April 17. The memorials will be listed in the bulletin Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Bob Schaefer has begun to research the records for names of deceased members of our church to prepare a memorial plaque. He needs your help so that the plaque will be complete and accurate. He would appreciate any names and dates you can give him.

Copies of the Constitution (Revised March 6, 2011) are available on the table in the Foyer. Please take one.





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- Sat. April 2—9:00 AM CHURCH CLEAN-UP
- Sun. April 3—5:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
- Sat. April 9—9:00 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST
- Sat. April 9—10:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE
- Sun. April 10—12:00 PM ANNUAL VBS SHOWER
- Sun. April 10—5:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
- Mon. April 11—6:45 PM BAGC SPRING MEETING
- Tue. April 12—6:00 PM U.C. COLLEGIATE DINNER
- Wed. April 13—7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING
- Sat. April 16—9:00 AM CHOIR PRACTICE
- Sun. April 17—11:00 AM EASTER MUSICAL
- Sun. April 17—12:00 PM ANNUAL VBS SHOWER
- Sat. April 23—1-4 PM EGG-STRAVAGANZA
- Sun. April 24—11:00AM EASTER SERVICE

HE IS RISEN!

Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM — Bible Study
Weds. at Noon and 7:00 PM — Prayer Meeting



Young at Heart

- April 01 Debbie Jackson
- April 11 Nicole Jump
- April 12 Sam Moughton
- April 19 Jeanne Omedeo
- April 29 Loud Keith



- April 02 Glen & Edna Clarkston
- April 03 Robert & Betty Glenn



GREETERS Lynette & David Moughton	SERVING THIS MONTH	CHURCH CLOSER Mark Baugh
EXTENDED SESSION	SOUND SYSTEM	
04/03 Karen Elliott 04/10 Trudy Tierney 04/17 Janice Smith 04/24 Lynette Moughton Alternate: Trish Michael Sunday Evening: Holly Baugh Substitute: Shirley Upchurch	04/03 David Moughton 04/10 Sarah Baugh 04/17 David Moughton 04/24 Sarah Baugh	