

# 1<sup>st</sup> Things


## LIKE FATHER, LIKE CHILD

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father – and her heavenly Father – in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

**May others see our heavenly Father in us!**

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				<b>STAFF</b>
				<b>Mark A. Baugh, Pastor</b>
				Nora Sargent, Secretary
				Mike & Trudy Tierney, Custodians
				Debbie Klenk, Pianist/Choir Director

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focusing on the ONE

# reMarks

"One dollar spent on a good lunch lasts for five hours. One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks. One dollar spent on a car lasts for five years. One dollar spent in the Service of God - lasts for eternity." - Roger Babson

The above quote came in one of my emails this week. I might not have given it a second thought, let alone a second look, had I not just the Wednesday before asked the group at prayer meeting for their advice and prayer on a subject related to this.

I am not sure how to address this topic, but I am going to rest in the knowledge that after all these years together you know my heart.

There have been many days that we have fretted over the church's finances. I

believe that concern has been a distraction to us in doing God's work and will. I am praying and asking you to consider a way to continue to be faithful to God, even after your days on earth are done. Will you consider making an eternal impact for God?

There are a number of churches that have an endowment from their members which allows them to carry on through lean times in the life of the church. The endowment is usually funded from money or assets willed to the church. God allows us to be stewards of His riches while we are here on earth, but we can continue that stewardship by bequeathing assets to faithful ministries, as well. Currently, our church does something along these lines with the memorial gifts we give to the Gideon's in honor of loved ones. Would you prayerfully consider extending your ministry by including the church in your will?

We are temporal in our physical lives, but our lives are made for eternity. When we share the Good

"This trial, be it great or small, is allowed by God and is His will concerning me. Let me first recognize and submit to God's will in it. Then with the peace of God which this gives I will receive wisdom to know how to behave in it." - Andrew Murray

News with someone and they receive God's adoption into the Forever Family, our lives go on. When that same person then shares the Good News and another comes into the family, our lives go on. We can add to our impact by supporting God's work with our finances as well as our witness. Your gifts can help ensure that this church continues to minister and be a witness for God until Jesus returns.

I know this is a delicate issue. I bathe this article in prayer that it might be received as I intend it. May you be encouraged to make an eternal impact in the lives of others.

Focusing on the One,

*Pastor Mark*

## ENCOURAGING WORDS



### Psalm 119:30

*I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws.*

### Thoughts on this verse

Jesus called us to pick up our crosses daily and follow Him. The way of truth is a daily choice. To not choose God's way, to not intentionally seek to put Him at the center of our life and as the top priority in all of our decisions, is to slip a little bit further away from the life He calls us to lead. Lack of a decision is a decision not to follow.

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I choose to follow You and Your truth today. Open my eyes so I may see Your truth and open my heart that I may live it. I decide today, again, to follow You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

in the **1st** place

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

**EGG-Stravaganza—Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**



The rain did not spoil the fun at our egg hunt. We were not able to put up the inflatable rides, but the children who attended found an abundance of eggs. We appreciate all those who helped us on that day.

**ATTENDANCE**

Following is our average attendance  
April 24—May 25:

Sunday School	—	23
Sunday Worship	—	47
Sunday PM Bible Study	—	10
Weds. Prayer Noon	—	5
Weds. Prayer PM	—	6



Thanks to all who brought the lovely flowers for our Palm Sunday and Easter services. They were a beautiful reminder of dear loved ones. Their aroma filled the sanctuary as we worshipped our Risen Savior.

Thanks to those who were able to help on May 21 and the following week. I appreciate your helping us maintain and beautify our church property.  
Ron Sargent



The ladies gathered to plan for helping with crafts and snacks for Vacation Bible School. It's not too late if you can help. See Jan or Holly.



We celebrated our church's **38th** Anniversary on **Sunday, May 22**. There were 44 who shared a dinner of ham and delicious side dishes.

The Praxis Team in the Collegiate Ministry program at the University of Cincinnati led us in worship and song on May 29. Matt Giesting led the music and Brian Ervin brought God's message to us. The Praxis Team is a group of students who have found community and an expression of their faith in God through worship. Ken Dillard is in charge of this ministry through the Baptist Association of Greater Cincinnati.

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Mark began a new series entitled I QUIT. Fed up with the status quo? The way things are isn't the way things have to be. See what happens when you're ready to say, "I quit."



- His sermons were:
- 4/24 — I Quit Making Excuses
  - 5/01 — I Quit Complaining
  - 5/08 — I Quit Living in Fear
  - 5/15 — I Quit Comparing

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Pastor Mark began a new series on FAITH, HOPE & LUCK on May 22. The title of the first sermon was "Better Odds."



The bright sun warmed us as we joined others in the community for the National Day of Prayer. This was a ray of hope after all the rain. It could be taken as a sign that our prayers were pleasing to God.

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was \$500.00. We were able to collect \$386.73 (77%).



Our high school graduates were honored on May 22. They are: Sarah Baugh from Turpin High School and Chris Omedeo from Anderson High School. Also graduating this year are Josh Omedeo from Coastal Carolina University and Lisa Klenk from her Internship Program.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!**

# Coming Soon...

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday  
June 8—7:00 PM

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Saturday  
June 11 at 9:00 AM



**WATER FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE**

We will again provide water for the Anderson Township Parade on July 4th. If you would like to help, you can start bringing in bottled water any-time. Our goal is 2000 bottles of water. We have 475 bottles to date.

Any help you can give on that day will also be appreciated.



**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. Ages 3 through 12.**

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. Thanks to all

of you who have contributed toward the materials, supplies and food items. Please let Holly know if you can help in any way.

Lunch for  
World  
Changers



During the week of  
**June 28-July 1,**

**World Changers**  
will be in Cincinnati  
working with the Baptist

**Association of Greater Cincinnati.** Over 300 students are scheduled 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 Tuesday through Friday. If you would like to help, you can prepare food and/or volunteer to take the food to the project site. There you can meet the young people and learn more about this program. Please let us know if you are willing to help by signing up on the list posted on the bulletin board. The lunches are easy to prepare.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Remember to collect items for children's shoe-boxes. You can bring your items to church and place them in the baskets in the adult Sunday School rooms. If you start collecting the items now, it won't be a strain on your budget. See the front bulletin board for suggestions.



**Father's Day is June 19.** Take time to thank God for Christian fathers who make Christ their model.

Save the date:  
Saturday, July 30  
Picnic and Watermelon Social





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

**Regular Meeting—May 11, 2011**

**The Budget Director’s Report** for April showed that our income exceeded our expenses by \$1688.84. Year to date income exceeds expenses by \$1917.19. Our principle balance for our mortgage is \$57,279.14.

**Benevolence Fund Report**—The balance in this fund is \$309.93.

Approval was given to offer Dennis Faul \$300.00 which covers the parts and shipping for the thermostat motor he replaced, plus a love offering for his labor.

Approval was given to increase our monthly giving to both the state and the city to \$100.00 each when our income exceeds expenses for that month.

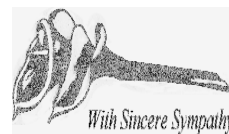
**NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -  
WEDNESDAY, June 8 at 7:00 PM.**



Please update your directory with these new addresses:

**Karen, John, and Jackson Elliott**  
1176 Muirwood Lane  
Batavia, OH 45103  
513-843-5010

**Carlton and Marilynn Guertler**  
4070 Independence Drive 3H  
Cincinnati, OH 45255



**We extend our deepest sympathy to:**

**Pearl Dyer on the death of her brother,  
Russ Pennington**

**Louid Keith on the death of his brother,  
Romer Keith**

We also learned of the death of Terry Struve and Larry Yerino, former members.

Pray for peace and comfort for these families.



Thank you, “My Church” for the Gideon Bibles given in my brother’s name, Russ Pennington. You are so very kind. We love you.  
Pearl Dyer

**Congratulations to Anna Michael, daughter of Trish and Ron Michael, who will be**



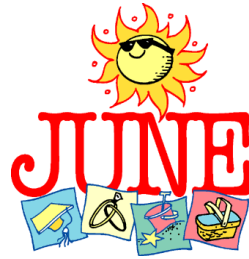
married on June 4, 2011 to Jay Herbert at Bellarmine Chapel on the campus of Xavier University. The newlyweds will make their

home in Cincinnati, much to the delight of Anna’s parents.



Recently Engaged

**Congratulations to Allison Klenk** on her recent engagement. Plans are being made for her wedding on March 24, 2012 in Cincinnati. The couple will live in Dayton after their marriage. The whole family is very excited about the upcoming wedding.



Wed., June 8, 7:00 PM — Business Meeting

Sat., June 11, 9:00 AM — Prayer Breakfast

June 13 through June 17 — 6:00—8:00 PM  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sun., June 19 — Father's Day

June 28 through July 1 — Lunch for World Changers

**Regular Weekly Activities:**

Sundays at 9:45 AM — Bible Study for all ages

Sundays at 11:00 AM — Worship Service

Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM — Bible Study

Wednesdays at Noon — Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM — Prayer Meeting



- 06/01 Carmon Davidson
- 06/01 Diana Schaefer
- 06/05 Shirley Upchurch
- 06/11 Chris Omedeo
- 06/15 Sophia Lamriben
- 06/16 Betty Glenn
- 06/22 Lisa Klenk
- 06/30 Robert Glenn



- 06/03 Carlton & Marilyn Guertler
- 06/26 David & Janice Smith
- 06/30 Mark & Holly Baugh



**GREETER**  
Pat Farmer

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**CHURCH CLOSER**  
Norm Klenk

EXTENDED SESSION	SOUND SYSTEM
06/05 Holly Baugh	06/05 Sarah Baugh
06/12 Sarah Baugh	06/12 David Moughton
06/19 Debbie Jackson	06/19 Sarah Baugh
06/26 Karen Elliott	06/26 David Moughton
Alternate: Mike Tierney	
Sunday Evening: Holly Baugh	
Substitute: Shirley Upchurch	