

Broadway GMC News

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New Philadelphia, Ohio
Pastor Harley Wheeler

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A Time of Fellowship and Fun: Join Us for a Ladies' Lite Tea Luncheon

Ladies, mark your calendars for a delightful occasion filled with fellowship, laughter, and delectable treats! On Saturday, May 11th, we cordially invite you to Spencer Hall at 11:30 AM for a special "Lite Tea Luncheon" that promises to be a memorable event.

The atmosphere will be brimming with joy as we gather to celebrate the bonds of sisterhood, family, and friendship. Whether you're a mom, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, or a cherished friend, this event is tailored just for you.

Embrace the spirit of elegance and charm by donning your favorite hat for our photo booth, where you can capture timeless memories with your loved ones. While wearing a hat is not mandatory, it adds a touch of glamour to the occasion. Plus, there's an exciting opportunity to win prizes for the Biggest Hat, the Smallest Hat, and the one adorned with the most creative decorations. So, unleash your creativity and showcase your unique style!

To ensure we have plenty of delicious fare to indulge in, we kindly request that you make reservations by May 5th. A sign-up sheet is conveniently located in the Narthex. Please indicate the number of attendees accompanying you so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

As you mingle and enjoy the delightful ambiance, there will be door prizes to add an extra element of excitement to the gathering. Who knows? You might just be one of our lucky winners!

So, gather your closest companions and prepare for an afternoon filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments. Whether you're catching up with old friends or making new connections, this event promises to be a highlight of your spring calendar.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow ladies and create beautiful memories together. We look forward to seeing you at the Ladies' Lite Tea Luncheon on May 11th. Let's make it a day to remember!

Broadway Divots

Hey there, golf fans! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just looking to tee off for some fun, Broadway Divots welcomes you with open arms – and clubs! This isn't just for our congregation; it's open to the whole community. So, grab a friend and join us for a swingin' good time of fellowship!



When: Every second and fourth Monday **Tee Time:** 1:00 PM **Where:** Big Bend Golf Course

Got questions or need more info? Reach out to Jim Whipkey at (330) 987-3781. Let's hit the greens together and make some memories. See you on the course!

May Mission of the Month: The Greater Dover-New Philadelphia Food Pantry

Food assistance is an essential ministry to our community. In addition to providing good food for those who were not sure they had money for their next meal, it is a key support for families under stress, who have had catastrophic events, or are at risk for any number of other difficulties.

The Greater Dover New Philadelphia Food Pantry distributes Thursday evening, 5-8, and Friday morning 9am-Noon. They turn no one away, always can use another volunteer, and is one of the best food pantries in the nation.

These are the highlights from the 2023 annual report from the food pantry:

Highest ever average number of households receiving food per week – 738, up from 561 in 2022.

In the latter half of 2023, the number was over 800 households per week.

There were 4352 different households served in 2023, 1/3 had children, 1/5 included seniors.

Average cost per week for food \$1528. Average pounds of food per household: 57.2

Average number of times a household visited the pantry in 2023 - 8.4 out of a possible 104 opportunities. ***(People come when they have a need)***

Donations in 2023 - \$158,271 (28% from churches, 45% Businesses, 27% Individuals)

Cash given to the food pantry goes along way. In 2023, they purchased 2,334,188 pounds of food from the Akron-Canton Foodbank, a retail value of \$2,747,490, for only \$78,757.

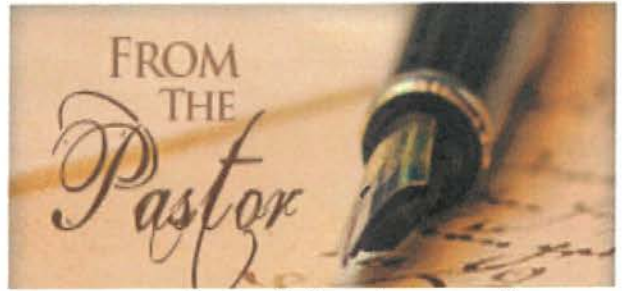
(as an example, they purchased 144,296 pounds of meat/fish poultry for \$22,153)

Designate gifts to either mission by writing **Pantry** on your tithing envelope or check .

“Peter’s Greeting”

Luke 5:8 “But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees saying, depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

John 21:7 “That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.”



Both of these scenes take place on Peter’s boat, and both come after Jesus has instructed them to cast their nets one more time, and the result was a massive catch of fish. The difference is that in Luke chapter 5, this is perhaps Peter’s first encounter with Christ. In John 21, we have the last recorded encounter between Peter and the Lord, taking place after the cross and the resurrection. Peter gives a very different response the second time!

We may well wonder at Peter warning the Lord against having himself near, saying he ‘is a sinful man.’ You would be surprised if you knocked on a neighbor’s door, and they opened it and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man!”

Peter has good reason to know his own sinfulness. He may have been slow to pay attention to the teacher, he argued with Jesus about trying for one more catch. He may have realized that he was more excited about a bonanza catch of fish than about having a true prophet on board his boat. He very well might have been convicted by the sermon Jesus preached. Whatever the reason, he feels unworthy to be in Jesus’ presence. He feels it necessary to warn the Lord away. What good could it do Jesus to be associated with the likes of Peter?

But the second time, Peter does not, when he recognizes Jesus on the shore, stand, wave his arms, and say, “Depart from me . . .” Peter now has a heart of love for Christ. He would still admit that he is a sinful person, but he knows the forgiving heart of Jesus. More than that, he cannot wait to be near Him. The boat will be too slow. He must swim ahead.

Jesus will send His Spirit to you so that your heart is more and more in love with him. You must see yourself in Peter’s place, longing to greet him first, excited to see His face.

Lastly, I want you to think of the resurrected body that God will give you, His beloved. Many of us do not run anymore, we could not swim quickly or far. But one day, even the wheelchair bound and the bedfast, will run to the arms of Christ. That picture gives me hope.

Blessings,

Pastor Harley

May Birthdays

May 3	Bob Allison Delorse Ours
May 5	Barry Shepherd
May 6	Bill Celce Michelle Stillion
May 8	Ramona Plumbo Andrea Ramage
May 10	Buni Maurer
May 11	Paul Kreiger Kurt Rowland
May 12	Janice Ulrich
May 13	Drake Chrisman
May 14	Julie Mamula
May 21	Mike Mossor
May 22	Darren Rowland
May 23	Linda Kreiger
May 25	Ed Fry Brooke Miller
May 26	Jackie Taggart David Watson
May 28	Alvin Das
May 29	Rose Barnish Cheryl Kornis
May 30	Jennifer George

Happy Anniversary!

May 5	Tim & Robbin Holman
May 13	Ralph & Joy Huff
May 17	Dennis & Nancy Doney Paul & Linda Krieger
May 25	Dan & Doris Mamula Bob & Sally Warner
May 26	Pastor Mick & Becky Foster

June Birthdays

June 1	Evan Miller
June 3	Clifford Shepherd
June 4	Lotus McCleery
June 5	Dale Fincher Sue Hochstetter
June 6	Chuck Demuth Kathy Gibson Joshua Larkin
June 9	Dave Schroeder
June 10	Lovejoy Das
June 11	Heather Bauders
June 15	Rod Jarvis Betty Limbacher
June 19	Glen Spencer
June 20	Jerry Bauders
June 24	John Hicks
June 25	Mark Laughlin Tim Roth
June 26	Judy Fincher



Happy Anniversary!

June 9	Jake & Jennifer Miller
June 12	Mike & Chris Rabes
June 14	Bill & June Celce
June 15	Wayne & Ruth Burky Tim & Rita Roth
June 17	Dave & Diane Bell
June 22	Pastor Harley & Cindy Wheeler
June 23	Don & Kathy Gibson
June 26	Bob & Patty Hile Dennis & Mary Sears
June 29	Ed & Melissa Fry
June 30	Clifford & Patsy Shepherd

Nursing Home

Northwood Village

5799 North Wooster Ave. Dover 44622

Sheryl Thompson—510

Betty Limbacher

Betty Sellers (Marlene Miller's mom)- 503

Park Village Southside

1019 Oldtown Valley Rd. SE New Phila. 44663

Lois Jarvis—11H

Nancy Ebersbach—11F

Phyllis Beans (Lona Roll's mom) - 21H

Dan & Hazel Trushell —12A

(formerly went to Bowerston Methodist Church)

Margaret Craft—11C

(went to Uhrichsville Moravian Church/She was the choir director)

Park Village

1511 North Crater Ave. Dover 44622

Don Storar (Sally Storar's father-in-law)

Room 1511 Apt. A

Carol Allison (Bob Allison's mom)

Bolivar Horizons

10071 State Rt. 212, Bolivar 44612

Jennifer George

Country Club Nursing Center

362 E. Iron Avenue Dover 44622

Leah Gartrell—326

(Kathy Gibson's cousin)



Homebound Friends:

Dick Housel

1729 Oldtown Va. Rd, SE New Phila.

Clifford Shepherd

719 Third Street, SE New Phila.

Maxine Reichman

216 Creekside SE New Phila.

Joyce Greco

1291 Hilltop Road, NW New Phila.

Donna Deedrick

144 North Avenue, NW New Phila.

Kris Bragg

2189 Possum Hollow Rd. SE New Phila.

Ginger Whitmore

3301 Cobble Stone Drive

Washington, PA 15301

Bill & Sandy Fait

205 High Street, Dover

Paul & Sandy Bevan

1123 Goshen Avenue SE New Phila.

Memorial Day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was initially meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones—especially those who fell in battle while helping present America's liberties.

Let us take time to make a pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for the sacrifices made, and for the friendships we have shared."



ARE YOU GRADUATING?

Are you graduating from high school or college this year? We want to honor you. Please contact Tammy in the church office at (330) 339-1082.

Impact Youth Schedule May/June 2024

- May 4 - First Saturday Fusion at Roxford from 6:00-8:30 PM. Leave Broadway at 5:30 PM**
- May 5 - Youth at Broadway from 6-8 PM**
- May 7 - Discipleship at Broadway from 6:30—7:30 PM**
- May 10-11 Youth Garage Sale *All hands on deck” Details TBA**
- May 12—Mother’s Day! Enjoy being with your mom! No Youth this Sunday!**
- May 18—Reach 1 at Malone! Van leaves at 4:30 PM from Broadway. For those who were at Alive, you remember Reach 1.**
- May 19 - No Youth due to Reach 1 event prior night.**
- May 21 – Discipleship at Broadway from 6:30-7:30 PM**
- May 26 - Youth at Hawthorne-Springs Farm from 6:00—8:00 PM. Details TBA**
- June 1 - First Saturday Fusion at Roxford from 6:00–8:30 PM. Van leaves at 5:30 and returns at 9:00 PM.**
- June 4 - Discipleship at Broadway from 6:30–7:30 PM**
- June 9 - Youth at Roxford from 6:00–8:00 PM**
- June 16 - Father’s Day! Enjoy being with dad! No Youth this Sunday!**
- June 18 - Discipleship at Broadway from 6:30–7:30 PM**
- June 23— Youth at Broadway from 6:00-8:00 PM**
- June 30—Youth at Roxford from 6:00—8:00 PM**

As we enter into Summer, there will be a lot to look forward to! Gather your friends, bring them to youth and make this a summer to remember! Be sure to check out the most current updates on Remind. We are looking for additional adults (Ages 25+) to help with youth events, so if you know someone who would be a good fit, please reach out.

Youth Ministry Director: Shelly Hawthorne 330-432-7520

Journey Through Grief Group

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, we invite you to join us on the Journey through Grief support group. Together, we can share the loneliness of our grief and find solace in scriptural wisdom as we explore the spiritual dimensions of our loss. Our aim is to offer encouragement for a life filled with renewed hope and joy.



Additionally, the group will provide specific coping strategies to guide us back to a sense of wholeness.

Meeting Details: When: Fridays at 10:00 AM **Where:** Spencer Hall

We are excited to announce that Journey Through Grief is expanding to provide another opportunity for support.

Our new session will **begin on Thursday, May 9th, at 6:30 PM in Spencer Hall. Subsequent meetings will also be held on Thursdays at the same time.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or someone you know could benefit from this supportive environment. For more information or to sign up, contact Marlene Miller at 330-260-6816 or Tammy in the Church office.

Sign-ups for the new group on Thursdays are available in the Narthex today! Let's walk this journey together towards healing and hope.

Mom's are Special! Mother's Day 2024

We will welcome all mothers and grandmothers with an extra abundance of love on Mother's Day! We pray that your special day will be full of joy and that God would give you strength and wisdom EVERY day for the important role that He has given you.



ALL LADIES (*whether or not you are a mother*) are invited to pick up a special gift in the Narthex on Mother's Day as our gift to you. We hope this small token of appreciation brings a smile to your face and reminds you of how cherished you are.

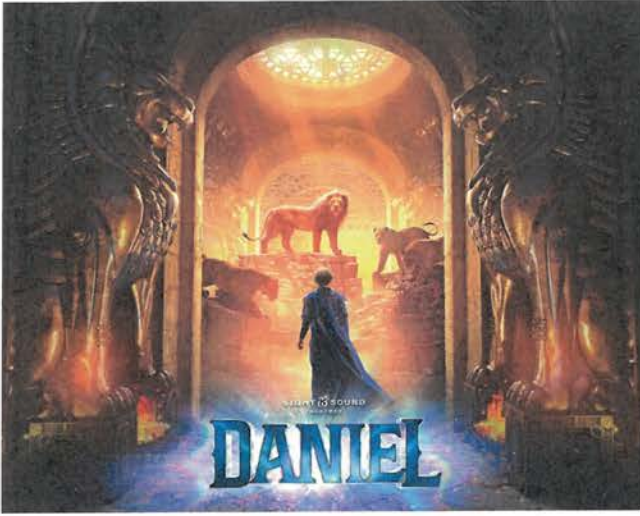
Thank you for all you do, and may you feel loved and honored not only on Mother's Day but every day.



Tribute to Fathers-Father's Day 2023

To show our appreciation, **ALL MEN**, whether or not you are a father, are invited to pick up a special gift in the Narthex on Father's Day. This gift is a small token of our appreciation for your contributions and the impact you have on those around you.

We hope this gift serves as a reminder of the respect and admiration we hold for each of you. Thank you for your leadership, your love, and your unwavering commitment to your families and communities. May your Father's Day be filled with joy and blessings.



Daniel at Sight and Sound

Join Kathy and Don Gibson as we travel to Lancaster, PA to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater on September 9th and 10th. The story of Daniel, straight from the Bible, is full of adventure, incredible music, amazing sets and costumes, professional actors and live animals! This is a play you don't want to miss! In addition to the play, the trip will include a stop at Lititz, a cute little town with lots of shops, including the Wilbur Chocolate Company and Sturgis Pretzels. We stay

at the beautiful Fulton Steamboat Inn, where we'll have a delicious family-style breakfast. We'll also have a backroads tour of the Lancaster farmlands and the second-largest Amish community, where we'll learn more about their way of life and how they compare to our Amish community. Flyers are at the church's main door, or ask Kathy for details. The price is \$489 per person in a double room, including tickets to the play, breakfast, lunch, backroads tour, and motor coach transportation.

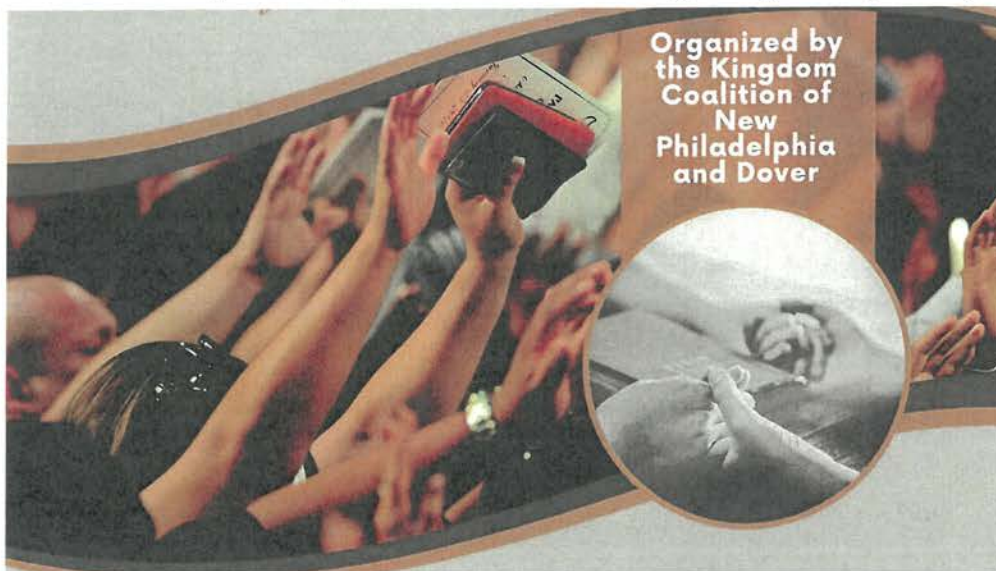
Choir Notes

The Wesleyan Choir will close its season of singing for the Lord at the 8:30 worship services on June 2nd. But before we go, we'll honor our veterans and those who died for our country with the musical "Freedom's Dream" on May 26th at the 8:30 service. This is a 15-minute musical that includes patriotic songs that will have your toes tapping, and then we'll hear an inspiring message from Pastor Harley. We also have special songs chosen for Mother's Day and Pentecost. We appreciate your wonderful support for the choir and the kind and encouraging words you share weekly! We'll have special music throughout the summer, so if you have any suggestions for people you want to hear, let Kathy know.

New Card Display

Check out the new greeting card display in the airlock by the Church Ave door! If you need a greeting card for a special occasion or just to say "I'm thinking about you", look no further! Many of these cards are recycled and refurbished from used cards, but some are originals made by Kathy Gibson. New cards will be arriving very soon, and there are rarely two cards alike, so look at them all. A money collection box is beside the cards, and your donation goes to the Broadway Mission Workers. The funds are used to purchase thoughtful items and cards for our shut-ins each month. A huge thank you to Charlene Rankin and Verle Deible for creating this new card display.

National Day of Prayer *A Community Night of Prayer & Worship*



Lifeway Church
742 Cookson Ave NP
May 2nd, 2024
6:30 PM

“that they may all be one... so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21)

Revival Services – Mount Pleasant GMC, Carrollton

Mount Pleasant Global Methodist Church and Pastor Rick Dawson will host Dr. Bill Ury, evangelist for Revival Services, from Sunday, May 5th to Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM. Mount Pleasant Church is located at 89 Canyon Rd. SW, Carrollton, Ohio.

You are very much encouraged to hear from Dr. Ury and be in a place of blessing at these services.

Pastor’s Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & Wednesdays at 6 PM

Pastor Harley has begun a new study on *Old Testament Characters*. We live in a world that is desperate for heroes. Supermacho film and TV stars, professional athletes, rock stars, and “the rich and famous” are held up to us as role models. Yet deep within the pages of the Old Testament, we meet real, flesh-and-blood people like us, with both weaknesses and strengths, who provide us with genuine models we can imitate. Their example helps us live in the present by learning from people of the past.

OLD TESTAMENT HEROES



Noah



Jonah



Job



Moses



Joshua



Deborah



Esther



David



Abraham



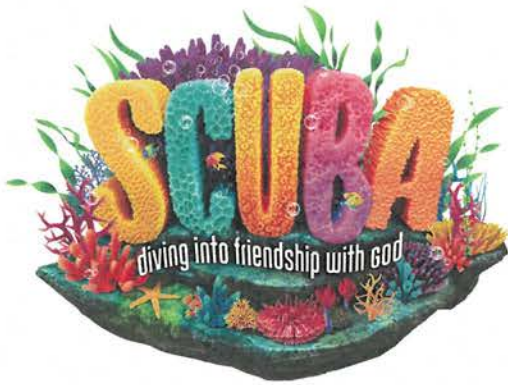
Joseph



Daniel



Elijah



Broadway Church Invites Children to SCUBA VBS: Diving into Friendship with God

A summer kids' event called Scuba VBS will be at Broadway Church from **Sunday, July 14th**, to **Thursday, July 18th**. At SCUBA VBS, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible

adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out sciency-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at **8:00 PM in the Sanctuary**.

Scuba VBS is for kids from 3 years old to 5th Grade and will run daily from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups and donation boards to pop up in May!

PHOTOBOOTHS for Mother's Day & Father's Day

Capture Your Memories: Stop by the Narthex on Mother's Day and Father's Day to take photos against our special backdrops. Whether you're a mother, a father, or simply celebrating with family and friends, we encourage you to commemorate the day with a beautiful snapshot.

Share Your Moments: After taking your photo, be sure to share it on **Facebook and tag Broadway Global Methodist Church!** We love seeing our church community come together to celebrate these meaningful occasions, and your photos help us capture the spirit of joy and togetherness.

Let's create lasting memories and spread love and appreciation for mothers and fathers everywhere. We look forward to seeing your photos!



Your Witness: Your Opportunity” - by Don Gibson

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Romans 8:1.

Imagine the benefits of exploring other Scriptures to develop the full meaning of walking after the Spirit—through group discussion. What questions might surface? How does this verse compare with Ephesians 2:10, “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*” Experience the lesson worksheets, book or video for the lesson points. What margin note does your Bible have that mine doesn’t? How does one class member’s comment add a different dimension to your question or comment? That interchange is the group discussion Sunday School offers. That’s how we learn and grow together in Broadway’s adult Sunday School classes.

Are there other benefits? Absolutely. We get to know each other. We befriend each other and strengthen our friendships. We value each other. Now and then we extend the lesson discussion with another as we leave the class. Or it comes up in the Tuesday morning men’s group two days later. What else? **On many Sundays a class member says, “That connects with Pastor Harley’s sermon this morning.”** If you’re in a class, you get it. If you’re not, **this is an invitation to come learn and grow in Christ—together.** And most of all, we fulfill Galatians 3:28 “...for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” By the way, on that Scripture, what is the difference between saying “Jesus Christ” and “Christ Jesus”? We look at that, too.

There’s more. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray for each others’ prayer items. What praise does someone have to share? Who’s hurting? Who is facing surgery? Who’s niece is facing life trauma? Group prayer in class is different from other prayer. It draws us to God as one. It draws out God’s grace in us, as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 9:14.

So, part of church life is associating with friends and fellow-Bible students in worship, fellowship and learning opportunities. Broadway offers that. Sunday School is special. Currently, Broadway offers two adult Sunday School classes. (1) **The Friendship/Golden Rule class** meets in Spencer Hall. Rotating teachers are Pastor Harley, Lotus McCleery, Cecily Fincher, and Cindy McComb. (2) **The Pairs & Spares class** meets upstairs above Spencer Hall, with teacher Don Gibson and sub-teachers Dale Fincher and John Maurer. **Thanks for making Sunday School what it is.** If you’ve yet to try it, pray God leads you to come witness it—better yet, to join us. The saying, “You’ve gotta be there to get it” counts.

This column repeats monthly. Got a witnessing question or testimony to share? Call me at 330-260-7837 or email dgibson@linkpointplanning.com, or contact Tammy in the office. Thank you! – Don



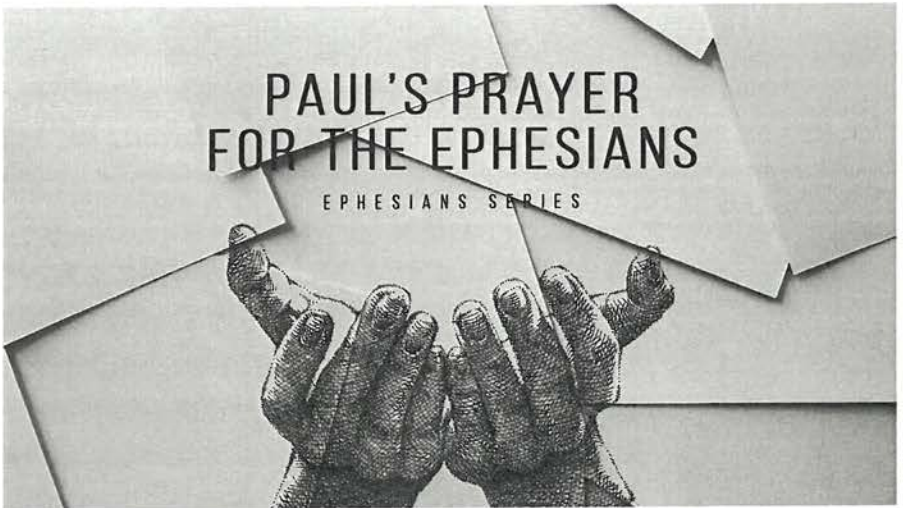
May & June SERMONS

- May 5** "Canceled, Cast Away and Nailed" Colossians 2:13-14 Communion
- May 12** "Family Revolution" Exodus 12:21-28 Mother's Day
- May 19** Kenya Speaker Rev. Bonface Ghero Wanyama Pentecost Sunday

Sermon Series: Paul's Prayer

Imagine St. Paul got on his knees and prayed for you and your church. What would he pray for?

In this three-part series we will look at *Ephesians 3:14-19* where Paul said what he prayed for the Ephesians to receive. May our prayers begin to ask for more Jesus, more knowledge of Him, more strength, and a closer intimacy with God.



- May 26 Paul's Prayer—Part 1** "Wishing for Dynamite" Ephesians 3:14-16
- June 2 Paul's Prayer—Part 2** "In The Deep End" Ephesians 3:17-18 Communion
- June 9 Paul's Prayer—Part 3** "Love Beyond Knowing" Ephesians 3:19
- June 16** "My Place in the Kingdom" 2 Samuel 19:31-40
- June 23** "Message Received" 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- June 30** "Love With A Purpose" 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

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