

## Thoughts for Our Journey: Taking Advice

*Proverbs 15:22 says, "Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed."*

Beloved, the ability to accept and act on good advice is fundamental to success in business, raising a family and serving in a church community. As King Solomon says, "*Plans fail for the lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.*" So, who should we turn to for advice? How do we distinguish the good and the bad? I found these suggestions, some of which come from the oldest treasure of human wisdom, which can be found in the sacred scriptures.

**Seek advice from those who know.** Leonardo da Vinci said, "Ask counsel of him who governs himself well." I have friends whose financial advice I will gladly receive, but whose parenting advice I would avoid. It depends on what they know, what they have demonstrated in their personal lives. Do we want to learn to endure adversity? Don't ask someone who's had an easy life. Ask the person who has weathered the storms in their life.

**Seek advice from those who care.** I used to play the game *Risk* when I was a teenager. During the time it took learning how to play the game, my friend David suggested I take a certain country occupied by our friend, Ralph. I attacked, but succeeded only in weakening my position and Ralph's position. On his next turn, David wiped out both Ralph and me. When I complained about David's bad advice, David smiled and said, "In the game of *Risk*, all advice given is diplomatic." One wise counselor has said, "It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his counselor." This is why a salesman's advice involves purchasing his product. Make sure you listen to those who have your best interest at heart, not theirs.

**Be willing to hear what you don't want to hear.** In a like manner, we must be willing to do what we don't want to do. The temptation is to seek advice from those who will say what we want them to say. Beloved, good advice will challenge the way we rethink our approach and fine tune our strategy. King Solomon also said the following, "*The way of a fool seems to right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.*" (*Proverbs 12:15*)

Getting advice is not about allowing others to make decisions for us. Ultimately, it's up to each of us individually. We are the ones who must live out the consequences – all the more reason to make sure, going in, that we've heard from the best and are committed to following their example.

**Blessings for the Journey,  
Rev. Chuck**

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ANNUAL ALL CHURCH FAMILY "potluck" PICNIC

SUNDAY, August 14th 12:00 (Noon)

Bring a covered dish/dessert to share. Hamburgers & hot dogs, drinks, and table service will be provided. Bring your favorite lawn chair, sit back and relax under the trees or join in some games. (If it rains, we will go inside.)

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DATE— AUGUST, 2011

Minister: Rev. Charles Butcher

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Secretary: Londa Blaine

Pianist: Kim Speiran

Music Director: Lanson Wells

Pathways Counseling and Growth Center: Dr. Ralph Thompson

### **Mission Trip to Nashville, TN.....13 youth and adults headed to Nashville on**

*July 23rd. After a short stop at Hocking Peaks Adventure Park for a "Canopy Tour", they headed to Paris, KY for an overnight stay. After worshipping with First Christian Church of Paris, their next stop was Cain Ridge Meeting House for a tour of the place Barton Stone called home. Once in Nashville, the group worked on building a home for a family who lost their home in the 2010 floods. GREAT PICTURES are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. THANK YOU to Carol Busche for printing and displaying the pictures for us.*

*The MISSION GROUP was made up of: From NECC —Carol, Paige & Tyler Bokman, Carol and Micah Butcher, Samantha Galvin, JJ Haumschild, Polly Tallos, and Kevin Wilson; Friends of NECC—Katie Mock, Matt Sipos and Debbie and Romeo Walker*

*THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our fundraising and pleas for funds! We were able to pay the registration fees for all the NECC Mission participants as well as rent a minivan and buy dinner for the group on Wednesday evening.*

### **Camp Christian ...Our youth and adults had the opportunity to be a part of the Camp**

Christian experience this summer. Erik Tallos, Dean Galvin and Carol Butcher were at OTTER JR CAMP in June. Shaun McBennett, Kevin Wilson, Karen Konko and Rev. Chuck were a part of HIRAM CONFERENCE. Paige Bokman, Samantha Galvin, Taylor Salas, Sean Smith, Taylor Teper, and Polly Tallos attended PORTAHOGA CHI RHO CAMP. Julie Haumschild is a STAFFER and is there all summer. Each camp had its own personality with Bible study, recreation and fellowship times. Ask them what they liked best about their week.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS CAMP CHRISTIAN AND OUR YOUTH!**

### **Serving in AUGUST 2011**

**8:00** Brian and Shari Insley

**9:30** Melissa Folk (TL), Brad & Heather Stevanus, George & Diana Butcher, Jerry Mullins, Mark Carpenter, Mike Mott, Polly Tallos,

Jackie Haumschild, Chrissy Baughman

**ELDERS** — Ralph Thompson, Linda Rodak

**YOU are responsible for finding a replacement if you cannot serve.**



### **August—Birthdays & Anniversaries**

2 Ralph & Terri Wearstler

4 Sarah Browne

5 Jim Galvin

5 Kim Klein

Nicole Teper

6 Tim Tripphahn

Laura & Dave Carpenter

Mel & Marie Ternes

Linda Rodak

Mel Ternes

Marlene Black

Zoe Knorr

13 Cathy Dusky & Don Dusky

Jessica Castro

Bob Bricker

Robin & Bob Bricker

14 Paul & Michaelene Durbin

15 Stacy & Nick Zawoycki

17 Marge Borchert

Nathan Klein

Sarah Mullins

20 Ralph Wearstler

22 Taylor Teper

Cameron Castro

Claire & Bob Kauf

23 Brad & Heather Stevanus

25 Dave Carpenter

Lauren Martin

27 Ronda Susak

Ray Konko

29 Janice Brunger

30 Bob Kauf

Diana & Tim Tyler

31 Londa Blaine

Barb & Tom Mott

### **September**

1 Don Nash

Doug Busche

Fran Houston

3 Carol Swartz

4 Sherry Stone

5 Jo Walsh

Grace Hayward

Stephanie & Rob Szuch

6 Eddie & Trina Karban

Alicia Petersen

7 Sharon Mullins

Jeff & Janice Brunger



## Radiant Purity Young Ladies Conference August 19-20 (Willoughby Hills)

This conference is for young ladies ages 12-22. Sessions include, "Waiting For God's Very Best," "How to Avoid the Dangers of the World's Thinking," and, "What the Lord Says About Modesty." There are also sessions for PARENTS (who are encouraged to attend), so we're making it a great mother-daughter experience. Christian Ed. is booking a block of rooms at a local hotel for all who attend and want to stay overnight. PLEASE SEE MELISSA FOLK for more information and the cost of the conference and the overnight stay or visit

[www.brightlights.info](http://www.brightlights.info)

## "Disciples of Christ" WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

September 9-11 @ Camp Christian

Registration Deadline is AUGUST 26

Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Contact LAURA KUHN. We already have a few who plan to attend; why not join us?

The different workshops offered for the weekend are listed on the back of the registration form. Take a look and see what is speaking to you.

## We're getting out of the VAN business ...

The Trustees have decided it is time to get rid of the church van. Over the years, it served a great purpose but times have changed and it is not an asset to us anymore. It is so big, no one wants to drive it and parking can be a problem. With the mini van and other passenger vehicles, people prefer to ride together. At this point, the van is requiring some minor upgrades so it will be sold AS IS. If you are interested in making a "sealed" bid for the van, please leave it in the office on the secretary's desk or give it to a Church Trustee (Vern Black, Floyd Chapman, Jerry Mullins, Mike Krasnevich, Glen Thompson or Royce Klein).



## NECC AT 'POINTFEST 2011'

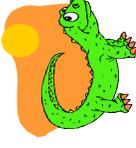
On Saturday, September 17, family and friends of North Eaton Christian Church are invited to attend the 2011 PointFest Concert at Cedar Point amusement park. This is a Christian music event that is appropriate for the whole family.

For more information, visit: [www.pointfestival.com/tickets.php](http://www.pointfestival.com/tickets.php). We are asking that you purchase tickets individually. If enough people show interest, we can arrange to use the church van or car pool. If you have other questions, contact Carol Bokman at [bokmans@att.net](mailto:bokmans@att.net) or Polly Tallos.

## NECC BIKING ON THE TOWPATH

On Sunday, September 25, family and friends of the North Eaton Christian Church are invited to go for bicycle ride on the Towpath Trail. We will start the bicycle ride at the Canal Visitor Center at about 2:30pm (it is about 12 miles from here) or from the Brecksville Station (about 8 miles) and pedal our way to the Winking Lizard restaurant in Peninsula. We will eat dinner together at 4:00 and then ride back to our cars.

Unfortunately the train tracks are being serviced at this time so that is not an option, however, you can drive to the Winking Lizard to meet us for dinner. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can arrange the proper seating at the restaurant. If you have any questions, contact Carol Bokman at [bokmans@att.net](mailto:bokmans@att.net) or 440-891-1819.



**Thank You ....** "I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the DVD and card collection for the military. They will be enjoyed by everyone traveling with me as well as those to follow and others stationed at the same base with us. Thank you to LAURA KUHN for the treats and to KAREN KLINECT for the Bible. See you in a few months." Dennis Folk

The family of Pauline Rider would like to express our appreciation to all of our church family at NECC. Oh my, we can't say THANK YOU enough for your prayers, the wonderful cards, the fantastic Celebration of Life Service, Eve Circle hosting the meal, and all the delicious food provided by the ladies of the church and the Grafton VFW. What an outpouring of love!

Jan Brooks & family and Jim & Colleen Rider and family