

Thoughts for Our Journey: September, 2012

Learning Math and Etc.

I will be the first one to admit that, when it comes to math, I'm not the sharpest tool in the shed. That means I have to apply myself a bit harder and pay closer attention to my math skills. There are some tricks and tools to remember how to multiply but the bottom line is that we've just got to use it repeatedly to learn it. That means we must practice again, again and again in order to learn. Repetition, in various methods, is fundamental to learning.

The Bible teaches the same principle of learning. Isaiah prophesied about the coming kingdom and the teaching of the king in Isaiah 28:9-10. He wrote, *"To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."* Teaching is done a little at a time, with a lot of repetition involved. There is a story of a gospel preacher of a bygone era who was hired to do the preaching for a small country church. The first Sunday he was there, he got up and preached a fine sermon and one that everyone agreed they all needed to hear. So it was with some surprise that the next Sunday morning, he preached the exact same sermon again. Most thought, "Oh well, it never hurts to get a double dose." When the next Sunday rolled around, the same sermon was presented. So a group of people got together and asked him if he was just going to preach the same lesson over and over. To which he replied, "Well, when we get this one down, then we'll move on!"

Beloved, we sometimes tend to get frustrated because, "we hear the same lessons, sermons and verses over and over again." Sometimes pastors get frustrated with hearing the same questions, comments and complaints over and over again. I'm sure the elders get frustrated dealing with some of the same problems repeatedly. We need to remember, though, that teaching is an ongoing process and that it takes time for individuals to learn. It's like those 3rd graders in school—you've got to go over it again and again. Peter's words come to mind here: "Therefore, I intend to always remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things." (2 Peter 1:12-15).

May God bless the Bible class teacher, the elder and all faithful pastors who patiently and lovingly teach the word of God "precept upon precept, precept upon line, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

Blessings for the Journey,

Pastor Chuck

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New adult study begins on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Chuck will be leading a study based on the book, "Heaven Is For Real" by Todd Burpo. The class will gather in the Sunday school room off the fellowship hall. According to the book's description, "A young boy emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to heaven." Told by the father, but often in Colton's own words, the disarmingly simple message is, heaven is a real place. Jesus really loves children, and be ready, there is a coming last battle.

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Director, Pathways Counseling & Growth Center: Dr. Ralph Thompson

SEPT. Birthdays & Anniversaries.....

- 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
- 8 Mary Scott
- 9 Bill Chapman, Dick & Londa Blaine
- 10 Don & Ruth Nash
- 11 Royce & Leslie Klein
- 12 Patty Meldrum
- Lauren & Bob Taylor
- 14 Allison Mott, Amanda Mott,
- Josh Blaine
- 15 Brooklyn Daniels, Debra Blackburn
- Kim Blaine
- 17 Bob Browne
- 19 Polly Tallos, Barb Colvin
- Paul & Jennifer Hayward
- Vern & Marlene Black
- Madeline Hammond
- 20 J. J. Haumschild
- 22 Jerry Mullins, Samantha Hensley
- 23 Roger & Lisa Woodby
- Grace Bowen
- 24 Brandon Baughman
- 26 Claire Kauf, Dennis Folk
- 27 Mark & Patty Meldrum
- 28 Dean Galvin, Taylor Baughman
- Randy & Laura Kuhn
- 29 Cindy Hicks

Serving at the Lord's Table in SEPTEMBER

- 8:00** Ed Carter, Randy Kuhn
- 9:30** Floyd Chapman, Bill Chapman.
Royce Klein, Mary Bengough,
David Carpenter,
Paula & Mike Krasnevich,
Jim & Robin Galvin, Amy Stafford,
ELDERS—Jeff Hensley, Glenn Swartz



Kid's Resale at NECC

EVE CIRCLE is again sponsoring a "Kid's Resale" on Saturday, Sept. 8th, from 9:00-2:00. The church kitchen will be open for purchase of snacks and lunch. A great place to come and purchase gently worn clothes for your kids.

Admission is only \$1.00.



Adults Dining Out ... Sept. 12
Join us on Wednesday evening at Bull Frogs in North Ridgeville at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Questions? Contact the church office, 748-2230. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

Report from Council ...Our thanks to Pat Ables for organizing the lunch we had before the meeting in August. Our thanks to all who stayed for lunch and the Council meeting. The new business was nominations for leadership positions. They are as follows: **Clerk**-Paula Krasnevich; **Deacons/Jr.**

Deacons-Ed Carter, Amy Stafford, Tyler Bokman, Brad Stevanus, Floyd Chapman, Mary Bengough, Pat Ables, Paula Krasnevich, Mike Krasnevich, Dave Carpenter, Paige Bokman; **Sunday School Superintendent**-Melissa Folk; **Sunday School Secretary**-Cindy Hicks; **Treasurer**-Mary Scott; **Financial Secretary**- Ronda Susak; **Elder**-Jeff Hensley.

The congregational meeting to vote on the slate of officers will take place on Sunday, **September 16 at 8:45 a.m.**

Our next **COUNCIL MEETING** is Sunday, October 7 at 12 noon. The date was changed to accommodate NECC's 170th Anniversary celebration on October 14.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Folk

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC. Chapter #26

We will be having a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, September 22 at the AMERICAN LEGION Post #421, 22001 Brookpark Rd. Fairview Park, Ohio. If you have any items to donate to the sale, please call **SALLY BOTSON, 440-458-4237**. Items can be picked up at your home; receipts for tax purposes are available.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS AT THE CHURCH.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS is a non-profit 501-C national organization and is comprised of military mothers whose sole purpose is to support our military and veterans. All proceeds are used to send packages every other month to our deployed military as well as supporting Wounded Warriors, Wags for Warriors and our Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio.

ONGOING Mission projects: We appreciate your continued support of these important projects.

Operation Christmas Child — September, small stuffed animals

Salvation Army—September, Shampoo

Blue Star Mothers—list of items on table in Narthex (or see Sally Botson)

Cans for Cody — Drink cans ONLY (tied bags please) bin in parking lot

Cornerstone—Pocket change and Blessing Baby Bottles (fellowship hall)

Cleveland Christian Home — Campbell labels for education (tin in kitchen)

Cancelled Stamp Project — (for veterans & Habitat) Shoebox in Narthex

Recycled paper — Bin in parking lot

Food Pantry — Nonperishable food items, paper products, toiletries

If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, please call the CHURCH OFFICE, 440-748-2230 (M-F, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.).

NECC BIKING ON THE TOWPATH

On Sunday, September 23, family and friends of North Eaton Christian Church are invited to go for a 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. If you would like to ride the train back to the starting station, you can do so for \$2.00 per person (if you have a bicycle). You can also 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 you can contact me at bokmans@att.net or by calling 440-891-1819.

- Carol Bokman



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS—Our Sunday School classes resume on September 9. We will have a preschool-5th grade group meeting together in rm. #1 (green room) and the Jr./Sr. High School will meet together in the CYF room. **We now have enough young children at the 8:00 service to have a JR WORSHIP time. Praise God!**

News Among the Pews

Baptism: Alex Carpenter made his confession of faith earlier in the year and was baptized on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, at the 9:30 service by Rec. Chuck.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of: Larry & Eileen Weber on the death of Larry's sister, Marie Kocsis. She was 92 yrs. old.

Sandy Nowak on the death of her brother, Larry Huber. Rev. Chuck officiated at the memorial service.

Mike & Denise Mott on the death of Denise's mother, Anna Palczer.

Recuperating ... Floyd Chapman, Holly Hill, Don Binnie, Chris Smith, Sherry Wilson, Sandy Hales, Marge Borchert, Genene Slusher

Congratulations to: Holly Hill on receiving a scholarship from the "Lorain County Labor Agency" that will cover the cost of her books for the coming year.

Heather & Stu Hicks IV on the birth of their son, **Joshua David Hicks**, on August 25th, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. The proud grandparents are Stu and Bonnie Hicks.

Thank You To: Bob Lynch for designing the T-Shirt for our 50th year at the Lorain County Fair. Over 50 people were wearing the "green t's" while working in the booth!!

"I want to thank all my church family for their calls, cards, best wishes and prayers while I have been recuperating from nose surgery. It's taking longer than I expected but I hope to be better soon.

Love, **Chris Smith**

"My thanks to Rev. Chuck for his many visits to the hospital and my home this past year, as I have been in and out many times. Your prayers and giving me communion were welcomed and a blessing. For those of you who have sent me cards, I am grateful and thank you for keeping in touch and keeping me in your prayers. My thanks to Londa for the weekly bulletins with the little post-it notes of encouragement and beautiful stickers that make me smile. I am truly blessed."

Marge Borchert

Our thanks to everyone who submitted recipes for our new church cookbook. We have 350 recipes in the book. It has been sent to the printer and we hope to have it back and ready to sell at the Bazaar. These will make great birthday, wedding, and Christmas gifts.

Laura Kuhn

We need your help.....Got pictures???

We are on a hunt for old pictures of the NECC Food Booth at the Lorain County Fair. Do you have, or know of someone who has, pictures of the food booth from the 60's, 70's, 80's ? We have lots of them from the past ten years but would enjoy seeing what pictures others have taken.

If you do have pictures, are you willing to loan them to us to be scanned? We will make sure you get them back in a timely manner. **LEAVE THEM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM.**

CAROL BUSCHE is in charge of this project so if you have any questions, contact her at cjbrecess@yahoo.com or call 440-323-6981.



“170th” Anniversary of NECC– October 14, 2012

This year is a very special year in the life, ministry and service of our church here at North Eaton Christian Church. This year we are celebrating two milestones as a church community. We just worked and served at the Lorain County Fair for our 50th year.

On October 14th, we will celebrate a second anniversary together, which is our church's 170th Anniversary in Lorain County. This is an incredible milestone in the history of our beloved congregation. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for worship (8 or 9:30 a.m.) and lunch (12 noon).

Our special guest speaker on this day will be the Reverend Dr. Houston Bowers. Rev. Bowers has served churches in the Disciples of Christ denomination faithfully since his ordination in 1960. His last settled church ministry was at Euclid Avenue Christian Church. Rev. Bowers was installed with that congregation in 1977 and retired from there in 2005. He and his wife Mary have four children and four grandchildren. The Bowers reside in Hiram, Ohio.

HISTORY ... “The congregation of Disciples at Eaton, having given themselves unto the Lord met on the 15th day of October, 1842, was called to order by Brother Miran Streater, and were organized by the appointment of a Bishop and a Deacon.” Thus reads the original record of the first organized meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Eaton..... *“from that day the church has never ceased its meetings.”*

In 1845 the first building project materialized and was erected. Undoubtedly the work was largely done by the men of the church. This first building was apparently little more than a log cabin, for it soon proved inadequate, and in 1862 it was decided to erect a second building. The cost of materials and labor was to have been \$1,600.00. In 1907 the congregation had grown so much that enlargement deemed necessary. Remodeling was completed in 1907. However, tragedy struck the newly remodeled structure before the debt had been completely paid. On February 24, 1909 the building burned to the ground. Hardly had the ashes cooled before the officials met and began to plan for a new building. *Many a congregation would have suffered discouragement and perhaps been ready to admit defeat and call for outside help. Not so with the Disciples of Eaton!* By April, plans had been approved and bids submitted. Work progressed rapidly and the new building was dedicated on June 27, 1909.

The congregation has ever been aware of the needs of the community in which it has served. When children began to be numerous in the community, their spiritual welfare was considered and a Sunday School organized on May 17, 1863.

From 1860-1942, the house that stands at the intersection of Rt. 82 & Rt. 83 served as a parsonage for the Eaton Church of Christ. It was never a satisfactory dwelling and for years the leaders dreamed of a new home for the ministry of the church. A gift of \$25.00 started to make the dream a reality. A congregational meeting was called in April, 1941. The project of building a new parsonage was approved unanimously!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

.....Our Choir has been off for the summer but is rested and ready to start back bringing beautiful music to our Sunday worship services. We meet each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. We are always pleased to add new people to our choir. You need only to LOVE TO SING. There are no tryouts or other requirements. We always have an open seat. If you have any questions, contact our Music Director, Miki Saito, or just come to a rehearsal and see what we are all about.