

A Moment with the Pastor

Pastor and Theologian Francis Schaeffer once wrote, “Though we are limited and weak in talent, physical energy, and psychological strength, we are not less than a stick of wood. But as the rod of Moses had to become the rod of God, so that which is me must become the me of God. Then I can become useful in God’s hands. The Scripture emphasizes that much can come from little if the little is truly consecrated to God. There are no little people and no big people in the true spiritual sense, but only consecrated and unconsecrated people. The problem for each of us is applying the truth to ourselves . . . Those who think of themselves as little people in little places, if committed to Christ and living under His Lordship in the whole of life, may, by God’s grace, change the flow of our generation.”

(Article by Steven Lee, desiringgod.com)

“I didn’t attend an Ivy League school. I was not a cum laude graduate, I’m not a founder, innovator, CEO, or visionary of any company, I sit on no boards. I am the trustee of nothing more than my personal belongings, I have received no honorary doctorates, I have not been named most influential, listed as most attractive, or voted most likely to succeed. I am not a rising star in any field, industry, or arena. I have not written a New York Times Bestseller, and no one has publicly endorsed, recommended, or vouched for me. I don’t have any letters after my name. I can’t charge an exorbitant hourly fee for my time. I don’t speak on any circuits, have given no TED talks, and have been the keynote speaker less than once. No buildings, streets, or hospitals have been named in honor of me. I have an unimpressive family background and do not come from a long line of important people. And that is okay. Really, it’s just fine. Why? Because God is utterly unimpressed by my résumé. God scoffs at any attempt by me or you to prove our worthiness. Our accomplishments do not justify our existence. Our accolades cannot merit us any greatness. God is unimpressed by our collection of readers, likes, retweets, friends, connections, or admirers.

Compared to you or me, King Solomon had it all — wisdom, wealth, fame, power. Solomon was given a mind like no one before and like none even after him (1 Kings 3:12). He was a brilliant poet, a skillful songwriter, a genius botanist, and a first-class biologist. And he was an exalted and successful king. Solomon was DaVinci, Einstein, Bach, Jordan, Augustus, and Shakespeare rolled into one superior man.

Yet, Solomon turned away from God (1 Kings 11:4, 9–12). Having all the wisdom in the world didn’t guarantee fidelity. Wisdom didn’t guard him against a wandering heart. Wisdom didn’t ensure obedience. Don’t get me wrong, wisdom is important. If we lack wisdom, we should ask God for it (James 1:5). Wisdom alone, though, is insufficient.

It doesn’t matter if you have theology degrees or mothered a dozen healthy, happy children or started several 501(c)3’s to feed the poor and end trafficking. God is unimpressed. Being a creative, innovative or highly effective leader is insufficient. God yawns at our leadership abilities. We might be a life-hacking, productivity guru’s, but that doesn’t make us anything more in God’s eyes.”

Do not resent your weakness. Do not complain about your insufficiency. Rejoice that Christ is all-sufficient and always dependable. Embrace your weakness, so that the power of Christ may make you strong to reveal God’s surpassing greatness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Be encouraged my friends, God intends to use you in spite of your weakness. God will take the nobodies of this world, and make them somebodies for His glory.

1 Corinthians 1:27 “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.”

Stewardship Statistics							Total Money And Average Attendance
	8/31/25	9/07/25	9/14/25	9/21/25			
Attendance for in-person services.	45	53	48	39			46
General Fund	\$1109.00	\$3065.00	\$2020.00	\$1091.00			\$7285.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71			\$9858.84
+ or— Budget	(\$1355.71)	\$600.29	(\$444.71)	(\$1373.71)			(\$2573.84)
Designated Giving							
Birthday Money		\$27.00					\$27.00
Food Pantry			\$270.00				\$270.00
Mud Hens Tickets							
Lehman Memorial Camp Fund							
Total Giving's	\$1109.00	\$3092.00	\$2290.00	\$1091.00			\$7582.00

Prayer list:

John and Sara Roberts
Sue Snyder (brain cancer)
John McKenzie (pray for good health)
Gloria Snyder (cancer in vocal chords)
Sheryl, friend of Mary Ann (pancreatic surgery, starts chemo again.)
Bev Murphy's father (surgery recovery)
Molly Rump (strength)
Lifewise Academy starting for Otsego School students this year.
Jerry & Nancy Snyder (strength)
Larry Frost (praise he's up and walking, cancer treatments continue)
Jamie Thomas (health issues)
Henry Steiner (health issues due to Adrenal Insufficiency)
Nora (Jacob's 14 yr. old niece/scoliosis)
Jeff Frost (difficult time with chemo)
Lindsey Baker's Father-in-law
Gene Mazey (heart attack, home now for rest and strength, awaiting next step)
Jacob's parents (health issues)
Faith Lewis Clemenson (Rich's widow/recovery from shoulder reconstructive surgery)
Ray and Bella (family problems/friends of Taylor and Madison)
Family of Danny Potter (died of a heart attack at 61)
Billy DeWitt (stroke/home now)

Prayer list cont.

Amber, waitress at Everyday Café (Skin cancer went deeper than expected. She needs more time off work due to treatments.)
Hannah Euler, Otsego cheerleader is in a coma after injuring her head in a fall.
Russ Harshberger (breathing issues)
Family of Donna (Joan Eckhardt's cousin)

Praise: Thank you for the prayers.
Doctor told Lee the aneurysm is small and nothing to worry about.

Remember our Shut-ins

Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105
Phyllis Betz - with family in Tontogany
Bud Brown - BG Manor

Those in Service:

Darryl & Carol Krause (missionaries)
Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Carlisle, PA
Ron Burkhart - Stateside
Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
Luke Millican - USAF
Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan
McNiel Snyder - USAF/Georgia
Wynter Anderson - Basic Training
Hunter Braun - USAF Basic Training
MSgt Deidra (Anderson) Braun - USAF

Leadership Nominations

(Refer to the church by-laws for qualifications and responsibilities.)

10/05/25 - Nomination forms will be distributed.
10/19/25 - Nominations will be closed.
11/23/25 - List of approved nominees will be posted.
12/07/25 - Election of officers

Terms are for 3 years and start 1/01/26.



Fellowship Break

September 7th hosted
by Jacob and Carol

Men's Mentoring
starts immediately after
Fellowship Break.

MENTORING



Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 7th
at 7:30pm

Food Pantry is Open

October 4th and 18th
10:00am - Noon

Small Group Bible Studies with Ed Tolles

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm
Gospel of John (video series, verse by verse)

Ladies Christian Fellowship is Monday, October 27th, 7:00pm



*We meet in the Junior Classroom.
All ladies of the church are invited!*

Friday Game Nights

October 10th and 24th

6:30 - 9:00pm

Bring food to share!

Fun for kids and adults alike!



Cookies for ACT

BGSU and UT students are back and
Active Christians Today is meeting again.
They need cookie donations. If you can
help, please talk to John McKenzie.



Junior/Senior High Youth Group on 2nd and 4th Saturdays

5:00 - 6:30pm

October 11th at the parsonage and October 25th at the church

Dinner - Games - Lesson



October 4th Family Fun Day/Fall Festival

3:00 - 5:00pm - Carnival Games and Bounce Houses Outside
5:00 - 6:00pm - Hotdogs, sides, desserts, & drinks in the basement
6:30 - 8:00pm - Music in the Sanctuary by Borin Doulos, Worship
Leader at Crossroads Church in Michigan

Everything is free. Open to the public.



Holy Interruptions



Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

“Interruptible faith” is a posture of openness. It’s saying, “Lord, here’s my plan—but I trust Yours more.” It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, *“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”* May we have the courage to let Him.

The Newsletter

The Surpassing Grace

The word “surpass” means to exceed, to go beyond, to transcend the reach or capacity of. In his second letter to the church at Corinth, St. Paul refers to “the surpassing grace of God that he has given you” (2 Corinthians 9:14, NRSV). Paul was reminding the Corinthians of the amazing, abundant grace God had showered upon them.

When Paul wrote that letter, the church in Jerusalem was suffering intense persecution. The members were poor and struggling to be faithful under dire circumstances.

Paul knew the church at Corinth was doing fine financially and that they had a mind to help out the Jerusalem church. He wrote: “You glorify God ... by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they ... pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you” (2 Corinthians 9:13-14, NRSV).

Consider how you can share God’s surpassing grace with others in need.

The Newsletter

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"
(Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

The Newsletter

The Beauty of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:



God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.

The Newsletter

*October Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

2 Willow Robinson
4 Joan Eckhardt
5 Nancy Snyder
8 Deb Lee
12 Dick Phillips
22 Ed Tolles
22 Lindsey Baker
22 Joanne McKenzie
27 Cindy Wichman

2 Brad and Ashlee Strickland
20 David and Courtney Steiner

VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM

— Latin for “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,” this motto of the Lutheran branch of the Protestant Reformation comes from



1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther’s earliest and most influential supporters, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments worn at his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords, and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in standing firm in their faith.

Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew

2. “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you.”

Peter, James, John, Paul

3. “What is truth?”

Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius

4. “Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!”

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua

5. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul

6. “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”

Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas

7. “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go.”

Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab

8. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Acts 4:13); 3. Pilate (John 18:38); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 5. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7).

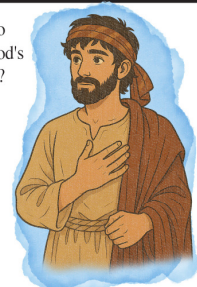


Bible Quiz

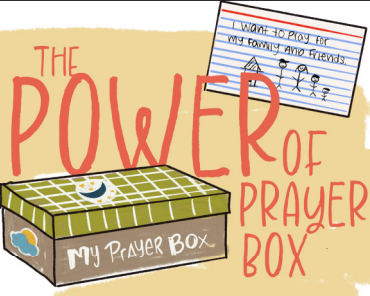


The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm and learned about God’s mercy. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15).



THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX

Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper

What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
—Colossians 4:2, NIV



PUZZLE

JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY
 BETHLEHEM
 BETHSAIDA
 CAESAREA PHILIPPI
 CANA
 CAPERNAUM
 DECAPOLIS
 EGYPT

EPHRAIM
 GALILEE
 JERICO
 JERUSALEM
 JORDAN RIVER
 JUDEA
 MAGDALA

MOUNT OF OLIVES
 NAZARETH
 PEREA
 SAMARIA
 SIDON
 TYRE
 WILDERNESS

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
T	U	E	U	E	N	A	R	B	Y	V	I	T	A	L	S
H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
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I	D	E	E	A	C	H	F	D	P	E	H	H	L	T	E
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From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson

OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:00pm Small Group <i>Gospel of John</i>	7:00pm Band Practice		10am - noon Food Pantry 3-8pm Family Fun Day/Fall Festival
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Worship Birthdays/Anniversaries Fellowship Break hosted by The Anderson's Men's Mentoring follows break. Leadership Nominations		7:30pm Board Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Gospel of John	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night	5-6:30pm Youth Group meets at parsonage
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S. Nominations continue			7:00pm Small Group Gospel of John	7:00pm Band Practice		10am - noon Food Pantry
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S. Leadership Nominations will close.		November newsletter articles are due.	7:00pm Small Group Gospel of John	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night	5-6:30pm Youth Group meets at church
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.	7:00pm Ladies Christian Fellowship		7:00pm Small Group Gospel of John	7:00pm Band Practice		

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November news articles are due October 21

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Sunday School



2025

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**The purpose of the Weston Church of Christ is to glorify God by reaching the lost,
strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**