

Dear Friends,

I never know how to start these newsletter articles. Not everyone is my brother or sister in Christ. That is indeed a special relationship, but everyone can be, and still many of you are a friend of mine - even though you may not be a friend of God, yet.

Sunday, I shared my medical situation with those who attended church. There is a post on Facebook for those who might have not been there. I want to share two things with you who are interested: 1. I have a reoccurrence of prostate cancer, but it was caught very early, and is treatable with a 90% rate of success out 8-10 years, and 2. I have not decided to retire because of this medical revelation, no matter what former attenders here may have wrongly said in the community. Moving forward, I am still hard at work for my Lord, and will listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of our elders to schedule any retirement dates. In the meantime, I am available to help you in any way you need, and let's all busy ourselves with trying to introduce the lost to Jesus and be about Kingdom work and making our Lord look good.

We need to keep in mind that none of us are promised another day outside the will of God. In the big picture, no matter how you see the future playing out, God knows our final day. **James 4:14 ESV ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.** So, it is important that time (life) is not wasted or taken for granted. We need to be busy with important things. **Psalms 90:12 ESV ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

This kind of mindset can help bring an urgency to our lives. Our James passage from above continues: **James 4:15-17 ESV ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."** ¹⁶ **As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.** ¹⁷ **So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.** What is the right thing? It must be what benefits our Lord and His kingdom and other people in mind, don't you think?

Two more Scriptures from the mouth of Jesus to consider for *your* (His) plans:

John 9:4 ESV ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

When we have a Kingdom view: **Luke 12:32-33 ESV ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.**

Looking forward to time together in service of our Lord and His Kingdom. Who will work with me in this holy effort?

Friends always, and hopefully your brother,

Gary

Stewardship Statistics	5/29/22	6/5/22	6/12/22	6/19/22	6/26/22		Total Money And Average Attendance
Attendance for in-person services.	45	42	52	47	53		48
General Fund	\$1371.00	\$3085.00	\$2660.00	\$1255.00	\$3775.00		\$12'146.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71		\$12'323.55
+ or — Budget	(\$1093.71)	\$620.29	\$195.29	(\$1209.71)	\$1310..29		(\$177.55)
Designated Giving							
Birthday Money		\$65.00					\$65.00
Food Bank		\$72.00		\$59.00	\$50.00		\$181.00
Copies		\$150.00					\$150.00
Mulch Project					\$500.00		\$500.00
Total Giving's	\$1371.00	\$3372.00	\$2660.00	\$1314.00	\$4325.00		\$13042.00

Prayer List

U.S. government leaders
 Krause's-Pacific Rim Ministries
 Ukrainians in harms way
 Duane Rupe (stroke/prostate)
 Doris Rothenbuhler (cancer treatments)
 Shelly Sharp (friend of Peggy's/cancer)
 Norm Murphy (home with health issues)
 Jim Fouts (lung cancer)
 Kevin Roe (prayers to return to health)
 John McKenzie (facial neuralgia)
 Nicholas Nicely (cancer treatments)
 David Wackler (needs work)
 Sandra Metzger (chemo)
 Kim Huffman/Preach (healing/strength)
 Lori Bolton (throat cancer)
 Tom Wilson (rehab from back surgery)
 Dave Wichman (physical therapy)
 Janet Riesenbeck (at home now)
 Jessica English (brain cancer surgery)
 Jeremy Forrester (renal failure/dialysis)
 Marcia Mitchell Olivarez
 Derrick Saylor (sarcoidosis treatments)
 Juanita Spaulding (back issues)
 Ron Frazier (healing)
 Jeremy Prowant
 Shelly Sherman (cancer)
 Norm Tolles, Jr. (Lupus)
 Paula (Paula Thomas's friend/tinnitus)
 Ken Faust (lung cancer/friend of Lee & Pat)

Prayer list continued:

Mary Ann Watkins (stroke recovery/still can't speak after 4 weeks)
 Family of Betty Fortney (Deb's mom)
 Family of Bob Dauterman (Leighan's unde)
 Jerry Saunders (hospital/friend of Bob Walker)
 Brad (surgery done/recovery at home)
 Jennifer Martini Wackler (health issues)
 Dr. Jack Cottrell (inoperable terminal cancer)
 Chuck Sackett (needs bone marrow transplant)
 David Reynal (health)
 Tom Zulch (4 stents done/home now)
 Jerry Snyder (recovering at home)
 Vicky Kemp (colon cancer)
 Paula Girona (mastectomy surgery successful, doing well now)
 Darryl Krause (sinus surgery recovery)
 Jodi Patrick (Pat's niece/tongue cancer surgery recovery/pain)
 Family of Penny Bumpus
 Earthquake victims in Afghanistan
 Family of Alex Smith (lost his life in drowning accident in Maumee River)
 Gary L. Wackler (prostate cancer treatments)
 Erin Cooper (stage 4 cancer surgery done, no cancer now)
 Beverly Murphy (upcoming surgery)
 Larry Lehman (leg veins causing pain)

Remember our Shut-ins

Mary Ann Hillier - B. G. Manor #7
 Rose Mary Gensen - Arbors of Oregon
 Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105

Those in Service

Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Korea
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan



Memorial Services for

Tom Hillier

Saturday, July 16

Deck-Hanneman/Bowling Green

10:00am Visitation

11:00am Service

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAYS at the PARSONAGE

"Lasting Legacy: Making a Difference with My Life".

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 5, 7:30pm



ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00pm

GAME NIGHTS - 2 Fridays

July 8th and 22nd

6:30-9:00pm

Bring food to
share. Games
are provided.



Food Pantry Open

July 2nd and 16th

10:00am - Noon

5th Sunday Singspiration

July 31st at 6:00pm

Delta Church of Christ

500 Providence Street, Delta, Ohio 43515



The Ministry of Quilting and of Mending Hearts

To sew is to pray. ... We mend ... turn things inside out and set things right. We salvage what we can of human garments and piece the rest into blankets. Sometimes our stitches stutter and slow. ... Other times the tension in the stitches might be too tight because of tears, but only we know what emotion went into the making.

—Louis Erdrich, *Four Souls*

July Sermons

July 3	Moral Living in a Seductive Society	I John 2:15-17
July 10	A Lesson about AntiChrist	I John 2:18-27
July 17	Whose Child Are You: A Paternity Test	I John 2:28 - 3:10
July 24	How We Can Recognize Love	I John 3:11-24
July 31	How We Can Recognize God's Spirit	I John 4:1-6

July Mission Moment with John McKenzie
Pacific Rim Ministries/Darryl & Carol Krause
Multi-Culture Church Visit

53 years ago, two months after Carol and I arrived in Australia we were joined by Delroy Brown. He was a fellow student at our San Jose Bible College and came to Australia to work in the areas Youth and Christian Education in the state of New South Wales.

33 years ago, Delroy and his wife Marilyn, went to the Queensland city of Toowoomba and planted a new church called Toowoomba International Christian Church. This new Church of Christ began a ministry with International students from a number of countries in the world studying graduate Agricultural courses at the University of Queensland in their area. Many of these students returned to their home countries after receiving their degrees. Delroy received his PhD in education there and began tutoring International students at the University. He was from Jamaica and related to the students who often came from Africa and India as well as other countries. The result of his efforts was to also start a small Bible College for international and local students many of whom became Christians and led others to Jesus.

Delroy and his wife invited Carol and me as guest speaker for this 33rd church anniversary. He and his wife provided hospitality for us and we were so thankful for their warm hospitality and that also of the church. The congregation is now made up of 70 percent immigrants and their children from the Philippines as well as other countries. Local Australians are also part of the church and over 100 were in attendance. During the fellowship time after the service we were able to talk to many people who had questions about outreach in the Philippines and the Pacific Rim! It was wonderful to see a strong multicultural church ministering to the host Population of Australia and beyond.

Please continue to pray for Delroy and Marilyn and the church in Toowoomba as they strive to reach souls from many lands for Jesus. Many of these people go back to their home lands as Christians with a passion to lead family, friends, and strangers to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Taking the Name of Jesus with passion for lost souls,
Darryl and Carol Krause

All We Need to Know

When a loved one dies, we have questions: What caused the death? When will the funeral be? What form will our grief take? Some deaths also bring spiritual questions: Where was God? Is our loved one with God now?

Paul shared deep thoughts about death with the believers at Corinth. His complex ideas might raise further questions, but here's the key: We don't need to understand everything right away—not all of Paul's theology, or everything about God or all the practical matters around a loved one's death. Here, from 1 Corinthians 15 (NRSV), is what we do know: "Christ has been raised from the dead" (v. 20) — death doesn't have the final say. "All will be made alive in Christ" (v. 22) — a loving promise God offers to all. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (v. 26) — in the end, Jesus will destroy all sickness, pain, sorrow, war, poverty, oppression and even death itself. We are in God's loving hands. That's all we need to know.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Oxygen for Ministry

Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren't getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can't help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God's creation. But if we aren't Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we're breathing in the Spirit's energy and guidance instead of poor-quality "air"?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying "continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A Life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in god's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

A Prayer for Strength

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit.

You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.

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The Soul as Soil

Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).



That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."

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 7 Jane Spoerl
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 12 Taylor Tolles
 15 Bud Brown
 16 Amy Murphy
 19 Pat Wise
 20 Patsy Harshberger
 21 Robert Walker III
 25 Amber Saylor
 25 Sherry Murphy
 31 Jan Zulch

Dear Brothers & Sisters at Weston Church of Christ,

Just a quick note of thanks for welcoming us to your worship service on behalf of Mountain Mission School. Your faithful support for many years continues to bless our staff & kids - thank you SO MUCH! Come see us when you can!



For Christ & His MMS Kids,
 Steve Fulton

Dear Members of the Prayer Quilt Ministry Team,

Thank you so much for your prayers & the beautiful quilt you sent me! I am recovering very nicely from hip replacement surgery. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Keep up this thoughtful outreach.



May God bless you all,
 Ron Frazier

I would like to thank everyone! For all the cards, text, calls, and especially for all the prayers! It truly means so much to me!

Humbled and grateful,
 Beverly Murphy

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

The Power of Kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

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Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!

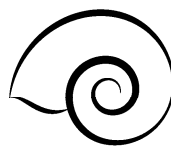


How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!



Were I to 15+6 them,

they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18 —



when I 13+4, I am still with you.

PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- The Parable of the Lost Son
- The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON
Pentecost 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Worship Mission Moment Pacific Rim Minis- tries (Krause's) Fellowship Break 11:00am Adult S.S.		7:30pm Board Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Lesson 8	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30-9:00PM GAME NIGHT	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.		6:00pm Elders Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Lesson 9	7:00pm Band Practice		FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON Tom Hillier services at Deck-Hanneman 10am visitation 11am service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. FIFTH SUNDAY 31 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. 6pm Singspiration at Delta			7:00pm Small Group Lesson 11	7:00pm Band Practice		

“Trust in God. He will see you through; glorify His Name in 2022!”

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August newsletter articles due Tuesday, July 26

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Sunday School



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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.**