

A note from Pastor Dave

Praise God! Summer is coming. Warmer weather is on the horizon. Leaves and buds are popping out. The grass is getting green. The sun is beginning to emerge from a long winter's vacation!

And the excitement continues in the church as well! On the 11th of April the church responded to the leading of the Holy Spirit and called Laurie Stewart as the Director of Children's Ministries! We praise God for His call, for her obedience, and for the church's affirmation. As she begins this critical ministry, I know you will want to continue to affirm, encourage, and support her. We learn that children have settled their values and other important issues - BY AGE 7! When families visit our church, one of the first questions they ask is about children's ministries. Last year more than 180 children came for Vacation Bible School. This year even more children are projected. Our children are important to us - and to the Lord we serve!

Ahh...the months of May and June. My thoughts turn to Mother's Day. Memorial Day. High School and College Graduations. Relevant and inspiring worship services. Father's Day. Vacation Bible School. The North American Convention in Anderson. An occasional game of golf. New ministries being born. Sitting on the back porch drinking iced tea, enjoying fellowship with family and friends. I can hardly wait! Numerous exciting plans are taking shape. Definitely many opportunities for celebration!

The story is told of an American Indian who was visiting New York City, turned to his friend in Times Square, tilted his head and said, "I hear a cricket!" "You're crazy!" replied his friend. "No, I hear it," the Cherokee answered. His friend again replied, "It's impossible! It's rush hour, the city's full of noise, and you think you can hear a cricket? No way!"

The Cherokee Indian walked over to a big cement planter outside a tall building, dug into the leaves underneath it and pulled out a cricket. Turning to his friend he said, "It all depends on what your ears are tuned to hear."

To what are our ears tuned? What motivates our lives? What do you hear?

This summer many from our congregation will be ambassadors for Christ throughout our community - in a variety of ways. To be a positive presence for Christ in soccer leagues, baseball leagues - all kinds of family and community activities. What an opportunity to be salt and light! In the next few weeks many will scatter throughout this area and serve for the community's good and for the Glory of God! God's church is on the grow! Can you sense His Presence here? Can you hear Him as He encourages us to move ever forward? Can you feel His pulse beat for people?

Wherever we are, wherever we go - together let's use this summer not only for rest and renewal, but also as an opportunity for intentional witness for Christ.

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schedule of weekly events

Sunday

8:00a Worship Celebration
9:30a Living the L.I.F.E. Sunday School
10:30a Worship Celebration

Wednesday

9a Prayer Group
6p Youth Ministry
6:30p Small Groups

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High Seas VBS 2010! Where Kids Explore the Mighty Love of God

Sunday, 6/27 – Thursday, 7/1

6-8:40p

Children ages 2 years old through 6th grade will go on a vast voyage through God's Word. They will

learn to look for evidence of God all around them through "God Sightings". They will participate in activities, singing, crafts, games, snacks and mission outreach projects! Invite your friends and neighbors so they can learn about God's Mighty Love!

If you would like to be involved with VBS please sign up at the VBS table. We are in need of teachers, assistants, leaders & crew leaders.

Also, there are several items that are needed as donations to make vbs successful. Please check out the donation wall in the Commons, and if there are any items which you can donate, please take the reminder from the wall and sign up for your item at the VBS table. Thank you so much for your help!!

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

This program feeds children ages 1-18 a free and nutritious lunch 6 weeks during the summer, Mon.-Thurs, 11:30am-12:30pm. Children also participate in educational, social and recreational activities. The program will need cooks, servers, activity providers and drivers for transporting children to and from the program. If you are interested in participating (even if you can only help 1 day a week) please sign-up at the Welcome Center! For more info. call Amy Gevedon, 336-4233 or Diana Brower, 962-4868.

Child / Youth Worker Screening Sunday, May 23rd during Sunday School

If you have been attending church regularly for a minimum of 6 months and would like to volunteer at VBS, in children ministries or youth, you must attend a required screening class and have a background check completed to volunteer in these areas. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Stewart at 456-4681.

Summer Food Lunch Program Training Monday, June 7th at 6:30p

This is for all who have volunteered to help at the Summer Food Lunch Program.

5th & 6th Grader Putt-Putt & Lunch Saturday June 5th

Leave the church at 11:30

Pick up a permission slip and sign up at the Welcome Center if you are planning on attending.

North American Convention of the Church of God June 25-30 in Anderson, Indiana

The North American Convention of the Church of God will be held June 25–30 in Anderson, Indiana. The theme this year is "Transforming Culture by Being the Body of Christ." Plan to join us for inspiring worship, powerful preaching, a variety of insightful conferences, and unique programs over these six days. All services will be held on the convention grounds, and most activities will occur within close proximity to the pedestrian mall, where you will find food vendors, places for fellowship, and the "Big Tent" for exhibits.

If you've never attended, this year is the perfect opportunity to start! Prepare for an unforgettable experience. Learn more about this year's convention and register online by visiting www.chog.org/NAC or by calling 800-848-2464, ext. 2130.

EFCOG Worship Choir to be part of Opening Night of North American Convention. Several in our worship choir will join a mass choir on opening night in Reardon Auditorium. Guest Artists include: Sandi Patty, Ron & Carolyn Patty and Brian & Kin Tabor. The service begins at 7p.

Gideon Sunday May 2

Terry Gramsch will be here to share a brief update on the ministry of Gideons International in worship on May 2. We will receive a special offering for the Gideons on this day.

Financial Peace Class Rummage Sale on Saturday May 15th from 9a-2p in the Family Life Center. FPU Class Members, see Brionne Reynolds for more information.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Graduation is Sunday, June 6 from 2-5p in the Sanctuary with a fellowship time following in the Family Life Center. Bright Beginnings Preschool meets at our church through the school year. All are invited to attend.

20 something

20 Something Bible Studies Sundays @ 7:00p

**Calvin & Cailee Bryant's home
635 Wolf Rd., West Alexandria**

Time of food, fellowship and discipleship with other 20 somethings.

C.I.A. ~ Wednesdays Through June 2nd in the youth room

6:00 - Game Time
 6:30 - Worship
 7:00 - Bible Study
 7:30 - Hang Time

Super Sunday Night Cookie Baking

Sunday, May 2nd @ 2p
 We will meet in the big kitchen to bake cookies, & then team up to deliver them to the elderly and shut-ins of our church. Sign up at the top of the stairs if you plan to attend.

CIA Cookout with new 7th graders

Wednesday, May 5th from 6-8p

Graduation Dinner

Sunday, May 16th @ 6p

Graduations:

Tuesday, May 25th - TVS Graduation
 Thursday, May 27th - TCN Graduation
 Sunday, May 30th - Eaton Graduation

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, June 6

CIA Finale

Wednesday, June 2nd from 6-8p

Jr. High Camp @ Camp Marengo

June 13-18

Sr. High Slam: Wednesday, June 16th

Sr. High Camp @ Camp Marengo

June 20-26

Jr. High Slam: Wednesday, June 23rd

High School Graduates:

Veronica Azzalina, EHS
 Chris Briley, TVS
 Cody Bryant, TVS
 Chris DeVous, EHS
 Taylor Eddy, EHS
 Kayla Elliot, EHS
 David Falldorf, TVS
 Josh Hemmelgarn, TVS
 Rebekah Holderman, EHS
 Bailey Judd, TCN / CTC
 Jesse Koeller, TVS
 Miles McCollum, TVS
 Alex Moormeier, EHS
 Skylar Reckers, TVS
 Zach Shafer, TVS
 Paige Singleton, EHS / CTC
 Jake Stroop, TVS
 Eric Walker, TVS

Open Houses:

- ◆ Jake Stroop - May 15th, 2 pm - 6 pm @ 4140 Conley Dr., West Alexandria.
- ◆ Bailey Judd - May 23 from 2-6p in the FLC.
- ◆ Rebekah Holderman - May 29 from 2-4p in the FLC.
- ◆ Miles McCollum - May 30 from 3-6p in the FLC.
- ◆ Jesse Koeller - June 5 from Noon-4p in the FLC.
- ◆ David Falldorf - June 6 from 2-6p @ 2812 New Market Banta Rd. West Alexandria.
- ◆ Taylor Eddy - June 6 from 5-8p in the FLC.
- ◆ Veronica Azzalina - June 6 from 1:30-4:30p at 7340 Four Mile State Line Rd., Eaton
- ◆ Cody Bryant - June 12 from 4-8p @ 635 Wolf Rd., West Alexandria.
- ◆ Alex Moormeier - June 13 from 2-5p in the FLC

College Graduates:

Amy Beare, Ohio State University
 Calvin Bryant, Anderson University
 Curt Maggard, Miami University
 Katie McCollum, Anderson University
 Tony Schmidt, Miami University

our faithfulness

| | S.S. Attendance | A.M. Attn. | Offering | Building Fund | Faith Promise |
|------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 3/7 | 270 | 328 | \$11322.54 | \$890.00 | \$741.50 |
| 3/14 | 223 | 305 | \$10347.88 | \$564.50 | \$680.50 |
| 3/21 | 266 | 375 | \$7104.18 | \$532.50 | \$1531.50 |
| 3/28 | 215 | 334 | \$7428.50 | \$667.50 | \$824.50 |
| 4/4 | 237 | 549 | \$10526.05 | \$702.50 | \$829.50 |
| 4/11 | 245 | 323 | \$7126.52 | \$338.50 | \$381.50 |
| 4/18 | 256 | 312 | \$7557.75 | \$680.50 | \$318.50 |

Average Weekly Offering: \$8,773.34 Average Offering Needed: \$9,860.64

youth camps

Camp Marengo 2010 is here! The theme this year is "Imitators." Here are the dates:

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| 6/13-18 | Junior High Camp (7-8-9) |
| 6/20-26 | Senior High Camp (10-11-12) |
| 7/4-9 | 5th & 6th Grade Camp |
| 7/4-9 | Performing Arts Camp (9-12 grades) |
| 7/11-16 | 4th & 5th Grade Camp |
| 7/11-16 | Paintball (9-12 grades) |
| 7/16-17 | Family Camp Weekend |
| 7/18-21 | 3rd & 4th Grade Camp |

www.campmarengo.com

For Your Information:

- Maggie McCollum and Cailee Bryant are Camp Staff members this summer and Pastor Jeremy will be the camp pastor during Jr. High Camp.
- As a rule of thumb, we send campers to the following camps: Jr High, Sr High, 5th&6th, Family, and 3rd&4th, as this lines up with our Sunday School grades. Campers may attend other camps.
- Campers may attend camps for the grade that they are coming out of, or going in to.
- Our campers will be in same cabin (by gender).
- We car pool our campers to and from camp.
- The church offers a \$50 scholarship to each of our church kids (this does not apply to guests and friends).
- Registration packets will be available beginning April 28th. Please fill out the registration paper and turn it in to Pastor Jeremy.
- For more info, either visit the Camp Marengo web site at www.campmarengo.com or contact Pastor Jeremy at 533-5207.

Camp Lebanon: The dates and times have been set for 2010. Our church also gives each camper a scholarship. For dates and registration information, see Pastor Jeremy or visit the website.

www.swoacamps.com

keenagers ministry

Keenagers Breakfast

Tuesday, 5/4 @ 9a

Tuesday, 6/1 @ 9a

All of our senior retirees and anyone else who would like to come are welcome to meet at Bob Evans in Eaton for breakfast and fellowship.

meetings

Board of Trustees Mtg: Wednesday, 5/19 @ 6:30p

women of faith

April 30 - May 1st - There will be over 60 women in our group attending the Women of Faith Conference in Columbus. Remember everyone attending that God will touch each heart and each of us will return with a newer and closer relationship with our Lord.

Saturday, May 8th - Mother & Daughter Banquet, We are hoping that all the ladies will attend this special time of fellowship. We are very blessed to have speakers that will touch each heart. The meal provided by the men will be on a donation basis.

Sunday, May 30th & Sunday, June 27th- Women of Faith Bake Sale - If you have signed up to bake goodies, please remember that our bake sales will be held the last Sunday of every month. April - October

Sunday, June 6th - Men's Group and Women of Faith Luncheon

Saturday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. - Commons Area - Women of Faith Fellowship

worship arts ministry

Worship Arts Cookout Wednesday May 19 at 6p Pastor Nathan's House 19 Long Drive, Eaton

For all who participate in worship arts ministry (sound, media, instruments, choir, vocal teams, celebration ensemble, drama) and their families. RSVP with Pastor Nathan and watch for your invitation in the mail!

Celebration Ensemble plays on May 16th

Rehearsals will be Wednesdays May 5 & 12th at 7:30p. Music will be available Sunday May 2.

men's softball schedule

Here is a schedule of the men's league that plays at Golden Gate Park in Brookville.

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| 5/3 @ 7:25p | 6/7 @ 7:40p |
| 5/10 @ 7:40p | 6/14 @ 7:40p |
| 5/17 @ 8:50p | 6/21 @ 7:40p |
| 5/24 @ 6:30p | 6/28 @ 7:40p |

men's ministry

Men's Breakfast

5/1 & 6/5 @ 7:30a

Be part of this great breakfast and a time of sharing as different men share from the Word and from their life experiences.

birthdays in may

| | | | |
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| 2 Jeff Koeller Carol Wilson Molly Eck Jordan Belec | 7 Dave Stevens Gabriel Mirovsky Faith & Hope Manley | 17 Kyla Creech 18 Tesla Fudge 20 Bob Brower Laurie Stewart | 25 Ashley Dawkins Bob Browersock |
| 3 Amy Beare | 9 Jake Nickell Steve McCarty Kori Baron | 21 Daryl Avery | 28 Hope Trader Kim Ritter |
| 4 Misty Clayton Christy Ashley Kathlynn Eck Logan Clark Lynn Morey | 11 Travis Angel | 22 Ova Ashley Curt Price Jeremy Halstead | 29 Tony Little |
| 6 Calvin Bryant | 12 Cheryl Mann | 23 Roberta Mann Mackenzey Kendel | 30 Alex Newport Gabrielle Dawkins Brad Sorrell |
| | 14 Mark Althouse Linda Burnett | 24 Mike Mann | 31 Curtis Maggard |
| | 15 Sharyl Falldorf | | |

birthdays in june

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| 1 Heidi Swindell | 11 Alan Pennington | 19 Gene Tapalman | 25 Rose Reynolds |
| 2 Jenny Jones | 13 Jordan Bryant | 20 Sandy Drewry Steve Belec | 26 Spencer Reynolds Hannah Koeller |
| 3 Tom Lehman | Bonnie Shafer | Lynne Rossman | 27 Terry Bush |
| 4 Sheila Tackett | Delores Creech | 21 Michael Adams | 28 Lori Wheeler |
| 5 Joseph Nickell Maggie McCollum Sharon Howard | 14 Esther Brennen Richard Dawkins | 22 Murray Mann | Bobby Clark |
| 8 Adam Falldorf Andre Eddy | 18 Scott Burnett Pam Atkinson | 23 Paige Singleton | 30 Bailey Judd Rod Creech |
| | | 24 Barb Lehman Judy Smith | |

anniversaries in may

- 8 Doug & Rhonda Maggard
- 9 Paul & Esther Brennen
- 14 Brent & Betsy Anspaugh
- 14 Jeff & Jenny Jones
- 20 Bryan & Pat Scholl
- 27 Bobby & Nancy Clark
- 30 Bob & Mindy Brower

anniversaries in june

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| 3 Dan & Cheryl Mann | 20 Jeff & Sharon Howard |
| 6 Jerry & Rose Reynolds | 20 Steve & Patty Bailey |
| 7 Don & Anita Beare | 20 Terry & Sharyl Falldorf |
| 8 Alan & Rhonda Pennington | 21 Nathan & Laurie Stewart |
| 11 Dick & Skip VanAusdal | 22 Frank & Teresa Wright |
| 12 Tom & Barb Lehman | 23 John & Shirley Clark |
| 12 Steve & Charlene McCarty | 23 Jim & Susan Fudge |
| 16 Rod & Erin Creech | 28 Jeff & Chris Maggard |
| 19 Jeff & Jayna Koeller | 29 Matt & Izzy Roberts |
| 20 Phil & Janet Elliott | |

international missions

Love Packages is an organization collecting Christian materials to send overseas to English-speaking countries. They collect things for all ages - children, teens & adults. As a church, we have donated all our old adult/children's curriculum. If you have any Bibles, books, old curriculum materials, CD's, Videos, etc. that you are no longer using and would like to donate, please leave it in the marked container in the Commons. For more information, contact Dick or Joyce Shimp at 687-3657.



community missions

Angel Food Ministries

May Food Ordering Times:

- Sunday 5/2 after AM worship
- Wednesdays, 4/28 & 5/5 from 9a-12p
- Fridays, 4/30 & 5/7 from 9a-12p

May Food Distribution: 5/15 from 9-11a

June Food Ordering Times:

- Sunday 6/6 after AM worship
- Wednesdays, 6/2 & 6/9 from 9a-12p
- Fridays, 6/4 & 6/11 from 9a-12p

June Food Distribution: 6/19 from 9-11a

See the brochure on the welcome center or the church website (eatonfirstcog.com) for more information.

May 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 7:30a Men's Breakfast |
| 2 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 2p Youth SSN Cookie Baking | 3 7p 20 Something Bible Study 7:25p Men's Softball | 4 9a Keenagers Breakfast | 5 9-noon AFM Orders 9a Prayer Group 6p Youth CIA Cookout 7:30p Celebration Ensemble Practice | 6 | 7 9-noon AFM Orders | 8 6p Mother & Daughter Banquet |
| 9 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | 10 7p 20 Something Bible Study 7:40p Men's Softball | 11 | 12 9a Prayer Group 6p Youth CIA 9a Prayer Group 7:30p Celebration Ensemble Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 9-11a Angel Food Ministries Distribution 9a-2p Financial Peace Rummage Sale |
| 16 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 6p Youth Grad. Dinner | 17 7p 20 Something Bible Study 8:50p Men's Softball | 18 | 19 9a Prayer Group 6p Youth CIA 6p Worship Arts Cookout 6:30 Trustees mtg. | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Child Worker Screening 10:30a Worship Service | 24 7p 20 Something Bible Study 6:30p Men's Softball | 25 | 26 9a Prayer Group 6p Youth CIA | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service WOF Bake Sale | 31 7p 20 Something Bible Study | | | | | |

June 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | <i>1</i> 9a Keenagers Breakfast | <i>2</i> 9-noon AFM Orders 9a Prayer Group 6p Youth CIA Finale | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> 9-noon AFM Orders | <i>5</i> 7:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a - 5th & 6th graders Outing |
| <i>6</i> Graduation Sunday 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Men's Group & WOF Luncheon | <i>7</i> 6:30p SFSP Training Mtg. 7p 20 Some- thing Bible Study 7:40p Men's Softball | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> 9-noon AFM Orders 9a Prayer Group | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> 9-noon AFM Orders | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13</i> 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | <i>14</i> 7p 20 Some- thing Bible Study 7:40p Men's Softball | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> 9a Prayer Group Sr. High Slam | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> 20 Something Kids Night Out | <i>19</i> 9-11a Angel Food Ministries Distribution |
| <i>20</i> 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | <i>21</i> 7p 20 Some- thing Bible Study 7:40p Men's Softball | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> 9a Prayer Group Jr. High Slam | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> North American Convention of the Church of God | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i> 8a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service WOF Bake Sale 6-8:40p VBS | <i>28</i> 7p 20 Some- thing Bible Study 7:40p Men's Softball 6-8:40p VBS | <i>29</i> 6-8:40p VBS | <i>30</i> 9a Prayer Group 6-8:40p VBS | | | |