



Community of Christ Boyne City Beacon

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 16 – 19 & 21

Under the direction of Ruth Eaton, there were eleven children at the first evening of VBS. By Wednesday evening, there were eighteen. Everyone had a good time.

The VBS Picnic was Saturday, August 22nd, but due to other priorities was poorly attended. There was food left over for lunch on Sunday.

2015 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT PARK OF THE PINES

September 25-27
Guest Ministry: Apostle Stassi Cramm
Theme: Women of the Bible
Cost \$50

Sharing Project: Personal Hygiene Kits
Women's Shelter, Inc, Alpena, MI
Bring sample size shampoo, body wash, lotion,
etc

Make your reservations by
September 16th to:
Mary Palka, Registrar
Phone: (906) 428-9132
Email: mary_palka@yahoo.com

HAYRIDE, SACRIFICE SUPPER AND TALENT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Our annual hayride is being planned for September 12th at 3:00pm. We will meet at Allison & Rob Seamon's home and go from there.

After the hayride, we will go to the church for the **Sacrifice Potluck Supper** at 5:30pm and a **Talent Show** at 6:30pm.

YOUTH RETREAT

October 2-4, 2015
Park of the Pines
Cost: \$50.00

For all youth from Junior through Sr. High
This retreat is sponsored by the Cheboygan
Congregation



Happy September Birthday!

- September 4: Kaleb Pollington
- 6: Ruth Follette
Sandi Ecker
- 10: Melinda Ecker
- 11: Lenore Landon
- 14: Jon Ecker
- 23: Kalissa Harris
- 24: Sadie Kroondyk
- 28: Kim Grube
- 30: Ruth Eaton

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your daily personal prayers, please remember those on this list.

Family Members not attending

All military and civilians serving in dangerous places

Our church members and friends around the world



Marlene Groh -- arthritis

Our enemies -- “. . . for they know not what they do.”

Ileen Newlin -- stage 3 lung cancer

All our students going back to school.

Ruth Eaton -- heart issues

Whitney Wangeman -- enlarged lymph nodes and spot on her liver

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

October 26, 2015

This is an extra opportunity for our congregation to serve the community. Anyone that can help would be greatly appreciated.

CONGREGATION MISSION STATEMENT

To Share the Redeeming Love of Jesus Christ with Boyne Area Communities, while encouraging the Sacraments , Reconciliation, Healing of the Spirit, and the Pursuit of Peace.

MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE

November 6-8, 2015

The Mission Center Conference will be held at Saginaw Valley State University 7400 Bay Rd University Center, Saginaw, MI

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FOUR WAYS TO LOVE GOD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

Love is the most powerful weapon in our arsenal of faith. Like the tip of an arrow love points us to God. Love commandeers all other graces to engage the Lord's affection and His eternal concerns. When Jesus defined love as the greatest command, He gave us a glimpse into what He wants for the world and His children. A life motivated by love is only limited by its capacity to love the Lord. Love is a muscle we exercise so it grows in stamina and strength. Here are four ideas to develop our love for God:

Love God with Your Emotions

Jesus starts at the heart of the matter—our heart. What captures our passions and yearnings? Our heart is the seat of our feelings and affections. We are drawn to what we desire—what we value. Yes, the heart follows what it treasures above all else. In the same way an engaged couple each aggressively seeks to engage the heart of their lover, so as the bride of Christ we passionately pursue His heart. As our heart loves Jesus—He simultaneously settles and stirs our emotions.

“Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8).

Love God with Your Soul

In the beginning God breathed life into the soul of man (Genesis 2:7). So our soul is our entire being brought into being by the Spirit of the Lord. It is here, deep within the recesses of our spirit, that we communion with Christ. Our marriage to Jesus was consummated when, by grace through faith, He saved our soul. Prayer is our bedchamber of intimacy for us to love our Lord with all our soul. Christ is our companion and confidant. A soul in love with God seeks God by faith.

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God” (Psalm 42:1).

Love God with Your Mind

A mind in love with the Lord wants to do the Lord's will. In the same way a noble idea captures our imagination so much that it drastically influences our actions, so to know and do God's will is the goal of those in love with Jesus. Mental romancing with the mind of Christ marks the thoughts of those who trust

and obey. Knowledge of God acquired out of love starves our pride and feeds our humility. Big, worshipful God thoughts expand our love for our sovereign Lord.

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

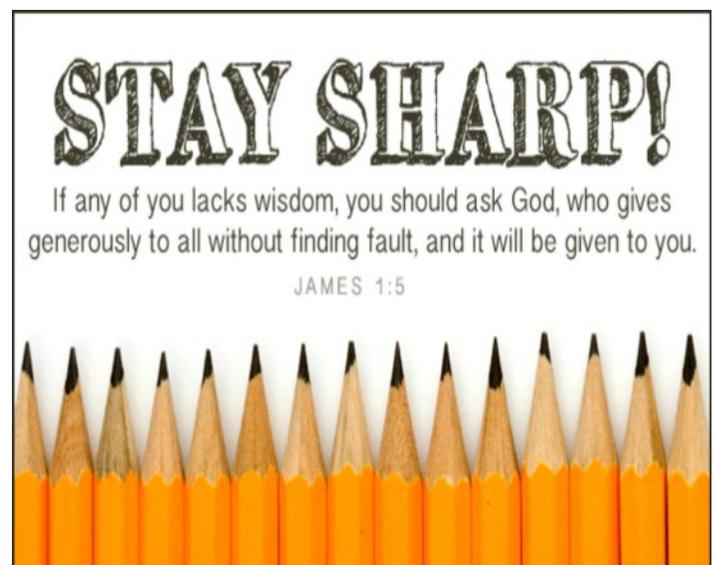
Love God with Your Strength

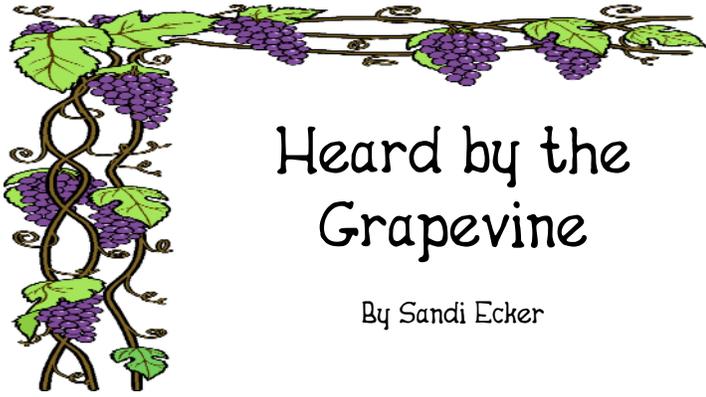
Energy in eternal matters is what matters most. When our focused attention is on the important (like giving) and not the trivial (like worry) we thrive in our love for the Lord. What activity may be competing with your time with Christ? Avoid activities that create sideways energy. Our strength increases as we engage with other followers of Jesus on fire for Him. Like a bonfire ignited by gasoline, so the prayers and encouragement of God's people flame our fire of faith and love for God. Being around people in love with Jesus grows our love for Jesus. Yes, love strong!

“I love you, Lord, my strength” (Psalm 18:1).

Application: What limits your love for the Lord? How can you grow your capacity to love God?

BACK TO SCHOOL MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS





Heard by the Grapevine

By Sandi Ecker

WITTY WORDS OF WISDOM

Corey & Becky Ecker, Bradley & Aria Lundy are now living in Chillicothe, OH. Bradley started school August 28^h.

Delaini, Corinne & Orion Ecker are back in Maysville, MO for school which started August 18th.

Krista Westman & Chey Hawley became engaged and wedding plans are being made.

Ron Fuller traveled to the Upper Peninsula August 5th for his family reunion. He returned home August 11th

Jon, Melinda, & Jaidyn Ecker and Dominic Fosmore traveled to Chillicothe, OH to spend the weekend of Aug. 16th with **Corey & Becky**. Then they traveled to Wisconsin to visit relatives and sightsee there.

Isaiah Uselman was baptized August 16th, at the Park of the Pines, by his camp counselor, Priest **Bradley Villeneuve**. It was Bradley's first baptism since his ordination to Priest.

Lenore Landon traveled to Nauvoo, IL to be a guide at the Community of Christ Visitors Center for a couple of months before going on to her winter home in Texas.

Eleanor West traveled to Grand Rapids, August 20th to help her sister celebrate her birthday.

Dawn & Mike Crain have returned to their home in Tennessee for the winter.

We are excited about the prospect of **Allison & Rob Seamon** getting a new house.

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Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Cooking lesson #1: don't fry bacon in the nude.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you eat a live toad in the morning, you can just about be guaranteed nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you can't beat your computer at chess, try kick-boxing.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Be nice to the nerds and geeks in high school, you'll be working for them in the future.

September 2015

Date/Time	Worship Leader	Speaker	Assisting	Musician
September 6				
Draw the Circle Wide				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	S. Ecker	E. West		A. Seamon
September 13				
Take Up Your Cross & Follow				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	L. Ecker	S. Ecker		R. Fuller
September 20				
Like a Child (Confirmation Service)				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	E. West	R. Fuller		A. Seamon
September 27				
Honestly Examine Our Lives				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Fuller	R. Eaton		A. Seamon

Evening Activities

- Wed, Sept. 2, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Priest Sandi Ecker. Theme: *"Draw the Circle Wide"*
- Wed, Sept. 9, 6:00pm: Fellowship** at the Brook
- Tues, Sept. 15, 6:00pm: Congregational Planning Meeting**
- Wed, Sept. 23, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Elder Lee Ecker. Theme: *"Honestly Examine Our Lives"*
- Wed, Sept. 30, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Elder Ron Fuller. Theme: *"Receive the Kingdom of God as a Child"*

Dates to Remember

- Sat., September 12, 3pm: Hayride, followed by a Sacrifice Potluck Supper and a Talent Show.**
- Sat., September 19, 2-4pm: Children's Clothing Pantry**
- September 25-27: Women's Retreat** at the Park of the Pines
- Sat., September 26: CROP Walk**
- Oct. 2-4: Youth Retreat at the Park of the Pines.** For youth Junior through Sr. High.
- Mon, Oct. 26: Red Cross Blood Drive** at the church.
- Nov. 6-8: Mission Center Conference** in Saginaw, MI

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>  Ruth Follette Sandi Ecker Speaker: E. West	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 6:00 PM The Brook	<i>10</i>  Melinda Ecker	<i>11</i>  Lenore Landon	<i>12</i> 3:00 PM Hayride 5:30 PM Sacrifice Potluck Supper & Talent Show
<i>13</i> Speaker: S. Ecker	<i>14</i>  Jon Ecker	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM Planning Mtg	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Clothing Pantry
<i>20</i> Confirmation Service Potluck Dinner Speaker: R. Fuller	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share  Kalissa Harris	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Women's Retreat @ Park of the</div>	<i>26</i> CROP Walk
<i>27</i> Speaker: R. Eaton <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Women's</div>	<i>28</i>  Kim Grube	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share  Ruth Eaton			


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