

Tidings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RETURNS AUGUST 16!

School is back in session this month... So are our Wednesday Nights!

Our first Wednesday Night at church will be August 16. Our terrific cooking crew will be serving up a great supper at 5:15PM, followed by children, youth, and adult activities at 6:00, and choir rehearsal at 7:00.

Come and be a part of the fellowship, learning, and sharing!

It Takes Grace...

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." [Romans 12:11]

Just last week, Pat and I vacationed for a week with our soon-to-be teenage grandson, Carter. We rode a lot of roller coasters at Cedar Point, Ohio. We toured Niagra Falls from both the US and Canadian sides, getting very wet. We ate two great meals in Buffalo, New York – a diner showcased on *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* and the *Anchor Bar and Grill* (original home of Buffalo wings). We ended our trip with tours of the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. Needless to say, Pat and I were bushed as we pulled back into our driveway. I believe even Carter was a bit saddle weary from the 1700 mile trip...

Part of what kept Pat and me going day after day was watching the zeal of a 12-year old boy enjoying new experiences. His eyes widened as he approached each roller coaster; you could see the

wonder in his eyes of watching millions of gallons of water flow each minute over the Falls; his eyes got huge as waitresses set grilled mac and cheese and a platter of wings on our table; you could see the wheels turning in his mind as he explored a life-size replica of Noah's ark.

It was good that our vacation ended with the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. With its solid gospel message in open view at every turn, I'm glad that Carter was able to allow that to be the final filter for all the other experiences – some fun, some magnificent, some quiet and reflective.

As we left town for our travels, we knew that Dotty Garrigan's family was, as Mike put it, "waiting for angels." Much of the week we were gone was spent by church folks back home preparing for her funeral on July 13. Dotty's legacy is such a wonderful one for us all. She lived life for her family, her friends, and her Lord. She lived in such a way that none of us ever wondered about



the love she shared with us and with her Savior. As her earthly time ended and eternity opened its grandeur to Dotty, I couldn't help but consider the wonder of her wide-eyed entry into the Kingdom. As thrilled as I was to see Carter enjoy his newest experiences, I am even more thrilled for Dotty Garrigan as those angels escorted her past all there is to see in the heavenly realm. Can't you imagine her *spiritual fervor*?!

Roller coasters are great; the ark was stupendous; Niagra Falls is breathtaking. Good for you, Carter! I'm glad you got to take it all in! And good for you, Dotty! The greatest reward is now yours.

Blessings,
RevLon

PERSECUTED CHURCH

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. Hebrews 13:3

The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a nonprofit, interdenominational missions organization, that offers practical and spiritual help to persecuted Christians around the world. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned 14 years in Communist Romania for his faith in Christ. His wife, Sabina, was imprisoned for three years. In the 1960s, Richard, Sabina, and their son, Mihai, were ransomed out of Romania and came to the United States. Through their travels, the Wurmbrands spread the message of the atrocities that Christians face in restricted nations, while establish-

ing a network of offices dedicated to assisting the persecuted church. The Voice of the Martyrs continues in this mission around the world today. (Tortured for Christ -Pastor Wumbrand's biography)

A current project sponsored by VOM is sending Action Packs to persecuted Christians. Many times Christians and their family members are evicted from their homes/villages, fired from their jobs and ostracized from their communities. Action packs are filled with practical items together with Bible material to help Christians survive their current conditions. The VOM Action Packs are delivered by VOM workers.

Examples of the types of items donors place in Action Packs: Blanket • Jacket or windbreaker • Light sweater • Socks • Solid-color T-shirt • Bed sheet • Towel • Bar of soap • Sponge or foam ball • Family photo and note or

drawing (optional, but appreciated by our persecuted family). Money for mailing the completed Action Packs to VOM is also needed. Clothes should be new or gently used for an adult man or woman or boy or girl.

The Voice of the Martyrs is currently distributing Action Packs in Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, Jordan and Lebanon.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact Peggy Phelan(270-339-8415). For more information on Action Packs: Voice of Martyrs web site- Get Involved.

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WE'RE HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY AUGUST 12!

The Presbytery of Western Kentucky's quarterly meeting will be held in our church on Saturday, August 12. As good hosts, we will provide lunch for everyone who attends. In addition, our Living

Waters mission will be among the exhibits and teach-in topics. We will also need some volunteers to serve as greeters in the parking lot and entrance to the sanctuary. Please call the church office

(270.821.6420) to offer yourself as a good servant – greeting, serving, setting up and cleaning up. (Yes, we do need your help!)



PRESBYTERY MEETING

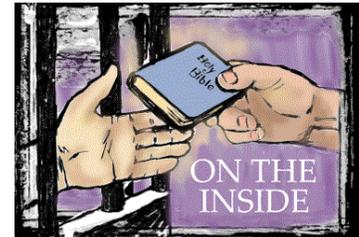
From the Inside

God gave Ezekiel the difficult responsibility of presenting this message to ungrateful and abusive people. Sometimes I believe I'm in Ezekiel's shoes when I try to deliver the Word of God to our inmates at HCJ. The Lord told Ezekiel to speak His words whether, or not, the people would listen, whether it is convenient, or not. God called His people obstinate and stubborn because they would not admit their sin. I know the feeling. Our measure of success is not how well the people respond, but how well we obey God and whether we fulfill God's purpose for us. God's truth does not depend on how people respond. He will not judge us

for how well others respond to our witness to our faith, but how faithful we have been. Last Sunday I was told that I'm not entertaining enough, and that I keep reading from the same book (The Bible) each week. Last week we were in 2 Kings and 1 John 5. This week we'll be in Ezekiel 3 and 1 Timothy 4. I think I'll try to be more entertaining by telling a story of a rabbi named Akiva, who lost his way home and stumbled upon a roman garrison, challenged and asked "Who are you, and why are you here?" Akiva responded by asking the guard to come with him and asked Akiva to answer these questions each time he came and

went. There are many times I ask myself why are you going to spend time with obstinate and ungrateful people? And God says who spent the time with you before you came back home? So I am reminded when Ezekiel is told "I will hold you accountable for their blood' and "you will have saved yourself", I too am accountable to God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit of presenting His message and following His Will.

On the Inside,
Pete



"Let's Go To The Hop!"

Put on your poodle skirt, saddle oxfords, and letter jacket! As a "thank you" for all your prayers and financial support, the LWW mission team is sponsoring a sock hop in the gym on Satur-

day, August 5th from 7:00 PM til ?. Come enjoy your favorite soda fountain drink, some good 50's and 60's music, dance lessons from Jerry and Phyllis, and an overall fun trip down memory

lane. Who knows? You may even see Danny, Sandy, and "Greased Lightnin."



The Whole Church is Invited to a Bridal Shower

And as it was, that [she], having waited long and endured patiently, realized and obtained what God had promised.

Hebrews 6:15

Our church family is invited to a bridal shower for Brianna

Sutton on August 26, 2017 from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall.

Brianna and Kyle are registered at The Gift Horse, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Wal-Mart. Gift cards are welcomed.

The theme is "Shabby Chic".



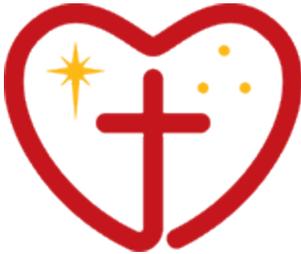
June Financial Information



Income	\$21,304.28	Year to Date	\$1,485.35
Expenses	<u>\$19,819.06</u>		
Net	\$1,485.22		

Designated	\$1,787.00
Expense	<u>\$354.99</u>
Net	\$1,432.01

Undesignated	\$19,517.28
Expense	<u>\$19,464.07</u>
Net	\$53.21



The Heart of Jesus

The idea of a spiritual heart transplant is a vivid image to me; once you have the heart of somebody else inside you, then that heart is there. Jesus' heart is inside me, and my heart is gone. So if God were to place a stethoscope

against my chest, he would hear the heart of Jesus Christ beating.

—Max Lucado



God of Tomorrows

This is the blessed life — not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

—F.B. Meyer

What Matters Most

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1: 16

I would like to pass along my thoughts on what matters most. Not just to me or to our church or community or even to our country, but to every living person on this planet. The most important thing that everyone can know is that God has created each one in His image. He has gifted each one of us for a specific calling and purpose that only we can accomplish. God gave an ancient people instruction to shine to those around them that God is the one true Lord and to love Him and Him alone with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. And to know Him is to know how much He loves us and wants us. Even though we are a fallen people living in a broken world He still calls us to reflect His image as we trust in Him and allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to counsel and guide us. He went to the extreme to send His Son, our

Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ into our brokenness and repair and redeem our relationship so that nothing could ever separate us from the love of God. That true love is shown to us in the person, fully man and fully God, Jesus Christ. We did not earn grace and we don't deserve grace but it was and is freely given. It is not dependent on you to create this relationship, you just receive it as your true compass for your purpose here. We were created to worship and adore God and unless we do this we never will be content. So I pray that as we approach life each day that we will know what matters most, God loves us unconditionally and He has raised us to a new and everlasting life.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a

human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philipians 2:5-11

If we want to see our world changed for the best this is the only way it will ever happen as every knee bows and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

In Christ's Love,
Rob
Romans 12

“...He still calls us to reflect His image as we trust in Him and allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to counsel and guide us.”

Youth News:

August 16 will start our Wednesday evening youth groups. And as usual we will kick things off with a night of fun water games! So please don't park up near the upper lot unless you want to get wet. We want to welcome and invite everyone to feel free to bring friends into our family. And also this year we have given the option for 6th graders to stay on with the Discovery Club if they

would like. We would also like to remind all middle and high school students that Sunday school is offered each Sunday morning at 9 AM starting back August 20. Also we would like to give the invitation to anyone that would like to help out with youth fundraisers this year to consider taking one on to help organize and lead. The dates for those

fundraisers are October 4, November 29, February 14 and May 9. Just contact Rob if you're interested.

1st	David Betts	21st	Lanna Arnold
	Mike & Nancy Franklin (A)	22nd	Sandy Tucker
	Mallory Hunt	24th	Jerry Kelley
	Craig Winstead		Mike Shepherd
2nd	Mike Franklin		David Brooks
4th	Art Hall	25th	Val Dreusicke
	Chaun Castleberry		Denise Edwards
10th	Russell Fischels	26th	Jackie Fazenbaker
11th	Thomas Franklin McKnight		Lon & Pat Lorton (A)
14th	Bill Coates		Cookie Porter
	Mike & Jo Shepherd (A)	27th	John & Cheryl Bushong
15th	Matt Sills	31st	Luke Ricketts
17th	Jerry & Phyllis Klym (A)		
19th	Shari Winstead		



August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6PM Session Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7 6PM Great Banquet Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 Presbytery Meeting
13	14	15	16 Blood Drive 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20	21	22 6PM Great Banquet Meetings	23 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 Brianna Sutton's Bridal Shower
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