

“We Are Not Alone”

¹⁶ “...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. ²⁶ ...[T]he Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14: 16 & 26 (NIV)

Easter season is upon us – the time when we remember and celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is also a time when we may remember that Jesus not long after His death, ascended into heaven and is no longer with us. But is that all we remember and celebrate on Easter Sunday?

I cannot help but think that Jesus’ disciples were fearful that Jesus’ ministry would come to an abrupt end when He told them He would soon be going away. I also believe they were fearful for their own well-being as well. After all, they had left family and livelihood to follow Jesus. What would they after Jesus was gone? Jesus reassures His disciples that, even after He is gone, He will not leave them as orphans. Jesus promises His disciples that He will ask the Father, and the Father will give them an advocate to help them and be with them forever – the Advocate being the Holy Spirit. Not only will the Holy Spirit be *with* the disciples – but also He will be *in them*.

Do we believe this same promise is available to all believers? I hope you do! God’s promise of the Holy Spirit is for *all* believers! You and I know life in the world can be very difficult. People are still struggling with unemployment or underemployment. People are still struggling with sickness and disease. People are still struggling with feeling that no one cares – and even God doesn’t care. The good news and hope we have to share with the world is that *God does care about the plight of His children!* God cares so much that God has given the gift of the Holy Spirit to each and every believer and will give the same to all who call upon the name of Jesus. The world has a way of discouraging people. For some it seems as if life is one-step forward – and two steps backward. It is easy understandable that they feel abandoned. We can help the disillusioned by sharing and demonstrating God’s love and reminding them that God does love them. I have personally experienced an increase in the number of people I have come into contact with who believe in God – but are wondering why God has forgotten about them or even for some, why God is “punishing” them.

We have the greatest news in the world for those who are disillusioned. But it is difficult to share that good news if we aren’t sure it is true. It is difficult to share something that we have not personally experienced. If you are having doubts because of your circumstances, if you are having doubts because you have not experienced God’s presence in your life, please seek me or another person out to talk with. God has given believers the greatest gift in the world – His Holy Spirit. Claim the gift and the power it gives to live the life victorious. Then go – go and share the good news that we are not alone. We have not been abandoned nor orphaned for we have a God who cares deeply about His children. God cares and loves us so much that God has *chosen* to live intimately with all believers and the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in Jesus name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything Jesus promised to you.

Blessings and Peace in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Barry

“What’s Happening”

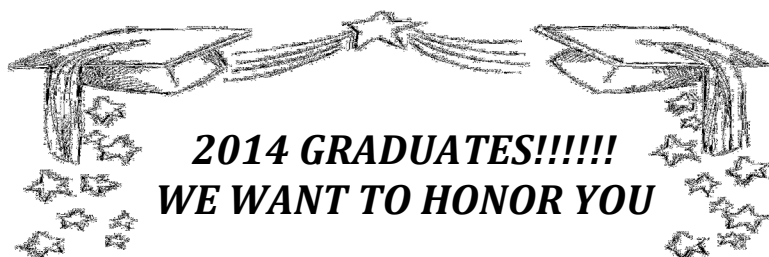
Jimmy’s Corner

Good morning/afternoon/evening,

- ✓ Jr. High has spent what time we’ve had together studying the New Testament looking at the Holy Spirit’s first arrival in Acts and Paul’s explanation of Life through the Spirit in Romans.
- ✓ Sr. High has been learning about why it is important to be patient with the prideful and learning to forgive ourselves for making mistakes in life.
- ✓ Our young adults have been studying dreams lately. We spend several weeks looking at men & women in the Bible who have had dreams. We studied the purpose of dreams and when dreams are nothing more than just things we see throughout the day.

If you are interested in being involved or want to know more about some of the youth and young adult ministries, feel free to give me a call or text at 419-651-0229.

Stay Classy Liberty Chapel,
JB



**2014 GRADUATES!!!!!!
WE WANT TO HONOR YOU**

On Sunday, May 18 in the 10:30 service, we want to share your accomplishments and your plans.

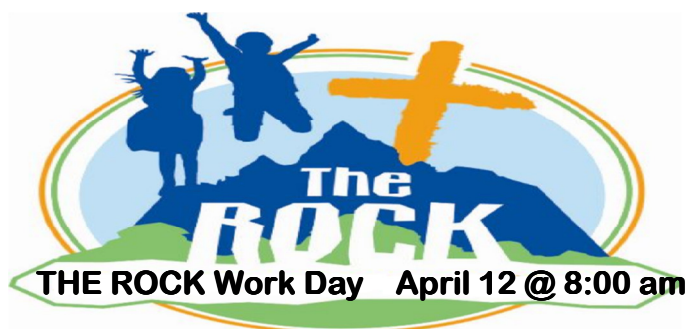
*If you are a **2014 pre-school, high school or college graduate** we are looking for you. Please turn in to the church office the following information: Name, parents’ name, school you are graduating from & your plans. We would also like to have a current and kid picture of you. (All pictures will be returned.) Please have all information to the office by May 4.*

County Road Trash Pick-up

Grades 5-8

Wednesday, April 16 6:30 – 7:30 pm

***Wear: tie shoes or boots (no sandals),
long sleeve shirt & pants, gloves provided***



If you have not been able to help during the week, please come lend a hand for this important outreach. Many hands make light work.

THE ROCK WILL BE OPEN

TUESDAY – THURSDAY 3:30 – 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, April 16

6 – 7:00 pm

*Let us do the cooking for you!
Join us for food and fellowship
on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays!*



UMM Meeting

April 14, 2014 @ 6:00 pm

Chapel men come join the fellowship and meal.

Welcome New Members & Confirmands

April 13 @ 10:30 am



Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

The Pantry & Closet will be open
Monday, April 21, 6-7:30 pm.
& Friday April 25, 9 – 11:00 am

Days and hours for our new food pantry have been set: 3rd Monday of every month 6:00- 7:30 pm and the following Friday of that week, 9:00- 11:00 am. Six to eight volunteers are needed to help each time to meet and greet, set-up and takedown, help carry out food and to help people in other ways. The Clothing Ministries is open at the same times as Bountiful Blessings. This is another much-needed outreach. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please see Pastor Barry.

Happy
Mother's
Day

Happy
Father's
Day

The church is looking for individuals, groups or Sunday School classes who are willing to oversee our Mother's & Father's Day celebrations. You would be responsible for getting a small gift for

each mother or father and the presentation of special gifts. Please contact the office if you are interested.

(Thank you Clapp Family for taking on Mother's Day....should be exciting!)

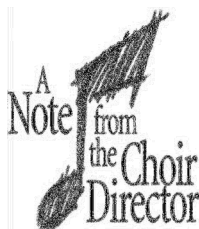
WINTER BREAK IS OVER!!!!!!

THE CHOIR WILL BE SINGING ON

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY.

Practices are Wed. April 9 & 16 @ 7:30 pm.

New Voices Welcome



"Cooking Friendly"

Want to learn to cook, or to use what you have on hand to make a meal? Sign up today for our monthly cooking "friendly" class. You can either cook along with the instructions or just watch and take notes. Classes are free unless you want to cook along. That cost is listed with the take home menu.



April Dish...

"Ham & Cheesy Potatoes"

Saturday, April 12

1:00 p.m. @ the Church

Please call Vondra Oberhaus at 419-966-6181 to register, or sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Vondra will tell you the price at that time.

Tuesday Morning Aerobics

9 – 10 am* Led by Andrea Bock

Please bring an exercise mat and weights if you have them. Join us for Fellowship, Fitness and Fantastic Christian Music.

Contact Sue Krugh for further information,
419-533-4171.

*If there is a school delay, the class will start at 10 am.
Sponsored by M & M's.

**April 8 session is moved to April 9 @ 10 am.

New Address

Pastor Lynn & Ruth Huffman
11411 Cardinal Lane
Saint Mary's, OH 45885

New Phone

Steve & Tina Tedrow 419-337-0199

Countdown to Camp

New for 2014 at Camp Widewater....

- ☞ Explorers Camp – shortened camp for beginners (week 4)
- ☞ What Goes up (week 8)



Widewater Favorites!

- ☞ Grandparents Camp (week 2)
- ☞ Family Camp (week 5)
- ☞ ACORN Camp (week 7)



New for 2014 at Camp Wesley

- ☞ Girls Only – Guys Only (week 1)
- ☞ Explorers Camp – shortened camp for beginners (week 4)
- ☞ Extreme Outdoor Adventure (Week 3)
- ☞ Explorers Wilderness Camp (week 4)
- ☞ Horse Camp (week 3)
- ☞ Challenge and Service Camp (week 5)
- ☞ Team Challenge Course
- ☞ New Inflatable Lake Toys
- ☞ Stand-Up Paddle Boards
- ☞ New Camp Store



NEW for 2014 at Camp Otterbein

- ☞ Explorers Camp – shortened camp for beginners
- ☞ Wilderness Explorers Camp
- ☞ Wilderness Night Owls (week 6)
- ☞ Explore God's World (week 7)
- ☞ Lake Climbing Wall
- ☞ Whitewater Kayaks
- ☞ New Mountain Bike trails
- ☞ Nature Prayer Trail
- ☞ North Woods Chapel



All Camps Open House May 18, 1-4 p.m.

In support of National Safe Boating Week, we will be demonstrating our new all-accessible flat top kayaks, supplied by a generous grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Come and visit Camp Widewater, Wesley & Otterbein for an afternoon of fun!

See Marci Nash or Eric Witte for registration materials. Chapel currently pays 50% of the camp costs up to \$150.



2014 Spring Benefit

Saturday evening: April 12th at Founder's Hall,
Archbold 7 Pm

Tickets: \$15 Per Person
Guest Speaker: Gianna Jessen

An amazing young woman, who shares her poignant story of a miraculous birth and impossible odds and moves her audiences to tears. She has spoken at the Vatican, met the Pope, spoken before Parliaments and US bodies of government, conversed with President George W. Bush; and her story has been used as the theme of the movie, October Baby. You don't want to miss her exciting and amazing presentation!



CPC Fall Training Seminar is scheduled for May 1, 2, 5 & 6 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Bryan CPC. Especially needed are volunteer counselors, nurses and receptionists in all 4 locations (Bryan, Defiance, Napoleon & Wauseon), and Hotline workers. This 4-morning seminar costs only \$10 which covers the cost of the manual. Call Gina at 419-636-5692 for information or to register.



Simon from Cyrene Carries Jesus' Cross

by Max Lucado

"A man named Simon from Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was coming from the fields to the city. The soldiers forced Simon to carry the cross for Jesus" (Mark 15:21)

Simon grumbles beneath his breath. His patience is as scarce as space on the Jerusalem streets. He'd hoped for a peaceful Passover. The city is anything but quiet. Simon prefers his open fields. And now, to top it off, the Roman guards are clearing the path for some who-knows-which-dignitary who'll march his soldiers and strut his stallion past the people.

"There he is!" Simon's head and dozens of others turn. In an instant, they know. This is no dignitary.

"It's a crucifixion," he hears someone whisper. Four soldiers. One criminal. Four spears. One cross. The inside corner of the cross saddles the convict's shoulders. Its base drags in the dirt. Its top teeters in the air. The condemned man steadies the cross the best he can, but stumbles beneath its weight. He pushes himself to his feet and lurches forward before falling again. Simon can't see the man's face, only a head wreathed with thorny branches.

The sour-faced centurion grows more agitated with each diminishing step. He curses the criminal and the crowd.

"Hurry up!"

"Little hope of that," Simon says to himself.

The cross-bearer stops in front of Simon and heaves for air. Simon winces at what he sees. The beam rubbing against an already raw back. Rivulets of crimson streaking the man's face. His mouth hangs open, both out of pain and out of breath.

"His name is Jesus," someone speaks softly.

"Move on!" commands the executioner.

But Jesus can't. His body leans and feet try, but he can't move. The beam begins to sway. Jesus tries to steady it, but can't. Like a just-cut tree, the cross begins to topple toward the crowd. Everyone steps back, except the farmer. Simon instinctively extends his strong hands and catches the cross.

Jesus falls face-first in the dirt and stays there. Simon pushes the cross back on its side. The centurion looks at the exhausted Christ and the bulky bystander and needs only an instant to make the decision. He presses the flat of his spear on Simon's shoulders.

"You! Take the cross!"

Simon dares to object, "Sir, I don't even know the man!"

"I don't care. Take up the cross."

Simon growls, balances the timber against his shoulder, and steps out of the crowd onto the street, out of anonymity into history, and becomes the first in a line of millions who will take up the cross and follow Christ.

He did literally what God calls us to do figuratively: take up the cross and follow Jesus. "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me" (Luke. 9:23 CEV).



† Robert Carrasquillo
- (Sara Atkinson's
father) Cancer diagnosis



- † **Cassie & Matt Rashley** - (Friends of Bobby & Joie O'Neal) *Matt is w/US Army in Korea; Cassie is 28 wks. pregnant w/complications.*
- † **Rick Thompson** - (from L.C.) *Diagnosed with cancer; treatable, beginning chemotherapy & radiation soon.*
- † **The Family of Virginia White** - (Pastor Jim's mother) *Virginia passed away March 23.*
- † **Heather Dietrich** - (Friend of Joie O'Neal) *Thyroid Cancer..*
- † **Steve Goldsmith** - (brother-in-law of Arita Silveus) *Starting chemotherapy on April 15.*
- † **Darrell Wishon** - (Vondra & Kevin Oberhaus' brother-in-law) *Continued prayer for surgery recovery.*
- † **Nichole Leisure** - (Missionary) *surgery April 22*

Please keep the following long term needs in your prayers:

*Nancy Funkhouser; Ruth Gramling;
Winnie Leatherman; Kent Spiess; Billy Sharpe;
Ruth Whitman; Leo "Bud" Zenz;
Members of the Military and their Families
Our Missionary Families*

*[Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks.
For continued prayer listing, please resubmit.]*

APRIL SERVANTS
COMMUNION CLASS - DISCOVERY

	Traditional Service Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
6	J. & J. Saneholtz	Harold Conner Family
13	Miller Family	Fetterman & Cramer Families
20	Oberhaus Family	Estelle Family
27	D. Baughman & ??	L. Dalton & T. Oelkrug
	Contemporary Service Nursery	Greeters
6	Cramer Family	Tom Myers Family
13	Witte Family	Lee Starkey Family
20	Rick Kessler Family	Tyler Smith Family
27	Mack Family	Graber Family

Little Lambs - Christie Myers

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Mary Carpenter
Evan Cramer
Tom Oelkrug
- 3 - Arlene Griteman
- 4 - Cara Bowers
John Leuthold
- 5 - Logan Estelle
Ruth Whitman
- 7 - Melissa Smith
Shirley Barlow
- 9 - Julie Kerrigan
Lavon Patton
- 10 - Addison Zientek
Lauren Nash
Courtney Patton
- 11 - Tricia Frysinger
- 12 - Emili Cramer
- 13 - Scott Whitman
- 14 - Mike Hamlin
Henry & Eli Smith
- 15 - Keith Kern
- 17 - Troy Zenz
- 18 - Carolyn Arps
- 23 - Riley Danford
Jamie Kessler
Dick Leatherman
- 24 - Noah Brooks
Macie Krugh
Paul Murrey
Rosemary Hartford
Hayden Saneholtz
- 25 - Kent Stites
- 29 - Ellen Dean
- 30 - Sydney Shafer
Gary Graber

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Jim & Bev Griteman
- 8 - Ron & Julie Zenz
- 16 - Toby & Becky Ernsberger
- 19 - Bobby & Joie O'Neal
- 30 - Jimmy and Casey Bright

[Please let the office know if you have an addition or correction to this page. ☺]

March Averages

Average Total Atten. : 150
Average Sunday School : 110
Avg. to Budget: \$4,561.00
Avg. Total Offering: \$5,768.00

US Military Addresses:

OSSR Mr. & Mrs. Danny Leatherman
Dept OPS/Div 01
USS Nimitz (CVN-68)
FPO AP 96620/2820

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Mr. & Mrs. David Hartford
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Jacksonville, NC 28546

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Rhoads
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Kailua, HI 96743





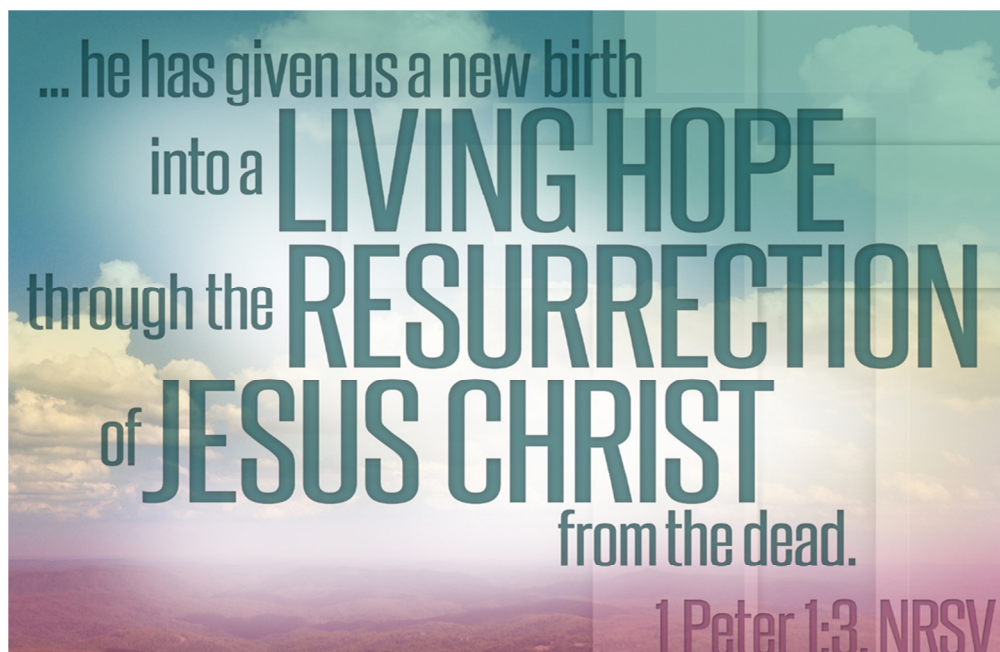
Pastor Barry Baughman
Youth Minister Jimmy Bright
Church Phone 419-533-2881
E-mail: libertychapel@metalink.net
Web site: Libertychapel.net

9474 County Road V, Liberty Center, OH 43532

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

*"A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that
He is overflowing to others."*

Returned Service Requested



*April
2014*



Sun day Worship Times:

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship (Nursery Provided)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise (Nursery Provided)

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

*Wednesday Night Ministries: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (3 yrs. – 8th grades & “The Story Bible Study) 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Sr. YF grades 9 - 12)

April 30 will be the last Wednesday Night Ministries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	2 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 6-7 pm CrossRoads Cafe <i>Wed. Night Ministries*</i> 6:30 – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm Choir	3 11:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	4	5 7am Men's P.T. @ church
6 Worship With Us 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	7 <div> <div></div> <div> L.C. Kindergarten Clinic 8 – 4:00 pm </div> </div> 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Finance 8:00 pm Ad. Council	8 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 SPRC	9 10 - 11 am Ladies Aerobics 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" <i>Wed. Night Ministries*</i> 6:30 – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm Choir	10 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	11	12 7am Men's P.T. @ church Work Day @ THE ROCK "Friendzy" 1:00 pm
13 Palm Sunday  Confirmation, Baptism & New Members	14 6:00 pm UMM 8:00 pm Worship	15 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	16 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 6-7 pm CrossRoads Cafe <i>Wed. Night Ministries*</i> 6:30 – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm Choir	17 10:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 pm THE ROCK Team	18 Good Friday 	19 7am Men's P.T. @ church
20  7:00 am Sunrise Services 8:00 am Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Easter Services	21 6 – 7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	22 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	23 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" <i>Wed. Night Ministries*</i> 6:30 – 9:00 pm	24 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	25 9-11am Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	26 7am Men's P.T. @church
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