

## “Living Hope”

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 1 Peter 1: 3-6 (NIV)

**T**hrough the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead we are given new birth into a *living* hope. Ponder that thought for a moment. What is living hope? The hope written of here is not just an intellectual assent that we have the hope of resurrection to everlasting life through our faith in Jesus. It is a *living* hope that goes far beyond just intellectual assent. It is also not some “pie in the sky” kind of hope of life in God's perfect kingdom where sin, death, and sickness are forever vanquished that we look forward to when our days here on earth come to an end. It is a *living* hope that sustains in the here and now.

The text makes it clear that we live in a fallen and broken world that falls far short of what God intended for creation. As a result of the fall of humanity we have had to “suffer grief in all kinds of trials.” This suffering is not what God intended for creation. While we have to live with the consequences of sin, God has not abandoned us. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, God has given us the gift of *living* hope that sustains us, lifts us and gives us a hope that is beyond ourselves that we might not just endure life in this world, but live the life victorious.

What is the life victorious? It is multifaceted. (I am not proposing here to fully define the life victorious.) One facet of living the life victorious is living a life that rejects the standards the secular world with regard to what defines success in life. Success in life such as growing rich, being famous or wielding power is only very short lived and does not mean anything in the scheme of eternity. If you think about it, our lives here on earth are but a tiny blip on the timeline of “forever.” When we start thinking about the things of this life that seem so important in the here and now in comparison to “forever,” it gives us a different perspective on the things of this world. In the scheme of eternity, wealth means absolutely nothing (we cannot take wealth with us to heaven). Fame means nothing in God's kingdom. Personal power completely pales in comparison to the omnipotent God of creation. The *living* faith we have been given through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us the power and authority to *reject* the standards of the world and freedom from the bondage they impose. We are freed from the standards that hold our worth is found in wealth. We are freed from the bondage of the idea that we are more worthy of love and adoration if we are famous. We are freed from the lust for power and control over others that falsely makes us feel superior or more worthy. *Living* hope gives us the ability to live the life victorious because it frees us from the bondage of worldly things and enables us to realize that the things of this world are truly fleeting and in the scheme of eternity mean nothing. *Living* hope opens our eyes to the reality that at the end of life on this earth, the only thing that really matters is our relationship with God and one another.

If you are not successful in the eyes of the world and are not rich, not famous or powerful, remember the most important thing is whether or not you are successful in God's eyes. If you are wealthy, famous or powerful, please understand that these things, kept in the proper godly perspective, are not unacceptable to God. Realize also that they can be very intoxicating and trap you into the living by the standards of the world. The death and resurrection of Jesus freed us from the bondage of sin and death. It also freed us from the standards of a broken, fallen world that falsely define success and ultimately our worth. Our worth comes only from the fact that we are beloved children of God. Our success comes from new birth into the *living* hope we have in Jesus Christ that overcomes the world and enables us to truly live a life of peace and contentment no matter our circumstances. It is this *living* hope that enables us to live the life victorious in the here and now.

Blessings and Peace in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Barry*

## “What’s Happening”

Jimmy’s Corner

Good morning/afternoon/evening,

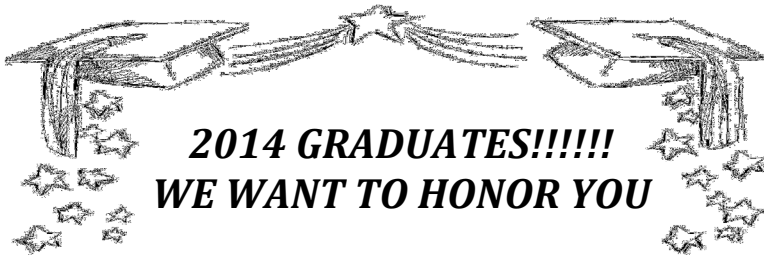
Jr. High has spent the last couple of weeks looking at Christianity from 200 A.D. to 2014. We studied Constantine and the Great Schism.

Sr. High has been spending most of the Wednesdays preparing for the Easter Sunrise service as well as learn about empathy.

Our young adults have been learning about the Holy Spirit lately. We watch a video of a pastor talking about the Holy Spirit and then had discussion.

If you are interested in being involved or want to 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 the following information into the church office: 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.



THE ROCK WILL BE OPEN

TUESDAY – THURSDAY 3:30 – 5:30 PM.  
STARTING MAY 6 THE HOURS WILL BE  
3:00 – 5:30 PM

# Thank you!



THANK YOU TO JENNIFER CLAPP AND GANG FOR THE GREAT MEALS YOU HAVE PREPARED AND SERVED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. YOU ARE TRUE SERVANTS IN MANY WAYS.

\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

*JENNIFER IS PASSING OFF THE COOKING SPATULA TO SOMEONE ELSE NEXT FALL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER (419-533-5868)*



### Thank You

Thank you to all that donated to the funeral dinner ministry.

It was so appreciated at this difficult time.

## Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

The Pantry & Closet will be open  
Monday, May 19, 6-7:30 pm.  
& Friday May 23, 9 – 11:00 am

Days and hours for our new food pantry have been set: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Cooking Friendly

Saturday, May 10, @ 1:00 pm



Want to learn to cook or to use what you have on hand to make a salad, 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. **This is open to the public.**

Sign-up today or call Vondra Oberhaus at 419-966-6181 to register.

**May dishes: “Summer Salads”**

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### *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.

#### **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.



- † Norm Zeiter, Sr. – Health Concerns
- † Family and Friends of Nancy Funkhouser - Nancy passed away Monday, April 14.
- † Josh Atkinson – sustained neck injuries from an accident.

- † Lily Case - recovering at home from a broken arm.
- † Ruth Gramling – Health concerns, in Henry Co. Hospital.
- † Gene Giesige – Gene passed away Thursday, April 17.
- † Mackie McGilvery – (son of Karin & Mac McGilvery) Recovering at home following surgery
- † 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 pregnant w/complications.
- † Rick Thompson – (from L.C.) Diagnosed with cancer; treatable, beginning Chemotherapy. & radiation soon.
- † Heather Dietrich – (Friend of Joie O’Neal) Thyroid Cancer.
- † Steve Goldsmith – (brother-in-law of Arita Silveus) Started Chemotherapy on April 15.
- † Darrell Wishon – (Vondra & Kevin Oberhaus’ brother-in-law) remains cancer free & has returned to work part-time.
- † Nichole Leisure – (Missionary) surgery April 22

**Please keep the following long term needs in your prayers:**

*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.]**

**MAY SERVANTS**

	Traditional Service Nursery	Sunday School Nursery
4	Witte Family	O’Neil Family
11	Brenda Saneholtz	Todd Shafer Family
18	Oberhaus Family	Bowers Family
25	Starkey Family	Quigley Family
	Contemporary Service Nursery	Greeters
4	Miller Family	Dave Mohler Family
11	Nash Family	Meter Family
18	Case & Amstutz Families	Carpenter Family
25	Kate & Kelsey Bare	Gillen Family

*Little Lambs – Johanna Clapp*

Church Office Hours:  
Wednesday – Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Tyler Murrey
- 2 - MaryLou Leatherman
- 3 - Amanda Barnes
- 4 - Randy Bostelman
- 5 - Josh Vollmar
- 11 - Heather Krugh  
Marilyn Spiess
- 12 - Ashley Bowers
- 13 - Alexis Davis
- 14 - Isaiah Gutierrez
- 16 - Kenleigh Howe  
Jennifer Murrey
- 17 - Kara Wetterauer  
Marci Nash
- 18 - Sara Leatherman  
Kathy Hartford
- 19 - Karen Mohler  
Dawn Sharpe  
Madison Amstutz
- 20 - Hayley Saneholtz  
Brian Stites  
Christy Myers
- 21 - Niki Bare
- 24 - Teresa Bostelman
- 25 - Makenna Kern
- 26 - Billy Sharpe
- 27 - Julie Zenz  
Landon Amstutz
- 29 - Calla Oelkrug

**2014 Graduates**

***High School***

- Courtney Bowers*
- Lydia Mack*
- Joseph Smith*
- Levy Frysinger*
- ReBecca Witte*

***College***

- Hannah Kershner*

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 – Jamie & Amber Kessler
- 9 – Andy & Susie Miller
- 16 – Jamie & Staci Cramer
- 19 – Brad & Chelsea Howe
- 24 – Ben & Sara Leatherman
- 26 – Steve & Tina Tedrow
- 28 – Josh & Sara Atkinson

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

**April 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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Oceanside, CA 92058

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Apt. 206B  
Jacksonville, NC 28546

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Rhoads  
1778 B Peleiholani Ct.  
Kailua, HI 96743



**Pastor Barry Baughman**  
**Youth Minister Jimmy Bright**  
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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*

# May 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)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 National Day of Prayer</b> 3:30 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7am Men's P.T. @ church
<b>4</b> Worship With Us  6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>5</b>  6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Ad. Council	<b>6</b> 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>7</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>8</b> 10 am Staff meeting  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7am Men's P.T. @ church  "Cooking Friendly" 1:00 pm
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>  8:00 pm Worship	<b>13</b> 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 SPRC	<b>14</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>15</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 pm THE RCK Team	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7am Men's P.T. @ church
<b>18</b>  <i><b>Congratulations Graduates Service @ 10:30</b></i>	<b>19</b> 6 – 7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	<b>20</b> 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>21</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 pm Christian Ed.	<b>23</b> 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	<b>24</b> 7am Men's P.T. @church
<b>25</b> Worship With Us	<b>26 Memorial Day</b> 	<b>27</b> 6am Men'sStudy@Charlie's 9-10 am Ladies Aerobics 3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>28</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>29</b>  3:00 -5:30 pm "The ROCK"	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7am Men's P.T. @church