

## School Daze

On a May morning, a little over 17 years ago, I watched Andy pull his Eclipse out of the driveway and head to Wheelersburg High School for his last day—our family's last day of public school education. This era in our family's life lasted for 29 years. While there were many friendships and memories created, and while our kids received quality, well-rounded educations, I was satisfied and more than a little relieved to see this chapter in our lives come to an end. . . .forever. . . .

Until Wednesday night, when we went to open house at the new Liberty Center school with Leah, who is totally stoked to begin Kindergarten. Through sweaty eyes, I read directions for tasks around the room that she quickly and easily accomplished. Although she is more than ready, I'm pretty certain I'm not ready for this cycle to begin again.

About a month ago, we enjoyed our high school class reunion. It was good to laugh with friends and remember stories and shenanigans from back in the day. We reminisced about favorite teachers. We missed friends who were unable to attend and honored students who have passed. One classmate gave me a program from our musical "Hello Dolly." Another sent me a picture of our senior prom date—before Sherry and I were an item. (Maybe in some weak moment, those pictures will show up on Facebook.) We looked through Log of E's and pictures scattered around the tables. My best friend from school joined us at church and enjoyed Sunday dinner with us. We graduated with a quality education and knew everything and were ready to take on the world.

I know that Leah will create the same kinds of memories. Best friends. Favorite teachers. New learnings and interests. Extra-curriculars. Focused hopes and dreams. I'm as ready as I'll ever be for her to jump into that process with both feet. I pray God's direction and protection as she reaches for her best. . .not her second best. I pray that whatever she does, Jesus will be in the center of her heart and life.

I pray that for all you students who are likewise beginning this school year. Reach for your best. . .not your second best. Above all else, continue to grow in your love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I pray for you (us) parents, for the wisdom and ability to let go when appropriate and to give firm direction when needed. In all the busyness of work and school and play and life, keep focused on Jesus.

And save the date: May 25, 2031 there will be a big party at our home as we celebrate Leah's graduation!

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad



## September 2018

We recently had a leadership retreat with student and adult leaders of YF. It was a really refreshing time and a great time to focus on the vision and purpose of YF. It really got me thinking about the question 'Why?' It's a simple question but has big implications. Why do we plan events every year? Why do we want more students to come? Why do we give up our Wednesday nights all year?

As we reflect on 'why,' we eliminate some things that aren't working well or aren't worth our time, and add more things that help us accomplish our goal of getting Jr. and Sr. High students to know Jesus. This process helps us to focus more on our purpose and eliminate time that we waste on things that don't matter. Maybe you need to evaluate that in your life. Why do you work where you work? Why do you go to sporting events? Why do you spend your free time how you do? Ultimately as we ask why, it refines our purpose and brings us back to the fact that at the end of the day Jesus is the only one that truly matters and it helps us center our lives on Him. So take some time this month and ask yourself the question, 'Why?'

As for an update on ministry, we will start Wednesday night ministries on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Times will be the same as last year. 8<sup>th</sup> grade and under will meet from 6:30-7:30 pm and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade 7:00-8:45 pm. For those in Jr. and Sr. High YF, we will have a parents meeting from 7:00-7:30 pm. We will start The Rock back up on September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm.

Hope you have an awesome September!

Pastor Tom



Thank you to everyone for your help and support at the Henry County fair this year! We had a great week of weather and a great week of meeting new friends in the booth with Napoleon Nazarene. I heard good things about the joint effort this year with them. It takes so many people to help make this a success before, during and after and THANK YOU for your part in that!

**BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

As you pack your child's lunch bag, **PRAY!**  
Pray he will hunger for God's Word daily.  
Matthew 5:6

As your child gets on to the bus and you wave good bye, **PRAY!**  
Ask God to keep his feet on the path of righteousness always.  
Proverbs 8:20

As the day goes on and you wonder what he's doing, **PRAY!**  
Ask your Heavenly Father to protect him.  
Psalm 91:14

As you look over the papers he brings home each day, **PRAY!**  
Pray that his mind will grow in the knowledge of the Lord.  
2 Peter 1:3

As you empty the backpack & find scraps of paper & broken pencils, **PRAY!**  
Pray that God will take any broken pieces from the day and bring healing.  
Psalm 147: 3

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# OPEN MY EYES September

Each of the Scriptures below should take ten to fifteen minutes to write (depending on how out in your journal. Feel free to add a reflection to the end of your writing as The Lord speaks to you in a fresh new way. And share with us what The Lord is speaking to your heart in the September comments at The Felicity Bee and let's start a beautiful conversation!

## Strength and Courage

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| Day 1: Deuteronomy 31:6-8     | Day 18: Joel 3:16-17       |
| Day 2: Joshua 1:5-7           | Day 19: Isaiah 25:1-4      |
| Day 3: Proverbs 3:5-8         | Day 20: Colossians 1:9-14  |
| Day 4: Isaiah 41:9-11         | Day 21: Deuteronomy 20:1-4 |
| Day 5: Philippians 4:10-13    | Day 22: Exodus 15:1-4      |
| Day 6: Isaiah 40:28-31        | Day 23: Isaiah 26:1-4      |
| Day 7: Joshua 1:8-11          | Day 24: 2 Timothy 4:16-18  |
| Day 8: Psalm 119:25-28        | Day 25: Psalm 56:1-4       |
| Day 9: Ephesians 6:10-13      | Day 26: 2 Samuel 22:1-4    |
| Day 10: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | Day 27: Psalm 138:1-3      |
| Day 11: Psalm 28:6-9          | Day 28: 1 Samuel 30:3-6    |
| Day 12: Psalm 118:14-18       | Day 29: Psalm 73:25-28     |
| Day 13: Isaiah 12:1-3         | Day 30: 2 Samuel 22:31-34  |
| Day 14: Isaiah 12:4-6         |                            |
| Day 15: Habakkuk 3:17-19      |                            |
| Day 16: Psalm 59:16-17        |                            |
| Day 17: Psalm 31:21-24        |                            |

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Our annual church charge conference will be held October 14th, starting at 4:00 pm at Napoleon Christ UMC. All members of Chapel are invited to attend this event.

## September Servant Schedule

|                                | September 2      | September 9    | September 16    | September 23          | September 30    |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>8:15 Door Greeters</b>      | Barnes Family    |                |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>8:15 Nursery</b>            | Overmier Family  | Michelle Short | Graber Family   | S. Tedrow Family      | Wiechers Family |
| <b>S. S. Door Greeters</b>     |                  |                |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>S.S. Nursery</b>            | Oberhaus Family  | Miller Family  | Martin Family   | Estelle Family        | Oelkrug Family  |
| <b>10:30 Door Greeters</b>     |                  |                |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>10:30 Nursery</b>           | Keller Family    | Witte Family   | Nash Family     | N. Carter Family      | Mack Family     |
| <b>Greeters Welcome Center</b> | C. Carter Family | Quigley Family | S. Clapp Family | Jim Leatherman Family | Barnes Family   |

*Prayer*  
 *Changes things*  
*Let us pray for you with Faith*  
*Believing*  
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Bill Strauss; Mike Collier—Recovering from knee surgery; Courtney Patton—Health Concerns; Russ Strayer—Health Concerns.; Family and friends of Patsy Leatherman—Patsy passed away August 26th; Janice Benson (Jennifer Clapp’s mother)-Health concerns; Tom Tedrow—Recovering from knee surgery; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Tom Atkinson—Heart Attack; Family and friends of Nathan Soto—Nathan passed away Aug. 29th.

**Long-Term Needs:** Isaac Seagrave (Steve & Mary Seagrave’s son) - Health concerns; Becky Strauss (Sister in law to Bill and Reagan Strauss) - Cancer; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman’s mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Morris Myers—Lung Cancer; Leo “Bud” Zenz, Kent Spiess, Braden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Brady Chapa—Cancer; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers’ mother) - Lymphoma. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| 2<br>Levi Howe<br>Larry Leatherman<br>Ace Atkinson                            | 3   | 4<br> | 5<br>Darren Estelle<br>Ben & Peg Zientek | 6<br>Bill Vollmar<br>Tom & Gretchen Tedrow  | 7<br>Dexter Spangler   | 8<br>Don Meter<br>Marcia Bearley  |
| 9<br>Hannah Tedrow<br>Mark & Penny Jones                                      | 10<br>Cheryl Carter<br>Alexa Smiddy   | 11<br>Cheryl Collier<br>Joe & Carla Gillen   | 12<br>Ken & Sharon Stites                | 13<br>Kayla Murrey<br>Vondra Oberhaus<br>Terry Shafer<br>Blaire Mohler<br>Tom & Tammy Oelkrug | 14<br>Kylar Miller   | 15<br>Angie Wiechers<br>Juanita Hoffman<br>Tom & Kathy Wolf                       |
| 16<br>Terry & Debbye Hoffman  | 17  | 18<br>Olivia Leatherman<br>Jason Mohler<br>Julie Masuwa<br>Zeb Orr                       | 19                                       | 20<br>      | 21<br>Josh Atkinson<br>Gracyn Light<br>Mike & Marlene Hamlin | 22<br>Morris Myers  |
| 23<br>Zac Graber<br>JoHanna Young<br>Kelly Stites<br>Randy & Teresa Bostelman | 24<br> | 25<br>Megan Peterson<br>Bev Griteman   | 26<br>Paul Amstutz                       | 27<br>Levi Frysinger<br>John & Kathy Hartford   | 28<br>Dan Bare<br>Bill & Marcia Bearley                      | 29<br>Penny Jones<br>Kenny & Leslie Barnes<br>Todd & Carrie Mohler                |
| 30  |   |  |  |   |  |   |



Fall is almost here and that means that there are several ministries that are starting back up!!! Check them out and mark them on your calendar! We would love to have you join us!!



All men are invited to Charlie's Café on Tuesday mornings, starting September 4th, at 6 am as we dig in to the Word of God.

School starts September 4th and that means so does the ROCK! The ROCK will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 3-5 pm. Kids are invited to come hang out. There are snacks, games and devotions. The sign up sheet for volunteers is out!!! This is a great opportunity to show the love of Christ to those in our community.



### **Regular Schedule for Wednesday Night Ministries:**



Pastor Brad's Bible study - 6:30-7:30 pm

Kid's Klub (5yrs old-6th grade) - 6:30-7:30 pm

Jr. High YF – 6:30-7:30 pm

Sr. High YF 7-8:45 pm

The United Methodist Men will begin their monthly meetings September 10th at 6:00 pm. All men are invited to join us for this time of food, fellowship and speakers.






Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Classic Worship  
 Praise Celebration  
 Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:  
 Classes for All Ages

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday          | Friday                            | Saturday                     |
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|  |  |   |   |                   |                                   | 1<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time  |
| 2  | 3<br>OFFICE IS CLOSED<br> | 4<br>6 am Charlie's<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>6 pm Trustees<br>7 pm Ad. Council | 5<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>6:30-7:30 pm WNM &<br>Pastor Brad's study<br>7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF  | 6<br>3-5 pm ROCK  | 7                                 | 8<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time  |
| 9  | 10<br>6 pm UMM<br>8 pm Worship   | 11<br>6 am Charlie's<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>7 pm SPRC                        | 12<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>6:30-7:30 pm WNM &<br>Pastor Brad's study<br>7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF | 13<br>3-5 pm ROCK | 14                                | 15<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
| 16   | 17<br>6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings<br>7:30 pm Evangelism  | 18<br>6 am Charlie's<br>3-5 pm ROCK                                     | 19<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>6:30-7:30 pm WNM &<br>Pastor Brad's study<br>7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF | 20<br>3-5 pm ROCK | 21<br>9-11 am Bountiful Blessings | 22<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
| 23   | 24<br>6:30 pm Missions<br>7 pm Nominations   | 25<br>6 am Charlie's<br>3-5 pm ROCK                                     | 26<br>3-5 pm ROCK<br>6:30-7:30 pm WNM &<br>Pastor Brad's study<br>7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF | 27<br>3-5 pm ROCK | 28                                | 29<br>7 am Men's Prayer Time |
| 30<br>6:15-9 pm Jr. &<br>Sr. High YF—<br>Fields of Faith |  |   |   |                   |                                   |                              |

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overflowing to others.”*

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