

Ears Open, Mouth Shut

"Conversations with others go much better if I keep my ears open and my mouth shut."

I think I knew that rule. So much of what I do is led by my intuition which has been informed by many life experiences. This week, I become cognitively aware of this intuitive understanding.

With two brothers from Liberty Chapel, it was a privilege for me to attend the Special General Conference in St. Louis. In the dome, in restaurants, on the streets, I was able to converse with persons from all around the nation and globe—persons of all theological viewpoints. My spiritual life is richer for this experience.

I found that conversations with others went much better if I kept my ears open and my mouth shut. If my viewpoint differed from the other, the conversation pretty much ended whenever I opened my mouth.

As I reflect on this rule, it may be a good one for my spiritual development.

Lent begins, March 6. Our Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:00 pm and will last for half an hour. That will be the last part of Wednesday Night Ministries for Children and Jr. High Students. It will be right before the start time for Sr. High Students. It will only be half an hour for adults.

One thing I want to test during the forty days of Lent: Will my conversation with God go better if I keep my ears open and my mouth shut?

Is there sin in my life that God wants to expose and remove? Is there a spiritual discipline I need to start or enhance? What transformation does the Holy Spirit want to work in my life? Can Jesus break through in silence and meditation?

Is there a ministry or mission to which God is calling me? Are there God opportunities coming my way that I might recognize if I focused on God instead of me?

How will keeping my ears open and my mouth help me observe a Holy Lent?

"Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me."

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad



March 2019

March is an exciting month for our youth ministry. On March 3rd, the Jr. and Sr. High students will be going to serve at a food bank called Enpuzzlement. We will be helping them sort food that gets distributed to non-profits all over the place, including our own food pantry. We will be having lunch after church and leaving right after that. This should be a great opportunity for students to serve and learn in a different culture. We are also having a concert and speaker at Liberty Center high school on March 13th. Joel Penton will be speaking during the day at the school and then sharing the Gospel in the evening during a concert. This event is geared towards middle school and high school students, but anybody is welcome to attend.

In past years I've always done a Bible study for seniors over the summer. However, it's been a little too late. Between summer jobs, grad parties, and colleges starting at different times, it's been hard to do as well as I hoped. So this year we're having it in March. On the first 4 Sundays in March, I'll be having a Bible study for high school seniors only to talk about keeping faith after graduation. I think this is an extremely pivotal time in their faith and am excited to host this for them! We aren't meeting the last week in March because we are having our Inquire weekend here at the church! The youth will be hosting our soup and pie dinner that Sunday as a fundraiser for our mission trip in Milwaukee and then will head to SkyZone after!

Like I said, it's a lot going on in addition to track season starting up (I'm coaching again). I'm super excited for all the ministry opportunities, but also know it's going to be an extremely busy month. I hope there are some things coming up in March that excite you as well. If not, at least we should have some warmer weather! Have a great March.

In Christ,
Pastor Tom



SAVE THE DATE!!

Featuring Stan Key

MARCH 29-31, 2019

Friday, March 29th— 6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Worship/Teaching

Saturday, March 30th—8:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
9:00 am	Worship/Teaching
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Worship/Teaching

Sunday, March 31st—9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	One Worship Service
11:45 am	Soup & Pie Luncheon prepared by YF
6:00 pm	Closing Worship

March Servant Schedule

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
8:15 Door Greeters		J. Hartford Family			_____
8:15 Nursery	S. Tedrow Family		Spangler Family	Young Family	_____
S. S. Door Greeters	J. Sharpe Family	J. Hartford Family	Trapp Family	Shadday Family	Davis Family
S.S. Nursery	Martin Family	Starkey Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	S. Clapp Family	Eloise Griteman
10:30 Door Greeters	J. Sharpe Family	Estelle Family	Trapp Family	Shadday Family	Davis Family
10:30 Nursery	Keller Family	O'Neal Family	Jones Family	Mack Family	Oberhaus Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Bowers Family	B. Sharpe Family	T. Myers Family	J. Clapp Family	Starkey Family

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

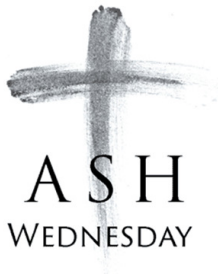
Family and friends of Morris Myers – Morris passed away February 7th; Joe Crouse (Hartford/Barnes family friend) – In ICU waiting for heart transplant.

Long-Term Needs: Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Courtney Patton—Health Concerns; Isaac Seagrave (Steve & Mary Seagrave’s son) - Health concerns; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman’s mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo “Bud” Zenz, Kent Spiess, 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
			<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>		1 Arleen Weeks	2 Jill Clapp Don & Jeanne Meter
3 Leah Orr Telly Ley	4 Alex Starkey	5 	6	7 Andrew Myers	8 Staci Cramer	9 Brittany Gillen
10 	11	12 Ainsley Quigley Rita Bare Roger Saneholtz Ron Saneholtz	13 Ethan Myers Caelyn Booth	14 Sharon Stites Kristy Keller	15 Bryce Trapp Eric Witte	16 Lucas Estelle Byronna Bare
17 Linda Vollmar	18	19 Seth Oberhaus Bill Sharpe Grady Trapp Ron & Jeanette Saneholtz	20	21 	22	23 Kate Bare
24 Carrie Quigley	25 Cory & Jessica Trapp	26 Dan & Rita Bare	27 Kent Spiess Dan Hogrefe	28	29 Sherri Shafer	30 Ethan Gutierrez
31 Rebekah Orr						

SOUP AND PIE LUNCHEON

Join us March 31st after worship for a soup and pie luncheon served by our Sr. High YF students. A free will donation will be collected to help with the cost of their mission trip June 8-14 to Milwaukee, WI.



Join us this Wednesday, March 6th, for our Ash Wednesday Service, as we begin the season of Lent. We will have Wednesday Night Ministries from 6:30-7 pm, Ash Wednesday service from 7-7:30 pm, and Sr. High YF will start at their normal time of 7:30 pm.

Join us in celebrating at our annual benefit! Tuesday, April 23rd at Archbold High School, Archbold. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 pm and event at 7:00 pm. Registration is free and requested by April 14th, but is not required. There will be an opportunity during the event to donate. If you would like to attend, you can call (419) 636-5692 or go online at <https://cpcnwo.org/> to register.





March

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:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7 am Men's Prayer Time
3 11:45 am-4 pm Jr. & Sr. High Service Project 1 pm Agape Missions 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Seniors Only Bible study at Diemer's	4 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad. Council 8:30 pm Men's Basketball	5 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	6 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:00 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	7 3-5 pm ROCK	8	9 7 am Men's Prayer Time
10 6:30 pm Seniors Only Bible study at Diemer's	11 6 pm UMM 6:30 pm Men's Basketball 8 pm Worship	12 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	13 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WMN & Pastor Brad's study 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	14 3-5 pm ROCK	15	16 7 am Men's Prayer Time
17 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Seniors Only Bible study at Diemer's	18 9-10:30 am & 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism 8:30 pm Men's Basketball	19 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	20 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Study 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	21 3-5 pm ROCK	22	23 7 am Men's Prayer Time
24 6:30 pm Seniors Only Bible study at Diemer's	25 6:30 pm Missions Men's Basketball-Time TBD	26 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	27 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	28 3-5 pm ROCK	29	30 7 am Men's Prayer Time
31  11:30 am Soup & Pie Lunch 1-5 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF to Skyzone						

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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

Return Service Requested

March 2019

