

"I trust you'll treat him well"

[As school is starting this year, my heart has been drawn to an article written by Dan Valentine that I published in newsletters in September 1983, 1985, and 1988. Three special little boys began kindergarten in those years. Another special little boy will be going to preschool at New Horizons Academy in Wauseon this year. . . . And there are a lot of special boys and girls starting a new school year.]

Dear World,

My young son starts to school today. It's going to be sort of strange and new to him for awhile, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently.

You see, up to now he's been king of the roost. He's been boss of the backyard. His mother has always been near to soothe his wounds and repair his feelings.

But now things are going to be different.

This morning, he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start out on the great adventure. It is an adventure that might take him across continents, across oceans. It's an adventure that will probably include wars and tragedy and sorrow. To live his life in the world he will have to live in will require faith and love and courage.

So, World, I wish you would sort of look after him. Take him by the hand and teach him things he will have to know.

But do it gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, that all men are not true.

But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every crooked politician there is a great and dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

It will take time, World, I know. But teach him, if you can, that a nickel earned is of far more value than a dollar found. Teach him to learn to lose so he'll enjoy winning that much more.

Steer him away from envy, if you can, and teach him the secret of quiet laughter.

Let him learn early that bullies are the easiest people to whip in the schoolyard. Teach him, if you can, the wonders of books. But also let him ponder the eternal mystery of birds on the wing, and bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

In school, World, teach him it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own idea, even if everyone says they are wrong. Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with tough people. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men—but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take just the good that siphons through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he's sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him there can be glory in failure and despair in success.

Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach him to sell his brains and brawn to the highest bidder but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Teach him how to close his ears to a howling mob, but to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.

Teach him there are times when a man must gamble. And there are times when a man must pass the dice.

Treat him gently, World, if you can, but don't coddle him. Because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient. Let him have the patience to be brave.

Let him be no other man's man. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself.

Because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.

This is quite and order, World, but see what you can do. He's such a nice little fellow, my son!

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad

LOVE PACKAGES

Filling eager hands with God's Word

Through out the year we collect the unused literature (UpperRoom, Our Daily Bread, etc.) and Sunday School materials and send them to the United Methodist Men. All these supplies are then sent overseas. Below is the impact that the literature is having around the world.

Testimonies from Around the World Love Packages – June - July 2019

Ghana:

There was mass distribution of Christian literature, Bibles, books and tracts in the township and villages of Ejura. When Reverend Solomon received these materials from us, he said there is a mosque in every single community in Ejura.

After distributing hundreds of Christian literature in these Muslim communities, many of the Muslims became very angry and began to question what is this Christendom about, and who is this Jesus Christ. Then Reverend Solomon decided to pay for a radio interview to explain who Jesus Christ is and His mission on earth.

Steve, in my surprise last month, there was 23 Muslims who gave their lives to Christ and this month there are 36 in the number of Muslims who gave their lives to Jesus and has been baptized already.

Reverend Solomon is requesting more Bibles, books and other Christian literature to freely distribute among the whole township. I promised him we will be getting him more literature to save the lost. This is all possible because of the Love Packages. Blessings!

India:

I and my friend visited the book expo at Faith Prayer and Tract league for the first time. We took Sunday school class kits in bulk and then it was a great surprise for us when we came to know that there was no need to pay for them. Really it is a great help for us with the children. May abundant blessing be showered upon the good hearts that are giving these things and doing this ministry.

South Africa:

Hello! This is just a short thank you to let you know how your giving has impacted us here in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. My husband and I have been missionaries here for 16 of the last 20 years. Currently we are a part of the Potters House Church. One of our outreach ministries is to go to the local government hospital to visit those without visitors, share our testimonies, witness about Jesus, lead people in a sinner's prayer, pray for their healing. We found that we created a thirst for God's word that we were unable to meet with meager finances. So, while in Capetown we found a free bookstore that had Christian material donated from our beloved USA! We took a box back and have been giving them to these new believers at the hospital! One whole room of patients last week received Jesus and were so grateful for the booklets that they asked me to take their picture and sent it to you.

Sometimes as Christians we give to needs and never know, "until that day" if they were of any use or were fruitful. This email is from my heart to let you know **YES**, your giving is fruitful and reaching around the world and we are benefiting from it! In the material there were some key rings with the Jesus story that our Sunday school teachers are using! Wow what a blessing! May God stir your hearts – do not grow weary for even now you are reaping a harvest in Africa through your good works! Thank you! Heather.

Zimbabwe:

I write to you expressing my joy and happiness for the books and Bible that you gave to me and my family. I could not afford to buy a Bible for my entire life, but God knew that one day I'll get one through you. Also, thank you for the books. When I got home with them, my husband was astonished and he promised me that he will come to church. Though he was a drunkard, he promised me that he will make it and he has. I'm so excited that God used these books and Bible to draw my family closer to him. Now I'm able to share the devotions with him and they are also uplifting my spirit. May the good Lord bless you for your good work. Amen.



Sign up sheets for the fair stand are out!! Sign up early to get your favorite time slots!!! If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Shadday.

HAITI MINISTRY UPDATE

For the past few years our Mission Team, along with other local churches, have been supporting Pastor Rayburn Sanon and his churches in Haiti.

Through his "Ministry Evangelical Christ for All" he provides basic needs to his congregation members such as school supplies (to allow each child to attend school), basic medical care at a local clinic and food, in the form of one complete meal per week for each congregation. Generous donations have also gone towards construction of a much needed roof on one of his two churches!



One of the main visions of this ministry has been the creation of a school at each location. Recent donations have enabled us to provide for benches, tables, chairs and blackboards to equip 3 classrooms at each location. Also, funds are in place for construction of kitchen and restroom facilities at each school!

Our prayer is that future donations will enable these schools to open this September! The current goal of \$2,000/month will provide for Principals, teachers, helpers, kitchen staff and food for these schools.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Rabrun, his family, and the Haitian people. God is alive and working in this country!

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

October 13-19, 2019. We will be going on a mission trip to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. Registration forms are in the Welcome Center and narthex. It is \$295 to go on this trip with a deposit of \$25, that is due before August 17th.

If you would like to go online to register, go to www.maumeewatershed.org and scroll to the bottom of the page and look for Henderson Settlement Work Team 2019- October 13. Contact Carla Gillen if you have any questions.

WELCOME CENTER

We are in need of volunteers for the Welcome Center for the month of August. You can take a week or two or the whole month. Please contact Cheryl Carter at 419-392-6258 if you are interested.
Thank You!!



Agape Missions Worldwide is sponsoring a 2nd Silent Auction to be held at Liberty Chapel Church on November 24th in conjunction with a spaghetti luncheon.

We are collecting donations of art/craft items, gift baskets, services provided, and other specialty items for auction. Please call Joe Gillen (419-533-6301) or April Mozingo (419-832-1692) with possible donations.

Items chosen can be viewed and bid on in the Welcome Center on Nov. 24.

There will be a bid sheet with each item to sign up your name and bid. You may bid more than once on each item and/or multiple items. Bidding will end at 12:30 PM with announcement of winning bids to follow immediately. This could be a great way to do Christmas shopping and donate to Agape Missions Worldwide.



BUDGET REQUESTS – All committee chairpersons are asked to get any budget changes/requests for the 2020 budget to the church treasurer in writing no later than September 15th. The Finance Committee will be working on the draft 2020 budget.

ROCK CARNIVAL NIGHT!!

Wednesday, August 28 ~ 5-7:00 p.m.

Kids, bring your family and join us as we kick off a new school year with:

** Games * Prizes * Food **



August Servant Schedule

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
8:15 Door Greeters	Barnes Family	T. Tedrow Family		
8:15 Nursery	S. Tedrow Family	Carpenter Family	Young Family	
S. S. Door Greeters	Barnes Family			Witte Family
S.S. Nursery	Nash Family	Martin Family	O'Neal Family	Gutierrez Family
10:30 Door Greeters				Witte Family
10:30 Nursery	Starkey Family	Miller Family	Jericha McBride Lydia Mack	Keller Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Masood Family	L. Leatherman Family		Fetterman Family

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

Long-Term Needs: Judy Strayer – Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; 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
	August			1 	2 Ben Leatherman	3 Korey Rhoads
4 Jakob Hogrefe	5 Jamie Cramer Darren & Kara Estelle	6 Tammy Oelkrug Jeanne Meter	7 Audri Trapp Emerie Mohler Tenny Krugh Rachel Orr	8 Steve & Byronna Bare	9 Kevin Mohler Mary Lou Myers	10 Todd Spangler
11 Breanna Griteman	12 Isaiah Estelle	13 	14 Mary Beth McClure	15 Jamie Tallman	16 Bill Murrey Jody Lee	17 Ileah Gutierrez
18	19 Clayton O'Neal Audrie Mohler Kelly & Patty McIntosh	20 Andrew Quigley Lelan Case	21 Kenny Barnes	22 Glenda Conner	23 Robin Carpenter	24 
25 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	26 Hunter Spangler Karson Rhoads Seth Atkinson Jordan McBride	27 Shelley Davis Dave & Karen Mohler	28 Cole Spangler	29 Todd Shafer Tom Overmier Arita Silveus	30	31 Andy Miller Todd Rothenberger
Birthdays and Anniversaries			Birthdays and Anniversaries			If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks.

August

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 5:15 pm VBS Dinner 6-8:30 pm VBS	2	3 7 am Men's Prayer Time 9 am Fair Clean up
4	5 6 pm Trustee 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad. Council	6 6:30 pm Prayer Walk 7 pm LOL	7 6 pm Fair Clean up	8 Fair	9 Fair	10 Fair 7 am Men's Prayer Time
11 Fair	12 Fair	13 Fair 7 pm LOL	14 Fair	15 Fair	16 Fair	17 7 am Men's Prayer Time
18	19 9-10:30 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	20 7 pm LOL	21 12 pm Senior Luncheon	22	23	24 7 am Men's Prayer Time
25	26 6:30 pm Missions	27 7 pm LOL	28 5-7 pm Family Night at the ROCK	29	30	31 7 am Men's Prayer Time

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
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

August 2019

