

Waiting is not my gift.

Farming involves waiting. You plant and wait for the harvest. This year you waited before you planted, but you still have to wait for the harvest. We hope for a late frost and good yield numbers, but that is more than another month of waiting.

I like to see action and results, but a lot of things in spiritual growth and church service take time. Plan and wait; work and wait. . .and waiting is not my gift.

I like instant gratification. Scott Peck wrote that one of the attributes of "The Road Less Traveled" is gratification delayment. The ability to plan long-term and to work toward a long-range goal is the road less traveled to maturity.

Paul encourages us with an agricultural analogy, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9 NIV

In our first meeting with a new family caseworker, she asked about our lives. I included a brief description of the church and some people she might know. In passing, I mentioned the Rock.

Her face lit up! "You do the Rock! Thank you for doing that ministry!"

Although she is not from Liberty Center, she hears lots of good things about the Rock. Some of the kids she knows really look forward to it. It makes a real difference in their lives, and for some it is a needed safe space for them to go. She said the ministry is really vital to the kids and community. She thanked us and encouraged us to keep up the good work.

I told her that I would pass it on to you who serve at the Rock. We have invested six years of time there. We work and pray that we have a positive spiritual influence in the lives of area students. Thank you for serving Jesus. You are making a difference.

To you who will join in serving: Volunteer for an afternoon or two each month. In exchange for a couple hours of your time, you can make an eternal difference in the life of a student. If you have questions, talk to me or to anyone who regularly serves there.

While I like to see actions and results, ministry involves hard work and waiting. Have I mentioned that waiting is not my gift? At times, while I wait, I make a list of thing that I am waiting for—whining for. That is not very productive.

I would use my time better. . . .We would use our time better while we are waiting, if we study, pray, and serve. . . .and gather together at least weekly to encourage one another.

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad



Wednesday Night Ministries will kick off on Wednesday, September 4th.

We will be having dinner and games.

Paperwork for the year will be handed out and an overview of what will be studied.

Kid's Klub (4yrs old-6th grade)—6:30-7:30 pm

Jr. High YF (7th & 8th grades) - 6:30-7:30 pm

Sr. High YF (9th-12th grade) - 7:15-8:45 pm

Pastor Brad's Bible study will start September 11th from 6:30-7:30 pm.

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.



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The Nominations Committee will be meeting September 11th. If you would you like to be considered for any committee please put your name on the papers posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brad.



September 9th at 7:00, we will be having a special Ad. Council meeting. Sheriff Mike Bodenbender will be here to talk with us about what we can do to keep our church safe and what we can do if something did occur. This meeting is open to the congregation.

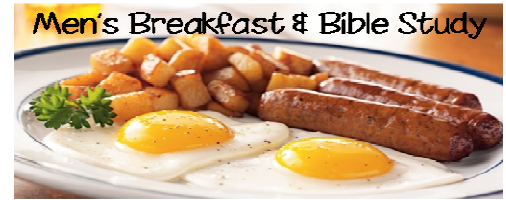


Many churches have money set aside for such a purpose, but I'd like to share what my family started 14 years ago, the Watkins Mission Scholarship Fund. This was started to honor my Grandparents, Richard and Evelyn Watkins. Throughout their life together, my grandparents served and led countless mission trips and loved getting others involved. So at my grandparents' retirement, my mother and her siblings presented them with the gift of establishing a scholarship fund, a way to spread their love of missions to others. Anyone in the district or a local church participating in their first mission trip can apply for a scholarship through the Maumee Watershed District. When I decided to write about this I reached out to Rae Lynn Schleif, who helped my mother and Aunt establish this fund. Through her I was connected to Pastor Jeremiah Diegel, whose members received scholarship funds to go to Henderson KY in June. My family was invited to attend the service at Christ United Methodist Church, where the mission members shared their experiences. One expectation of receiving the scholarship, is that each recipient will share their testimony of their mission trip experience with a church group that they choose. It was a beautiful gift to hear from teenagers and adults who fell in love with serving God like this. They saw God in lessons learned through the work they did, in overcoming fears, and in meeting new friends. I could tell that everyone who went on the mission trip grew closer to God, a legacy for which my grandparents would be grateful. As someone who has long been "bitten" by the Mission bug, (it runs in the family) I was humbled and blessed to hear their stories. Anyone who has never been on a mission trip can apply for a scholarship. And anyone is welcome to contribute to the Watkins Mission Scholarship fund through the Maumee Watershed District. Please consider adding this to your giving, thank you.

-Ileah Gutierrez, a grateful granddaughter



It's not too late - the deadline for registering for the mission trip to Henderson Settlement has been moved to September 12. Reminder - the dates for the mission trip are October 13-19. Please contact Carla Gillen if you have any questions.



Men's Bible Study will meet at Charlie's on Tuesday mornings at 6:00, beginning September 3rd. We are promised a new book to study this year. Some of us eat breakfast; some of us don't. Some of us are awake; some of us aren't. All of us enjoy the fellowship. Please join us.

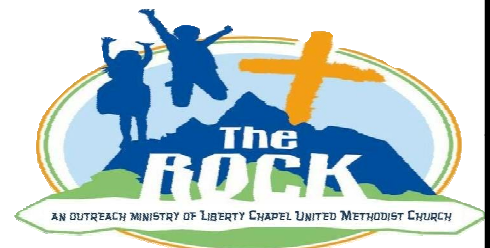


Larry Leatherman and Joe Gillen will be attending a Kairos Prison Ministry event in September. They are in need of 200 dozen cookies. They prefer chocolate chip cookies. Please no prepackaged cookies. Cookies are needed by September 11th and can be left in the Welcome Center. Please see the hand out in your mailbox for more information.



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.

The Rock will be starting back up Tuesday, September 3rd. Please consider volunteering for this outreach ministry. The sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center!



September Servant Schedule

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
8:15 Door Greeters	Barnes Family	S. Tedrow Family	Overmier Family	Miller Family	
8:15 Nursery	Steph & Britt Gillen	Michelle Short	Graber Family	S. Tedrow Family	Wiechers Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Davis Family		Overmier Family	Masuwa Family	
S.S. Nursery	S. Clapp Family	Masuwa Family	Martin Family	Estelle Family	Ley Family
10:30 Door Greeters	Davis Family			Masuwa Family	
10:30 Nursery	Spangler Family	Oberhaus Family	Nash Family	Weirich Family	Mack Family
Greeters Welcome Center	C. Carter Family	Quigley Family	S. Clapp Family	J. Leatherman Family	Barnes Family

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

Bev Brown (Christy Myers' aunt) - Low platelet count; Darla Smith (Carla Gillen's sister)- Cancer; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns.

Long-Term Needs: Judy Strayer - Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Levi Howe Larry Leatherman Ace Atkinson	3 	4	5 Darren Estelle Ben & Peg Zientek	6 Bill Vollmar Tom & Gretchen Tedrow	7 Dexter Spangler
8 Don Meter Marcia Bearley	9 Hannah Tedrow Mark & Penny Jones Kyler & Emily Miller	10 Cheryl Carter Alexa Smiddy	11 Cheri Collier Joe & Carla Gillen	12 Kent & Sharon Stites	13 Vondra Oberhaus Terry Shafer Blaire Mohler Tom & Tammy Oelkrug	14 Kyler Miller
15 Angie Wiechers Juanita Hoffman Tom & Kathy Wolf	16 Terry & Debbye Hoff- man	17 	18 Olivia Leatherman Jason Mohler Julie Masuwa Zeb Orr	19	20 	21 Josh Atkinson Mike & Marlene Hamlin
22 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	23 Zac Graber JoHanna Young Kelly Stites Randy & Teresa Bostelman	24	25 Megan Peterson Bev Griteman Isaac & Amanda Griteman	26 Paul Amstutz	27 John & Kathy Hartford	28 Dan Bare Bill & Marcia Bearley
29 Penny Jones Ken & Leslie Barnes Todd & Carrie Mohler	30	September				
		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.



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 Office Closed 	3 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm LOL	4 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	5 3-5 pm ROCK	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time	7 7 am Men's Prayer Time
8 1:30 pm Agape Mis- sions World wide	9 6 pm Trustee 7 pm Ad. Council	10 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC 7 pm LOL	11 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Nominations	12 3-5 pm ROCK	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time Fellowship Hall Reserved	14 7 am Men's Prayer Time
15	16 9-10:30 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	17 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm LOL	18 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	19 3-5 pm ROCK	20 7 am Men's Prayer Time	21 7 am Men's Prayer Time
22 Fellowship Hall Reserved	23 6:30 pm Missions	24 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm LOL	25 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	26 3-5 pm ROCK	27 7 am Men's Prayer Time Church Reserved	28 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

September 2019

