

Only God can make a tree. . .and a Christian

A couple days ago, I bought three trees with plans to plant them next week. This has initiated some cogitating about tree-planting and disciple-making.

Tree-planting certainly is not about instant gratification. Depending on the variety, shade trees need 25 to 50 years to reach maturity. Maybe in a few years, you can set your lawn chair under it and enjoy shade from the summer sun. Timber trees need 35 years until harvest. Fruit trees take at least a half dozen years before they even begin to bear. In our fast-food, fast-paced, 24-hour-news-cycle culture, who has time to wait for a tree to develop?

Disciple-making is not a quick process. While salvation may come in an instant, it takes a lifetime to grow a person to Christian maturity. There are ages and stages where spiritual formation proves its genuineness: A preschooler who loves Jesus. A young student who makes right behavioral choices. A teen who hangs with Christian friends. A young adult who continues their church relationships and spiritual formation. Newlyweds who make Christ the center of their home. Parents who rear their children in the faith. Empty nesters who learn and serve. Seniors who encourage others with the genuineness of a lifetime of faithful living. The growth toward Christian maturity takes a lifetime.

In my lifetime, I've planted trees for someone else to enjoy. Hurricane Ike destroyed our beautiful Bradford Pear in our Miamisburg front yard. We planted a hardwood maple to take it's place. Six years later, when we moved, it was still a very young tree. I wonder if it is finally getting to the place where it provides shade for the people who bought our house. Maybe it won't mature until the next owners move in. In our culture, people are good at doing things that benefit themselves, but tree planting is something you often do for someone else.

Disciple-making is an other centered project. Joy is spelled Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last. The first counter-cultural task of spiritual formation is realizing that it is not about you. Your efforts in disciple-making are other centered. You help children learn the basics of the faith. You engage in service projects in your church and community and mission ventures around the world. You pool wisdom and offer encouragement in your circle of friends. The byproduct of your focus on Jesus and Others is your spiritual growth and satisfaction. You find joy!

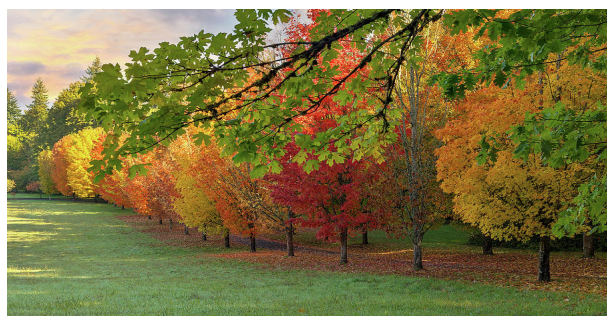
Planting trees feels really good. They don't cost that much and they are good for our planet. We should do it more often. As I listen to the birds nesting, as I see the leaves budding, as I see the flowers blooming, as I see the colors turning, I see their masterful Creator. God has created a beautiful world. Whatever part I play in enhancing His creation blesses Him and blesses me.

Disciple-making feels really good. When children enthusiastically sing "Jesus loves me", when students discover the pure joy that comes from serving people they don't know, when Christians walk down the aisle and pledge a lifetime of love and faithfulness, when new parents bring their children to church and to the Lord, when empty-nesters and senior pitch in to help the generation behind them grow, when saints leave this world to the next better world, disciple-making feels really good. It's a real blessing. We should do it more often. We will do it this week.

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad





Changes are being made to the 2020 Directory. Please look at your 2019 Directory and make sure your information is up to date. If it is not correct, put any changes in Secretary's mailbox.



The United Methodist Men will start this fall on October 14th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Jones' pond. All men of Chapel are invited to join this time of food and fellowship.

Silent Auction 2019



November 24, 2019

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.



The Trustees will be holding a church work day Saturday, October 19th from 8 am—12 pm. Volunteers are appreciated as we clean up around the church. Whether you can stay for just a bit or the whole time. Many hands make light work!!!



We are looking for recruits to join our Safe Sanctuaries team. Our team implemented and reviews our policy. We also provide training for those who are in contact with our children, youth and vulnerable adults. If you are interested in being a part of our team or have questions, please contact Sherry Martin, Trisha Carter or Viki Mack



It is that time of year!! Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner. It is not too early to start shopping for the goodies to put in your shoe box! More details will be coming soon!!!

October Servant Schedule

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
8:15 Door Greeters	Barnes Family	Carpenter Family	S. Tedrow Family	
8:15 Nursery	Roger Saneholtz Family	Howe Family	J. Hartford Family	Todd Shafer Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Barnes Family	Carpenter Family		
S.S. Nursery	Shadday Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Martin Family	Masuwa Family
10:30 Door Greeters				
10:30 Nursery	Jericha & Lydia	Nash Family	D. Bare Family	Masood Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Terry Shafer Family	J. Sharpe Family	Meter Family	Marilyn Spiess

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; Carolyn Young—Health Concerns; Family and Friends of Vernon Bowers (Bonnie Mohler's brother) - Vernon passed away September 18th; Larry Leatherman—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.



We will be doing a prayer walk through our community, Saturday, October 12th. We will meet at Liberty Café at 8 am for breakfast and will begin our walk at 9 am. Please join us!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October	1		2	3	4	5
6 Bill Bearley Chinjamba & Julie Masuwa	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 John Griteman Ron Zenz Violet Smith	14 Emily Smith Ethans Tahir Roger & Brenda Saneholtz	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Happy Anniversaries!</i>	21 Benjamin Tedrow	22 Jared Bare Zach Bare Tyler & Alexa Smiddy	23	24	25	26
27 Tyler Sharpe	28 Avah Mack	29	30	31		
Birthdays and Anniversaries						<p>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.</p>



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 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	2 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	3 3-5 pm ROCK	4	5 7 am Men's Prayer Time
6	7 6 pm Trustee 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad. Council	8 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	9 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	10 3-5 pm ROCK	11	12 7 am Men's Prayer Time 8 am Prayer Walk breakfast 9 am Prayer Walk 10 am-3pm Fellowship Hall reserved
13	14 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	15 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	16 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	17 3-5 pm ROCK	18	19 7 am Men's Prayer Time 8 am-12 pm Trustee work day 12-3 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
20	21 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	22 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	23 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	24 3-5 pm ROCK	25	26 7 am Men's Prayer Time
27	28 6:30 pm Missions	29 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	30 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	31 3-5 pm ROCK		
2-6 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved						

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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

October 2019

