



THE CALVARY CHRONICLE

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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

Calvary United Methodist Church, through prayer and GOD'S grace, will listen and respond to the needs of all people to create a better future in the name of our Lord, and Savior, JESUS CHRIST.

I am in charge of
how I feel and
today I choose
happiness.



Defining Moments
By: Tim Kight



August Birthstone: Peridot
August Flower: Gladiolus

Proverbs 4:25-27

"Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil."

The Navy SEALs operate from a core principle: **Under pressure you do not rise to the occasion. You revert to your training.** This is precisely the theme of the book of Proverbs. Commit to a life of disciplined training (*musar*) in order to gain wisdom (*hokma*) so that you are able to stay on path in response to the challenging situations you will experience in life.

The importance of paying attention to what you are doing and where you are going cannot be overstated. Your actions and habits have you on a path, and the path you are on leads to a destination. It's very straightforward: Right path = good destination. Wrong path = bad destination.

Here is another translation of Proverbs 4:25-27 that makes it even more clear: *"Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil."*

The admonition to stay On-Path is repeated throughout the book of Proverbs. We will see it again and again as we continue to study this great book of Wisdom. The metaphor of a "path" or "way" is a vivid description of life.

Life is a journey, and throughout your journey you have made decisions about what path to follow. You are where you are today because of the decisions you have made. Situations arose, circumstances happened, and events occurred...and you made decisions about how to respond. And it is those response decisions that have brought you to where you are today.

Circumstances influence you, but our decisions define and direct you. Indeed, how you choose to respond is most important when the circumstances you face are most challenging.

This is a key part of the message here in Proverbs 4. In your journey through life, keep your eyes on the right path. Watch where you are going. Pay careful attention to what you are doing. Do not let your vision get distorted by challenging circumstances. Don't get distracted or misdirected by difficult events.

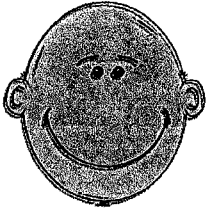
Challenging situations are Defining Moments; that is, they are events or circumstances you face where your path through life is defined by what you choose to do. A Defining Moment is a decision point. It is a testing point. You are not defined by your circumstances; you are defined by how you respond to your circumstances.

Keep in mind that you are most vulnerable to making bad decisions when you are under pressure. You are most tempted to stray from the path when things get difficult. This is why Proverbs 4 says, *"Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil."*

To summarize, the Navy SEALs operate from a core principle: **Under pressure you do not rise to the occasion. You revert to your training.** This is precisely the theme of the book of Proverbs. Commit to a life of disciplined training (*musar*) in order to gain wisdom (*hokma*) so that you are able to stay on path in response to the Defining Moments you will experience in life.

If you train, if you trust God and do the work, then you will have the wisdom, skill and strength to respond to Defining Moments.

"Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exult you; she will honor you if you embrace her." (Proverbs 4:5-8)


CARMAN'S CORNER


Back to School! For teachers it means preparation. For some of the kids that means excitement of the upcoming new year. For other kids that means anxiety. For kids like my daughter, it is both. My daughter Alexys enters her first year of Junior High. Exciting for her (I'm not so sure dad is ready, growing up way too fast!) It is also very clear she is full of anxiety of what is to come.

Can you blame her? Going into a new building. The craziness of switching classes more often. Many teachers, more homework, figuring out where all her classes are, what books to take, finding out where her locker located. All these thoughts racing through her head. How can you blame her for being a little nervous?

As adults we can be the same way. Afraid of new things. Anxiety over life situations. That is what we adults do, we worry. We worry about everything we can think of and if there is nothing to worry about we make something up. We worry about getting everything done, our finances, our relationships, what people think of us, our jobs and so much more. So busy worrying and running around we forget to stop and take our worries to the one and only one that can help us.

Philippians 4:6-7 says

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Be anxious for nothing? Yeah, that's not going to happen. We can take it to our God though. We can take it to the one who can give us peace.

Jesus himself had anxiety. After the last supper and before Jesus is arrested, Jesus is worried. He knows what is coming. He knows what fate lies before Him. Jesus is so worried he is sweating blood.

Luke 22:44

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

When filled with worry Jesus stopped and prayed. When faced with anxiety Jesus faced His Father. He took His worries to His Father God. God didn't take away those things that worried Jesus. God didn't change the situation. God gave Jesus the strength to push on. God gave Jesus the courage to face the that which gave Him the anxiety. God gave Jesus peace, He will give us peace too. Take your worries to God! Go in peace!

happy BirthDay

August Birthdays

Aug. 3	Jenelle Kelley
Aug. 6	Brayden Bisher
Aug. 7	Remy Brown
Aug. 13	Ed Estep
Aug. 15	Paige Estep
Aug. 17	Brian Burchett
Aug. 21	Scott Carman
Aug. 22	Gary Parsons
Aug. 24	Sarah Meussling
Aug. 24	Betty Rochowiak
Aug. 24	Jordon Smith
Aug. 25	Steve Bisher
Aug. 25	Tom Gordon
Aug. 28	Peggy Heyman
Aug. 28	Vivian Heyman
Aug. 30	Matt Caris



August Anniversaries

Aug. 7	Jeff & Sarah Frost
Aug. 12	Nate & Kerry Fatzinger
Aug. 12	Vince & Lindsay Bart
Aug. 13	Brett & Amanda Lopez
Aug. 18	Gary & Debbie Archambo
Aug. 27	Jason & Anika Brown
Aug. 28	Gary & Jackie Parsons

NEW MISSIONS PROJECT!

For our missions project this year we will be helping children who are in need. These children attend Pickett Academy and Rosa Parks Elementary School. You may donate these items directly to our church or a monetary donation may be given to the church so that these items may be purchased.

School Supplies

Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils,
Folders, Sanitizer wipes, Glue (sticks, bottles)
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

Clothing (Sizes 5-12)

White Polo Shirts (girls and boys)
Navy, Black or Khaki Pants
Undergarments
Coats, Sweaters, Gloves

Toiletries: Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, etc.

REMINDER: The money raised during our community garage sale on August 10th and 11th will be used to help with mission work this year. We hope you will support the church in helping to help others! If you have any questions you may contact Nila O'Brien at 419-308-2454.

A huge Calvary



goes out to the following people in the month of July:

Ushers and Greeters

- Bob Bachman
- Heather Bachman
- Patti Bisher
- April Born
- Mariam Born
- Ginger Caris
- Sharon Carter
- Tom Gordon
- Joe Long
- Tracy PUNCHES

Acolytes

- Mason Bachman
- Miriam Born
- Simon Born

Messages

- Pastor Scott Carman
- Pastor Travis Montgomery
- Pastor JT Bean

Youth Liturgist

- Nathaniel Born
- Jacob Caris

Children's Bag

- Aiden Meeker
- Jason Born
- Mason Bachman
- Chase Ferow
- Jody Donsbach

Altar Flowers

- Dick & Judy Keifer
- Jim & Sharon Carter
- Bob Bachman
- Jody Donsbach, Adam & Jenna

Power Point

- Jason Born
- Rick & Heather Bachman

Refreshments

- Patti Bisher
- Joan Estep

Website Coordinator

- Mitchell Bachman

Church News Assistants

- Patti Bisher
- Donna Box
- Jeannette Carman
- Sharon Carter



CALENDAR of SERVICES and EVENTS

5	9:00 am	Worship Service
9	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Trustee Mtg.-Fellowship Hall Adminstrative Council Mtg.-Fellowship Hall
12	9:00 am	Worship Service @ Parsons County Line Farm 11915 Henry Lucas Rd, Liberty Center
19	9:00 am	Worship Service-Teacher Appreciation
26	9:00 am	Worship Service

July Administrative Council Minutes

Pastor Scott opened with prayer. Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was discussed. Sharon Carter moved to accept, Cassie PUNCHES second, motion carried.

The Trustees reported that the Easter Cross bucket is repaired. They are currently working on estimates to repair the church roof, as well as asphalt for the parking areas. Placque mounting for memorial and honorarium placques was discussed. It was decided that all future placques will be mounted on one central board in the Narthex.

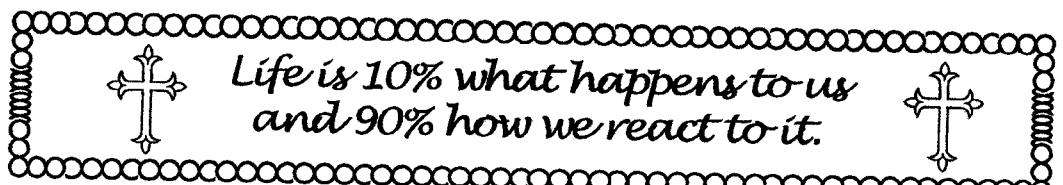
The local food pantry representative is willing to attend an Administrative Council meeting to explain their mission and needs.

Safety deposit boxes were discussed. A safety deporsit box at the bank costs \$76.00 per year. Pastor Scott will check with the District Superintendent on requirements for storage of church documents.

Parsonage fund investment options were discussed. Jason Born is willing to manage the fund free of charge. Sharon Carter moved to have Jason Born manage the parsonage fund investments, Cassie PUNCHES seconded, motion carried. Jason noted that he, Normas Roberts and Pam Davis are currently listed to sign on the account.

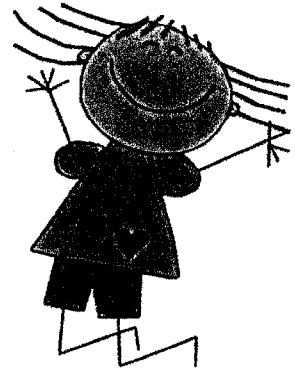
A discussion was held on "The Way Forward." A special Administrative Council meeting will be helf on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. ALL council and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted By:
Pamela Davis, Secretary



July Joys...

- Sondra Harper's Granddaughter celebrated her 1st Birthday!
- Ray Roberts thanked Dick Keifer for always being helpful!
- Shawn and Sandee Simpson became Great-Grandparents!
- The Donsbach dogs went on a "joy run" and were picked up by a good samaritan!
- Dee Leady and her daughter, Cindy, were able to join us for worship!
- Betty Gordon is thankful for people who care and are good neighbors!
- The Parsons Pool Party Reunion was July 22 and it's a joy that the family can get together!
- The Wood County Fair!
- Some much needed rain has arrived!



We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer...

Prayers Requests for:

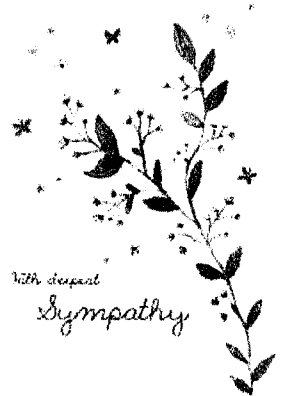
- Lisa (Jody Donsbach's friend)
- Steve Parsons
- Linda (Sondra Harper's friend), who is in St. V's
- Ida Stott, who is currently in Wood Haven for rehab after her surgery
- Rod Fackler's Father, who is having some health issues
- Scott and Jeanette's nephews—one with a broken collar bone and one with a skull fracture
- Scott's friends' Mother who was just recently diagnosed with cancer
- Betty Gordon, who has COPD
- Pastor Mark, who had shoulder surgery
- Rebecca Montgomery, as she takes care of Pastor Mark
- Our Country and Military Service Personnel
- The boys and coach trapped in the cave and the people working to rescue them
- Cassandra Bean's son, who will be leaving for Boot Camp on Aug. 13th



In Sympathy...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sharon VanDenBerghe, who passed away on June 27, 2018

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Charles H. Yeary, who passed away on July 15, 2018.



**PARSONS
COUNTYLINE FARM**

EVENT VENUE

Sunday August 12th at 9 a.m.

Church In The Barn

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for worship on Sunday, August 12th at 9 a.m. Our service that day will be held at Parsons County Line Farm, 11915 Henry Lucas County Line Rd, Liberty Center, OH. The Young At Heart will be providing a light brunch after the service, so bring your lawn chairs, take in the beautiful scenery and enjoy fellowship with your church family!