

THINGS TO PONDER from Pastor Jesse

Held by the Grip of God

I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <u>PHILIPPIANS 3:12</u>

Never choose to be a worker for God, but once God has placed His call on you, woe be to you if you "turn aside to the right hand or to the left" (<u>Deuteronomy 5:32</u>). We are not here to work for God because we have chosen to do so, but because God has "laid hold of" us. And once He has done so, we never have this thought, "Well, I'm really not suited for this." What you are to preach is also determined by God, not by your own natural leanings or desires. Keep your soul steadfastly related to God, and remember that you are called not simply to convey your testimony but also to preach the gospel. Every Christian must testify to the truth of God, but when it comes to the call to preach, there must be the agonizing grip of God's hand on you— your life is in the grip of God for that very purpose. How many of us are held like that?

Never water down the Word of God, but preach it in its undiluted sternness. There must be unflinching faithfulness to the Word of God, but when you come to personal dealings with others, remember who you are— you are not some special being created in heaven, but a sinner saved by grace.

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but *one thing I do…*I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (<u>Philippians</u>)



A NOTE FROM THE SESSION

Due to the decrease use of Zoom and the extra tech issues it adds, <u>effective July 17</u>, we are going to discontinue the use of Zoom during Sunday morning worship.

Facebook is still being used to record and stream the service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY July 10 - Andrea Chapman Starcher July 13 - Brian Parrot July 15 - Sis Donohue July 15 - Emma Pfeifer July 16 - Jenny Reed July 18 - Beth Miller July 19 - Avery Bowling July 19 - Kristy Bowling HAPPY ANNIVERSARY July 09 - Bridget & Mike Rhamy July 11 - Mel & Kevin Walton July 16 - Tiana & Matt Smith ABF Bible Group Schedule 7/10 Irresistible 7/17 Irresistible 7/24 No second hour	 Please keep these people/situations in your prayers. Note: The prayer needs listed in BOLD are new to the list, gathered from the Sharing of Joys & Concerns from the previous Sunday. Praises Yvonne Jugan much better and at home One of Phyllis Miller's great grandson's home from deployment, the other due home in August. Pat Thomson says thank your for the help with clean-up Shannah Swinehart recovering well Praises for the Fire Department The 4th of July Parade Military Service: Shannah Swinehart –boot camp graduation July 22 Isaiah Styer - transferring to Camp Le June July 12 Phyllis Miller's 1 great grandson - currently overseas Rusty King 1st Lieutenant Ohio National Guard Ryan Chabak Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard
The Welcome Team is on the hunt for friends to help set up coffee and greet guests on Sunday Mornings! Shirley Swinehart and Tanya Chupp have been holding the team down through Covid. But as Tanya has a new surgery approaching They would like to start a schedule again. Who would like to volunteer? Typically you need to come to church by 8:30am, plug in coffee pots and start brewing. You also will hand out bulletins at the sanctuary door. They would love to have you join them. Contact Tanya at 330-466-9145 if you want added to the team schedule.	 Safety for Christa Nelson – police officer & the riots in Akron. Edna Wade needs a new roof due to the storms Kim Garcia - fire (Ron & Cathy) Staff, kids, counselors at church camps The Ukraine & Danny Health Concerns: Laura Scott's brother - spinal surgery Veronica's mom - prayers she will continue exercises Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor George & Jane Ann Heilman Covid
To Every Thing There is a Season, and a Time to Every Purpose Under the Heaven It is time to say good-bye to Pastor Jesse and Beth as July 24 will be Jesse's final Sunday in our pulpit. In their honor, there will be a carry-in dinner on July following the worship service on the 24th. Everyone is invited to attend, and share memories of the past year, give thanks for sharing the journey with us, and share prayers for what God has in store for them next.	 Dale (Edna Wade's son) Battling Cancer Chris - brain tumor Jeff Berkhouse Renee Woods Lillian Dungen

COMING ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

- Friday July 8 @ 8:30 Softball game
- Sunday, July 10 @ 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
 - Sunday, July 10 Second hour on for adults and kids
 - Monday, July 11 6:30 p.m. Growing Slow Study
 - Monday, July 11 @7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
 - Wednesday July 13 @ 10:00 am GLOW Ladies
 - Wednesday, July 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Music Team
 - Wednesday, July 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 Friday July 15 @ 7:30 p.m. Softball game
 - Sunday July 17 @ 9:30 Sunday morning worship
 - Sunday, July 17 Second hour on for adults and kids
 - Sunday July 17 @ 7:00 p.m. Saltshaker mini golf
 - Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:00 p.m. Edge Group Go Karts

to contact church & staff:

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Rev. Jesse McDonald (828-319-0187)

Darcy Miller, Pastor of Congregational Care Pastor Darcy Is currently on sabbatical

Church Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.



Secretary Jeann will be on vacation July 8 - 18 There will not be a Weekly Update published the week of July 11

PARENTS & EDGE YOUTH COMING EVENTS FOR EDGE

- July 19th Mini Golf/Pizza (Rhamys leading) - Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10
- July 20th Go Karts/Oh-Yoh's (Rhamys leading) - Meet at the church at 6 :00 p.m. Cost is \$20
- July 22th Pool Party at the McKelvey's house from 6 - 9 PM (Hot dogs and drinks provided; parents please send a side to share)

Parents please note: All three events need to be RSVP to Bridget (330) 621-4084 by July 17th so we can get transportation arranged and food bought. If willing to help drive on July 19th or 20th please let Bridget know.

FROM YOUR SESSION

Below is a list of what session is currently discussing and in prayer about. Session wants the congregation to be informed about what they are doing, and would be greatly appreciative if you would join them in praying for these things.

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they have met and are beginning to plan their work.
- Pray for all those in church leadership roles during this continued time of transition.
- Pray for all the church as we wait in patient anticipation to meet the person God has chosen to be our next pastor!

If you have questions, concerns, or anything to share with the church, contact one of the elders.

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