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THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

A child was told to write a book report on the entire Bible.

How often do we take for granted our children understand what we are teaching???

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven From the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed upon the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them. After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn, too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.') During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the publicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the publicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Any way's, Jesus died for our sins, and then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Staff

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Serving In November

Deacon Captain: Melissa Moody

Deacons Serving: Jenness Sigman, April Parcell, Barbara Moody, Jack Willman, Andrew Green, Ann O'Diam, Laura Nolan, Joe Albrecht, David French, Sean Green and Calle Burnett.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Ann O'Diam and Lourdes Giles

Acolyte: Aaron Moody

Elders for Communion

Nov 2nd James and Sara Bond

Nov 9th Rusty and Carole Clifford

Lay Leaders

Nov 2nd Lauren Turner

Nov 9th Sara Bond

Fellowship Hour

Nov 2nd Deacons

Nov 9th Worship

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get an activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Nov 2nd	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Unbinding the Gospel Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Seekers/Faith Finders
Monday, Nov 3rd	6:30 pm	Chi Rho & CYF
	9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday, Nov 4th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	6:00 am	Mont. Co. Bd. of Elections
	7:00 pm	All Ministry Meetings Worship Ministry Meeting Naomi Group
Wednesday, Nov 5th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Experiencing God Inventors Council
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, Nov 6th	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:30 pm	Scrapbook Ministry
Saturday, Nov 8th		



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday, November 1st.

Members & Friends

Hospice Care - Pat Farnsley Home
Home Care - Ruby Kreider
 Thelma Harman
 Robert and Frances Mayes
 Earline Grice
 Norma Kirkland
 Marian Herron
 Caryl Rentz
 Mary Rothenbuhler

Autumn Health Care - June Tate
Harborside Healthcare - Jim and Eleanor McNulty
Oaks of West Kettering - Virginia Moore
Summersville - Margarie Barkalow
 Eugene Griffith
Spring Creek - JoAnn Reichbauer
Sycamore Glen - Anne Walters
Trinity - Garnia Moses

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Lois Gerhard (*mother of Sue Taylor*) who passed away on Thursday, October 16th. Funeral service was held on Friday, October 24th at David's United Church of Christ, 170 W. David Road in Kettering.



The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, October 26th were given by Dave and Jean McCall in memory of their parents,

Special Thank You

The CYF would like to thank everyone who helped make the Children's Halloween Party a success. Whether you provided supplies, candy, or your time, your generosity is greatly appreciated. We had 18 children share in games, food, cookie decorating, and trick or treating! Word was they all had a terrific time!!! Thank you!!!

PS: Watch for our next big event - the Baked Potato and Salad lunch on Sunday, November 23rd.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, October 26, 2008

Christian Education	24
Nursery/Godly Play	26
Morning Watch	21
Traditional Service	<u>144</u>
Total Worship Attendance	191

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, October 26th	\$3,845.00
2008 Offering to Date	\$231,960.00
2008 Expenses to Date	\$234,910.00



Chi Rho Haunted Hayride



On Friday, October 31st, (Halloween night) the Chi Rho are invited to join David and Tammy Turner to experience the Springboro Haunted Hayride. The attraction is in its 19th year of jaw-dropping scares and has two award winning attractions-the Haunted Hayride and the Black Bog. Cost is \$16 for both attractions. We will leave the church at 6:00 and plan to return around 10:00. If you have any questions or if you would like to join us, please call us at the church or at 643-3011.

Naomi Group

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease (Genesis 8:22). The Naomi Group will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Phyllis Hagerty. If you have any questions, please contact Charline Glover at 238-8216.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Read: Exodus 3:1-4, 17. Bring items for school kits and can of food for the food pantry.

New Book Study

Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am

Class led by: Larry Merkle

Location: Fellowship Hall

Meeting Schedule:

- Nov 2** - Chapter 2
- Nov 9** - Chapter 3, If You Don't Like Statistics, Skip This Chapter!
- Nov 16** - Chapter 4, Unbinding the Gospel: Three Stories of Victory
- Nov 23** - Chapter 5, Real Life
- Nov 30** - Chapter 6, What New Members Want – Transformed Lives
- Dec 7** - Chapter 7, How's Your Church Doing? Bandwidths, Barriers and Bridges
- Dec 14** - Chapter 8, The Holy and the Practical: Who Does What
- Dec 21** - Chapter 9, Smart Sailing: Navigating through Growing Pains, Conflict and Distractions
- Dec 28** - Christmas Sunday – No class
- Jan 4** - Chapter 10, Getting Started

Please Join Us!



Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 6 families. Many thanks for your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community. Pantry Hours: Mondays and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. Donations can be placed on table located in Narthex.



One Sunday Morning...

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, 'I'm not going.'

'Why not?' she asked.

'I'll give you two good reasons,' he said. '(1), they don't like me, and (2), I don't like them.'

His mother replied, 'I'll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church.

(1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!'



An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps, 'Where would you like to sit?' he asked politely.

'The front row please,' she answered.

'You really don't want to do that,' the usher said 'The pastor is really boring.'

'Do you happen to know who I am?' the woman inquired. 'No,' he said. 'I'm the pastor's mother,' she replied indignantly.

'Do you know who I am?' he asked. 'No,' she said. 'Good,' he answered.



A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. 'I've had a pretty good life,' the twenty proclaimed. 'Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean.' 'Wow!' said the one-dollar bill. 'You've really had an exciting life!' 'So tell me,' says the twenty, 'where have you been throughout your lifetime?' The one dollar bill replies, 'Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church.' The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, 'What's a church?'



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

In many churches, the first Sunday of November is celebrated as All Saint's Sunday – a Sunday in which the faithful departed are remembered and honored. I think most of us understand this aspect of All Saint's Sunday. But, at the same time, I think most of us still have trouble identifying ourselves as saints.

What is a saint? What are the characteristics that determine whether or not one is a saint? For instance, does a saint have to be famous – like St. Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa (who's not a saint yet, but probably will be some day)? I don't think so. After all, fame is fleeting and pretty fickle, too. George Bush, Sr. used to tell a story about visiting a nursing home when he was still President. As the story goes, he approached an elderly man in the hallway and asked him kindly, "Sir, do you know who I am?" The man replied, "No, but if you ask the nurses they can tell you." So fame doesn't mean much. Like wealth and power, it's not nearly as important as we sometimes think it is.

What then does set a saint apart? Is a saint someone who leads a morally perfect and pure life? Is a saint someone who never makes mistakes?

Unlike most political offices, where backgrounds are typically checked and double-checked for possible character flaws or youthful indiscretions, God doesn't do background






checks. God doesn't even call your references. He doesn't need to. He already knows who you are – the good and the bad.

The Bible uses the word *saint* to describe imperfect people, who nonetheless, have turned their lives in God's direction and seek to follow in the ways of Jesus Christ. The words *believer* and *saint* are used interchangeably.

There's a wonderful phrase in the Bible from the story of the Prodigal Son. It comes from near the end of the parable, after the Prodigal has spent all his money and is living and eating with pigs. The line says, "And then he came to himself." I love that line. He didn't come to a new and strange level of consciousness. It was like going home in the deepest kind of way.

The Good News is that God doesn't discard people because they are moving down the wrong path. Nor does he disqualify people who have made mistakes. And, what's more, when we turn to him – when we come to ourselves – God is able to reach across whatever kind of mess we've made – no matter how wide or deep – and draw us to himself.

Join us this Sunday as we gather in the community of saints, not only to remember, but to turn once again to God, our creator, sustainer, redeemer and friend.

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