



GAZETTE

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!
LORD,
TIME CHANGE!
Sunday Morning Services:
Starting July 10th: Combined worship!
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m., Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Features

- Iron Sharpens Iron... 1
- Book Review... 4
- On Names... 5
- Spotlight on: Mike Boles... 10
- Staying in the Word... 11

Departments

- Getting To Know... 3,8
- Women of the Word... 6,7
- FYI... 9
- Budget Update... 9
- Calendar of Events... 12

As Iron Sharpens Iron



by Ben Byers

At Christ the Word, we as a congregation have made a commitment to be a church body that pursues holiness through the confession of our sin, in both individual and corporate times of confession. In fact, you could say that we seek to create a “culture of confession” that persistently deals with the sins that beset each of us. Typically, we see ourselves as taking part in confession by examining ourselves, both on a regular, daily basis, and prior to partaking of the Lord’s Supper. However, this self-examination is only part of the equation that constitutes a true culture of confession.

In a church that is functioning as a true body of believers, individual reflection and examination will often not be sufficient for any of us to have a realistic perspective of our own sinfulness. Because of this, God uses us, as a body, to strengthen one another to defeat sin by challenging, exhorting, correcting, and rebuking one another.

Certainly most of us would prefer to avoid situations where our sin is brought to light by another believer—we would all certainly prefer that our own observations

of our sins would be satisfactory to God. But from the beginning, even within the Mosaic law, God planned for his people to be willing and ready to confront one another in order to pursue holiness:

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.”

LEVITICUS 19:17

For most of us, we would rather this command not mean what it plainly says. And the verse tells us why: it is all too easy to be angered, and to bear hatred toward fellow believers who have sinned against us. It is clear, however, that the normal pursuit of holiness will require us to exhort our neighbor, and often to be rebuked ourselves.

Christ expounded on this command and gave a method by which believers could confront one another’s sins:

“Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

LUKE 17:3-4

Not only is it difficult to rebuke a brother or sister in sin, it is often, depending on our pride, much more difficult to receive a rebuke. The experience of being corrected can range from mildly unsettling, to thoroughly excruciating. We would all much rather root out our sins on our own time, than have them exposed by someone else. We prefer to think we have a pretty good handle on our own sanctification, and all that’s really necessary is the occasional confession of our sin at our Pathway, or maybe just in our private prayer time. Our desire to op-

erate our lives as “clean machines,” where our corporate purity can somehow be nestled into our fierce American independence, makes us highly resistant to Godly reproof. It all depends on how much pride we have, and how our pride hinders us from receiving correction. But we must remember that the picture of the body of Christ given to us in the New Testament applies to this mode of correction, as well.

“But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; or again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’”

I CORINTHIANS 12:20-21

At no time are we more likely to say to someone, in anger, “I have no need of you” than when they are reproving us, in love.

Probably the most frequent occurrences of pride making Godly discipline impossible are in the home, between parents and children. The saying “familiarity breeds contempt” is most true among family members. Teenagers, of course, have had the most time to become familiar with their parents, and to have contempt for their parents’ authority. If teens want to mature into godly young adults, they must be careful that their growing knowledge and experience, combined with their gradually increasing sphere of personal freedom, do not become snares that make them too proud to honor their parents when reproved for their sin; otherwise, more severe consequences will probably result.

Most of us have some area of our lives—some discipline, skill, or personal achievement—that we have worked hard to develop into a personal virtue. These “virtues” are often not virtues at all, but simply an occasion for pride. God will often use other believers in various walks of life to bring our sins to light.

For example, in my day to day life, I’ve learned to approach most workplace stress with confidence, and take pride in the fact that I’m not easily rattled. However, God has often used coworkers who seem insecure or introverted to rebuke, challenge, or expose the fact that I have serious sin to deal with. In several of the places that I have worked, God has used other believers to expose my laziness, my unthankfulness, my gossip, and my dishonesty. What makes these situations difficult is that God uses brothers and sisters that I had not properly regarded, because of my pride. After having to repent not only of the sin for which I’ve been rebuked, I also had to repent of my anger toward those who have exercised true virtue in confronting me.

Fighting our pride in these situations is difficult because God uses people who will expose the places we have come to place (or rather, misplace) our confidence.

In the same way, God often uses fellow believers to expose our lack of righteousness, and our pride in our “spiritual achievements.” Are you a homeschool mom who’s proud of her exceptional, well-behaved children? You may want to prepare to be reproved by a sister in

Christ who, though she has unruly children, has been grieved by your casual gossip. Are you an intelligent, grounded, reformed believer who memorized T.U.L.I.P. at age ten, earned a master’s degree and is now thinking about studying for a doctorate? Pray that you are able, with humility, to listen to a young, new believer, who only has a GED and only knows a rough sketch of dispensational theology. It is probably just such a person that God will use to expose your cold heart and lack of love for the body of Christ.

In cases where severe pride blinds us to the process of godly rebuke and correction, Jesus gave instruction whereby the discipline of the church body would also increase in severity. While we should always strive to be above reproach, we must never come to think of ourselves as being above reproach. Jesus said:

“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

MATT 18:15-18

How can we avoid coming under church discipline in such a way? To begin with, we must not let our individuality and our pride cause us to see reproof as a personal attack or vendetta against us. To this end, Philippians instructs us to “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind *regard one another as more important than yourselves*” (PHIL. 2:3, emphasis added). Also, if we are going to be examined by others, and not just ourselves, we must fight our pride by being “quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God” (James 1:19-20).

While the process of rebuke and correction is a part of discipline within the body of Christ that is often painful, it is important to keep in mind the perspective that God has given us in His word, that this correction is evidence of His irresistible call to us as His children, and that He will complete the work He has begun in us:

“It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons... All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

HEBREWS 12:7-8,11

Getting to Know... Sean Grondin by Ryan Brown

“So, who’s that tall redheaded guy sitting in the pew in front of me?”

If you’ve ever asked that question at church, and you know it’s not me, then the person is most likely Sean Grondin.

Sean is a good friend of mine, and I was really looking forward to telling my church family about him. Sean has been coming to CTW for nearly three years now. Over the entire existence of CTW, Sean has figuratively been right in our backyard. As the crow flies, his house is the second closest to the SDA church (the Ahrendts get the top award for proximity).

Sean has lived in the Toledo area all his life, and grew up with an older and a younger sister. If you’re in the market for carpet, give his dad a call. He’s been selling carpet for most of his career! And if you happen to be a Sylvania Schools student (which might only be 2 people at church!), you may be picked up by Sean’s mom at the helm of a school bus.

Speaking of school, Sean attended St. Jerome, Whiteford Elementary, Arbor Hills, and finally Northview High School. After graduation, he did one year at Miami of Ohio, and returned here to go to Lourdes College for three semesters, getting his feet wet in chemistry and biology. He has since switched to UT (having finally come to his senses) and has finished his first year there on the path towards pharmacy (just what CTW needs, right?!). Sean has been a keeper of cemetery grounds, a food parceling engineer at Kroger and Sofo’s, and is now working at Meijer on Central.

To help you know more about Sean, here are some things he has been involved with in the past: chess club, quiz bowl, drama club, medieval reenacting, intramural ice

hockey, fencing, and marching band.

But in the recent past, God has involved Sean in the most exciting change in his life thus far: true faith in Jesus Christ. Although Sean always knew there was a God, Sean was still a sinner who did not love God or His Word as a believer.

Sean was raised Roman Catholic, and attended mass on and off with his family. Sean’s first connection to Christ the Word was Nathan Miklovic, who played tuba in band with Sean’s baritone. Nathan was younger, and they weren’t friends, but at some point, Nathan invited Sean to his Bible study at Northview. Sean says he wasn’t interested yet, but he later



wished that he had gone! Later, Sean also visited a Bible study and Campus Crusade meeting at Miami with a friend a couple of times, but didn’t yet have much conviction concerning Biblical doctrine or practice.

Anyway, a year or so after Nathan Miklovic’s invitation, Sean’s longtime friend, Aleaha Bayly invited him to a new church she was attending called Christ the Word. Sean wasn’t doing anything that morning, so he came.

Sean thought Pastor David was eccentric, compared to the Catholic priests he was familiar with. He bewilderedly wondered where the crucifixes were, why we passed around communion, and pretty much thought our service was weird (with a really long homily!). But that happened to be the day that the Baylys invite the college students of semperRef over for lunch after

church, and so he came. We all had the opportunity to meet him there, and get to know him a bit better.

With the other fellowship opportunities here at CTW, including Friday Night Bible Study and semperRef, many people were able to help answer Sean’s questions and concerns about God and His church. Sean’s path to salvation was a gradual one, highlighted by many conversations with men in the church about things such as abortion, election, evolution, morality, and baptism, to name only a few. Since this time, Sean has been welcomed into membership at CTW.

Sean says that CTW is like a second family to him. He has brothers he can rough-house with, and enjoys being like a big brother to the younger kids here at church. He greatly appreciates our elders and fellowship that God has given us. He has also come to love David Bayly very much.

As a former Roman Catholic, one of Sean’s favorite scriptures is Revelation 22:18, which shows us the punishment for adding or taking away from Scripture. This passage was very important to him as God was changing him. He also loves Psalm 23 very much.

Just so you know, Sean would be grateful if you’d pray that God provide him with a different job. The hours he is being given at Meijer often conflict with church functions, and he desperately wants to be working elsewhere.

In conclusion, God has sanctified Sean much through these few years. I praise God for the outwardly visible fruit that Sean displays in his walk with Christ. Sean is a very friendly guy who is not afraid to ask questions. He’s a thinker and a great guy with whom to have a conversation. It’s wonderful to have him as a brother in our Lord. Go introduce yourself, he’d love to meet you.

Bonhoeffer - Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy

by Eric Metaxas

book review by Dave Decker

I first heard of Dietrich Bonhoeffer years ago, and my impression was: “he was probably a liberal theologian, but must have been okay, since he died for his opposition to Hitler.” That was about all I knew about Bonhoeffer, and to my delight, was I ever so wrong in that assessment.

I had heard an interview by Eric Metaxas, the author, and I was intrigued by the discussion. I decided to find out more about this man, and see if what I knew about him was true. Let me preface by saying, my dad was a pilot in the Army Air Corps in WWII, so I have an interest in World War II and have read extensively on it. I was thrilled that *Bonhoeffer* included the most exceptional history of WWII that I had ever read.

It told the story of a young man, Dietrich, who was undoubtedly one of the most amazing Christians I have ever heard of! Few of us will ever be caught up in a life and death trial to live out our Christian lives as Dietrich did, and he will inspire you to no end.

The book starts out giving the history of the Bonhoeffer family. You will learn of the rich and gifted ancestry of both the maternal and paternal side of the Bonhoeffer family. As I read about their family tradition to have gatherings at their home each Saturday night— amounting to what would be described as a cultural event of music and readings— I thought of the rich heritage of Friday Night Bible Study at the Forneys’ home.

Dietrich was born into a gifted,

affluent and privileged family and resided in the most affluent neighborhood in all of Berlin, but was a very humble and gracious man to those less privileged than he.

You will also discover the spiritual side of the mother who raised her children in the Christian faith, and how this deeply influenced her son Dietrich.

I came to the point where what was said on each page was so precious that I could hardly bring myself to leave that page and go on to the next.

The book follows Dietrich’s life as a young pastor, his place as a prophet

they soon found out that they had let a conservative fox into the liberal hen house!

Dietrich would challenge his professors in front of all his young colleagues and was often able to stand his ground against the best of them.

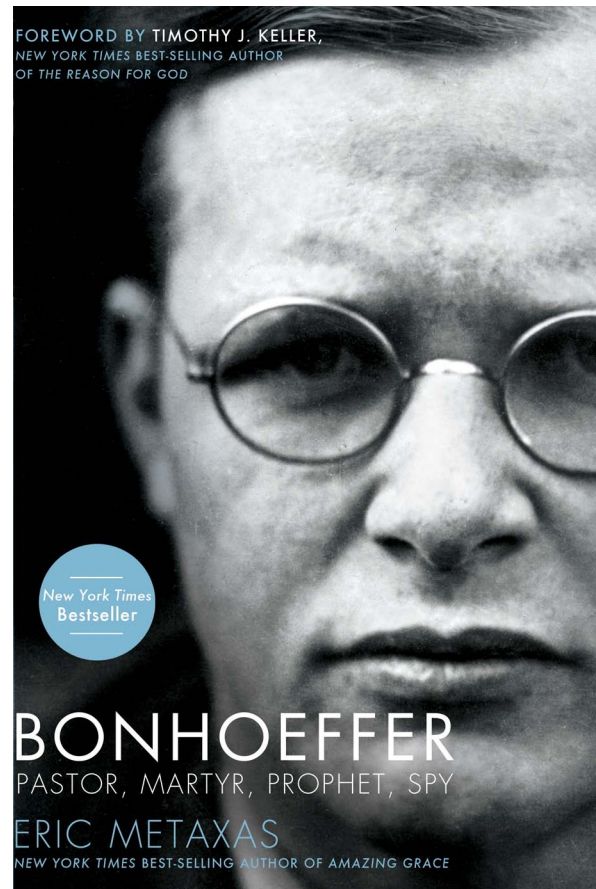
One such incident occurred when Dietrich, as a young seminarian, took on the task of training a group of young men from the worst neighborhood in all of Berlin. Their parents were thieves, prostitutes, and drunks, but many of the boys fell in love with this young teacher who moved into their neighborhood so he could be near them. Bonhoeffer invited them to his apartment where he would teach them about Christ. He took the boys to his country estate for a fun filled weekend—to the horror of the maids who were terrified that these young “brigands” would trash the estate. But in Bonhoeffer’s view, this was an excellent weekend: the boys only broke one window!

Many in his family, all anti-Nazi, were involved at the highest levels of government, and this gave Dietrich privileged knowledge concerning the extent of the holocaust as it unfolded. He was thus in a perfect position as a spy.

This is a truly epic biography of a devout Christian, who with incredible moral courage, confronts a monstrous evil. It is a story that tells of the race to flee to the border and get the Jewish side of his family to safety before the borders were closed to the conspiracy to kill Hitler.

Bonhoeffer knew that Christians were to do much more than resist Hitler by merely confessing their faith; the church was to take decisive action against the very present evil in their midst. Get this book, it will change your life.

Bonhoeffer knew that Christians were to do much more than resist Hitler by merely confessing their faith; the church was to take decisive action against the very present evil in their midst. Get this book, it will change your life.



to Germany as he encountered Hitler, a spy as he opposed Hitler (and how God put him in such an extraordinary place to operate as such) and finally as a martyr. It also includes a love story about Dietrich and his fiancé.

As the narrative unfolds, you will also learn of the most gifted young man in seminary, where all the liberal theologians vied to have Dietrich study under them. But when he did,

A Rose By Any Other Name

by Wayne Turner

I was surprised when the Benster asked me to write a serious article about nicknames. At first I thought it was because our daughter Pokey had recently married *Nick-Cole* but, that raised a question. How serious can you be, when you have a son-in-law whose first and last names, put together, and said quickly are pronounced Nicole? So, I decided to try and keep this light.

Where did my propensity for nicknames start? I am not sure, but a little background might help. For most of my elementary life I was called Turnip by my peers. Apparently, my parents wanted a girl, but that didn’t go so well so they called me Wayne Jayne. Marriage didn’t help much either. Rachel’s dad wanted a boy, hence he called her Bill.

Our prodigy learned this skill early on. Tys-a-roni was not surprised when I renamed one of his friends. Zach-a-roni wasn’t either. Okay, nicknames don’t always have to be deep, and sometimes you can milk a theme for a while. If you didn’t know we had a child named Zachary, ask a Turner. What about Hunter? I didn’t want to mention that his nickname was Honey Bear for fear that Scotcho would make fun of him in the office. So, let’s just keep this amongst ourselves.

You may have heard how Heidi, a.k.a. Pokey, received one of her nicknames, but since this is a story about names I will relate it here anyway.

Heidi was about as deliberate a child as you could have. It started when she began to say “grace” at the table. Whether she was incredibly spiritual, extremely thoughtful, or just plain cute it didn’t matter. Her mealtime prayers in excess of five minutes became a little trying for her growing, hungry brothers. She always ate slowly but, when she began to peel her peas one at a time before

eating them, it was more than they could take. Pokey it was from that day forward. She embraced Pokey much better than the other name her brothers gave her, Leon. Just look at one of her middle names, Noel, in a mirror and you’ll figure it out.

Rachel soon became Mum, Mums or Mumsy. I’d love to tell you some of my nicknames for Rachel. However, our Summer of Love series, covering Song of Solomon, is over and I’m thinking some of you may be too shy to go there again. I have already told you her dad called her Bill and still does to this day. Bill’s parents became Papa and Granny and mine, Papa John or PJ, and Granny or Gran. Most of you are still using the PJ or the Papa John nickname today.

As the generations progress, we now have Holly Dolly, Mr. C (grandpa Wayne’s name for Cannonball) and for now, Elijah will just have to be happy with Jaws. Mr. C brings us to another important thing about names. Caleb’s father gave him the middle name Cannonball. I was thrilled when I heard this. I was excited that Mr. C was sporting such a thoughtful and vision-filled name like Cannonball. May God richly bless him as he opens paths for the gospel, protects those around him and takes out the enemies of the Lord!

Names are important, and—at least in our family—so are nicknames. Nicknames are terms of endearment which are most often used by those closest to us. Jesus did this and it was recorded in the book of Mark. He referred to James and John as “Boanerges” which means “Sons of Thunder.”

God often renames those in Scripture that He sets apart for His service. Men like Abraham, Jacob, Paul, and Peter had their names changed by God. What a blessing it must have been for John to

have been called the “beloved.” The scripture also reveals God’s thoughts about our names when His people in Isaiah 49 were convinced that God had left them. God lets them know in no uncertain terms, “can a nursing mother forget her children...even if she could, I would not...I have engraved your name on the palms of my hand.”

Even though it may seem trivial to compare being renamed by God to a



nickname, think again. There is no doubt that God used renaming to characterize those whom he loved. Simon became Peter, and Peter became the Rock. Nevertheless, if you’re around any she-bears I would refrain from any nicknames that include “baldy.”

I look forward to the day when the Father calls my name, and that name is found in the Lamb’s Book of Life. We all receive a new name from God when He calls us, whether you know it or not, Servant.

One last thing, if I don’t give you a nickname, it doesn’t mean I don’t love you and that you are not dear to my heart. It may mean I can’t come up with anything that sounds good, YET! I may also defer as a matter of respect. For instance, it probably wouldn’t be respectful for me to call Pastor David “Davebo.” Nevertheless, if I ever do want to call him Davebo, I will clear it with his mother, Mrs. Bayly, first. I am sure she understands the importance of making sure you show the proper respect to those authorities who are over you. After all, give the wrong person the wrong nickname, and your name may be Mud forever.



W

Women of the Word

Making Me His

by LeeAnn Thomas

Much like Timothy, I was raised in a “Christian” home and went to church all my life. My mom and her father were good examples who loved Christ, but neither had fruit in their families. I knew they both loved Christ and lived for Him, but both had broken homes. Neither were examples for me to follow in building my family, though I attended church with them and was involved in my church.

I cannot remember the day or time I asked God into my heart, but I knew Him early. At a church youth camp I remember going forward for an altar call for salvation—again—just to be sure, I guess. Or perhaps it was to please those around me. That, unfortunately, became a theme in my life. I wanted popularity and attention more than I wanted a Savior. I walked through junior and senior high trying to please those around me and not developing a relationship with my Lord. That, unfortunately, led me into parties, drinking, and finally a sexual encounter that produced my first child.

Since neither my dad nor step dad showed any interest in my life, it is easy to see how I thought I found love with a football player from a local Catholic school. His attention and affection were all I craved. I tried to fill my need for Christ with this temporal love. After the unexpected pregnancy my junior year, my parents encouraged me to drop out of high school and finish through correspondence courses. I went from running for class VP to high school drop out.

At this point my walk away from God sped up. No

church. No moral friends. No spiritual leader. I got married, to my parents’ disappointment, when our child was a year old. During that 5 ½ year marriage I attended college, plus worked full-time. I led a separate life from my husband. I was in survival mode with my child.

Finally, when my needs for my Savior were so big I could no longer pretend I didn’t feel the Holy Spirit working in my heart, I asked my husband to leave his Catholic religion, and I’d leave my Baptist religion to begin together elsewhere. I did, he didn’t. We dissolved the marriage, and I got on my knees and asked God to forgive my sinful life, and rededicated my life to Christ. I began to live my life for Him. The Holy Spirit filled me and convicted me. My lifestyle changed drastically. I began not just attending church, but calling that my home and the people there my family. I was living to build His kingdom, not my own desires.

Looking back, I find amazing the unmistakable protection from God I had during those times I fell away from Him. I know now that He chose me early in my life, even when I didn’t live for Him. In His sovereignty, He plucked me out and kept me safe no matter my behavior or attitude toward him. How loving. How humbling.

I still fight to keep God as my only audience, and am tempted to compare myself to others, but I do live my life for my Redeemer. I live because He chose me and loved me all the days of my life. I just had to stop running from Him and turn to Him to fill me up. My life now is consumed with His goals, not my own. I gladly receive my many blessings in order to bless others. God has not only redeemed my life, but he has given me a fresh start with a purpose. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Monthly Morsel

When we are suffering, we often forget how the LORD blesses such suffering. Encourage yourself and others with God’s Word. Offer to pray for someone who is suffering, and follow through. If you are suffering, ask a sister in Christ to pray for you.

ROMANS 5:3-5

“NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE; PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER; AND CHARACTER, HOPE. AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US, BECAUSE GOD HAS Poured OUT HIS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US.”

Daily Devotions: Accountability Ideas

by Tai French

Do you sometimes struggle to be consistent in your times of Bible reading, reflection and prayer? While our quiet times with God’s Word should be special and restful to us, it sometimes seems that our schedule, especially in the busy summer months, can overtake those times. Julie VanWormer recently gave me the scoop on how to use technology to foster accountability in Bible reading.

The idea is super-simple: get a group of 7-10 gals to agree to hold each other accountable to read scripture and pray for one another every day using the technology we are already familiar with. Facebook, email, Twitter, texts: they can all be a way of letting the gals in your group know what you are reading and how you are applying it in your life. We all know it is easy to pass on reading the Bible when you are the “only one” who knows you are skipping, but it is more difficult to tell a Godly group of women committed to a similar goal!

It started with a simple idea from www.goodmorninggirls.org, a group of women who wanted to see more consistent fruit in daily reading and prayer. Not wanting to lose her Bible time during the changeable schedules of summer, Julie asked around and started her own group. It began as a simple way to email others that she had read that day. However, Julie says she has seen great fruit from just a simple increase in reading. In addition to listing the passages read, they have been sharing with one another how God is using His Word to sharpen them and encourage them. They have been sharing verses, prayer requests, and confessions.

Julie says that it has been a **great** encouragement to her!

If you are interested in increasing your accountability in this important

area, ask around. I’m sure that there are plenty of other ladies who would love to join you in growing in this!

Do One Thing

By Ashley Marcuz

Wow! Take this example from Sheila Raker. She took the Bible verses from our outreach table and hole-punched them. Then she hung them neatly on her rear-view mirror with a ribbon. When she would see people, she would pass along one of the verses. Great idea! The Scriptures never return void. Praise God!

Announcements

Amanda Agan Bridal Shower

Ladies, please plan to attend an open house bridal shower in honor of Amanda Agan on July 6th. She and Michael Dawn will be exchanging wedding vows later that month. They are registered at JC Penney, Target, Walmart, and Bed Bath and Beyond. The shower will be held at the home of Lynnette Killy, 2342 Tanglewood Drive, Toledo.

Feel free to drop in anytime between 6:30-8:30 pm. Cake and punch will be served; a short devotional will be given at 7:15. Let’s shower Amanda with blessings as she prepares for her marriage!

Aleaha Bayly Baby Shower

Ladies of Christ the Word, please join us July 30th at a baby shower to celebrate the upcoming birth of Nathan and Aleaha Bayly’s first child. The open house shower, at the home of Lisa Dominguez, will be from 10a.m. to noon, with the devotional at 10:45a.m. The Baylys are registered at Babies ‘R Us and Target for their surprise, which is due in September. Please contact Sarah DeSonne with any questions.

Mother-Son Baseball Day

*Take your son out to the ballgame,
Take him out to the crowd,
Maybe you’ll buy him a Cracker Jack,
And not care if you ever get back,
So Mom, take your son to the Hens game,
On a Friday in August!
For it’s nine bucks for each ticket
At the Mud Hens game!*

Friday, August 26th at 7 p.m.
Cost: \$9/person, 2 and under are free. See Sharon Ahrendt to make a reservation. All reservations and payments are due by August 7th.

WOW Teaching Event

Save the date for the next Women of the Word teaching event at Maumee Indoor Theater. Come with a teachable heart to learn from Romans 12:9 regarding how a Christian’s love must be genuine, sincere, and discerning. This will take place Saturday, September 17th from 9:30-12:30 p.m. ending with a lunch.

WOW Calendar:

July 6th
Amanda Agan’s Bridal Shower

July 14th
Iron to Iron

July 30th
Aleaha Bayly’s Baby Shower

August 9th
Iron to Iron

August 26th
Mother/Son Mudhens Game

September 17th
Teaching Event @ Maumee Indoor Theater

For more info on locations and times, see FYI on page 9.

Getting to Know... Papa John Turner

by Ashley Forney

"Sit there, boys," said his uncle, pointing to the truck's tailgate, "Don't you let anything fall out." As 12-year-old John obediently clung next to his brother, a figure up the drive caught his eye. Turning to his brother he declared, "I'm going to marry that girl." He did not know her name then; and he still didn't, four years later, when he rode next to her on the school bus.

Life had not been easy for John before he first saw that young girl. His father died suddenly when he was 8 years old. A few years after that, his mother sent him to live with his uncle and aunt on their dairy farm.

Every morning, John would be up by 4 a.m. to begin milking the 60-100 cows that his uncle owned. He would hook them up three at a time to a machine (don't breathe a sigh of relief for John, just yet). The machine did most of the work, but he still had to strip the last of the milk from each cow by hand.

By 7:30 a.m., his work would finally be done, but not in time to catch the bus. Special arrangements had to be made. How would you have liked showing up to Junior High or High School in a milk

truck? During these early years, there was also bitterness toward God harboring in John's heart. His father's death had been a difficult blow. But, just like you may have noticed with the move to his uncle's, God did bring good from it. The move to his uncle's led to the 12-year-old declaration of matrimony; the suffering from his father's death led to his salvation.

On April 14, 1944, John's pastor preached a sermon on suffering. He urged the congregation to "forgive and forget." With this exhortation, John realized the resentment to which he had been clinging. He let it go and found peace.

With these lessons learned, God allowed things to move forward with John's future wife. John was able to ride the school bus at last. He was the third one picked up; the neighbor girl was the first. From the first day, he walked straight back, took a seat by her, and learned that her name was Bernice. I'll let him tell you how they first came to be called "Pa and Ma Turner." When he later nervously asked her father for her hand, he quickly realized that he had just gained the father that he had never had.

John and Bernice lived happily ever after, enjoying over 59 years of marriage. During that time they experienced many things. John's draft letter took him from Kansas City, Missouri to Fort Knox, Kentucky for

basic training (that's not a reference to CTW's leadership training, folks). He was to be stationed in Korea, but God intervened and placed him in the more friendly country of Austria on police patrol.

Before his plane left, he told Bernice that if she cried, he would not go. Bernice was able to walk with him to the plane before returning to terminal to watch the takeoff. She received a scare when John showed up again, but it wasn't that he had seen her crying. The plane had had technical difficulties. Over the following 18 months there was only one time that John came close to seeing Bernice.

Papa John could also tell you about God's providence when his wife quit work the day he lost his job; or, when he worked with a boy named Jason at Youth for Christ; or, when for the second time, his job folded due to the director's death and the son shutting down the business; or, how he was able to learn to cook though he had been denied certain classes in school, because he was told that he was going to be a farmer. "God didn't take anything away that he didn't put something better back in its place," Papa John told me, "Except for my wife... And I'll see her again."

Parents, ask Papa John about his innovation for missed study halls. Girls, you might enjoy hearing what Bernice made for him at school.

Guys, he can still rattle off his draft number, and will tell you how he was sent to the gunnery class, though his brother should have gone there. Kids, ask Thomas and Esther Dionne why they call him the Cookie Man. If you can't catch him at first service on Sunday morning, you are likely to find him at the Pathway you are attending.



2011 Backyard Bible Clubs are here!

The first installments of the 2011 Backyard Bible Clubs have begun well and we are looking forward to a wonderful summer sharing the Gospel message to children and their families. Kids ages 4 to sixth grade are invited. The clubs are free and center around the Gospel message of Jesus and include exciting stories, fun games, cool crafts, and delicious snacks. Please use this to invite neighbors, friends, and family as an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel. For more information please contact Shelley Schriener or the club hosts.

Remaining BYBC's

- July 25-29**
Matt & Adrienne Miklovic's Home
10 a.m. – Noon
- Aug. 1-5**
Dave & Wendy Foulke's Home
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15-19**
Dave & Ana Meyer's Home
9 a.m. – Noon

Register Now for the Men's Canoe Trip

Registration is open for the annual men's canoe and camping trip to Grayling, Michigan. Come out for one or all of the days of Aug. 12-14 for this manly adventure and relaxing weekend. We look forward to a great time as fathers, sons, and men together in God's creation. For more details and to register, go to www.tinyurl.com/menscanoe2011 or speak with Ben Zellers or Tyson Turner.

2011 CTW Softball

Come support CTW's Softball Team as they compete to win the 2011 division title. This is a great time of fellowship, plus admission is free! Games are played at WPOS softball field located at 7112 Angola Rd. in Holland. There are metal bleachers available for seating or you can bring your own chair for greater comfort. See below for remaining games through July. Hope to see you there!

Remaining Regular Season Schedule

- July 11 @ 6 p.m.**
vs. Washington Church
- July 18 @ 6 p.m.**
vs. Dwelling Place
- July 19 @ 6 p.m.**
vs. Heritage Church of God
- July 25 @ 7:10**
vs. the Church
- Aug. 2 @ 6 p.m.**
vs. Bible Temple Church

Servants Needed...

Both the Nursery and Children's Church ministry are looking for those willing to serve. If you are already serving in these areas, we say "thank you" and if you aren't doing so, please consider serving and helping to meet this important need to the body of Christ. If you have questions or would like to sign up please connect with Erica Scharer (Children's Church) or Sara Shields (Nursery).

WOW Mother/Son Mud Hens Game

On Friday, Aug. 26 we have reserved a block of 50 seats for mothers and their sons to attend the Mud Hens game. To purchase tickets please pick up an envelope at the WOW table. Complete the information on the front and put the exact cash for your ticket(s) inside and give to Sharon Ahrendt or Linda Whittington. The cost of each ticket is \$9. The ticket money needs to be turned into Sharon by Sunday, Aug. 7. Any questions see Sharon Ahrendt.

Special Time for July 3 Sunday Evening Service

On July 3, the evening service will begin at a 5 p.m. instead of our normal 6:30 p.m. time in order to allow families time to travel and enjoy any of the various firework displays in the community.

Prayer requests are now available online! Just go to:

www.christtheword.com
->community links
->prayer list

Then sign in with your password. It's just that easy!

Spotlight on... Mike Boles by Josh DeSonne

It's been a long journey toward having our own church home and the end is ever approaching. As Christ the Word Church gets closer to finally moving into a church home of its own, it's important to remember those who have played key roles in the project. Over the last couple of years, several key congregation members have been crucial to the development, planning, and construction of the church property.

Yet one of the most critical people to the building project is not even a member of Christ the Word. Without a doubt, the project owes a great deal to a general contractor from Indiana named Mike Boles.

Mike is a member of ClearNote Church in Bloomington, the congregation which is led by Tim Bayly, Pastor David Bayly's brother. When ClearNote built its own church building, Mike was the general contractor. After that job was done, Tim suggested that Mike make a visit to Toledo and help Christ the Word get its building project going.

Mike met with Pastor Bayly along with the Elder Board at Christ the Word and as he put it, one thing led to another. Now we're nearing the time where we'll have a place to worship God for generations.

Mike's help to Christ the Word has been significant, to say the least. He donated the blueprints of the church building, as well as his time as a general contractor, saving Christ the Word a substantial amount of money.

Yet, building churches is a new thing for Mike. While he's worked in the construction industry since the early 1970s, the churches he's

worked on now number a grand total of two. His specialty was building cold storage warehousing for the pharmaceutical and food industries. As one can imagine, that is quite a bit different than crafting a building for the worship of the Lord. "It's mostly the interiors [which are different,]" Mike said. "It's the level of finish of the interiors and the aesthetics."

One hurdle Mike had to overcome as Christ the Word's general contractor was the distance. The distance from Toledo to Bloomington is over 275 miles and takes nearly five hours



to drive, yet Mike was able to overcome that problem with very little difficulty.

"It's gone well. Distance is not really a problem, cell phones make it easier," Mike said with a laugh.

Mike said he was able to donate his services without compensation in part because he's retired.

"I've got nothing better to do than fix faucets around the neighborhood," he joked.

In all seriousness, while he may be retired from construction, Mike still keeps busy. He lives with his wife of 32 years, Lisa, about 45 minutes west of Bloomington in rural Indiana. What does one do to stay busy in rural Indiana? One farms of course.

"I've always kind of done that [farming] along with the construction," Mike said. "It's just now that I have more time to devote to it."

Unlike some farmers, Mike doesn't come from a family of agriculture workers. He began farming about 30 years ago, and gradually built up

what he does.

"What I do myself is beef cattle and hay," Mike said. "We cash rent some corn ground and soy bean ground along with timber."

In addition to farming, Mike is also kept busy as a father and grandfather. He has three adult children. His daughter, Kyla, is married with her fourth child on the way. He also has two unmarried sons, Aaron and Seth.

All journeys have an end, and the process of building our church is getting ever closer to its end. Yet, the beginning is also important. Mike's beginning as a Christian began nearly 40 years ago, down south in Tennessee, when he was around 14 or 15 years old.

"I'd been spending my summers in Tennessee with my grandparents," Mike said. "I heard the Gospel preached down there at the church they went to."

It was there that the Holy Spirit began stirring Mike's heart.

"I was convicted of my sin and it was at that time that I started repenting of sin and moving toward Christ."

When asked what, if anything, makes Christ the Word's building project unique or what members may like to know, Mike pondered it for a bit before answering.

"Well, I guess what they want to know is that one day it will be finished," Mike said.

For that, Christ the Word members can give thanks and praise to Jesus. While many have participated in the building campaign, from donating time working on the roof, cleaning the grounds, making food for the workers, or donating of their finances, the project also owes part of its success to a retired general contractor/farmer from Indiana named Mike Boles.

Staying In The Word by Matt French

The time is drawing near for us to leave behind the building God has blessed us with for the past nine or so years. God is surely good.

Now, though, as we see rapid progress on our new facility, we realize there will come a day late this year or early next when we'll worship in our current home for the last time. What should we be doing at this time to prepare for that day? I am not talking about the mechanics or logistics of the move, but am rather thinking about it spiritually. What should we do now to prepare spiritually for that time? Challenges are sure to come our way because we are sinful. We will all be tempted to sin in various ways and it is wise to consider this ahead of time so we are ready to keep these sins in check.

So, brothers and sisters, let me remind you that we are a body whose foundation is rooted in Scripture. Even the name of our church reflects this because every one of our founding elders considered it to be of supreme importance.

You may ask why I would use valuable space in the Gazette to emphasize something so basic. Well, I have a couple reasons: First, there is nothing more important. This may go without saying, but it goes without saying because it's true. Really, without each of us regularly renewing our minds in God's Word we will not be rooted and grounded in love and this will show under stresses such as moving into a new building.

Second, I emphasize this basic discipline because many of us are failing. How do I know this? When I am in groups where we confess sin, it's very common for individuals to confess their neglect of Scripture. Week after week and month after month, we confess that we don't spend time in God's Word. So I believe this reminder is timely and important.

I have ten short, simple points to encourage you toward this end:

1. Scripture is one of the primary means God uses to speak to you. II Timothy 3:16 says that all Scripture is breathed out by God. Scripture is the one source you can go to and know that it is without error and applicable to every situation.

2. Scripture stabilizes emotions. You have no doubt experienced this. When your head is spinning and emotions run high, the Word of God grounds you. It keeps you centered and prevents you from foolishly acting on what you feel at that moment.

3. You never know when trouble is just ahead. God brings trials into our lives on His schedule, so we never know when a challenge will come. If you are saturated with Scripture, you will be better equipped to deal with the challenges in a way that honors God.

4. Scripture is living, breathing and sharp. Because of this, passages we have read dozens of times before can suddenly come alive and speak to us. Again, this is something I'm sure everyone can relate to.

5. Scripture convicts. As we have been reminded of so regularly lately, we are not growing if we are not confessing. If you are not reading Scripture regularly, your times of confession either never come or they remain very shallow. Or, perhaps worse, they always center around the same sin. On the other hand, attention to Scripture helps us overcome the sins which plague us and brings to the surface the ones which are buried deep.

6. Our children need us to be teaching them. If we are not being nourished by God's Word, we will not pass on this spiritual food to our children. This is so simple, and yet nothing could be more important for those of us with children to lead to Christ.

7. Scripture uplifts. If you are weary and worn down, go straight to the Word of God. The Psalms will always lift your spirit and renew your strength.

8. Scripture is the only sure foundation. If you spend time reading the newspaper and blogs, but not God's Word, you will have a very shaky foundation. Scripture reminds us of

God's sovereignty and causes us to trust Him in every circumstance.

9. Daily Scripture reading will help you encourage others. Brothers and sisters, it is shameful that we don't have a timely word from Scripture every time someone in our body is struggling.

10. You can more effectively witness if God's Word is always on your mind. It is much easier to miss opportunities to simply speak of Jesus if we go days or weeks without reading about Him in the Bible. Conversely, the opportunities seem to present themselves around every corner when we are saturated in the Word.

I understand I am speaking to people who know these things. You can probably add ten of your own points to my list. I implore you, though, to make this a spiritual discipline of yours. God will bless it and you will be a much stronger member of the body at Christ the Word. The stresses and strains of moving into our own building will soon be upon us and we want to honor God as they come.

Personally, I can tell you at two points in the last year when I grew lax in this discipline. All ten of the points above were demonstrated in a negative way during those weeks. Praise the Lord, though, for the way His Word fed me as I returned. I pray that these times of neglect never come again. Thinking collectively, consider how awful it will be if a hundred or more of us neglect God's Word this way at the same time. We will be quick to let irritation turn to bitterness and there will be fewer people to speak words of conviction to us. On the other hand, how glorious will it be if we move into the building on Murd Road with hundreds of Bible-saturated CTW members full of joy, slow to anger, quick to forgive, grounded in truth, full of faith in challenges, uplifting each other and ready to witness to our new neighbors? Please do not neglect this basic but very important discipline. May God bless CTW as we remain men and women of the Word.

calendar of events

July Calendar

- July 6th Amanda Agan's Bridal Shower
- July 10th *Sunday service time change:***
Combined service:
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- July 11-16 LWY/ClearNote Mission Trip
- July 14th WOW Iron to Iron
- July 15th LWY/semperRef contra dance
- July 25-29 Miklovic Backyard Bible Club
- July 30th Aleaha Bayly's Baby Shower

Mark Your Calendar

- Aug. 7 Mother-Son Baseball Day
- Aug. 12-14 Men's Canoe Trip
- Aug. 26 Mother/sons Mud Hens game
- Aug. 27 Presbytery