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“After removing Saul, God made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’ Act 13:22

“A Menacing Giant! Adultery and Murder! Attempted Coup Foiled! Loyalty Stronger Than Blood! Tragic loss!”

These colorful and descriptive words could easily depict a new action and adventure film from Hollywood, but they don't. Instead, they illustrate the life of King David. You all know the story of young David defeating Goliath, that you learned as children; but his life is an adult drama filled with great victories and horrendous mistakes, tremendous joys and deep sorrows. Yet this man whose life was a roller coaster with highs and lows is called “a man after God's own heart.” David's life reminds you that despite your strengths and weakness; despite your victories and defeats, you too can be called “a man or a woman after God's own heart.”

This fall I will preach a sermon series on King David and examine some of the highlights and lowlights in his life, emphasizing how to follow him when he does right, and how to learn from his mistakes when he does wrong. The sermons for the month of September will be:

Sept 9 - “The Unfinished Sermon” – I Samuel 15:1-12 (The Prequel – a look at King Saul)

Sept 16 – “Appearances Are Deceiving” – I Samuel 15:1-13

Sept 23 – “Defeating The Giants In Your Life” I Samuel 17:32-50

Sept 30 – “How To Win Friends” – I Samuel 18:1-4

Now that school is back in session and summer vacations are over, I hope you can join us each week as we look at the action, adventure, and intrigue in the life of King David.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Steve

SOC & Friends –Covered Lunch

The next SOC & Friends (Senior Outreach Citizens) will be a Covered-Dish Lunch and Program on Monday, September 10, at 12:00 noon, in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hot dogs, buns, and beverages will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. The program will be given by Pastor Steve and Brenda Stelle on their recent trip to the Holy Land. Those attending are also asked to bring in graham crackers and paper lunch bags for the Mespo Backpack Project. A Sign-Up sheet is in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Please RSVP by Sunday, September 2. If you need a ride please let us know when you sign up so we can arrange to pick you up.



Upcoming Events

Wed. Sept. 5th
6 PM
Wednesday Night
Leaders/Helpers
Mandatory Meeting
Social Hall

Sun. Sept. 9th
10 AM
Worship
“Rally Day”

Wed. Sept. 12th
Wednesday Night Kick-
Off Carnival
6:30-8 PM
Rear Parking Lot

Sat. Sept. 29th
8:30-3 PM
“Weaving Forgiveness into Life”
Ladies Retreat
At Shepherd of the Valley-Howland

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES**NEW!!!! WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30pm**

As requested by people who work or have children, Rev. Stelle will begin a Bible Study on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm**. This will allow parents to send their children to Kid’s Club and Youth Group which meets at the same time. Also, **a nursery will be provided** to Bible Study members who have children under 3. The study will begin **Wednesday, September 19th** at 6:30pm. and will meet in the second-floor classroom directly above Pastor Steve’s office.

The Wednesday evening study will focus on the Gospel according to John. The book of **John is great for anyone interested in studying the Bible for the first time** because it gives the basic history of Jesus and records some of Jesus most interesting conversations with people.

However, John is also great for long time Bible students because John is clearly the most theological of the four gospels.

So, whatever, your previous knowledge of the Bible, come join us on Wednesdays to increase your understanding of the Word of God.

RETURNING- WEDNESDAYS AT 1:30pm

Rev. Stelle will resume his Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm. The study will begin on **Wednesday, September 12th** and will meet in the second-floor classroom directly above Pastor Steve’s office.

This year’s study will focus on the book of Genesis. Genesis, which is the Hebrew word for “beginning” is just that – a book of beginnings. In Genesis, you learn about the creation of the world and human life. You hear of the beginning of sin, and redemption, as well as the start of God’s chosen people, through the man called Abraham. These beginnings have so much to teach us concerning our faith and practice today.

Last year, there were usually 15 and 20 people who came each Wednesday. Why not come join them on Wednesday’s afternoons and begin a great experience of studying God’s Word with His people.

Cheri Smith, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

August is crammed with last minute "fun activities" because we all know what is starting soon.... School. Some activities will be starting up, some are winding down. Some of our students are excited, some not so excited. Once again, you all went above and beyond by bringing in school supplies to donate to students in the Champion community. We were able to pass some of those supplies to many of our church families as well as give them to Champion Christian Church for their annual school supply give away. One of our activities ending are the summer swims: Thank you John Russell, Dot and Terry Martin for hosting us. As always, the swims are a lot of fun!

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success and we are doing this again next year. Thank you to Sandy Wilson, Elaine Metz, Sue Stingel, Tina Wilson, Kathy Dietz, Kathy Harris, Terri Palmer, Amber Seigman, Anna Marie Holt, Barb Metzendorf, Billie Jo Atkinson, Gillian Atkinson, Althea Sweeney, Brenda Stelle, Amy Lamer, and Katrina Cheney- all very patient, encouraging, and supportive of the students they were paired up with for the summer. I really can't tell who had more fun: the teachers or the students!

On August 7th, Billie Jo Atkinson and I drove 9 teens to Seneca Hills Bible Camp. We received a tour and lots of information about the teens going for a week next year. They were very excited about the place and activities that they could get involved in. I can't wait to advertise this trip to the Youth and work with them to be able to go next year. My goal is to have the teens work and raise funds for it through the year, so they can earn their way. Please be in prayer that we can work together to raise the money and keep the excitement flowing through them.

We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for all levels of classes to volunteer just one Sunday a month. Please come see me if this is something you feel you can be a part of and serve our church family in this way.

Sunday, September 9th is Rally Day! Students moving up to 3rd grade receive Bibles and all Children and Youth Ministry Leaders are called up to be recognized as we start the year off with prayer. Please plan on being here this day!

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support,

Cheri Smith

Financial Statistics through July

Income for Month	\$ 28,004
Expenses for Month	\$ 26,589
Surplus for July	\$ 1,415
Year to date Income	\$ 185,519
Year to date Expenses	\$ 184,940
Deficit through July 31, 2018	\$ 579

July Attendance

Sunday Worship- 131
Children's Sunday School-24
Total Sunday AM- 155

October Birthdays



10/14/33	Joy Bickel	5386 Pierce Road, 44481	85
10/16/17	Winifred Sheldon	4925 Damon NW 44483	101
10/17/29	Ralph Tranter	4759 Damon NW 44483	89
10/23/25	Sue Jones	303 N. Mecca #100, Cortland 44410	93

Skilled Care Nursing Homes

- Caprice Healthcare-North Lima**– Jimmy Prikryl
- Windsor House** - Martha Barnhart Betty Fucci Jean Boyd
- Assisted Living Champion Estates** - Mary Troughton
- Community Commons** - Dick Bush and LaJune Cook
- St. Joseph’s, Louisville OH** - Martha Dye
- Shepherd of Valley** - Velma Shaw Nancy Bollenbacher
- Cincinnati, Oh**– Althea Ellis
- O’Brien’s**– Bob Durst

*We always thank
 GOD for all of you
 and continually
 mention you in
 our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

IN THE MILITARY



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| FL: Jack Ridge | OK– Bret Larson |
| AZ: Nathan Price | FL: Bryan McCausland |
| GA: Michael Smith | IN: Jimmy Leigh |
| TX: Chaplain Ben Masillem | FL: Austin Arnold |



Rides Available

**NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MORNING
 WORSHIP???**

If you need a ride or know someone who needs a ride to Worship on Sunday Morning; please contact the church office at 330-847-9614 by Thursday at Noon. We are able to use the Church Van to pick you up.



Calling all Women of the Church !!!

We are having our annual Women's Retreat on Sept. 29th from 8:30-3:30. The cost is \$25.00 again this year. Our main speaker is Rev. Cynthia Klingemier, back by popular demand. This year's theme is "WEAVING FORGIVENESS INTO LIFE". The event has a NEW LOCATION: Shepherd of the Valley on North River Rd. Gary, the chauffer, will again have the church van available for those wanting a ride. The van will leave the church parking lot at 8am sharp. Signup sheets will be available in the welcome center starting Sept. 2nd before and after worship or you can call the church office to reserve a seat. Payment please before the day of the event. This year we will have continental breakfast at 8:30 and lunch at noon, which will feature soup and salad bar, chicken francaise', mashed potatoes, green beans and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Please indicate if you have any food allergies and the chef will make accommodations.

Hope to see you on the 29th !!!!!

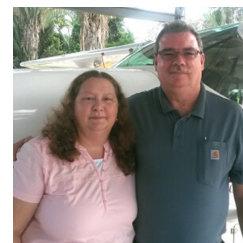
MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Mike & Nancy Mahon have been serving with South America Mission (SAM) since 1989, and Champion Presbyterian Church has helped support their ministry since about the same time. They serve at a SamAir base located on a lake in the jungle near Pucallpa, Peru. SAM has several ministries throughout Peru, with several centered in the Pucallpa area.

Mike's primary responsibilities are maintaining the needed parts and engine overhauls for the three Cessna 206 planes used in flying throughout the remote jungle region. He also ensures all documentation and licensing is correct for legally flying in Peru. Pucallpa is at road's end in Peru. From there travel that can take weeks or more by foot or water, is reduced to minutes or hours by these Cessnas.

Among Nancy's roles is teaching at the SAM Academy in Pucallpa. The academy is accredited by US standards to teach all 12 grades, primarily to children of missionaries serving in the region. SamAir provides transportation to many missionaries and natives for Bible teaching in the area, and also for emergency medical flight needs.

The Mahons are from NE Ohio, where Mike received training at Mission Maintenance Services. Their daughter, Annette, has graduated from college with a degree in criminal justice, and now serves on patrol with the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Their son, Daniel, graduated from the SAM Academy June 6th, and begins studies at Zane State Technical College (Ohio) in August.



Local Missionary of the Month

Warren Family Mission is our local mission for September. Current needs—in family-size portions—are for: tuna fish, other canned meats, soup, baked beans, beef stew, ham, fruit, condiments, pasta with meat (i.e., Chef Boyardee), juice, Kool-Aid, tea, and coffee (instant/regular). Note: Items may be dropped in the baskets in the Narthex near the Missions Map all this month .



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

DEAR MEMBERS,

We need **YOU** to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we have made the commitment to produce a new fellowship pictorial directory. A pictorial directory is our church family album.

We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at **no cost** to our church. **Plus, every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait!** The directory will also be available on a password secured site for your mobile phone.

You can sign up at the church on Sundays or by calling 330-847-9614.

We are encouraging 100% participation!

OUR PHOTO DATES:

In the Parlor.

October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Hours are: 2pm-9pm.

Blessings,

Pictorial Committee

HINTS FOR A GOOD PHOTO! This is a professional portrait session. What you wear has a major influence on how satisfied you will be with your portraits. Allow for about an hour to check-in, be photographed and view your digital images. In general, simple hairstyles and natural makeup are best, as well as solid colored clothing or simple patterns. Please note your shoes may show in some photographs and if you need glasses, feel free to wear them. Our goal is to capture your true smiles and expressions in every photograph. Invite grandparents or other family members/loved ones to join you in your photograph. With permission of your church, you may also bring your household pet. We encourage you to have fun and express your true personality by bringing meaningful items to your session (sports equipment, musical instruments, special toy or books, etc.).



CHAMPION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4997 Mahoning Ave. NW.

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Dear Friend in Christ,

We will begin our New Choir Season with a rehearsal on September 20th from 6-7 PM. Our church has a long and beautiful music history-over 175 + years much glory and artistry has been offered up to God.

And so it continues. My question is, could you be a bigger part of that offering? Being on the chancel each Sunday I hear the beautiful congregation singing that you're a part of. When one more voice takes part we all are lifted up. So... why not consider being a part of your choir? Don't be afraid (isn't that a song we sing?) of not being musical enough or of having to commit too much time. We have members of all levels of musical experience. We have members that have obligations preventing them from rehearsing/singing each week. Your unflappable choir director can deal with it. He would like is for you to (as another song says) just come.

Pastor Steve talks of us sharing what's in your basket. For just a small investment of time and talent, you can offer your voice to the Glory of God. If you can only sing once or twice a month, fine. If you would like to be a part of a Special Service or our Christmas Cantata, welcome aboard. If you know of a friend or non-member that would like to sing-bring them along!

And let me share a closely guarded secret with you.... We have FUN!!! Our rehearsals start and end with a prayer, but in between there's a whole lotta laughter mixed in with the music. Come and Join us. You'll love it.

In Christ,

Ken Umeck

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
Stephen Stelle, Pastor
8:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. -- Worship Service
10:00 a.m. -- Children's
Programming**