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**9:00AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
10:00AM - FELLOWSHIP TIME
10:30AM - WORSHIP SERVICE**

My Winning Words[®]

***For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10***

Pastor/teacher Josh McDowell tells about the time he was visiting with a “head-hunter”—an executive recruiter who seeks new corporate executives for high-profile companies. The man told McDowell about a recent experience he had with a man he interviewed:

When I get an executive that I'm trying to hire for someone else, I like to disarm him. I offer him a drink, take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw my feet up on the desk and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he's all relaxed. Then, when I think I've got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, “What's your purpose in life?” It's amazing how top executives fall apart at that question.

Well, I was interviewing this fellow the other day, had him all disarmed, with my feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then I leaned up and said, “What's your purpose in life, Bob?”

And he said, without blinking an eye, “To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can.” For the first time in my career, I was speechless.

You and I would probably use different language, but could you or I state our life purpose that succinctly? And, more importantly, would our life purpose contain a reference to Christ? Is our faith the pre-eminent factor in choosing our life purpose?

We hear a lot these days about our passion and purpose. Countless seminars and books are devoted to the subject. But how many of our well-crafted purpose statements are based our understanding of God's plan and purpose for each of us?

Today I invite you to meditate on the words of Ephesians 2:10, and then write a simple, one sentence summary of the purpose for which God created, sustained, and redeemed you to accomplish in his Kingdom. As you write, please be mindful that you have a unique purpose and calling and that God's instructions to his children are always simple and clearly stated. He will reveal his plan and purpose for you if you will only ask him to do so—and then be willing to sit in silence as he reveals his marvelous plans for you, to you.

January, 2015 Administrative Council Meeting Clerk's Report

Average Attendance for December, 2013 — 52 Average attendance for December, 2014 — 55

The Administrative Council met on January 27, 2015 in the library with the following present: Connie Czacherski, Frank Bosak, Eugene and Emily Mach, Andy Juchnowski, Denise Villers, Pastor Chuck and Becky Horvath, Tom Gotham, Gail Duchscherer, Jim and Denise Toth, Fred and Rosie Ogrinc, Dennis and Lily Coz, Kathy Imhof, and Diane Beeman.

Dennis Coz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Jim Toth opened with prayer.

Minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Emily Mach, in Dave Smith's absence, reported the Treasurer's report shows a checking account balance of \$6,118.95 as of November 30, 2014 after receipts of \$14,456.00 and checks and transfers in the amount of \$16,056.46 leaving a balance of \$4,518.49 as of December 31, 2014. The savings account had a beginning balance of \$22,553.84 and a transfer and interest in the amount of \$4,007.47 and ending balance of \$26,561.31 as of December 31, 2014.

Facilities Ministry – Kathy Imhof reported the trustees continue with snow maintenance. Future projects include stripping and repainting of the fellowship hall walls and stripping and waxing of the floor in the fellowship hall. Women's Fellowship intends to pay for the paint. Trustees will get quotes for the floors and will present at the next meeting. Another future project is the roofing on the old sanctuary.

Elders' Report – Elders continue working with Pastor Chuck and the Pastor Search Team.

Deacons' Report – Fred Ogrinc reported they had a request and paid for auto repairs. Continue working on welcome packets. Gail Duchscherer suggested a bookmark type card that she saw in pews at another church welcoming visitors, that this may be something we could consider for our church. Tom Gotham questioned the policies on determining assistance requests. Fred said if it is not an emergency, that it will be discussed with other committee members, and if approved, will be paid usually within 24 hours. However, if it is deemed an emergency situation, assistance will be given and the other committee members will be notified.

Worship – Denise Toth reported there are sign-up sheets for ushers, children's ministry, and fellowship hour refreshments for 2015 in the narthex. We need to have these needs met if we hope to have growth in the church. Denise also mentioned that she hopes to incorporate some information learned from Worship Sunday School class in our church.

Outreach – Eugene Mach encourages people to take the public speaking class that will begin February 1 to assist with Briar Hill devotions. He continues to look for outreach ideas, perhaps things we have done in the past and would like to resume, or other ideas. Frank Bosak reported a live web stream of the Christmas Eve service went out to two locations – Burton Health Care and Geauga Hospital. A glitch was discovered that it was not our service that was broadcast to Burton Health Care, but they were appreciative of having a church service broadcast. A video ministry may be something to consider in the future, but for now it will be reserved for special occasions.

Women's Fellowship – Denise Villers reported the Women's Fellowship is coordinating with the trustees to strip and repaint the walls in the fellowship hall. Hope to have this completed by spring. A wonderful dinner was served for the Geauga County Township Association which received rave reviews. The next meeting will be held on February 9, and the plan is to clean the kitchen.

Christian Fellowship – Denise Villers reported the church was undecorated and the help was greatly appreciated. The annual super bowl party will be at the home of Scott and Denise Villers on Sunday, February 1. People are welcome to arrive after 5:30 pm and stay as long as they can, and encouraged to bring friends for potluck, fun and games; and possibly watching the football game or at least the commercials! Tuesday, February 10, will be the next meeting of the Christian Fellowship committee; anyone interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to attend. A valentine's program will be held on Friday, February 20th, beginning with a potluck dinner. Other considerations: monthly movie night – looking into a Christian Copyright Licensing that will allow the church to play full movies and invite the public. Discussion ensued possibly combining this with the Out Reach ministry.

Discipleship – Gail Duchscherer reported the Romans 12 class, led by Mary Mitchell, has been extended to the end of February. Pastor Chuck's class on public speaking will be held during the month of February. Cherie Villers will teach the younger aged class when any children are in attendance, and Jan Gotham will continue teaching the older children. Ideas are needed and encouraged for adult Sunday school classes to begin in March. Pastor Chuck and Gail Duchscherer will both be available for brainstorming ideas.

Ministry Placement – Rosie Ogrinc hopes to have everyone either take or re-take the spiritual gift survey. Ministry leader elections went well and Rosie thanked everyone for the acceptance of their positions.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Chuck is finishing sermon series on evangelism. He is reserving the beginning of another series until we have some word from the Pastor Search Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Those in attendance circled for prayer. Pastor Chuck closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Beeman, Clerk

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING:



Remember our Shut-ins

Golden Living Center - Gary Parnaby

Woodlands - Ida Kukuljevic

Briar Hill - Laura Dietrich, Elmer Stall

Burton Health Care - Pat Bosak

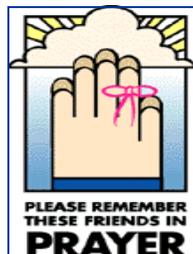
PRAYERS

and Praise



- † Pat Bosak - Continued healing, comfort and strength
- † Jerry - Healing from surgery on Kidney
- † Manuela Mayer - Healing and comfort
- † Terry Coates - Healing after surgery
- † Connie C. - Healing of her knee
- † Amanda P. - Final month of pregnancy
- † Brian - Infection in lungs, breathing problems
- † Carli—Headaches & losing nerve control
- † Dan H. - Breathing problems
- † Sue B. - Recovering from severe concussion
- † Mason M.—4 year old battling Cancer
- † Barry L. - Knee laceration from a fall
- † Kevin B. - Stress fracture - Healing and comfort
- † Wayne K. - He is at University Hospital for treatments
- † Jeff H. Son - Heart problems and infection
- † Lester & Evelyn - She is in Hospice (Both in their 90's)
- † Calvin—Young boy who broke his neck snowboarding
- † Eileen - continued prayer for health issues & to be saved
- † Charles Griffin, Sr.—Comfort for family

THOSE DEALING WITH LONG TERM ILLNESS



RICHARD GATES
 ANNE UNGARD
 GEORGE WEBB
 LAURA DIETRICH
 JEAN GILES
 AL HORWATH

DALE GATES
 CHARLIE DALE
 ANN R.
 RICH THORN
 VICKIE SALYER
 ROSE DALE
 SHANNON COOK
 PAT BOSAK
 MATT HERING
 PHYLLIS THOMAS
 IRENE PEAIRS
 IDA KUKULIEVEC
 ELMER STALL
 JOYCE U.
 MASON MURRAY



The Families of:
 Erik Quinn
 Mom Nemeth
 David Hartman

Please contact the church office at (440) 548-4829 if you know of church members or friends who have been hospitalized, or with updates to our above "long term prayer list." Urgent requests (when the office is closed) can be called into our church Prayer Chain through Bev Gates at (440) 548-8020 or Jan Gotham at (440) 548-3941.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our annual **Super Bowl party** (Sunday, February 1st) will be at the home of Scott & Denise Villers (17880 Owen Road – Parkman). All ages are welcome to attend! (If you're a die-hard fan, you may want to skip this activity since we tend to NOT focus a lot on the football game) We enjoy a potluck dinner, board games, billiards, and LOTS of great fun with some great people! So bring a dish to share and some games to play – and maybe watch some football (or at least the commercials)! Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m. so come on over any time after 5:30 p.m.

Our 2015 Planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 7:15 p.m. in the church library. Let me know if you'll be attending this meeting and/or if you have suggestions for activities.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our church's social activities, please contact a member of our committee.

Team Leader: Denise Villers (440) 548-2939



Valentine Program Friday, February 20 at 6:00 pm

Pastor Chuck & Becky will be putting on an Oldie-Wed Game for couples. Singles are encouraged to come to see the game and offer counseling afterwards. The valentine program does NOT exclude the Newlywed couples.

Pot Luck begins at 6:00 pm—bring something to share.

Valentine candy will be provided.

FEBRUARY

Birthday's and Anniversaries

12 - Bev Gates
12 - David Smith
13 - Lilly Coz
20 - Rich Thorn
27 - Pastor Chuck & Becky Horvath ♥



Feed-A- Friend Free Meal

The next Free Meal will be on Wednesday, February 25
We will be serving Chicken Alfredo from 5:00-6:30 pm.

All are welcome - Bring a Friend



Calendar of Events ~ February, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	2 Elder's, 7:00 pm	3 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	4	5	6	7 AA, 8:30 pm
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	9 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	10 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	11	12 7:00 pm-NT Discussion, John 3 - 16	13 20's-30's Dinner, 6:00 pm??	14 Social Hall in use. AA, 8:30 pm
15 Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	16 Missions Meeting, 7:00 pm	17 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	18 Ladies Tea Luncheon — 12:30 — 2:30 in the Parsonage	19 7:00 pm-NT Discussion, John 17 - 21, Col 1 - 4, Luke 1-6	20 Valentine game for cou- ples, 6:00 pm.	21 AA, 8:30 pm
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	23	24 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Cabinet Meeting, 7:30 pm	25 Free Meal 5-6:30 pm	26 7:00 pm-NT Discussion, Luke 7 - 20	27	28 AA, 8:30 pm

Memory Verse: For all of our talk about choosing someone to lead our congregation, our first focus is on following God. After all, that is what true wisdom is all about:

Psalms 111:10: *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him be- longs eternal praise.”*