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Our Mission Statement:

- Love God
- Love Others
- Live Following Jesus' Example
- Lead Others To Do The Same

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Pastor Search Update

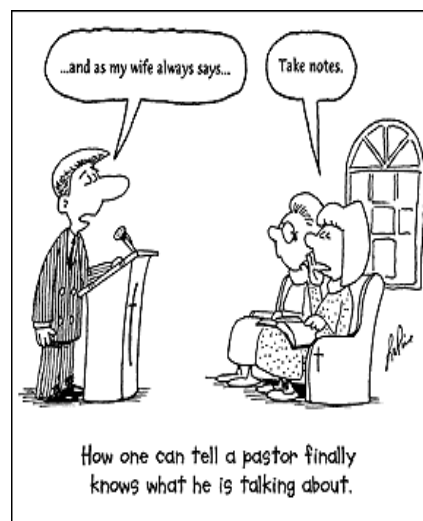
by Dennis Baker

As of July 16, the search committee has now interviewed all candidates, based on resumes and profiles. Due to the fact that none of them are currently pasturing a church, three were asked to come to our church where we had the opportunity to hear them preach a sermon and get to know them better, informally. The committee is looking for someone who can take responsibility for leadership in our congregation; a leader who can develop leadership among those in our congregation who have a desire to lead and serve in various ministries of our church as well as one who can pull all the teams together for the greater purpose of saving the lost.

The search team is counting on your prayers and God's leading in doing the best we can in calling the person who can best fulfill the needs of our congregation and our community. The search team has planned a couple of other opportunities to interact with the candidates to help us discern whether any should be called as our new pastor.

Please feel free to ask any of the search team members if you have any concerns or questions about the process. The search team includes Chris Alexander, Angie Carine, Desi Layman, Donna Reed, Mary Alice Shoup, Administrative Coordinator

Julie Wombold, and Executive Team members Dennis Baker, Gary Godfrey and Ed Roeth.



Our Pastor Search Team is looking for a variety of qualities in our pastor candidates!

July Lamb of the Month - Ruth Royer

Ruth Royer is being honored by the Ministry Team as July's "Lamb of the Month".

As a baby Ruth was enrolled on the Cradle Roll at the Methodist Church. She came to the Church of the Brethren as a small child with her family, so she has been here for most of her 93 years.

When she grew up she at-

tended three months of business school before going to work at Wright Field during WW II.

Ruth played piano for the church for many years. She says that her favorite hymn is "The Old Rugged Cross. In her long life the Lord has taught her that the most important thing is to trust in Him, for He is Love.



Correction

The following anniversaries were left out of the July newsletter:

- 7/5 - James & Ruth Roeth (1945)
- 7/11 - Larry & Janice Sarver (1981)
- 7/26 - Steve & Norma Kenworthy (1980)
- 7/29 - Larry & Diana Beck (1989)

These dates were included in the original copy of the newsletter, but were accidentally lost when the editor resized the text for that page while finishing the newsletter at 2 am. She sincerely apologizes to those who were left out, and promises not to do any more late-night editing.



Danah Sargent & Brett Fisher Marry

Danah Sargent was married to Brett Fisher at the Calvary Temple Church in Indianapolis, Indiana at 12:30 pm on July 8.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her friend Hillary Bromley. Bridesmaids were her sister Sarah, cousin Hannah Davis, and sister-in-law Carrie Fisher.

Dennis Sargent provided a touching highlight in his daughter's wedding when he read a letter that her mother had written at Danah's birth. In her letter Deb spoke eloquently of praying for the man who would

one day marry her little baby girl.

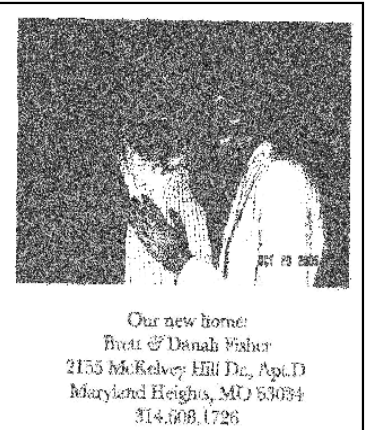
Danah's husband Brett will be working with the ministry of Christian teacher Joyce Meyer. Danah wants to become a counselor for troubled youth.

Attending the ceremony from Bradford were Dennis & Cathy Baker, Ron & Deb Baker, Connie & Galen Hackett, CJ & Janice Hocker, Brian & Julie Wombold, and Desi & Staci Layman & family. Also in attendance were Danah's former high school classmates Chad McMullen, Chrissandra Shively,

Whitney Fair and Cody Mills.

After a short detour to Troy, Diana Shafer, Pam Phillips and Chris Canan represented Sargent Insurance at the wedding.

The reception got a boost when loyal Buckeye fans led the O-H-I-O cheer.



You're Invited!

What: A baby shower

For: Marcie and Baby Shoup

When: Sunday, August 6 from 2-4 p.m.

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

If you are wondering what she needs, Marcie is registered at Target and Walmart.



He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.
Isaiah 25:8

In Memoriam

Remembering those in the church and community family who have passed on

Roberta Mae Shelton

July 20, 1930 - July 2, 2006

"Bertie" Shelton was born in Troy, Ohio to the late Leo Swartz and Margurite Swartz-Maurer. She was a 1951 graduate of Newton High School.

Bertie was a "tomboy" who always wanted to be out and on the go. She didn't like cooking and often allowed her husband, Matthew "Mack" Shelton, to do that job.

Most recently a resident of the Covington Care Center, Bertie loved to talk and make the people around her laugh. She enjoyed bingo or scratching off a lottery ticket.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother, Bertie is survived by her children: Becky and Santiago Murillo; Norma and Steve Kenworthy; Sarah and Doug Hackett; Jessie and Todd Frantz; and Marcus "John" Shel-

ton and Susan Beckstedt, as well as 11 grandchildren.

Her family would like to thank everyone for prayers, food, flowers, and kind words during the loss of their mother. A special thank-you to the Church for the use of the basement and for the support during this difficult time.

Please continue to pray for the family.

News from the Purpose Teams

Discipleship

The Discipleship Team will be sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm. This will be for kids of all ages, but those younger than 3rd. grade must be accompanied by a parent.

The new Sunday School year will be starting Sept. 4th. Has the Lord been speaking to your heart about getting involved as a teacher or helper? Please contact Mary Alice Shoup or Emily Alexander if you would be willing to serve in this important ministry.

Mission

The Mission Team will be collecting school supplies for Bradford students who may not be able to afford them. The team will also accept cash donations for help pay school fees for Bradford students in need. Bags for supplies will be available at the church. All donations will be collected Aug. 6.

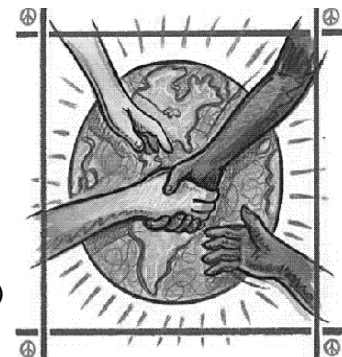
Remember the Dave Ramsey Finance clinics. If enough people sign up, sessions will be scheduled for both Sunday evening and a weeknight. Call the church office for more information.

Fellowship

Parents, do you need a night out but don't know what to do with the kids? We can help! A Fellowship Night for children in grades K-6 will be held in the church basement on Saturday, August 12, from 5pm to 10pm. We will provide food, games, crafts, music, puppets, a movie and Bible stories.

Call Cathy Baker (448-6550) or the church office (448-2215) to sign up your children by Sunday, August 6.

Each One



Reach One.

Worship

The Worship Team would like to invite YOU to their planning meetings. Do you have ideas for the worship services, or have you ever wondered how we plan the services? Please join us as we seek the Lord and plan to worship Him.

Anyone who would like to have information displayed with the on-screen announcements before services should email the items to Chris Alexander at cewalex@yahoo.com.

Administration

The Administrative Team is working side by side with the Trustees. There will be no change in the function of the Trustee committee as it works with administration.

We are currently working on preparing the parsonage for a new pastor. Another project is the placement of moveable signs on Sunday School classrooms so that the signs can be moved as classroom assignments change.

A "sound booth" is also being built in the back of the sanctuary to house the audio-visual equipment.

The members of the Administrative/Trustee committee are: Julie Wombold, Ron Baker, Kent Hess, Mary Alice Shoup, Blake Haines, David Shoup, and Brian Wombold.

Many thanks to the anonymous donor of \$500. \$250 went to the Community Kitchen, and \$250 was given to the Bradford Resource Center.

County Line Christian Association "Windows" Project

No, this isn't a computer project. "The Depot", which is sponsored by the County Line Christian Association, needs to fix the building windows. The facility is used for youth outreach in Bradford and the surrounding area. Six days a week Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Bradford Resource Center and various youth ministries use this building to make a difference in our community.

A special project of resealing

the windows is underway. With 75% of the funds in hand, the CCA is asking for your help to complete the job. This project will not only improve the appearance of the building; it will also help cut the heat bill.

The CCA, a 501(3)c non-profit organization, will furnish a receipt for income tax records to all donors.

Donations may be sent to County Line Christian Association,

Box 71, Bradford, OH 45308. The Association is led by Mark Carey, president; Stacie Layman, director; and Mary Alice Shoup, treasurer.

CCA rejoices that God has blessed them with people who have a vision to help give today's youth a moral foundation and spiritual nurturing. They extend their heartfelt thanks and pray God's blessing on those who give to this ministry.



When You See a Need - Meet It!

Sometimes Christians forget that every outreach is an open door to new ministry. The Lord demonstrated this to our church recently.

It started with the community kitchen ministry. We all know it is a way to provide food and fellowship for our neighbors. But recently one young couple used that ministry opportunity as a springboard to meet a greater need.

One Wednesday evening in late spring, Marty and Elizabeth Jordan delivered a meal to Dwight Cook at his home on St. Rt. 185, northwest of Bradford. Elizabeth had known Dwight as a steady customer at Patty's IGA for the last three years. Dwight invited them in, and they could see right away that his house was badly in need of repairs.

This touched the Jordans deeply, and a few days later Elizabeth approached Dwight to ask him if he would like some help with his house. When he said yes, she brainstormed for ways to get the project off the ground.

She finally asked Dwight if he could get any money together for repairs, and he was able to come up with \$300. Elizabeth knew the project would need more, so she asked the church how they would be able to help. They offered to match Dwight's money. Amazingly, with that \$600, \$1000 of donated materials, and volunteer labor, they were able to do an incredible amount of work.

In the bathroom they installed a new vanity and sink, and built him a custom shower. The walls and ceiling were painted and a vinyl tile floor was laid. In his bedroom they laid carpet, painted the walls and ceiling. The kitchen was completely gutted and remodeled. New cabinets, a sink, stove and vinyl flooring were installed. The walls and ceiling were painted.

The entire interior of the house was then thoroughly cleaned.

Outdoors, brush and weeds were cleared, mowing was done, trash was burned and an old shed was even torn down!

All of this was accomplished

with 4 full workdays, and 5 evening work sessions.

Those providing labor were John & Jane Shelton, David Shoup, Desi & Stacie Layman, Ed & Cherie Roeth, Cody Lear, Galen Hackett, Bob & Peggy Long, Chris & Mike Palsgrove, Julie Wombold, Angie Carine, Marty & Elizabeth Jordan, James Roeth, Earl Tarr, Dale Murphy, Cathy Baker, Gary & Patty Mason, and Chris & Emily Alexander.

Businesses donating materials were Seth Garber (Clearwater Plumbing), Herb Judy (Brown Bark Builders), Jeff Brocius (Brocius Plumbing), Ron Lynch (Wholesale Carpet Outlet), Adrian Miller (Carter Lumber), Lowe's (Greenville and Troy), Ace Hardware (Versailles) and Sherwin Williams (Greenville and Piqua).

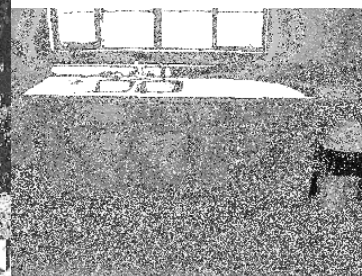
So participating in one ministry (community kitchen) led to an opportunity for a new chance to serve for the Jordans. Elizabeth says, "My thanks go to the Lord above because he called us to visit Dwight that day and laid this project on our

hearts. Not only does Dwight have a newly remodeled kitchen and bathroom, but to me we have given him friendships, rides to church every Sunday since July 1st., and after cleaning his acoustic guitar from over 30 years ago he started playing again. He definitely has a gift and has mentioned sharing his music with us at a worship service in the future."

She offers this advice to anyone looking for a chance to serve: "Don't be afraid to roll up your sleeves and help someone. Chances are you will help yourself more than you help the other person! It has been a life-changing experience for many of us involved."

There will be more work to do at Dwight's in the spring. If anyone wants to help in the future or make a donation towards the work, contact the church office.

In the meantime, be on the lookout for every opportunity the Lord brings your way. You never know the great things it might lead to.



Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40



Pickett's Poems *Reflections on life from Darke County's own Shakespeare*

Weather or Not

In this age of specializing,
Titles take a high-flown twist:
Every weather prophet now
Is a meteorologist!

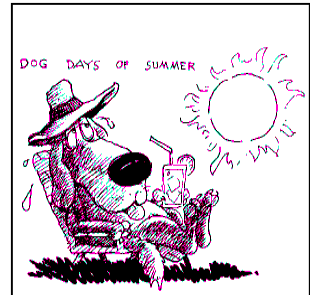
With all their fancy gadgets,
And computerized technique,
They figure out a schedule
Of all our weather for a week.

It often doesn't happen
Very close to how they list it,
But they won't say a single
word
Admitting how they missed it!

If they can't guess correctly
For tomorrow, tell me how
We can take and trust their
word
It will rain a week from now!

And, even more no-brainy,
Every now and then we hear
Some silly nut forecasting
For the entire coming year.

Sure, I could do no better,
But I hope you realize
A Monday morning quarter-
back
Has a right to criticize!



Hopefully we'll remem-
ber these 90 degree
"dog days" when we're
complaining about the
cold winds in January!

When Lightning Struck

You could never find more
action
In a minute, if you tried,
Than when lightning struck the
privy with Grandpa there
inside.

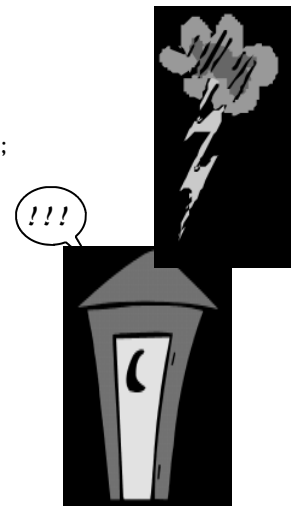
It caught the old man dozing,
And it gave him quite a jolt
To be so rudely awakened
By a crashing thunderbolt!

A streak, like Halley's comet,
He came shooting out the
door;
I'm sure no one had ever seen
Him move that fast before!

His red and blue suspenders,
Like a streamer out behind;
Whatever he had planned to
do,
He sure did change his mind!

His frantic dash for safety
Left him pale and out of breath;
The lightning hadn't hurt him,
But it scared him half to death!

And we couldn't help but
notice for a long time after
that,
When Grandpa used the out-
house,
He was done in nothing flat!



Smile! *Thanks to Pauline Whitmer for the following funnies*

People are like tea bags. You have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Seen on church sign boards:

"Try our Sundays - they're better than Dairy Queen's!"

"Where do you prefer to spend eternity - Smoking or
Non-Smoking?"

"It is unlikely there will be salary cuts in the wages of sin."

Sign on the Pastor's parking spot:

"You park, you preach!"



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom,
remember...The Lord will never give
you more than you can handle."



What is an Anabaptist? Anabaptist means, literally, to "re-baptize." It is a term given to churches that have a historical tie to the faith movement of radical reformers of the 1500's. They believed that :

- Faith in Christ is an adult commitment demonstrated by adult baptism.*
- Faith should be based on the Bible and understood through the life and teachings of Jesus.*
- Faith should impact our daily life; and we are to show Jesus' love and peace to others even at cost to ourselves.*



Pastor Brunk is putting out a brief newsletter to keep folks in touch with the progress of the new church plant in Tucson. If you would like to receive the newsletter, you may do so via the internet by contacting James at jb44a@yahoo.com. If you would like a printed copy of the newsletter, contact Julie Wombold in the church office at 448-2215.



Representative of MMA to Speak at Services on August 6

On Sunday, August 6, Lois Bontrager will be with us for both worship services to deliver the sermon "You Got It, Use It! - Living For God Every Day."

Lois serves as Church Relations Manager for MMA, formerly known as Mennonite Mutual Aid. The organization was originally formed as a response by Mennonite conference delegates reacting to the realities of the Great Depression and World War II.

It was set up to provide stew-

ardship resources for Mennonites who chose public service as an alternative to military service. It eventually grew to include more than 25 historically Anabaptist denominations such as the Church of the Brethren, Mennonites, Old Order German Baptist Brethren, and the Old Order Amish.

Eventually MMA branched out into health insurance, Stewardship investing, charitable giving, investment management, and developing educational resources, including scholarships.

In our congregation 5% of our members have insurance through MMA. In 2005 we were eligible for \$5500 in matching grants from MMA. We used \$2,372. They have some monies that are only to be used for congregation members, some that are only for non-member community outreach. Our most recent use of MMA funds was for the Dwight Cook project.

MMA provides a wide range of stewardship services. For more information contact Julie Wombold, our MMA rep.

James Brunk Begins Work on New Church Plant

On June 15, the Brunk family left for their new call in Tucson, Arizona. They arrived after a week of sight-seeing and automotive adventure, and got right to work. Angela will be taking her nursing board exams. James has been attending conferences on establishing Purpose-Driven churches. He has also begun attending coaching networks for those planting churches. Many of his activities involve traveling to San Diego,

so keep him and the family in your prayers.

The following is a list of their prayer needs:

-That God would send "launch team" members to help with the new church.

-For developing a clear presentation of their purpose, vision and core values.

-That God would open doors to share their vision for Tucson

with other congregations.

-For a supporting church to assist in this work.

-For God to bring musicians and artisans to the new church.

-For a meeting location for the church.

-For financial resources

-That they can stay with the purpose driven outline of 6 months to church launch.

Christmas Trip Planned

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer is rushing by. School will be starting soon, and before we know it the holiday season will be here.

If you are one of those folks who likes to take a little time out from the holiday hustle and bustle, the Fellowship Team can help you escape. They are planning a Christmas trip to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tennessee on December 6-9.

There is much to do in that area year around, and it is particularly nice during the holiday season. In addition to an afternoon and evening at Dollywood, they will select from several other musical shows to attend that all have a Christmas theme. There will also be some time allocated for shopping or relaxing around the hotel area. Cost has not yet been determined. **Please let Dennis or Cathy Baker know by August 15** if you have any inter-

est in traveling with the group so that a motor coach and hotel rooms can be reserved. The trip is open to those outside the church if you have friends who would also like to go.



Giving and AttendanceJune 25 to July 16

Date	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16		Totals/Period
General Fund	2,787.00	2,588.31	2,342.00	3,015.00		10,732.31
Building Fund	150.00	60.00	30.00	20.00		260.00
Deacon Fund	60.00	0.00	85.00	30.00		175.00
Resident Aid Fund	20.00	110.00	0.00	45.00		175.00
County Line Christian	25.00	30.00	50.00	80.00		185.00
Change for Change	81.50	60.00	69.50	84.00		295.00
Tape Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mexico Mission (Browns)	25.00	55.00	40.00	40.00		160.00
Mexico (Pastor Pepe)	0.00	0.00	30.00	10.00		40.00
Mexico (Orphanage)	25.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		75.00
Mexico School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Disaster Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Resource Center	20.00	0.00	10.00	20.00		50.00
Special Offerings	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		20.00
Puppet Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Technology Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Community Kitchen	0.00	156.00	20.00	40.00		216.00
Youth Ministries	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	30.00		1,030.00
Bus Ministry	30.00	20.00	20.00	40.00		110.00
Misc. Giving	5.00	109.20	0.00	1,281.95		1,396.15
Total Worship Giving	3,248.50	4,188.51	2,696.50	4,785.95	0.00	14,919.46
8:00 am Attendance	53	47	33	41		174
10:30 am Attendance	109	97	106	115		427
Worship Visitors	5	2	7	1		15
Total Worship Attendance	162	144	139	156		601
S.S. Operating Fund	58.69	66.24	55.25	51.82		232.00
S.S. Class Accounts	12.50	0.00	13.73	25.50		51.73
Total S.S. Giving	71.19	66.24	68.98	77.32		283.73
S.S. Attendance	71	88	91	102		352
S.S. Visitors	7	3	7	4		21



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6,7

Community Prayer Needs

Immediate Prayer Needs

Norman Bowman, James Brewer, Corey Canan, Kenan Clark, Jon Davis, Shirley Dye, Vickie Dye, Edmonia Fine, Tim Hedges, Roseanne Henderson, Bill Hones, Ron Mason, Steve Root, Ray Smith, and Bill Via.

On-Going Prayer List for Various Personal or Medical Needs

Norman Fine, Trudy Frolke, Paulyne Harmon, Harry Horner, Dale Miller, Max Stover, Jane Ulrich, Mary Via, and Rosemary Wood.

On-Going Prayer List for Those Who Deal With Cancer

Harriet Beard, Don Bolinger, Steve Cales, Don Canan, Gary Coon, John Cruse, Alan Deubner, Becky Elliott, Maria Floyd, Peggy Frantz, Ed Garwood, Lori (Swank) Gilbert, Dean Horner, Bill Jones, Rex Kendall, Tammy King, Beth Kolpenski, Jackie Manson, Ben Massie, Patty Owens, Kate Palsgrove, Mary Seas, Lyn Sharp, Tom Shelton, Larry Stonerock, Carrie Wackler, Ellen Wheeler, and Wilda Willoughby.

August Anniversaries



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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3 Tim & Michelle Hedges (2002) | 21 Nolan & Tami Harrison (1965) |
| 3 Desi & Stacie Layman (1990) | 23 Harry & Bernice Davis (1952) |
| 4 Jason & Mandy Wood (2001) | 24 Kenny & Jennie Clark, (1963) |
| 7 Jeremy & Kelli Laughman (2004) | 25 Ron & Debbie Baker (1979) |
| 8 Mark & Connie Miller (1980) | 25 Tim & Joyce Lacy (1984) |
| 17 Sandy & Karen Christophel (1975) | 27 Blake & Lucy Haines (1994) |
| 18 Herb & Karen Sheldon (1992) | 27 Gerald & Jo Haines (1961) |
| 19 Mario & Naomi Garcia (2000) | 27 Gene & Nancy Harshbarger (1965) |
| 20 Bill & Marcella Swabb (1949) | 31 David & Kelly Rank (1985) |