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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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A Meditation for the Church

The following scriptures are taken from the New King James Bible. May they be a guiding light to you as you continue to pray for our church.

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I Peter 5:5b-11

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

*"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."*

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

August's Lamb of the Month

The Ministry Team chose to recognize Kent Hess as the "Lamb of the Month" for August.

Kent, who has served as the church custodian for the last three years, has been a part of the Bradford Church of the Brethren since his marriage to wife JoEtta in 1979. He grew up in the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren.

Kent says he doesn't have time for a hobby. In addition to the 12 - 14 hours per week he works cleaning the church, he is employed by the Miami County Highway department as a road supervisor.

Whenever he meets an obstacle, Kent knows that God is there. He feels that the Lord is always working on him.





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

Eldon "Bump" Shively

April 30, 1931 - August 6, 2006

Eldon E. 'Bump' Shively passed away at his home after a long illness.

He was born in Bradford to William and Nora (Palsgrove) Shively. A member of the BHS class of 1949, he served with the U.S. Army National Guard during the Korean War. In 1996 he retired from Copeland Refrigeration in Sidney after 26 years of service. He also worked over the years as a Bradford police officer, a school bus driver and an employee of Sellman's Furniture in Covington. He was a member

of the Bradford United Methodist Church.

Mr. Shively was a family man whose grandchildren were the light of his life. In addition to his four grandchildren he is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathleen, four daughters, one brother, four sisters, and many relatives and friends.

ing memories of her grandfather:

"He was a postman for many years at both St. Henry and Celina post offices. He and my Grandma had been married 35 years. He loved to tease all of his grandkids; He had nicknames for us all. He was always happy - I can never remember ever seeing him not smiling or joking with someone. He was a very gentle, loving man. We called him "Bump", but I'm not sure why. I assume it was because we had so many grandparents. Our nickname for him was "Bumpy Angel", and now he truly is our angel watching over us."

...For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52b



Ray "Bamp" Smith

January 21, 1938- Aug. 3, 2006

Mr. Smith and his wife had two children, nine grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. Grand-daughter Angie Carine wrote the follow-

Steve Root Continues His Adventure



"Jericho" & "Skywalker" in front of Big Bear Bridge

Steve Root has traveled over 1600 miles of the 2174.6 miles of the Appalachian Trail. The following are excerpts from a typical day's trail diary from Massachusetts:

Today's Mileage: 12.3 (we spent 4 hours in Dalton, getting mail drops, doing laundry and eating, eating, eating! Slept in.

Breakfast #1- 4 packs oatmeal & a pint of blueberries mixed in at the lean-to. Breakfast #2- Bacon, eggs with cheese, hashbrowns, toast, milk in Dalton, MA,

*Started hiking @ 7:57 am
Trail description: 800' drop in elevation from lean-to into Dalton, then a 1000' elevation into Cheshire, MA, a good hike.*

Praises & Thoughts: Praise the Lord for putting special people in our life. In Dalton today we did our laundry and the owner, Issam Safa, went out of his way to help us and just be super nice. He gave us a towel and washcloth to clean up with in the bathroom plus several other things. Other things: We will be climbing Mt. Greylock tomorrow. We will have a 2531' elevation gain in the morning. Lord help us!

If you would like to follow Steve's journey in words and pictures you can access his trail journal through www.arenspub.com



Scenes along the northern part of the Appalachian Trail

This Month with MMA

There are a wide variety of stewardship resources available through MMA. One that has benefited this church is their program of Sharing Fund Grants. MMA works in partnership with congregations to provide matching grants for financial assistance to individuals and families. Grants cover emergency financial needs, community service projects, and medical expenses, among other things.

MMA has a strong emphasis on stewardship education. Classes, videos and printed

resources are available to help members take care of themselves and the gifts God has given them. They will also conduct seminars, retreats and consulting on congregational and individual stewardship.

If you have any questions about these resources, please contact our MMA representative, Julie Wombold, at the church office (448-2215).

“Nuts & Bolts” From the MMA Toolkit

Taming Money’s Power - Jesus often spoke about the conflict

between wealth and serving God. We live in a society where money exerts power over us in many ways. Putting money in its proper context speaks volumes about who we are spiritually. A 12-lesson study book, **God, Money and Me**, addresses your relationship with money and God - how you manage finances, and generosity in sharing money. The book is available from MMA at

www.bookstore.MMA-online.org



Did You Know...

Some teens now find email too slow for their communication? Teen email use is down 8% from a year ago, as they turn to phone text, online instant messages or forums like MySpace. Adults trying to reach teens may find cell phones more effective than email.

News from the Purpose Teams

Discipleship

The new Sunday School year will begin September 4. There is still a need for people willing to serve as helpers in a children’s class. Volunteers are only asked to help out one Sunday a month.

The Discipleship Team would also like to begin a Wednesday evening Bible and activity fellowship for children in grades 1-6.

If you would be willing to serve in either of these ministries, please contact Mary Alice Shoup (448-6345), Emily Alexander (448-2004) or the church office (448-2215).

Ministry

The Ministry Team is developing two new services. The first is “Help Line”, a transportation ministry. Members of the congregation who need someone to take them to a doctor’s appointment, the pharmacy, the grocery, etc., can call the church office and set up a time for another church member to

drive them there.

The second ministry is “Helping Hands”. This is a service to provide meals for those who have an illness, emergency, or other situation.

To volunteer for these new ministries, call Gary or Patty Mason (448-6120), John Shelton (448-2146) or the church office (448-2215)

Mission

We are currently running three Bible Study sessions of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University course. We have had a great response within our congregation and the surrounding communities to this program. We have a total of 51 people involved in taking this course counting our three coordinators: Dennis Baker, John Shelton, and Chris Palsgrove. Pray that all those taking the course heed God’s word about taking charge of their own finances and make some real changes in their own lives using the knowledge that

they gain from this 13 week course.

The Mission Team will also be asking for some help making up health kits and emergency clean-up buckets during the month of September. More information will be coming on how you can help with this Church World Service project. Many thanks from team members Beth Kiehl, Deb Barger and Chris Palsgrove.

Worship

There will be many things to consider as we call a new pastor and begin to work with him. On Saturday, September 16 the Worship Team will be holding a Worship Planning forum from 10 am until noon in the fellowship hall. The topic to be considered is the times of the worship services. They are currently held at 8 am and 10:30 am. Would there be other times that would work better for our worshippers?

This discussion will involve several of the purpose teams. There also needs to be input of

What: A Worship Celebration

When: **Sunday, September 10 8:30-11:00 am**

Where: **Y-Yard Park**
Who: **You**

*This will be a time for youth to enjoy music, worship, comedy, action and the Word of God. Keynote speaker will be **Justin Howard**. Bands performing will include **Forlorn Hope, Branded, and Failure to Control**. For more information contact Desi and Stacie Layman at 448-0956.*



all ages and ideas from the congregation. Please plan to join us for coffee and donuts, and help us work through this important subject. For more information call Cherie Roeth (526-5559).

Pickett's Poems *A walk on the lighter side of Life*

A Better Mousetrap

You've heard the old quotation,
Surely, many times before,
"If you build a better mousetrap,
All the world will find your door!"

But it may be temporary,
Very likely, if you do,
Some other guy will up and make
A better trap than you!

But that's the way of progress,
And it's made our country great;
Inventors are more eager
To surpass than imitate!

Successively in stages,
We go forward, more and more;
Inventions are improvements
On what we did before.

The words of that old saying
Are true enough, perhaps;
The way to be successful
Lies in building better traps.

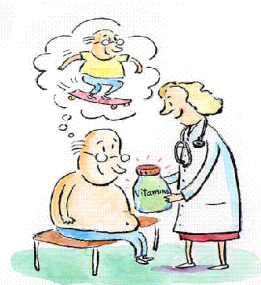
But, for mouse eradication,
I'm afraid it won't suffice;
When we build a better mousetrap
We develop smarter mice!

Breathing In and Out

My Uncle William said to me,
When I was just a lad, and he
had reached the age of ninety-three,
"There isn't any doubt
That you can live as long as I,
If you behave yourself, and try
To keep breathing in and out!"

"Maintain an attitude serene,
Keep your nose and conscience clean;
Living right is what I mean!
That's what it's all about;
But let me emphasize to you,
The most important thing to do
Is keep breathing in and out!"

I've passed the summit of the hill;
It won't be many years until
I top the age of Uncle Will;
And I entertain no doubt
I'll make it happen, but if not,
Then you can just say I forgot
To keep breathing in and out!



The Sands of Time

The sands, we know,
Relentless, flow,
And as the seasons pass,
Each golden grain
Will surely drain
Into the lower glass.

We cannot slack,
Nor hold it back,
Not is it in our power
To take away
A single day,
Or add a single hour.

We'll never see
It come to be
That Time will turn in flight,
Thereby to give
Us to relive
A numbered day or night.

We can't command
The trickling sand,
But its passing we may ease,
If, in its place
We fill the space
With golden memories!



**Fun in the Sun
at the July
Fellowship
Picnic**



Fellowship Team to Sponsor Fundraiser

In order to raise funds for their activities, the Fellowship Team will be taking orders for a Cat's Meow keepsake of our church.

The wood keepsake, which will measure 3 1/2" X 6" X 3/4", will carry the image and shape of our church building. On the back it will say:

Bradford Church of the Brethren
120 West Oakwood St.
Bradford, Ohio

The Church dedication was held on Sunday, December 9, 1923.

The cornerstone holds a Holy Bible, a list of members, a photo of Reverend and Mrs. John Stover, a copy of the recitation by Maurice Crowell, and a copy of the Gospel Messenger.

The Fellowship Team requests that payment of \$20 per keepsake be made at the time of order. Checks will be accepted, and may be made payable to Bradford Church of the Brethren. Orders will be taken until October 14. Delivery will be made in 5 or 6 weeks after that.

Anyone interested in ordering one of the Cat's Meow keepsakes should contact Cathy Baker (448-6550) or Julie Wombold at the church (448-2215).

Community Prayer Needs

Immediate Prayer Needs

Cory Canan, Jon Davis, Shirley Davis, Connie Evans, Tim Hedges, Dick Hodges, Bill Hones, Barbra Jordan, Bob Reed, Steve Root, Marcie Shoup & baby, Marcella Swabb, and Teresa Wick.

On-Going Prayer List

For Various Personal or Medical Needs

Edmonia Fine, Norman Fine, Trudy Frolke, Pauline Harmon, Harry Horner, Dale Miller, Jack 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, Wilma Willoughby

September Anniversaries

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| 1 Bob & Ruth Fine (1956) | 16 Daryl Sr. & Fay Peeples (1967) |
| 3 Steve & Cindi Hocker (1977) | Andy & Niki Mead (2000) |
| 4 Darrell & Joyce Marshall (1965) | 23 Anthony & Bree Monnin (2000) |
| 5 Willard & Jean Kenworthy (1954) | 24 Mike & Candi Etter (1988) |
| Luke & Christy Capasso (2000) | 25 Chris & Emily Alexander (1999) |
| 14 Don & Judy Painter (1963) | Gary & Ginger Godfrey |
| (1965) | |
| | 28 Rudy & Lyn Trissell (1980) |

Sign Language Classes To Be Offered Again At The Bradford Public Library

The Library will again be offering a class in Sign Language. The date for the first class is set for September 7, 2006 from 6:30-7:30 pm. There will be a class fee of \$20 for the 8-week class, which will include a nice spiral bound manual.

If you are interested, please sign up at the circulation desk and invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a very worthwhile class.



Giving and Attendance.....July 23 - August 13

Date	July 23	July 30	August 6	August 13		Totals/Period
General Fund	2,694.00	3,395.00	2,094.20	2,376.00		10,559.20
Building Fund	20.00	160.00	80.00	10.00		270.00
Deacon Fund	20.00	70.00	70.00	65.00		225.00
Resident Aid Fund	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		40.00
County Line Christian	60.00	20.00	20.00	30.00		130.00
Change for Change	82.00	0.00	67.00	0.00		149.00
Tape Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mexico Mission (Browns)	55.00	30.00	25.00	30.00		140.00
Mexico (Pastor Pepe)	0.00	20.00	10.00	0.00		30.00
Mexico (Orphanage)	25.00	25.00	0.00	5.00		55.00
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	40.00	10.00	10.00		80.00
Special Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
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	49.00	56.34	38.00	123.00		266.34
Youth Ministries	20.00	491.00	90.00	245.00		846.00
Bus Ministry	20.00	0.00	20.00	347.39		387.39
Misc. Giving	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00		5.00
Total Worship Giving	3,075.00	4,317.34	2,539.20	3,251.39	0.00	13,182.93
8:00 am Attendance	43	68	41	39		191
10:30 am Attendance	97	96	102	111		406
Worship Visitors	1	3	6	17		27
Total Worship Attendance	140	164	143	150		597
S.S. Operating Fund	34.00	56.50	57.66	56.49		204.65
S.S. Class Accounts	6.00	21.50	0.00	16.62		44.12
Total S.S. Giving	40.00	78.00	57.66	73.11		248.77
S.S. Attendance	64	100	84	98		346
S.S. Visitors	7	9	0	2		18