

# The Community Clarion

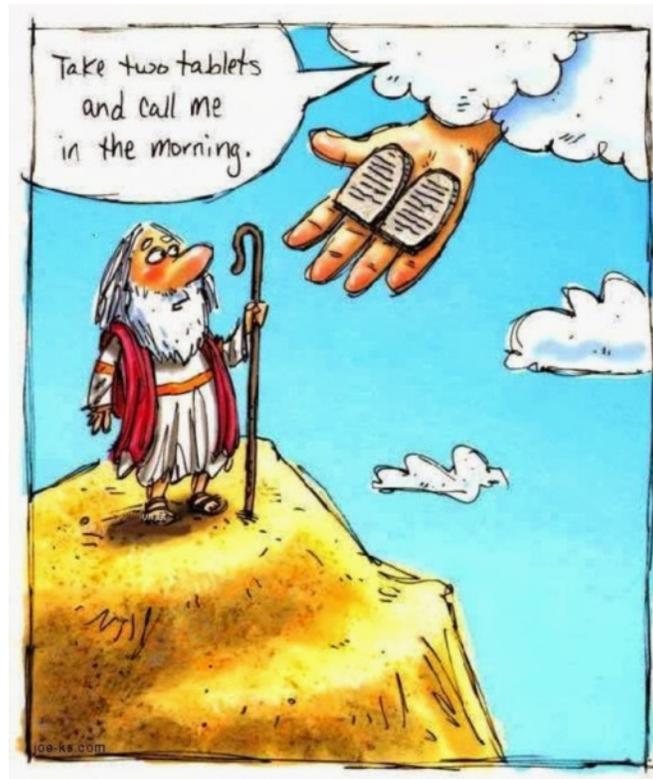
September 2018

THE  
LORD  
IS MY LIGHT  
AND MY SALVATION

PSALM 27:1

# PASTOR'S PAGE

Exodus 20:1-17



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It is evident in a "WE" & "I" world, that we want to live by our own rules. Some want to dismiss the Bible as the Word of God.

I assure you that Jesus (The Word) is Real and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

That being said, the Ten Commandments are alive and well. But let us not forget that Jesus gave two Greater Commandments;

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

*Pastor Kevin*

# September Celebrations

## Anniversaries

LARE, Pastor Don & Rosemary 09/12 thelares@sssnet.com (family)

## Birthdays

SHORT, Hershel 09/03 theshorts116@gmail.com  
RADABAUGH, Ken 09/05 carolken@windstream.net  
SHARROCK, Carol 09/09 csdoremi@aol.com  
TAYLOR, Jaslyn 09/10  
JACKSON, Rae 09/11 raebo99@gmail.com  
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HOEFS, Michael 09/12 HoefsLori@gmail.com  
BURNS, Perry 09/15 whiskers02@frontier.com  
THORLEY, Albert P. 09/15 thorley.joann@gmail.com  
KNIGHT, Jean 09/18 jknight4song@gmail.com  
KNAPP, Ed 09/22 edknapp47@gmail.com  
KNAPP, Terri 09/22 terriknapp53@gmail.com  
COOK, Keith 09/23 hardshellbuckeye@gmail.com  
BELCHER, Helen 09/27  
MCCLOSKEY, John 09/30 jmccloskey1960@gmail.com

## Prayers Needed

### Serving in Our Armed Forces

Doug Blaner son of Bob & Carol Blaner  
Kevin Brown son of Keith & Mary Brown  
Ed Cantanese nephew of Sharon Moehle  
Bryan Cosma nephew of Don & Rosemary Lare  
Anthony Gilkeson son of Michael & Barbara Gilkeson  
Marie Gilkeson daughter of Michael & Barbara Gilkeson  
Brandon Gregory grandson of Pat Gregory, brother of Chrissie  
Noah Hoefs grandson of Mike and Lori Hoefs  
Ben Porter grandson of Sara Bennett  
Daniel Quigle grandson of Mary Hendershot  
Jeff Reffert member of our congregation  
Patrick Von Meyer nephew of Sharon Moehle  
Matt Sharp nephew of Sharon Moehle  
Ben Sklenar son of Becky Sklenar  
Jesse Tubb nephew of Bill & MaryLou Doebele

### Shut-Ins, hospitalized, recovering from surgery, or in therapy

Abbewood Doris Ann Bingelli, Joanne Meschke  
Anchor Lodge Wreatha Goforth, Sharon Moehle  
At home William Rogers, Candi Thompson  
Life Care Carl Harbert  
Oneill's Edie Lester, Donna & Roger Roseborough  
Wesleyan Village Mary Snider

# Administrative Council

7-24-2018, 7 pm

Call to order: Al Downey

Devotions: Adam Baillie

Minutes: Motion to accept by Sue Short and seconded by Julie Wilmer M.S.P.

Treasurer's report: Hugh Knapp

Carol read the totals and Hugh discussed the reasons for the general fund deficit.

Checking Account Balance June 1, 2018	\$27,694.37
June Deposits	<u>\$23,373.04</u>
Total Balance & Income	\$51,067.41
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$25,381.54</u>
Balance June 30, 2018	\$25,685.87
Gen. Fund Balance June 30, 2018	-\$6,419.75

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Julie Wilmer and seconded by Sue Short M.S.P.

Finance and Stewardship: Hugh said we need to keep focused on the capital improvement fund, L.Y.N., hot meals and education needs. Just a couple of dollars from each family each month adds up. They have to borrow funds from other accounts to pay items to keep from having a larger deficit at the end of the month in the general fund. Giving at this time is comparable to this time last year. Stewardship campaign starts in just three months and we need a chairperson for the program. Budget request from each committee are due to Kathy Gibbs by September 1, 2018.

SPRC: Adam reported that at the last SPRC meeting the committee completed the evaluations of the salaried staff.

Lay Leadership Team: no report

Trustees: Sue Short said the AC was installed and paid in full. The total cost was \$20,415.00. The concrete by the back door has been repaired and the overhang at the top of the hill. The overhang repair was paid for by Habitat for Humanity.

Education Commission: Sherry said the students who attended VBS had a good time and were excited about learning.

Nurture and Care: no report

Lay Leader: Adam Baillie - These are his activities since our last meeting on 5-15-2018. He gave his report that he had attended three meetings as Lay Leader. His hospital visits consisted of twenty one visits to UH Elyria, one to Life Care, two to O'Neill's, two to Anchor Lodge, one to Amherst Manor, one to Avon Oaks, one to Mercy, five to UHC, and one to Lake Pointe. He made thirty eight phone calls to check on people. He made two home visits. He helped serve communion two times. He drove Edie Lester to two appointments. He helped deliver VBS flyers and popsicles with Pastor and Marie.

Missions: no report

Reach Out: no report

UMM: Hugh said there will be no men's breakfast until September 1<sup>st</sup>. They have to make two batches of apple butter for upcoming apple festivals in the fall. The men will sponsor two youth to attend Camp Sychar.

UMW: Carol Blaner reported that the women are working hard on the upcoming rummage sale on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Music/Worship: Sherry said their next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> when they will plan for for the fall and holiday seasons. Al said there is special music scheduled for each remaining Sunday this summer. He is excited about the prospect of having a bell choir director.

Youth: Julie reported that the youth who attended conference at Lakeside had a great time in worship, the breakout sessions, and interacting with the other youth.

Pastor Remarks: none

Old Business: none

New Business: Adam says he is considering a survey among the congregation concerning the usage of the Church website. The web hosting service we are using has been bought out by another company and he has been having trouble trying to work with this new company to fix problems occurring with the website since the takeover.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Hugh Knapp seconded by Sue Short M.S.P.

Closing prayer: Adam Baillie

Next meeting: 9-18-2018

Attendance: Hugh Knapp, Adam Baillie, Al Downey, Carol Blaner, Sue Short, Julie Wilmer, Sherry Dangremond, Nancy Snider

Excused: Kathy Gibbs, Dan Reinke, Pastor Kevin and Theresa, Dick and Carol Sharrock

Submitted by Carol Blaner

Luncheon after Worship  
September 16  
Mark your calendars.

# Education

## Why God Created Children

Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.

After creating Heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing He said was "DON'T!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve...we have forbidden fruit!"

"No way!"

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!"

"Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants.

A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked! "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh", Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

**BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!**

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken, it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?



# Worship

Question: "What is true worship?"

Answer: The apostle Paul described true worship perfectly in Romans 12:1-2: "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect."

This passage contains all the elements of true worship. First, there is the motivation to worship: "the mercies of God." God's mercies are everything He has given us that we don't deserve: eternal love, eternal grace, the Holy Spirit, everlasting peace, eternal joy, saving faith, comfort, strength, wisdom, hope, patience, kindness, honor, glory, righteousness, security, eternal life, forgiveness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification, freedom, intercession and much more. The knowledge and understanding of these incredible gifts motivate us to pour forth praise and thanksgiving—in other words, worship!

Also in the passage is a description of the manner of our worship: "present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice." Presenting our bodies means giving to God all of ourselves. The reference to our bodies here means all our human faculties, all of our humanness—our hearts, minds, hands, thoughts, attitudes—are to be presented to God. In other words, we are to give up control of these things and turn them over to Him, just as a literal sacrifice was given totally to God on the altar. But how? Again, the passage is clear: "by the renewing of your mind." We renew our minds daily by cleansing them of the world's "wisdom" and replacing it with true wisdom that comes from God. We worship Him with our renewed and cleansed minds, not with our emotions. Emotions are wonderful things, but unless they are shaped by a mind saturated in Truth, they can be destructive, out-of-control forces. Where the mind goes, the will follows, and so do the emotions. First Corinthians 2:16 tells us we have "the mind of Christ," not the emotions of Christ.

There is only one way to renew our minds, and that is by the Word of God. It is the truth, the knowledge of the Word of God, which is to say the knowledge of the mercies of God, and we're back where we began. To know the truth, to believe the truth, to hold convictions about the truth, and to love the truth will naturally result in true spiritual worship. It is conviction followed by affection, affection that is a response to truth, not to any external stimuli, including music. Music as such has nothing to do with worship. Music can't produce worship, although it certainly can produce emotion. Music is not the origin of worship, but it can be the expression of it. Do not look to music to induce your worship; look to music as simply an expression of that which is induced by a heart that is rapt by the mercies of God, obedient to His commands.

True worship is God-centered worship. People tend to get caught up in where they should worship, what music they should sing in worship, and how their worship looks to other people. Focusing on these things misses the point. Jesus tells us that true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). This means we worship from the heart and the way God has designed. Worship can include praying, reading God's Word with an open heart, singing, participating in communion, and serving others. It is not limited to one act, but is done properly when the heart and attitude of the person are in the right place.

It's also important to know that worship is reserved only for God. Only He is worthy and not any of His servants (Revelation 19:10). We are not to worship saints, prophets, statues, angels, any false gods, or Mary, the mother of Jesus. We also should not be worshiping for the expectation of something in return, such as a miraculous healing. Worship is done for God—because He deserves it—and for His pleasure alone. Worship can be public praise to God (Psalm 22:22; 35:18) in a congregational setting, where we can proclaim through prayer and praise our adoration and thankfulness to Him and what He has done for us. True worship is felt inwardly and then is expressed through our actions. "Worshipping" out of obligation is displeasing to God and is completely in vain. He can see through all the hypocrisy, and He hates it. He demonstrates this in Amos 5:21-24 as He talks about coming judgment. Another example is the story of Cain and Abel, the first sons of Adam and Eve. They both brought gift offerings to the Lord, but God was only pleased with Abel's. Cain brought the gift out of obligation; Abel brought his finest lambs from his flock. He brought out of faith and admiration for God.

True worship is not confined to what we do in church or open praise (although these things are both good, and we are told in the Bible to do them). True worship is the acknowledgment of God and all His power and glory in everything we do. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to Him and His Word. To do this, we must know God; we cannot be ignorant of Him (Acts 17:23). Worship is to glorify and exalt God—to show our loyalty and admiration to our Father.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/true-worship.html>

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 UMM Breakfast at Sugar Creek
2 9:30 Sunday school (P) 10:45 Worship Celebration	3 <b>Labor Day</b>	4 7:20 Chordsmen (FH)	5 5:45 Prayer Time (P) 6:30 Lay Leadership Comm. (113) 7:00 Choir Practice (S)	6	7 12:00 Rummage Sale Set-up Starts	8 Rummage Sale Set-up Continues
9 9:30 Sunday school (P) 10:45 Worship Celebration	10	11 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 7:20 Chordsmen (S)	12 <b>SALE 9:00 - 6:00</b> 5:45 Prayer Time (P) 7:00 Choir Practice (S)	13 <b>SALE 9:00 - 1:00</b>	14 11:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Hot Meal	15
	<b>RUMMAGE SET-UP</b>		<b>RUMMAGE SALE</b>			
16 9:30 Sunday school (P) 10:45 Worship Celebration 12:00 Luncheon after worship	17 6:30 Adelines (FH)	18 9:45 Windsor school evacuation practice 6:00 Finance 7:00 Admin Council 7:20 Chordsmen (FH)	19 5:45 Prayer Time 7:00 Choir Practice	20	21 11:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Hot Meal	22
23 9:30 Sunday school (P) 10:45 Worship Celebration	24 6:30 Adelines (FH)	25 9:45 (Rain Date) Windsor school evacuation practice 7:20 Chordsmen (FH)	26 5:45 Prayer Time 7:00 Choir Practice	27	28 5:00 Hot Meal	29
30 9:30 Sunday school (P) 10:45 Worship Celebration 12:00 MeetGreet						