

THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Last week Kim and I had a wonderful time renewing friendships with the New Life Church of Christ in Bellville, Ohio. I am thankful for having that opportunity. I also want to say a "BIG THANK YOU" to Dave for preaching last Sunday.

I read the following statistic this week in Outreach Magazine. It stated: "Owning an average of 4.4 Bibles per home, only 45 percent of all Christians who regularly attend church read their Bibles more than once a week." Here's what I say to that. We can and must do better! No excuses! I don't care how sick you feel or how tired you are, or how busy you may be, read your Bible! My Aunt Bonnie who died in November, was as sick as can be the past three years of her life. Her grandchildren gave her the nickname "Bible." Do you know why? Because she read the Bible all the time. In fact, while waiting to die this last year, she read through the entire Bible three times. So, no more excuses. We will only be as strong as what we read in His Word.

Let me briefly explain how the Bible reading schedule works for 2017. Each M-F you are asked to read one chapter a day. Then on Saturday and Sunday, you have that time to get caught up or read the chapters again to help solidify your Bible retention for the week. I have personally set a goal to read each chapter 3 times so that by the end of the year, I will have read through the New Testament 3 times. Why not set a personal goal as well? As you read, be sure to ask the following...

- To whom was this written?
- Why was this written?
- How does this text apply to my life today?
- What steps can I take to put this into practice?

I hope you enjoy spending time in the Bible in 2017.

If you are looking for a Sunday School class, I offer one in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 each week. Over the next several weeks, my class will study the theme: "Shining As Lights in the World." I hope you will take advantage of being in a class each Lord's day. Our attendance overall needs to improve in 2017 for all of our learning opportunities as well as worship so please do your part and commit to being here each week. If you have fallen into a bad habit, now is the time to break it and start a better habit.

I am excited to say that Keith Dimbath will be here to speak at Fifth Avenue on Sunday morning, January 29th. Keith once served as Youth Minister here at FACC and he came a few years ago to speak and did a fabulous job. He currently works with Lifeline Mission. Lifeline has served faithfully in the states, as well as abroad, in many foreign mission fields and I know you will be amazed and blessed as he shares what God is doing through Lifeline around the world.

In His Service,
Brad

January 1, 2017	
Sunday School	43
Morning Worship	107
Evening Worship	n/a
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,145.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,586.00
Christmas	\$ 1,338.00
Van Fund	\$ 144.00
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Memorial Fund (Jean Cunningham)	\$ 35.00
Memorial Fund (Harlan Still)	\$ 25.00
Missions	\$ 20.00
Reach Out on Campus	\$ 495.00

SERVING SCHEDULE January 8, 2017	
At the Table	Dave Tingler and Ned Tomlinson
Serving	Tim Huffman, Ray Coats, Coy Cupler, Brad George
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	Ray and Margie Ayers
GREETERS	Ray and Margie Ayers
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Brenda Hines
Worship	Marie Huffman
VISITOR CENTER	Ruth Enlow
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Natalie Neff Michaela Neff
SOUND BOARD	John Baird
VIDEO	Jonathan Mullet
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	
Evening Worship	

SERVING SCHEDULE January 15, 2017	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
Serving	Larry King, Bob Hawkes, Coy Cupler, Brad George
PM Deacon	Larry King
COMMUNION	Ray and Margie Ayers
GREETERS	Dan and Janet Brown
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Shirley Marsh
Worship	Jo George
VISITOR CENTER	Shirley Marsh
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Natalie Neff Michaela Neff
SOUND BOARD	John Baird
VIDEO	Jonathan Mullet
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	
Evening Worship	

Prayer List

Millie Hoy	Debbie Groves	Leroy Shaner	Marc Mooney
Piper Stark	Kasen Newman	Naressa Allen	Larry Blosser
Debi Erwin	Kenneth Dusthimer	Jeane Goldfarb	Betty Lambert
Paul Scott	Camille Stiverson	Heather Tracy	Forrest Turner
Mike Kiger	Shirley Hopkins	Caleb Witham	Heather Baker
Our Troops	Veronica Hartmann	Mike Smith	Dan Hinkle

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are preparing a new church directory to be distributed soon. There is a copy in each adult Sunday School classroom, and one on the bulletin board in the coat room. Please make any changes to your information.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Nursery
(Birth through 3 years old)
"Jesus Loves Me"
Room 102

Preschool
(Ages 3-6)
"Bible Friends"
Room 105
Marie Huffman, Teacher

Early Elementary
(K- 3rd Grade)
"Jesus, Our Example"
Room 101
Deborah Will, Teacher

Upper Elementary Class
(4th-6th Grade)
"Jonah and the People of Nineveh"
Room 106
Ron Enlow, Teacher

Junior/Senior High
"Creation"
3rd Floor
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

Ladies' Class
"Fervent"
By Priscilla Shirer
Room 209
Jean Azbell and Bev Puckett,
Teachers

Adult Class
"Shining As Lights In The World"
Fellowship Hall
Brad SeEVERS, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class
"International Sunday School
Lessons"
Room 204
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class
"Parables"
Room 208
Jim Love, Teacher



Monday, January 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.

First-timers welcome! If you haven't joined us before, the New Year meeting would be a great time to begin. This will be mostly the "Christmas meeting", the "social" we didn't have in December for a number of reasons, so bring your favorite finger-food. After a brief look at The Negotiator by Dee Henderson, we'll choose our discussion book for February and, hopefully, spend some time looking ahead to 2017. Totally informal, as always, so just come as you are. If you love books and enjoy talking about them, we want you!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 - 6:15pm

The Annual Congregational Meeting to review 2016 and look ahead to 2017 will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Each family is asked to bring a dessert. Drinks will be provided. **All information to be included in the Annual Report must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, January 22nd.**

The following are the proposed changes to the by-laws.

Article X - Amendments, beginning with the word however.

... however, Articles II and III (Section A) may be amended or abrogated only by a 100 percent vote of all duly enrolled members,

This has been changed from: however, the Articles 1, II, and III may be amended or abrogated only by a 100 percent vote of all duly enrolled members,

Article II will also be changed (only to repair grammar and spelling mistakes in the original wording).

Article III THE MEMBERSHIP will have the addition of Section A added as a subheading.

Further information and a full print out of the context language will be available at the informational meeting on the 15th following service.

