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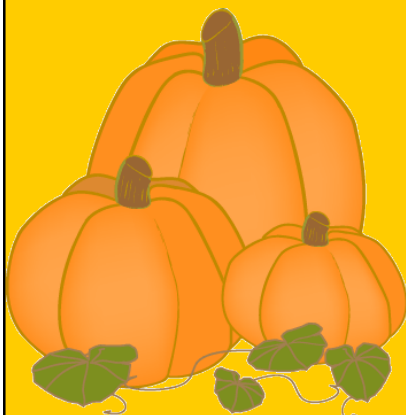
**High Attendance**  
October 2 will be high attendance day for Bible Fellowship groups. This is an excellent chance to invite friends and neighbors who do not attend church.

### Lord's Supper

On October 23, we will partake of the Lord's Supper during both morning worship services. Please plan to join us in this time of remembrance.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

*Galatians 6:9*



I've heard it said that life is like a football game and can be divided into quarters. If that is true, then I am about to end the second quarter and beginning the third. I remember hearing how horrible life would be when I hit forty and here I am about to turn fifty. I've got to admit that the thought of turning fifty does not scare me at all. What does frighten me is the thought of having wasted my life on things that do not really matter for the Kingdom's sake. In a recent online article found at Akorra.com it listed the top ten things we currently spend our time doing. Here is the list: 10) Watching TV; 9) Eating; 8) Bathroom; 7) Talking; 6) Surfing the Internet; 5) Reading; 4) Wishing; 3) Sex; 2) Traveling and the #1 thing we do is Sleep. It is my prayer that I will spend this third quarter of life I am about to enter doing things for Him more than for me. I have no interest in slowing down when so much is at stake. In Matthew 9:37, Christ reminds us the "harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Let's unite together to make in a difference where the Lord has planted us here in Parkersburg. Let's not look towards retirement but retooling by "doing whatever it takes for each of us to reach one more for Christ." Let this be our goal. Let this be what people remember about us when they talk. Let's put it all on the line; let us sacrifice our bodies, our finances, our time, our talents, and our energy knowing that for many eternity hangs in the balance.

I have never felt that one of my strengths as a pastor was asking people to give. Yet, since I arrived here almost four years ago as your pastor, you have continued to amaze as you have responded to each and every need and major repair. In recent days, I have begun to wonder about how many times can you go to the well for these needs. Is there a better way? What can we do differently? I believe the answer lies in our commitment to giving; not in a budget but in a vision. A vision that would put us on a path to increased ministry, increased missions, and state of the art facilities, and equipment for all in the ongoing outreach of Fairlawn. What if we could put real dollars into all of our ministries and especially missions? What if we could quit talking about doing things like sending students and adults on mission trips and did it. What if we could effectively and financially do servanthood evangelism in our schools and community? What if we could begin the dream of building a family life center in our time? What if we became mobilized for ministry? What if we could start a satellite church in Ellenboro in 2012 and in Warren in 2013? How can we make this a reality? What can each of us do to be a part of something bigger than ourselves? I want you to think 15. Why 15? Here's why: if we had 200 individuals or families commit to giving just \$15 more a week, we could say yes to all of the things I mentioned and more. No matter what you are currently giving if 200 families or individuals gave an additional \$15 a week it would mean an additional \$3,000 a week in tithes and offerings; \$12,000 a month; and \$156,000 in a year. That's real money for real ministry and an additional \$15,600 to CP missions. The Bible makes it clear that "you have not because you ask not, and you ask amiss." I am asking everyone who reads this to join with me and our leadership in accepting this challenge. When do I start? The answer is now. Join with me to make a difference! Pray with me that everyone who calls Fairlawn home will be a part of this challenge! May our commitment, our sacrifice and our money say to the world we are serious in "doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ."

Until the Whole World Hears,

*Pastor Greg*

## Church tidbits

### Deacon Meeting

The deacons will meet on Oct. 2 following the evening service.

### Senior Adults Ministry

SAM planning meeting is Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.

SAM will assist with the apple butter stir off for Ohio Valley Health Care on Oct. 14 from 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SAM meeting day is Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. The theme is "Hobo Day." Bring two cans of vegetables for stew.

SAM will watch the movie "Letters from God" on Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

SAM will go to Amish Country on Oct. 27. We will leave at 7 a.m.

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry team will meet on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

### MomsNext

MomsNext will meet Oct. 7 at the church. They will have a family fellowship cookout on Oct. 21 at Brittany Chambers' house.

### WMU

WMU will meet on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m.

### Adult IV Fellowship

Adult IV will have a soup bean and cornbread fellowship on Nov. 4 at 5 p.m.

# Virtuous Reality

Virtuous Reality is a puppet team from Lancaster, Ohio. They use blacklights and neon puppets to tell biblical messages. They will perform at church on Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to invite children who may not attend church.



## Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation month. We will be celebrating with two events.

On Oct. 8 from 2-4 p.m., we will honor Pastor Greg and also celebrate his 50th birthday (which is Oct. 28). Snack foods will be provided. We will also "roast" Pastor Greg so bring your best material. If you have questions, please contact any of the deacons, Bible Fellowship group leaders, Denise Vardell, or Charlene Brannon.

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On Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a finger food reception to honor the McMullan family. Please bring your favorite finger food to share. There will be an open mike time to share your thoughts or words of encouragement. If you have questions, please contact Jeanette White or Charlene Brannon.

## Prayground Lock-in

The Prayground is sponsoring a lock-in for children in 1st through 5th grades on Oct. 21-22. It will start at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21. Children will need a sleeping bag and their favorite PJs. They should also bring a snack to share. We are accepting additional 2 liter and snack donations. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 8 a.m. on Oct. 22. Please pick up your child at 9 a.m.



## Bible Fellowship and Discipleship

This has been an amazing last few weeks. First, I want to thank all the teachers for setting up the displays to help people discover our different classes on Sunday mornings. I was thrilled with the responses and the effort you all made. At the beginning of this month our high attendance day kicks off the month and also coincides with the launch of Ministry Month. The ability to expose the most people to the available ministries of this church should be exciting to all of us.

Next, I want to share that the turnout for both the ladies and men's bible studies has been phenomenal. It has been wonderful to see both husband and wife show up for extra studies with great discipleship opportunities. I look forward to seeing these type of opportunities made more available going forward.

Finally, please remember our meeting for the Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m. The time is a little earlier to accommodate those that are in

choir. We will try and cover our devotional early for them about the Baptist Faith and Message and then save discussions for later in case some have to leave. I am looking forward to hearing all your ideas about how we can implement outreach and any ideas you have had about the covenant for teachers. Thanks for all your service!!

God bless you all!!  
Jason Spade

**“Doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ”**

## North Bend Luncheon

Everyone is invited to join SAM for a luncheon at North Bend after the second worship service on Sunday, Oct. 9. We will be dining at the lodge for the Grand Sunday Buffet. Families and friends are welcome. The buffet has something for everyone, including delicious homemade desserts. Registration is required. Sign up in the Foyer.



## Stewardship

It's that time of the year again! The Stewardship Team is working, planning, and praying for 2012 budget year. We covet your prayers as we are preparing the budget.

### Envelope Reminder:

In order to help Stewardship and Treasurer, we are asking everyone to please make an effort to record information on offering envelopes.

The treasurer does not see any of the checks. Treasurer records information that is put on the envelopes. Stewardship, when counting, will add as much information to the envelopes as they can from the check if the outside envelope is not completed. This takes time and effort and we may not know what area to put your funds (i.e. tithes, bus, water project, etc.). This information should also be included on your check.

## WV State Convention

WV Convention of Southern Baptists state convention starts Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. and ends Nov. 5 at noon at Westview Baptist Church in Martinsburg, WV. The annual guest message will be delivered by Robby Gallaty, senior pastor at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bible study will be lead by Dr. Richard Melick, Jr. of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. The convention message will be delivered by Rev. Dan Jividen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Princeton, WV. Special music will be brought by Marc Ivey and The Joyful Sound. If you are interested in attending, please visit [www.wvcsb.org](http://www.wvcsb.org). Messengers were elected at the September business meeting.

## Creative Arts Ministry

Here we are at the beginning of October and I am going to talk to you about Christmas. That's right, the creative arts ministry is in the middle of preparing for our Christmas program. We are going to be doing something new and different this year. We will be presenting a Fairlawn Christmas Homecoming featuring Out of Ashes and the musical talents of our church. We will also be adding drama in with this as well and having a visit from at least one of our favorite characters from

musicals in the past. Please be in prayer for us as we continue to prepare for this event. You will be hearing more about it next month.

Our creative arts ministry team will have had its first meeting by the time you read this. One of the goals that we will have for the next year is to involve more people within our ministry in the many different fields that we will be covering. I am looking very forward to seeing the unknown talent that we have

within our congregation.

In the days ahead, continue to pray for our team as we look to find more opportunities for people to share their talents with us that God has blessed them with. What a great and mighty God we serve!

Rick Morgan  
Music Director



The preschool teachers and I would like to thank our church family for donating

supplies for the beginning of the school. Thanks to you, it was a big success. We received 20 boxes of tissues to wipe little noses, plenty of Clorox wipes so we can wipe those germs away, and baby wipes to wipe their little bottoms. Some of the other supplies we received were glue sticks, googly eyes, pom poms, tacky glue, and feathers. The list of supplies could go on and on and

again, A BIG THANK YOU to our church family for the love and support of the preschool ministry.

September was an awesome month. We met a lot of new families to add to the Preschool. God has truly blessed the preschool program and we had the opportunity to open another 4 year old program at the last minute. Thank you to Pastor Greg for his support. A big thank you to Pastor Joel, Jimmy Heartline, and Andrew Bellville for getting the room ready for the preschoolers. The room looks awesome!

With opening another 4-year-old class, the CWE hired Ms. Joy

McMullan and Ms. Shelby Sams as teachers of the Creative Caterpillars. Please give them a wonderful welcome. We now have 72 little ones in the preschool.

This month, the boys and girls will be seeing a lot of changes outside with all the beautiful colors God has made. The signs of fall are upon us. The four-year-old classes will be taking a field trip to Sweet Apple Farm and going on a wagon ride. Our threes and fours will get to visit Ms. Dolores Smith in the Church Library and they will also have Chapel with Pastor Joel. The two -year-old classes plan on taking a nature walk to see all the fall colors God has made. They will

be talking about apples, squirrels and pumpkins. At the end of the month the twos, threes, and fours will have fall festival parties.

Throughout the school year, we have two special visitors that just come and play with the little ones, Ms. Debbie Thrall and Ms. Michelle Hall. If you have just a few minutes in your busy day and you need a hug or a smile to brighten your day, come and play with the little ones at the preschool. Hope to see you! Happy fall to all!

In Christian love,  
Ms. Georgeanna  
Director

# THE WAREHOUSE

## Student Ministry

### THOUGHTS FROM JOEL

Ever get stuck in a rut? I once saw pictures of a road in South America with HUGE ruts. Once you got on this road, it was near impossible to get off because of the ruts in it. Life can sometimes get that way. We get into a routine of doing things, some good...some not. And even the good things can start becoming unbeneficial. As Shawn Taylor said in the Warren locker room before a varsity football game, "Good is the enemy of great." (Original quote by John Collins). Are you in any ruts today? Is there anything keeping you from being great? Read and meditate on these verses: **"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world". – 1 John 4:4; "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." – Romans 8:37.**

These are just a couple of the many verses that remind us that we were meant for greatness. To be honest, that is what we want students to understand. We have been doing a study on the

cross. Why? Because I want students to realize the power they have because of the cross! The cross wasn't just for Jesus. It was also for us! **"Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." – Luke 9:23; "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:27.**

I challenge you, like I am challenging the students, to spend 15 minutes a day with God. Pick a time, place, and Bible passage. Read, meditate, and pray. For some, this may be too elementary. If you are already spending daily time with God, maybe it is time to step it up to the next level. Make scripture memory part of your daily discipline. Wherever you are at, unleash the power of the cross by spending time with the one who was obedient to it.

Serving the Savior,  
Joel McMullan

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Oct. 7:** Youth are helping with concessions at the Parkersburg South game. We will get \$50 for the youth budget. Please see Joel if you can help.

**Oct.:** We will continue our study on the cross.

**Oct. 19 and 26:** Truth about Halloween series.

**Oct. 23:** Parent meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Nov. 5:** Chris Tomlin concert. Tickets are \$25 due by Oct. 9.

**Nov. - Dec:** We will begin a study on creation vs. evolution.

## Trunk or Treat

Get out your jack-o-lanterns. Trunk or Treat is October 29 from 4-7 p.m. We will have food, inflatables, games, and CANDY!

We still need candy donations. The collection bins are in the Worship Foyer. We are also looking for individuals, Bible Fellowship classes, ministry teams, or any group to participate in decorating trunks to give out candy. This would be a good opportunity for ministry teams to get info out about their ministry to our community. There is a sign up sheet in the Worship Foyer.

If you are willing to help in any way, contact Susan Wright at (304) 588-2010.

