

Broadway News

Pastor Mick Foster
Traditional Worship 8:15 am
Praise & Worship 10:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am



Ladies Spring Luncheon "Pocket of Blessings"

Date Saturday, May 13th, 2017

Time 11:00-1:00pm in Spencer Hall

Adults \$6.00 Children Free

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex by May 10th.

Bring a friend, sister, daughter or neighbor and experience the Blessings of Faith, Family, Friends and Fun.

Sponsored by Broadway Mission Workers.



“Did God Say Kill?”

May 2017



Some time ago at our Wednesday night Bible Study we were looking at God's Covenant with Noah in chapter 9 of Genesis. There God reaffirms the conditions of His covenant with Adam, with one addition: *“And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die. If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image”* (vs. 5-6 NLT). If men would themselves suppress such evil then God would not find it necessary to again destroy all living things, like He did with the Flood.

There needed to be cooperation by all people to enforce this command of God. This could be looked at as God initiating human government in harmony with His will. As time went on there would be people who would turn from God, changing laws according to man's reasoning instead of God's commands.

There are some in the church today who believe God has replaced many of the laws given through Moses with those given by Jesus. But Christ tells us, “I did not come to abolish the Laws of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17 NLT). Jesus' death and resurrection fulfilled the Old Covenant ceremonial laws and also made available the desire and power to keep the moral laws.

Still, some Christians believe any kind of killing is now forbidden by God. So what, you may ask? Let them have their opinions. One of the God-given responsibilities of the Church is to let the world know what is right and what is wrong. We are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Our influence helps keep the world from getting as wickedly crazy as it was before the Flood. If we in the church don't agree, the world doesn't listen and we have little effect on the crucial issues of our time.

Does God have anything to say about war and capital punishment? Of course He does. In fact, He has already spoken on the subject. I gave two of those scriptures above.

One reason the church is divided on these issues is because of the misapplication of Scripture. A major area here concerns who Jesus was speaking to when He said, “love your enemies”, “don't resist evil”, “overcome evil with good”, “stop judging others”, “forgive those who sin against you”, etc. One camp says God applies these and similar commands to individuals and to governments equally. There's the trouble! We cannot do that! We cannot apply Jesus' teachings on how one person treats another to how a government treats an individual who breaks a law, or how one nation treats another nation who breaks God-ordained international laws. God has told us how to deal with evil on different levels. He knows how to discourage sin.

There are other good scriptural arguments for supporting a government killing as a deterrent to greater evil, such as understanding the difference in meanings between the words kill and murder. Much more can and should be said on these subjects. The higher priority, though, is for the church to try to unify so we can have the influence God wants us to have in this very confused and troubled world. God's truths are solely needed.

MISSION FOR May

Dover/New Philadelphia Food Pantry

Our mission for May is the Dover/New Philadelphia Food pantry. It is located in the Church of the Harvest, 420 W. Third Street Dover. The church allows the food pantry to operate in a warehouse-type space in the rear of the building. If you have ever driven by or worked at the pantry you know that hunger exists in our own community.



Hunger: *One small word that effects many people in Northeast Ohio, from the youngest to the elderly.*

Parents who lost their jobs or are working in jobs with low wages struggle to put food on the table for their children. Seniors on fixed income make decisions about whether to buy food or pay for necessary prescription medications. People in need face these types of decisions every day, and the Food Pantry is here to help.

They serve approximately 600 families each week.

HUNGER IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

2016 was a record-breaking year for the Foodbank.

In Tuscarawas County alone the Food bank distributed

3,837,527 meals

4,605,032 pounds of food

1,766,532 pounds of product

Join the fight to end hunger!

Designate gifts to this mission by putting the amount on the monthly mission line on your tithing envelope.

Upper Rooms

Did you know that the church has upper rooms for sale in the Airlock by the Main Parking Lot Doors? A donation is asked to cover the cost for the church. Upper rooms cost the church \$1.25 each.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you miss giving while you were visiting family on the weekend? If you think you may miss church services due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church. We have areas for General Funds, Mission of the Month, or “Other Giving” which you can break down exactly where you want your contributions to be used. To set up a recurring contribution, visit our website (www.broadway-umc.org) to enter your information direct, use our online giving QR, or pick up an authorization form for us to enter your information for you!



Your Witness by Don Gibson

When I approached a stranger he said he was a Christian and seemed willing to talk. “So you’re a believer in Christ?” I asked. He said he was—then showed me his business card, pointing out all his college degrees listed there. He explained that God gave him intelligence to get an extensive education.”

He continued to put a lot of weight for his relationship with God on his education (a caution flag to me), and that he read Scriptures (an encouragement to me). Then he told me he was Catholic and how grateful he was for Catholic practices and sacraments. Plus he told me non-Scriptural ways for why he felt close to God. “Wow,” I thought. “Is this guy saved or not? He said he is—but he’s giving the wrong reasons.” Ephesians 2:8 came to my mind. “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*” I wondered if this man is putting 100% of his trust for salvation in Christ or does he believe he’s contributing towards it, too. 1 Peter 2:24: “*Who his own self (Jesus) bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.*” Romans 3:26: “*I say, at this time his righteousness: that he (Christ Jesus) might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*” So it’s 100% Christ and nothing of us, except to believe God’s Word. I wanted this man to know what the Scriptures say because that is the power to save and assure of salvation—not our persuasion. (John 15:3: *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you*). I offered him a tract and asked if I could pray for him. He agreed.

What was accomplished? Three things happened for sure: (1) I asked him and we discussed his faith together. (2) He heard God’s plan of salvation. I read. He followed along. (3) He heard me ask God to lead and assure him that he is saved through Christ alone.

Would you please send your witnessing experiences to me at dgibson@linkpointplanning.com; or call me; or write them on paper and give to Tammy in the office.

This column will repeat monthly in Broadway’s newsletter for awhile. Each edition will include a learning point about how to witness and a brief explanation of an actual witnessing experience—hopefully yours—about how you witnessed Christ to another. Each month, I’ll comment on what we can learn from that month’s example. Let’s learn together, that Christ would be revealed so others will believe in Him.



From the Finance Committee

As we know the older things get the more it takes to maintain them. Well, our newest section of our church is over 30 years old. That being said last year the Trustees came to the finance

committee with a need to resurface the parking lot at a cost of \$50,000.00. When the budget was presented to the Church Council we added a line item for Capital Improvement for these type of projects.

Another need coming up is that four spaces in the pews will be made for wheel chairs. We are asking the congregation to be in prayer for these needs. If you are so led to give additionally, designate Capital Improvement Fund on your tithing envelope.



Dear Broadway UMC,

Thank you so much for your generous gift. We continue you to be in awe of God and his provision for us through his saints, the church. Bracken continues to grow stronger every day. He has completed his therapy and

hopes to return to work May 1st!

Thank you for praying for us and showing us the love of Christ. We thank God for you!

Love in Christ,

Bracken, Kimberly, Ellie, Ethan, Lucy, Charlotte and Jane Foster





Broadway
United
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Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discipleship Wednesdays
5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Sundays
Noon-2:30pm

First Friday @ Roxford
May 5th, 7-10pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April saw the end of our series on Heroes, which was based on the book of Judges. We had a lot of fun with this series and even wrote our own superhero story. We also went to Winfield UMC with the Roxford Youth to experience the Jerusalem Walk event. That was very uplifting!

In May, we will shift to a series on "Choices". How many choices do you think that you make on a daily basis? The average person makes around 35,000 choices a day. Do you think that some choices are harder than others? For the next four weeks we are going to be talking about those 35,000 choices that we make every day and how they affect us and our relationship with God. Each week we are going to look at a different character in the Bible and how they choose God regardless of their circumstances and how we can do the same thing in our lives.

Do you think that some choices are harder than others? Also, beginning April 24th at 6 pm, and every Monday night thru May 15th, I will be taking our series on "Christian Youth Dating" to share with our friends at Roxford and have invited all that would like to attend to join us. What can we learn about dating and relationships in the Bible? LOTS! I encourage anyone from ages 12 years old to recent graduates and even college students to attend this series. Transportation arrangements can be made with me directly.

Ryan Best, Youth Director



Nursing Home &

Country Club Nursing Home

860 East Iron Avenue Ext. Dover 44622

Pearl Quine (Donna Deedrick's mom)—Room 36

Ethel Beavers—Room 115

Shirley Watson (Pastor Mick's Aunt)

New Dawn Health Care & Rehab

865 East Iron Avenue Dover 44622

Nita Graff—Room 105

Bea Taylor (Cindy Akers' mom)—Room 501

June Casto (Elaine's Goddard sister)—Room 216

Dave Myers—Room 502

Northwood Village

5799 North Wooster Ave. Dover 44622

Estelle Myers—Room 320

Harold Swauger—Room 114

Ouida Fleming (Betty Sturtz's sister)—Room 307

Marion Denison (Denise Larkin's grandma) Room 202

Young at Heart luncheon

The Young-at-Heart lunch bunch group will be meeting together at the Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 13th. Please sign-up in the Narthex.

Watch for news of where Young at Heart will be next month in the June newsletter.

Needed: AV team members for both service and rehearsals.

Please contact the office.



Homebound Friends:

Wilma Watson

204 Colonial Avenue SE New Phila. 44663

Sandy Mast

523 Harger Street Dover 44622

Judy Miller

536 Stratton Avenue SW New Phila. 44663

Betty Thompson Esther Circle

BTEC will meet on Thursday, May 4th, at 9:30am in Spencer Hall.

Women's Retreat

The women's retreat is Friday, August 4th—Saturday, August 5th at the Country View Inn in Charm, starting Friday afternoon. Pastor Luann Youngman from Winfield UMC will lead the sessions. **Registration and deposit of \$50.00 is due Sunday, May 20th.** We only have a few spots left, so if you are even considering attending this uplifting, relaxing two days, pick up a registration form from the church office or Marcia Taylor and make your reservation.

The total cost, which includes your stay at the inn, meals, any materials and our speaker is \$100.00.

Mom's Group

Monday, May 15th @ 6:30pm in the library. All Mom's invited! Child care provided. Led by Becki Reiser.

May Birthdays

May 2	Cassie Rex Marilyn Yarnell
May 3	Bob Allison
May 5	Kinley Reichman Barry Shepherd
May 6	Bill Celce Judy Miller Michelle Stillion
May 8	Ruth Eggan Andrea Ramage
May 10	Bunita Maurer Don White
May 11	Kurt Rowland
May 12	Ben Brantley Janice Ulrich
May 13	Sam McCleery
May 14	Julie Mamula
May 15	Dave Myers
May 17	Erica Andrews
May 19	Arlene Bolyard Hailey Domer
May 21	Mike Mossor
May 22	Darren Rowland
May 23	Linda Krieger
May 24	Rick Andrews Tom Korns
May 25	Ed Fry Brooke Miller
May 28	Alvin Das
May 29	Rose Barnish Cheryl Korns
May 30	Jennifer George

Happy Anniversary!

May 3	Phil & Sue Neiger
May 5	Tim & Robbin Holman
May 10	Don & Arlene White
May 25	Dan & Doris Mamula Bob & Sally Warner
May 26	Pastor Mick & Becky

Attendance

The average attendance for the
Sunday morning services
April 2nd, - April 23rd, 2017

8:15am Traditional Worship—107

Sunday School—91

10:45am Contemporary—116

Which includes Junior Church
(Nursery-God Squad) - 31

Easter Sunday total 279

8:15am -125

10:45am - 154

Average worship attendance
for 2017 = 212



“The Shepherd’s Lambs” by Donna Deedrick

“Jesus asked Simon (Peter), “Son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him” (John 21:15).



The Center for the Study of Global Christianity, an academic research center that monitors worldwide demographic trends in Christianity, estimates that between years 2005-2015, 900,000 Christians were martyred—an average of 90,000 each year.

The underlying cause of persecution is Islamic extremism. According to Open Doors, the Christian population in Iraq alone has plummeted from 1.5 million in 2005 to current estimates of 275,00. “In a few years, that number could be zero, activists say.” Fox News Website Sunday, April 16, 2016.

The February Open Doors newsletter cited one horrific example, as “Zara” (not real name) fought with Islamic terrorists who were beating her father, and she heard one say “Pick him up. Get him for the pig he is, and then crucify him.”

She could do nothing as the terrorists cut her father, nailed him to a cross then lifted him high. Shouts of triumph erupted with insulting jeers.

Zara collapsed in the dirt as she heard the warning issued to Christians in her area of Iraq: “If you love Jesus so much then you can die like him.”

It is so difficult for us in this 21st century to comprehend the danger and suffering Christians are enduring today in various countries in our ‘modern’ world! Men, women, children, babies tortured, persecuted and killed.

I am thankful for organizations that seek out, comfort, and help where they can, like Open Doors, at least it is something.

“Political Correctness” is a very futile, empty response.

From the World Watch list 2017

11. Libya
12. Nigeria
13. Maldives
14. Saudi Arabia
15. India

Letting His Spirit Shine

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and I will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”
John 14:16-18



Before Jesus left this earth, He wanted to encourage His followers. He wanted them to know that He would be with them. They would not be abandoned. He would send them a helper who would be *inside* of them. Think about that for a minute - inside of every believer is the Holy Spirit, Jesus and God incarnate.

The Holy Spirit would be there to remind them of His Word, to bring it back to memory “all that I said to you” (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit would remind them of His love for them. He would comfort and strengthen them in the darkest times, in the alone times, in the times when it would be hard to be brave and to stand up for what is right.

As the Haiti team prepares to go to this desperately needy place over 1500 miles away, I am reminded that we go with Him. We do not leave Him behind. He has gone ahead of us. He is preparing the people that we will meet. He is preparing us to meet them. We need not fear *anything*. We need not be anxious *for anything* because He is with us.

It is easy sometimes to forget how much He loves us. But we are the “apple of His eye” (Psalm 17:8, Deut. 32:10); we are His children. He died to show us just how much He loves us, but not just us, but those we go to meet. He sees them in the mountains of Haiti. He sees the poverty. He sees them in their two-room huts. He sees their needs and their hearts. Not for one second, does He ever forget them. Not for one second.

So we go to remind them of that truth, to plant seeds of that truth. Please pray for each of us on the team that we would remember that He loves them, that He loves us and that we would be able to let that love – His Spirit come through.

Lotus McCleery for the team

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you, thank you, thank for your faithfulness and support to April's mission of the month Operation Christmas Child. It takes a village of supporters to accomplish such a worthwhile opportunity to present the Gospel message to children around the world through the simple gift of a shoebox. Without your support and prayers this would not be possible for us to pack over 800 shoeboxes.

We are in need of barely used or new small stuffed animals, dolls, or beanie babies. What joy for a child to receive something they can cuddle and feel close. Betty Thompson Esther circle welcomes you to share in our workshops. We are busy getting supplies ready for our shoe box packing extravaganza the first Thursday in November. We meet most Thursday's at the church. We do a One Call the day before we meet for workshop.

We have 16 spots for the mission trip to Charlotte, NC and have them almost full. If you would like to be a part of this Mission please contact Becky Roth.

If our spots are filled you can be put on the waiting list. OCC Mission trip, November 26th-29th 2017.

Again thank you for your prayers and support. The greatest gift that goes in the shoe boxes is prayer. KEEP PRAYING for gospel opportunities! Blessings!!

Becky Roth

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me not only welcomes me but my father who sent me" (Mark: 9:37 NLT).



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Pastor Mick Foster
Worship times: 8:15am Traditional
Nursery care available (birth – 3 years old)
10:45am Praise & Worship
Nursery & Junior church available
(birth – 12 yrs. old)
9:45am Sunday school
Classes for children, youth and adults

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Boy Scouts	2 7:30am Men fellowship 9am Bible study 6pm Karate 7pm Mission comm. Mtg. 7pm Cub Scouts	3 5:30pm Youth 6:15pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	4 9:30am BTEC 6pm Karate	5 Church van 7-10pm with youth	6 9am Church van on way to FOI
7 8:15am "Sanctuary" Cantata Noon Youth	8 7pm Church Council 7pm Boy Scouts	9 7:30am Men fellowship 9am Bible study 6pm Karate 7pm Cub Scouts	10 Noon Serve Salv. Army 5:30pm Youth 6:15pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	11 9am Parent Class 6pm Karate	12	13 Spring Luncheon 11am
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