

Broadway News

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

So many exciting things are happening with our children's ministry this fall. We will be kicking the fall off with **promotion Sunday** on Aug. 27th. All parents are invited to join us for refreshments, meet your child/children's teachers and classrooms. During the 10:45 am Worship service we will be recognizing the 3rd graders with a Bible.

There will be some changes with the Sunday school classes starting Sept. 3rd. We will begin each Sunday with an opening before class starts. During the opening I will be leading the children with songs, collection of offering, and close with a prayer. This will be from 9:45 am to 9:55 am.

The **Nursery age** will be children new born to 24 months old. Each Sunday the teachers will be using the curriculum Play-n-Worship.

Next class will be our **Toddler room** for ages 24-36 months old. They will also be using the Play-n-Worship curriculum.

Upstairs we will have **pre-k thru 1st grade**. Stacey Jackson will teaching this class. The curriculum we will be using is Answers Bible Curriculum.

The **2nd-3rd grade** teachers will be Jenny and Chuck Wenger. They will also be using Answers Bible Curriculum.

For our **4th-5th grade** we are looking for *a teacher and a helper* to teacher each Sunday. Their curriculum will be Explore the Bible.

On Wednesday, September 13th, we will start a **kids choir/club**. This will be open for children kindergarten-5th grade. The choir will be performing on the last Sunday each month. Watch for more information in August.

If you feel that God is leading you to help in any way with our Children's ministry contact Micki Coon.



Your Witness - by Jeff Reiser and Don Gibson

Two points help as we examine Jeff Reiser's recent witnessing opportunity.

Point #1: We don't know when and where the Lord will call us to witness. But we know God calls us to be ready with our testimony (1 Peter 3:15). Remember, none of us were born a Christian from our mother's womb. We need to see our sinful condition and believe Christ will replace our sin with His righteousness. So what do we say in our testimony? We can structure our testimony as Paul did before King Agrippa in Acts 26: (A) Paul's life/condition before Christ; (B) how God engineered Paul's opportunity to see his need and yield to Christ; (C) And Paul's resulting life in Christ as a believer. God gave us this model to be ready when He leads.

Point #2: According to 2 Timothy 2:15, prayerfully study Romans 3 which is man's need and God's solution in Christ. Then study and re-study Romans 10, which is God's truth for Israel and every person to come to Christ (Romans 10:4; 10:9-13). People acquire faith in the Lord through reading and hearing Scripture verses—verses we can offer using the Bible and Gospel tracts (Romans 10:17). Then God gives believers deeper faith through His Word (John 17:17), equipping us to use the Word with others. That's why Pastor Mick is encouraging us to study our Bibles at home, in worship, in Sunday School and Bible Study. That's also why Pastor wants us to use the Bible and the pocket-size Gospel tract "The Way to God" he's been telling us about, so we're ready for the Holy Spirit to guide us as with Jeff Reiser's witnessing testimony below.

Jeff's testimony: After nearly two years of knowing I needed to get a newer car, I scoured the internet looking for a "deal". I couldn't seem to find exactly what I was looking for. So I told Becki I wanted to go to the "Auto Mall" in Akron to see what they had. We drove up, and after only a minute or so we were approached by a young salesman. We told him what we were looking for and he helped us locate some cars. He left to let us look around. Becki mentioned that most of the salesmen we saw looked Muslim. I was feeling kind of intimidated knowing that we may be surrounded by Muslims.

When we got back to the sales office, we saw it was incredibly busy, and there were a lot of Muslim-looking salesmen. Very intimidating. When we finally sat down and began talking with the salesman, one thing led to another and I mentioned that there was a scratch on the back of the car that we were interested in. It was pretty noticeable and I wondered if we could get a little bit off the price because of that. Then I felt the Lord speak to my heart to say, "I could put one of those 'fish' emblems on there to cover it up." I watched his reaction to that, and he chuckled but agreed that it would be a good thing to cover the scratch. He must have known what that fish meant.

Open door #1: I began to talk with him about where he was from, and if he believed in God. He said his father is Muslim, and his mother is Catholic. He believed in a "Higher being" but said he wasn't a Catholic or a Muslim himself. That gave me the understanding that he wasn't a Christ-follower. As I sat there I felt the Holy Spirit begin to move in my heart and suddenly the car wasn't as important as the soul of this salesman. I asked him if he would listen to a story about what God could do, and could it change his mind. He never shut me out, or told me he didn't want to talk about God.

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Open door #2: We had some of Becki's books in the van and knew we wanted to give him one. We decided that we wanted the car and signed preliminary paperwork, but needed to arrange for payment, and to pick up the car. We went to the van and I got a book out and took it in to him. I had already asked him if he liked to read, but didn't tell him that the book was our testimony. We hoped he would take time to read it, but had to trust the leading of God through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we never see the fruit, but we took the time to plant seeds.

Witnessing summary: From Points #1 and #2 above, Jeff and Becki didn't know God would have them witness to their car salesman. They wouldn't have ruled it out, but the Holy Spirit paved the way and led the dialogue. Was that God's plan before they arrived? Absolutely! I'm sure it's why God led them to Akron car shopping. God is always calling sinners to Himself by how he leads believers to ask questions and offer Scriptures to certain people. We sense His leading when we're in the Word and praying over Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." God equipped the Reiser's with Becki's book about Liz, their daughter, as a tool to witness their faith. Remember, God equips us to witness based on our current level of Bible knowledge. And He's constantly calling us to study more, isn't He? (John 17:17-20)

Notice Jeff started by asking their salesman about his belief in God. His answer is how Jeff knew he likely was not a believer. The sales rep had no Biblical answer and he positioned himself based on his parents religions. That's when the Holy Spirit placed a burden in Jeff's heart for this man's soul. Plus, who would think a scratch on a car would be a door opener to share Christ? God engineers opportunities.

What's the outcome from this car-shopping trip with limited time to witness? Another car for the Reisers—and Biblical seeds in the heart of a lost man. Let's add this salesman to our prayer lists—that he submit to Christ as Savior.

This column will repeat monthly in Broadway's newsletter for awhile. Each edition will reveal something we can learn about witnessing, along with an example of an actual witnessing experience—hopefully yours—about how you witnessed Christ to another. Got a testimony of your witnessing experience? Let me know at 330-260-7837, dgibson@linkpointplanning.com, or through Tammy in the office.

Broadway's "GIVE ONLINE"

Set up your online giving yet??? Get started today and sit back and not be concerned that you might forget this Sunday, or next Sunday, or next month! You can give continuously at your convenience. We depend on YOU! We have utilities, payroll, shared ministries and monthly missions that we send to each month. Please consider keeping our funding going each month!



Broadway Care Package for our Troops

We are continuing the mission project for our military guys! We have 5 soldiers that are active military right now. We have their names and addresses in our weekly bulletin. If you have someone in the military whose name we would be able to send care packages and cards. Please contact the church office.

In appreciation for our guys' sacrifice, we want to send them "Military Care Packages" containing snacks, hygiene items, reading material, prayers, letters, etc. We will be contacting family to find out if we can help with basic needs. But also what are some of their favorite snack items.

Supporting Our Soldiers will enhance the morale and well-being of the deployed troops worldwide by sending a box filled with prayers to our deployed troops. We would be supporting not only our soldiers but other soldiers that are serving with them. We hope to send enough that our guys can share with others. This is especially important outside of a holiday. Some of the men do not get any packages or letters and our guys can spread the love to others!

A packing party will be scheduled later where each box will be carefully prayed over and designed. Christa Demuth & Imogene Compher will be coordinating this project.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this mission. If you are led to donate, you may do so by writing "**Troops**" under other on your tithing envelope.

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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

“THINGS ARE WORSE BUT WE’RE GETTING BETTER”

August 2017



The twentieth century began with many people expecting a peace and prosperity never before reached. The great progress of mankind guaranteed it. They believed that mankind has evolved to the stage where we would solve all the problems encountered by our predecessors.

Those hopes were soon discouraged by World War I and shattered by World War II. The threats of war and violence locally and internationally continue to haunt men.

The truth is, sin and violence may be worse than ever and getting worse as time moves on, even though technical advancements continue to increase by leaps and bounds. We’ve had the Holocaust, 9/11, Iraq, Jeffrey Dahmer, Osama Bin Laden, Islamic terrorists and threats of mass destruction by North Korea and Iran. Abortion, pornography, homosexuality, transgenderism, gambling, profanity, cohabitation, and other flagrant sins are socially acceptable. “But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come” (2 Timothy 3:1 NAS).

If we are living in the last days, we still are not to roll over and stop working for the greater good. God told the Jews who were captives in Babylon to pray and work for the good of that country even though He would only keep them there seventy years. As John Wesley said, “Do all the good you can, while you can.”

Many have asked, “Why would God allow things to get worse and worse? How could that work into His plans?”

Let me give you one probable reason. When Jesus returns He will come as the Lion of Judah, not the Lamb of God, as He did the first time, “dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus” (2 Thessalonians 1:8 NAS). Yet, He still loves all men. “The Lord is not slow about His promise (to return), as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9 NAS).

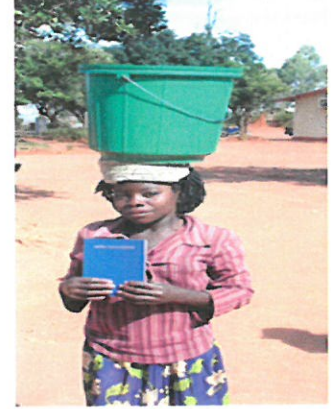
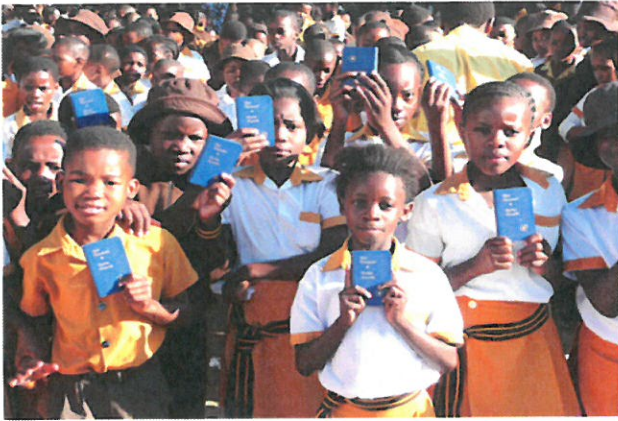
When the end of this age approaches and ungodly people get worse, I believe godly people will get better. “Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20 ESV).

With the temptations to sin being stronger and God’s draw upon men to Himself increased, it will be very difficult for people to straddle the fence. God will put the choice, so clearly, before men as Joshua did with the Israelites, “...choose today whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15 NLT).

I believe the Gospel will finally reach the whole world piercing the increasing ungodliness. Our part is to receive that abounding grace so God can use us to help tug those on the fence toward God before it’s too late.

Keep getting better in your obedience to the Holy Spirit. Share Jesus more and more. You play a crucial role in God’s end-time plans!

The Gideons: August Mission of the Month



Most of you know of the Gideon ministry. As a Gideon, Larry Williamson (center above) travels as an international field rep to multiple African countries to help African Gideons manage Gideon camps (chapters) and form new camps. That means he's one of Broadway's missionaries—completely self-funded with no salary. Plus, he and his wife fund his trips through their business in Mississippi. Larry also leads Bible distributions in Africa—often to Muslim schools where African Gideons are afraid to go because their lives have been threatened. Broadway's mission offerings help buy those Bibles.

Larry returned in May from Africa, with testimonies of how God spared his life 3 times. Islamists attempted to stone him to death. One man threatened him by putting a hook-blade machete to his neck. But God performed miracles to save Larry's life. We'll explain in our 10 minute Gideon report on August 13th. Kathy and I talked with Larry last month and found him sold out to Christ just like the apostle Paul.

In November Larry returns to Africa for his 29th expedition, counting on God to protect his life. Only God can open doors to provide God's Word to adults and children in 3rd world countries where citizens are 98% Muslim. Why 98%? Because Islamists infiltrate villages and threaten, "You will convert or you will die." Human torture is common. Larry has seen and had Africans tell him about beheading children in front of their guardians, or sometimes a parent. Most children are orphans because parents die of aids, illness, no medicine, starvation, or Islamic terror. That's why Gideons are there—to win people to Christ with Bibles that Broadway and others purchase. Thank you for supplying Bibles in Tusc County (1,600 in 2017) and in 200 other countries.



– Don Gibson



Broadway
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Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discipleship Wednesdays
5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Sundays
Noon-2:30pm

First Friday @ Roxford
Aug. 4, 7-10pm

Back-to-School Skate Night @
North Canton Skate Center Aug.
20th 5-7pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue to dive into our Summer Days series throughout July and August. We've learned about some things that God is calling us to do this summer, about renewing our minds and our focus on God, and how the choices we make this summer will affect our future. Over the next 5-6 weeks, we will continue exploring some more summer themed topics and continue building a strong foundation in Jesus.

We have a fairly busy schedule for the rest of the summer. A trip to Tall Timber's Resort, a Back-to-School Skate Night, and some more fun fellowship adventures are all on the horizon. That certainly sounds like a lot of good times with fellow believers to me!

As a reminder, for anyone that will be going into 6th grade this school year, we encourage you to come join us for our weekly youth meetings. We have a great time with lessons, activities, and yes...even food! See you all soon!

Ryan Best
Youth Director



Use your
GOD-GIVEN GIFTS
to serve others.

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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

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Nita Graff-Room 105

Bea Taylor (Cindy Akers' mom)- Room 501

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

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Dave Myers—Room 502

Harold Swauger—Room 114

Marian Denison (Denise Larkin's grandma)Room 614)

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Norma Laner-Room 21F

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Young at Heart luncheon

The Young-at-Heart luncheon will be **Wednesday, August 9th**. We will be having lunch at the Atwood Lighthouse Bistro. We will leave from the church parking lot at 11:00am. Please Contact Carrie Moro (330) 987-6004 for reservations.

Needed: AV team members for both service and rehearsals. Please contact the office.

Homebound Friends:

Sandy Mast

523 Harger Street Dover 44622

*Thank
You*

Christian Friends:

Thank you for celebrating my 90th birthday with me. It was a surprise and much enjoyed.

God is Good!!

Blessings,

Boots Beans

Broadway Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers and phone calls during Orlo's hospital stay and his passing.

I am so Blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Sandy Beckley

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards at the passing of Paul's mother, Dorothy Krieger. Special thanks to Pastor Mick for such a wonderful service.

Linda and Paul Krieger

“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).



I have several Bibles in my home: King James, NIV, Amplified, Read the Bible through in One Year, and NLT. My latest purchases (due to aging process) are Large Print NIV’s. I have one very heavy to carry with extra teaching and one lighter that is easy to carry. I also own several helpful books to increase my understanding. I can easily walk into our Bible Book store downtown and write a check or use a credit card. Then openly walk out the door onto the street with my purchases.

This precious freedom is not shared in many parts of our world today, where Bibles are not available. Discovery could lead to great punishment, even death. Nevertheless believers greatly desire and treasure them, even if the potential cost is very great.

There are Christian organizations, such as Open Door, that provided Bibles and brave souls who distribute them.

“Abdul” has assumed a mission in his part of the Arabian Peninsula to distribute Bibles, risking his safety and very life in doing so.

He takes precautions: loading secret compartments in his vehicle with Bibles, going out in the dead-of-night, and using discrete routes in case someone is following him. His goal is to place a Bible on every door step, and with one placed, praying *“My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”* (Isaiah 55:11). When he returns home safely, he praises the Lord, and prays He will prepare the hearts of these Muslim families to receive it.

For about 4 months after a delivery, he continues to pray for the recipients. When he learns a new believer has received Jesus, “Abdul” walks with them on their journey of faith. He says, “The Bible gives life, and I have to share it!”

This is what a “true hero” looks like!

Pray for him, and others who live the Christian faith at great risk! And we should treasure our Bibles!

World Watch List

- 26.) Bangladesh
- 27.) Jordan
- 28.) Tunisia
- 29.) Bhutan

August Birthdays

August 1	Amanda Domer Julie Laughlin Chuck Wenger
August 2	Nita Graff
August 11	George Yoder
August 12	Ken Finzer Tom McQueen Jean Sweeney
August 14	Deidre Stocker
August 16	Natasha Akers Frank Larkin Don Limbacher
August 18	Donna Allison Carter Neff
August 25	Brennan Baker
August 26	June Celce Mimi Doss Jenny Wenger Arlene White
August 29	Riley Miller

Happy
Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

August 2	Lovejoy & Rosie Das
August 11	Manny & Katie Weaver
August 16	David & Andrea Brantley
August 25	Pastor Bill & Daryl Sowers
August 27	Dick & Patty Housel
August 28	Chuck & Jenny Wenger

Attendance

The average attendance for the Sunday services June 25th, - July 23rd, 2017

8:15am Traditional Worship—97

Sunday School—94

10:45am Contemporary—102

Which includes Junior Church
(Nursery-God Squad) - 25



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

“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).

Here’s the story of one of many children that have received a shoe box.

Izabella McMillon grew up during the communistic regime in Romania when even attending a church could have resulted in death. Finding a hidden Bible in their home, Izabella and her brother began secretly attending church weekly.

When Izabella was 13 years old, she received a colorful shoebox gift. For her, the gift was life-changing, because it confirmed God’s existence and unconditional love. She finally understood that this God that she was reading about in the Bible cared for her!

Since that day, Izabella has come to the United States and introduced the shoebox project to churches, schools and her own children. To hear more details on how the Lord answered her prayer through a shoebox, please join us for a special time of Izabella sharing her testimony. Join us Friday, September 15th @ 6:30pm at the Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek for dinner with Izabella. Seating is limited. Reservations must be made by September 7th, by calling Betty Swartzbaugh (330) 852-4806 or Loretta Diveley (330) 874-2351. When making a reservation make sure you ask to be put with Broadway’s group. An offering will be taken to cover the expense of the event.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our shoe box packing party on November 2nd. We will have a light dinner starting at 5:30pm and then pack shoe boxes at 6:30 pm. Won't you Please plan on attending and bless a child by packing a shoe box as well as being blessed?



Submitted by:
OCC/Becky Roth

