



Broadway News

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

Where did the summer go? The new school year has arrived and so have so many new and exciting things at Broadway!

On Sept. 3rd we will be starting new curriculum in both Sunday school and Jr. Church. We will be using Play N Worship & Explore the Bible in both the Nursery & Toddler Room. In The Little Lamb, Bible Builders & God Squad rooms will be using Answers in the Bible Curriculum (ABC) & Explore the Bible.

There are also some changes with the structure of our **Sunday school** classes. Starting Sept. 3rd all children will report to the **New Bible Builder's Classroom** at 9:45am for an opening and the children will sign in there. When they sign in, each child will get a name tag with their name and parent's information on it. When the parent picks up the child the teacher will take the parent's name tag back. It would be helpful if parent's pick up their child/children as soon as the 10:45 worship ends, so the Teachers can meet with their families and socialize with other members of the congregation also.

Sunday school classes, Nursery: Newborns up to 24 months old. Toddlers: 2 and 3 years old. The Little Lambs: Pre-k thru kindergarten (class in the Bible Builder's room). Bible Builder's: 2nd & 3rd grade (class beside the God Squad room). God Squad: 4th & 5th grade.

Jr. Church classes, Nursery: Newborns to 24 months old. Toddlers: 2 & 3 years old. Bible Builder's: Pre-K thru 2nd grade. God Squad: 3rd grade thru 5th grade.

On September 10th the Children's Ministry will be starting a Children's Choir & Midweek Kid's Club for ages 3 up to 5th grade. The Children's choir will be singing the last Sunday of each month during the 10:45am worship. Club will be held on Wednesday's 6:00pm to 7:30pm upstairs in the Bible Builder's room. This is opened to all children, not just children who attend Broadway. Invite your neighbor's kids, nieces, nephews, and grandkids.

September 30th God's Kids on Broadway will be heading to the Fall Festival at Camp Wanake. We will leave the church at 1 pm. Any parent's that would like to go with us contact Micki 330-260-3660. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event. Watch for further information in the next couple of weeks.

Matthew 19:14: *But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Kids have access to Jesus. Jesus intentionally loved on and blessed kids. He didn't take time out of his work to love kids, it was His work.*

“WHATEVER” SEPTEMBER 2017



Do you have a great desire for the truth, no matter what it is? Are you still open to truth if it disagrees with how you feel? Do you seek it with your whole heart? Are you striving to order your life, family, church and job by the truth? Do you want to know the reason you don't get along with so and so, or the truth about serving in the church, or about the meanings behind our holidays, how you spend money, or God's will for witnessing?

In John 18:37-38, Jesus said, "I come to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." Pilate responded, "What is truth?"

So, How do we know what is true? The response to that question by many today would be, *whatever*, which is similar to Pilate's response. Wrong answer. The right answer is, **Truth is whatever Jesus says!** And Jesus is the Word made flesh, so, He is in perfect agreement with the written Word. Therefore, whatever the Bible says is true also.

If we really desire truth, we will obey God's Son and God's Word. Knowing the source of truth simplifies life. It makes decisions easier, whether we fully understand them or not, because we trust the Word of God, and because we know that Jesus will have the final word about whatever.

There cannot be two different truths—two truths that contradict each other. For example, some say that God is sovereign, that He is *over all things*. Some of these same people say that there are also many areas in life that God doesn't care about, that He has nothing to say concerning them, that He takes no sovereignty over them, to which He essentially says, *whatever*. Some examples may be what you wear, what you eat, what you watch, where you work, where you go on vacation, who is elected, or how you celebrate certain holidays. You can't believe He is sovereign and at the same time believe that there are areas that He doesn't speak to. These beliefs cannot both be true. One of them is a lie.

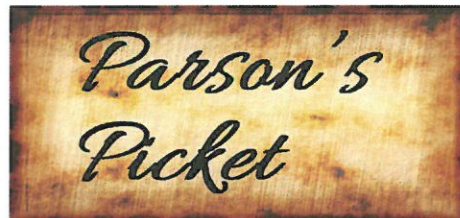
Believing lies and liars is dangerous. What might happen if someone told you the bridge is safe when it wasn't, or the baseball pitcher won't hit you with a pitch when he could, the dog won't bite, a little gambling won't hurt, God can't forgive that, you'll never make it, sex is OK as long as you love each other, I can't afford to tithe, or borrowing for Christmas is necessary for my family's happiness.

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To live according to God's truths keeps us safe because it puts us in agreement with the One who has final control of all things. He said He will use His power to save us from believing lies and Satan, the father of all lies, and from the consequences of living by those lies. The "whatever" attitude puts us in a position where we are vulnerable to Satan's attacks.

Whatever Jesus says is the only way to go. "I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life" (John 14:6).



Bob Mathias
"Homecoming Series!"

Starts Sunday morning October 8th,
Sunday, October 8th to
Tuesday, October 10th @ 7pm

Brother Bob Mathias is an ordained Deacon and Associate Member of the East Ohio Annual Conference and in 2008 Bob was the Pastor recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism award in The East Ohio Conference where he served on various District and Conference Committees. Bob is a 1964 graduate of New Philadelphia High School, received an Associate's Degree from Kent State Tuscarawas, and attended Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois where he completed the Course of Study. At present Bob is Pastor of Visitation and Senior Adult Ministries at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church.

He has been married to his wife Ginny Klar Mathias since July 31, 1966. They have two sons who are married, Jamie and Jan and Bruce and Megan, along with their grandchildren, Brent and Emily Mathias. And a furry kid named Socks. Bob proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He enjoys bike riding, reading, all sports, and spending time with family.

Haiti Team Update

*Then He said to his disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the
workers are few. Therefore, beseech the
Lord of the harvest to send out workers
into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38*



Soon school will be starting here. Summer days are waning and the leaves of trees will start their annual turn in color.

School is also starting soon at Abricot Ecole (Apricot School) which we helped lay the foundation for during our trip to Haiti in June. I am in contact with Principal Berrier Pierre Paul who tells me that he has hired some teachers and they are preparing to teach their children, too.

Much progress has been made since we left (see picture). They will continue to use their old building which is crumbling and covered in places with tarp until the new one is ready. Our children are so fortunate here to have such nice, well-equipped classrooms.

A couple of new persons have decided to join our team: Arielle Reichman and Christa Demuth. Welcome Arielle and Christa! What is encouraging to me is that both have been thinking and praying about going for a while and felt that this is the time now to join us.

Perhaps the Spirit has been laying Haiti on your heart, too. If you have been thinking about going, this is the perfect time to come on board. We are starting to fundraise for the trip as many of you who have ordered pizzas from us know. (Thank you!) The estimated cost is about \$1400 per person which covers airfare, food, staff, and transportation in country. The actual cost may be less depending on airfare. We got a very low airfare rate this past summer. Any additional money raised will go toward ministry, e.g., construction supplies or VBS materials.

Speaking of fundraising, we have a few events planned for the next few months. Be watching the bulletin and website for more details.

Barbecued half chicken dinners for take out – Sunday, Oct. 1

Candy bar sales start in October

Fifth Sunday meal – Oct. 29

Scrapbooking event – Nov. 18

Pizza sale starting in mid-November

Your Witness - Don Gibson

Picture this: On your lunch hour, you walk the streets of downtown looking for who God will lead you to start a conversation with about the Lord. Ah...there he is. No. Not him. He passes. You sense God saying that was him. You turn back to call to him. “Hey sir, would you be willing to hear how Christ saved me from my sins and gave me an open relationship with God—and how it could happen to you, too?” The man responds to you, “Sure, I’ll listen.” You show the man a couple Scriptures about the Gospel and explain that you now have a personal relationship with God because of what Jesus did. And all you needed to do was learn the Biblical truth about your sin and about our Savior Jesus Christ, then believe it and in prayer confess Christ as your Savior. Now Christ is real to you!

Is that approach real? Does it work? Our common sense guide book might say “No.” But it does work for a Gideon named Joe who works in downtown Massillon. And yes, that happened. And yes, that’s what Joe does many days on his lunch hour. Nothing fancy—just a heart for lost souls and a few pocket New Testaments or Gospel tracts. If the person responds, Joe proceeds with Scriptures. Joe believes God leads him in what to ask and what to say and what Scriptures to use. Simple.

Because the Gideons were our August Mission-of-the-month at Broadway, I share the above testimony. Like Gideon Larry Williamson on his two 21-day mission trips each year to Africa who we mentioned in August’s newsletter and during our Gideon report on Sunday August 20th, Joe is moved by the Holy Spirit to speak God’s truth to those God presents to him (2 Peter 1:21).

Two lessons for us lie within Joe’s testimony:

Lesson #1: Joe said this man who he let pass by him—then turned around to call to, didn’t strike him as a likely candidate. Without giving details, I’ll simply say by his clothes, hair, and other appearances, Joe concluded in his mind that this guy would not listen. That’s why Joe let the man pass by. But God told Joe otherwise as he passed.

That’s our first lesson. God’s not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Yes—even those we conclude won’t listen. So Joe obeyed as lead by the Holy Spirit, not as lead by Joe’s own analysis.

Lesson #2: We all like to see results. But God doesn’t call us to always see results. He calls us to do what he calls us to do. God knows this man’s heart and situation. Did Joe see results? He did. The man started crying and opened up to a dialogue with Joe, reading Scriptures in the pocket Gideon New Testament Joe used, which Joe gave him. A Gospel tract works, too. We have them available at Broadway. Want new testaments? Ask a Gideon. **Here’s our 2nd lesson.** It is God’s Word that convicts people. Give the Word—in pocket testaments, in your Bible, in Gospel Tracts.

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.

Mission of the Month for September, 2017

The American Red Cross "Holidays for Heroes" program delivers cards of thanks and support to members of the armed forces, veterans and their families.

Lynette Jones, who served four tours of duty, knows firsthand the value of communication to soldiers. When she was overseas, she received greeting cards from this program, in which school kids, church groups and other volunteers sent supportive messages to active duty military personnel. "It's a great morale booster because a lot of the soldiers don't have anyone to send them mail".

This year we would like to have our Broadway church family (including our kids) involved in writing a message of gratitude for their service, + hope, peace and love as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Cards will be available the first of October for anyone who would like to handwrite these notes.

Please pray if you want to share in this mission. Use the monthly mission space on your envelope or write "Cards".

Lets spread our love--Broadway reaching out to our Service men and women. God Bless!

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).

Would you like to do a mission trip without leaving the States? Here's an opportunity, we have space for 3 more to Charlotte, North Carolina to process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You not only will be a blessing but will be blessed. We will leave Sunday, November 26th and return on November 29th. If interested contact Becky Roth for details and cost.

Thank you for keeping this Gospel Opportunities in your prayers. Plan on joining us November 2nd, for a light dinner and pack shoeboxes. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. God Bless! Becky Roth



BTEC: September Meeting

BTEC invites all women to join us in Spencer Hall on September 7 for a special program. God's Girls on Wheels, (a Christian drama ministry), will present a program titled, "Church Ladies". This is a humorous skit during which the team performs the parts of 9 different church ladies including the church choir. From Do-Everything Ethel to Foyer Box Betty, we learn that we are to love each other in spite of our differences. The 40 minute program will begin about 10:30. A free will offering will be taken to help the group with travel expenses, etc. Hope you will plan to join us. (Our regular business meeting will begin at 9:30 AM as usual.)

Women's Retreat Report

Our 4th annual Broadway Women's Retreat at Charm Countryview Inn is history, but its glow lingers on. What a blessing to be in such a beautiful place with our cherished sisters in Christ! Without a doubt it was a time of good food and great fellowship, with laughter and a few tears.

But the greatest blessing was the renewal of spirit as we examined our lives and learned how to rid ourselves of those things in our minds and hearts that keep us from being the persons God intends us to be. Pastor LuAnn's theme was: "Drain the Swamp". She used the comparison to show the "swamps" in our lives, how to get rid of them and how to fill the space with more of Jesus. We ended our time together with a symbolic remembrance of our baptism.

We have reserved the Inn for August 3rd and 4th of 2018. If you have never been, we invite you to join us next year. You will be blessed as we have been each year. Mark your calendar and watch your newsletter for more information.

Broadway's "GIVE ONLINE"

Set up your online giving yet??? Today is a great day to start! Then, sit back and relax. You won't be concerned that you might forget your envelope 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!





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Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discipleship Wednesdays
5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Sundays Noon-2:30pm

First Friday @ Roxford
September 1, 7-10pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August was full of fun days of swimming, food, roller skating, and lots of learning! We spent time learning about how Jesus is our living water and how our relationship with Him both sustains and refreshes us. We also discussed how God has provided us all with a spiritual roadmap for our journey...aka the Bible. If you want to know how to get somewhere without getting lost, you need to know and study your map. This holds true for our spiritual roadmap as well.

In September, we will finish up our Summer Series. As summer comes to an end and the school year begins, it's important to think about what kind of lifestyle we're going to have. If we really want to live a life for God this school year, it will be impossible to do so with dead branches in our lives. Then we will move on with our Back to School Series where we will learn to put on the armor of God before school each day and how to stand up for what we believe in. Ephesians 6:13 says, "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." Because let's face it, if we don't stand for something, we will fall for anything!

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

June Casto (Elaine's Goddard sister)

New Dawn Health Care & Rehab

865 East Iron Avenue Dover 44622

Nita Graff—Room 105

Bea Taylor (Cindy Akers' mom)—Room 501

Joyce Pipes—Room 507

Northwood Village

5799 North Wooster Ave. Dover 44622

Estelle Myers—Room 320

Dave Myers—Room 502

Harold Swauger—Room 114

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

Park Village Southside

1019 Oldtown Valley Rd. SE New Phila. 44663

Norma Laner—Room 21F

Phone: (330) 440-6052

Young at Heart luncheon

The Young-at-Heart luncheon will be **Wednesday, September 13th**. They will be having lunch at the Amish Door Restaurant in Wilmot. We will leave from the church parking lot at 11:15am. Please Contact Sheryl Thompson (330) 407-5829 or Carrie Moro (330) 987-6004 for reservations. All church ladies are invited!

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

Homebound Friends:

Sandy Mast

523 Harger Street Dover 44622

Cub Scouts Fundraiser

The Cub Scout Troop will be having a car wash in the church parking lot

Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:45am worship. They will also be selling hot dogs and drinks.

Come join the fun and help support your local Cub Scout Troop!

Free will donation!



“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).



North Korea is frequently featured in today’s news, with its radical leader, their arsenal of military weapons, and their willingness to use them. They have developed powerful missiles and nuclear capability,



and very soon will be able to hit our American Homeland, as they have threatened to do. North Korea is also #1 on the World’s Watch list for persecution of Christians. This totalitarian Communist state routinely surveils and monitors its citizens. They will not tolerate Christians, for the only “worship” allowed there is for the ruling Kim family. Failure to comply leads to arrest, imprisonment, torture, or even death. Entire Christian families are imprisoned in forced

labor camps, where unknown numbers die from beatings, strenuous exertion, or starvation. In their camps the only means of obtaining more food is by informing on other prisoners, so all must be wary-ever of their own families.

“Wonja” is serving a life sentence because his parents were discovered holding a home Bible study. The whole family was then sentenced to prison. “Wonja” labors from dawn to dark, and eats grass and leaves to try to stave off the hunger. (I recently heard a news report that leader Kim Jong-un spends huge amounts of money to obtain your-net foods and liquor for himself, while the people starve). “Wonja” clings to his faith for a glimmer of hope.

In spite of the terrible risk, an estimated 200,000-400,000 North Korean believers worship in “underground” settings.

“Open Doors” secretly helps the persecuted Christian church with provision of foods, medications, clothing, Bible and teaching materials with endangered “partners on the ground” there. These secret interaction must be in secret, and are very perilous. Despite all-the North Korean Church is growing!

Let’s remember our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer and giving, as we are able.

“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering” (Hebrews 13:3 NIV).

World watch list

#31 Malaysia

#32 Mali

##33 Tanzania

#34 CAR (Central African Republic)

#35 Tajikistan

September Birthdays

September 1	Robbin Holman
September 2	Brenda Polka Don Whitmore
September 3	Marcia Taylor
September 6	Pastor Bill Sowers Marie Westhoefer
September 7	Brianna Best Nancy Leggett
September 9	Justin Domer
September 11	Rosie Das
September 12	Bob Lane
September 14	Jean Mishler
September 17	Wayne Burky Chris Kendle Phil Neiger
September 18	Becky Roth
September 19	Cheryl Shepherd
September 20	Allie Miller Nathan Wenger Pearl Quine
September 23	Devin Bell
September 25	Nan Avon Emily Frantz
September 26	Will Beavers Nora McCleery David Rankin Spencer Thomakos
September 28	Don Graff
September 30	Bill Cunningham



Happy Anniversary!

September 4	John & Karen Jones
September 23	Jerry & Heather Bauders
September 24	Don & Ginger Whitmore

Attendance

The average attendance for the Sunday services July 30th—August 20th, 2017

July 30th Combined Worship-190

8:15am Traditional Worship—97

Sunday School—94

10:45am Contemporary—102

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



2017 Budgets are due: September 15th

Please check your mail slots for next year's request forms. All chairpersons need to have next year requests turned in as soon as possible.

Church council Monday, September 11th @ 7pm. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

Choir Season is Coming!

Many of you have been asking about the new Wesleyan Choir season and we appreciate that you've missed us this summer! We'll start our rehearsals on September 6th at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Our first Sunday to sing will be on September 17th at the first service. I understand that we'll have some new faces in the choir, so why don't you join us too? If you can carry a tune, you are invited to join our choir family. We are a fun loving bunch of people who love to pray together and sing for the Lord! There are no try-outs, you don't need to sing a solo, and there are no age limits, so whether you are 12 or 102, come join us on September 6th!



Fall Bible Studies

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

will start Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:15pm in Spencer Hall. Pastor Mick leads this Bible study.

Tuesday morning Bible study will just be continuing @ 9am in Spencer Hall.

Pastor Mick leads both!

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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

September 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7-10pm Youth van to Roxford	2
3 Noon Youth	4 Labor Day	5 7:30am The Fellows 9am Bible study 6pm Karate	6 5:30pm Youth 6:15pm Nom- inating mtg. 7:30pm Choir	7 9:30am BTEC 6pm Karate	8
9 9-Noon Prepare Salv. Army meals Cub Scouts Spa- ghetti Dinner Spencer Hall and Youth Room					
10 Cub Scouts Car Wash & Hot Dog Sale Noon Youth	11 7pm Church Council 7pm Boy Scouts	12 7:30am The Fellows 9am Bible study 6pm Karate 7pm Cub Scouts	13 11:15am Young at Heart Noon Serve Salv. Army meals 5:30pm Youth 6pm Kids Choir 6:15pm Bible study 6:30pm Kids Club 7:30pm Choir	14 6pm Karate	15
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