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"Introducing people to Christ - together becoming completely committed Christians."



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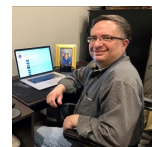
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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR ... MAY 2025



Randy Frazee writes,

According to legend, the custom for many years on the Hawaiian Islands was for a suitor to pay for the right of asking his beloved's hand in marriage by giving her father cattle. Most young women of marrying age would require two, sometimes even three, cows. If a daughter was a special catch, she might fetch four cows. It is rumored that one father in the distant past received an unfathomable *five* cows for his amazingly gorgeous and charming daughter.

An islander named Sam Karoo had two daughters, and he faced a serious dilemma. No one on the islands considered his older daughter beautiful. Aware that her shyness and plain features were not assets for a proposal, Sam had accepted many years earlier that he would not likely fetch three cows for her. He dreamed of two but would settle for one. In fact, if he knew the man would treat her well, he would let her marry without receiving any cows. He felt fortunate that everyone agreed his *younger* daughter was definitely a three-cow kind of girl.

Then one day, Johnny Lingo, a wealthy landowner, came to pay Sam a visit. Everyone knew Johnny was ready to settle down and assumed he was coming to propose to Sam's younger daughter. But to the surprise of the whole town, and to Dad's delight, Johnny came a callin' for his older daughter.

It was more than Sam could've hoped for. *I may get three cows for her after all.* Then he let his imagination get the best of him and thought he might even receive four cows from the wealthy suitor. You can imagine Sam's shock when Johnny brought him *ten* cows for his daughter.

When the happy couple came back from a yearlong honeymoon, the villagers were amazed at the difference in the young wife's presence. She was strikingly beautiful, graceful, poised, confident, and self-assured. Everyone thought Johnny got a bargain paying only ten cows for her hand in marriage.

It was clear that Johnny had viewed Sam's older daughter differently than her father and the other villagers. He saw beyond her outward appearance and recognized the beauty of her heart and character. The value he placed on her true beauty helped her realize her truth worth. The moment he paid ten cows for her, she became a ten-cow wife! (*The Heart of the Story*, p. 105-106)

Two quick thoughts:

A man can't help how beautiful his wife is when he gets married, but if after twenty years she is ugly, he has only himself to blame. Husbands and fathers, your wife and your children will assume the value you place on them is accurate – don't lowball them. They will become what you believe them to be, so see them as Your Savior sees them – worth pursuing until found, worth every drop of His blood, worth every moment of eternity.

And, more than ten cows, God paid His Son for you. Are you a one-Son kind of Christian?

Until next month,

Pastor Scott



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Just a reminder that Operation Christmas Child collection goes all year with featured items every month. Note that any item can be donated at any time, especially as you come across good sales. This is just a guideline. Donations can be placed in the box under the OCC table in the entryway.



MAY

Personal Care Items:

Hairbrush, comb, washcloth, toothbrush, adhesive bandages, nail clippers/file, water bottle, eating utensils, small blanket, etc.

June	Quality Toys, Wow Gifts	Soccer ball with pump, dolls, jump ropes, musical instruments, fishing gear, tools, sewing supplies,
July	Clothing (must be new)	Socks, shoes, shorts, pants, shirts, dresses, underwear, etc.
August	School Supplies (no liquids)	Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, paper, ruler, glue sticks, stickers, coloring books, pencil pouches, scissors, etc.
September	Games	Puzzles, playing cards, handheld/travel games, jacks, marbles, flexible frisbee, tic-tac-toe, etc.
October	Greetings	Letters, photos, and drawings to include in shoeboxes
November	Give	Monetary donations for shipping boxes (\$10 each)
December	Pray	Pray for the journey of each shoebox and the children who will receive them.



A Note from Your Librarian

I have a few new books I would like share with you to hopefully entice you to pick one up and check it out of the library.

1. ***A is for Amish*** by Shelley Shepard Gray
“In this book, four English-raised siblings take a genuine leap of faith when they return to their grandparents’ Ohio community with a plan to become Amish—and one by one, discover more about themselves, and about love, than they ever expected . . .”
2. ***So Into You*** by Kathleen Fuller
“Opposites attract when an introverted vlogger and a reformed party box exchange lessons on art, confidence, and yacht rock.”
3. ***Dogwood*** by Chris Fabry
“There are losses that mark a life forever . . .”
4. ***June Bug*** by Chris Fabry
“I believed everything my daddy told me until I walked into Walmart and saw my picture on a poster . . .”

Finds all these new books on the back wall in the library.

Happy Reading!

Your Librarian,
Rachel Krabill

Quote: “The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.” —E.E. Cummings

ELEMENT 412 EVENTS **(6th-12th GRADE)**

~Regular Meeting~

**Sunday, May 4th
6:00-7:30 p.m.**



~Mud Bogging~

**Sunday, May 18th
2:00-4:00 p.m.**
at the Underwoods
11611 Eby Road,
Sterling, OH 44276



~Breakfast with Levi & Anna~ **Saturday, May 24th—9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

1534 Jones Avenue
Wooster, OH 44691
Come if you can, no need to RSVP



**Bible Study
Fellowship®**

Bible Study Fellowship is a free, interdenominational 30-week study for all ages and levels of Bible knowledge to explore God's Word in community. There are several opportunities in the Wayne County area for men, women and children to study through BSF. Beginning in September, SBC will be hosting a women's daytime Bible Study Fellowship satellite class each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Flyers are available at the Information table, or you may contact Barb Mast (call/text 330-201-1748; email barbmast@aol.com) to discuss the study. You can also learn more at bsfinternational.org. We'd love to have you join us!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for demonstrating the love of Jesus to us as I recovered from a fall. We experienced texts, phone calls, food delivered, flowers and many cards. We are thankful for a church family that puts practical actions applied to the faith in Jesus Christ.

We are very grateful.
Sharon Hamsher

SBC Church Family,

Thank you for your understanding and support as I attended church with a Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog in training. Lani passed her final exam thanks to her opportunity to experience daily life. You were a strong part of that.

In Christ,
Ann Planisek

Thank You!

The Trustees would like to thank the following classes for their willingness to move to different locations during our recent renovations.

Beacon Light Class—Thanks for being patient during the entire process as you were displaced for several weeks.

F.O.C.U.S. Class—Thanks for moving to a smaller temporary classroom. I know it was crowded.

Crusader Class—Thanks for moving to temporary classroom space; although it was a short time, it was still an inconvenience.

Thanks also to the F.O.C.U.S. Class for helping with framing the walls in the new classroom space.

Thanks to Terry Shane (Orrville Plumbing and Heating) for the HVAC updates.

Thanks to Bill Snyder for helping with the final painting.

Thanks to Bob Chittenden for all the help during the entire project.

Lastly, this project would not have been possible without the faithful giving of the church members. Thank you for serving our Lord and Savior through your giving.

Jeff Chittenden
Head Trustee



May 4

Andrew & Sarah McGinnis
6th anniversary

May 20

Dennis & Debbie Rinehart
53rd anniversary

May 27

Keith & Sharon Hamsher
58th anniversary

May 18

Erik & Kelly White
24th anniversary

May 23

Jerry & Sue Ungerer
61st anniversary

May 31

Pat & Carolyn Mosier
39th anniversary

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our high school and college graduates during both services on Sunday, June 1st. If you have not notified the church office that you or your student will be graduating, please do so. Thank you!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Those students who will be moving up to a new Sunday school class will do so on June 1st. Families will receive information from the CE Board in advance.

~HYMN SING~

Please join us for the traditional worship service on Sunday, June 15 as we sing some of our favorite hymns; these will be interwoven with the regular elements of the service. If you have a favorite you would like to request, please complete the form available at the Information table to indicate the hymn title and why it is meaningful to you. Completed forms should be placed in the black church office mailbox by Sunday, May 18th.

THIS AND THAT

The May Primetime Lunch will be held on Monday, May 5th at noon in the upper fellowship hall; if you are 55 or over, we hope you will join us for great food and uplifting fellowship.

The May Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 11:30 a.m. at The Barn Restaurant. No need to RSVP. We order off the menu, and each pays their own way. If you have any questions or need a ride, please reach out to Louise Liebhart at 330-347-8544.

May Craft Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 9 to 4 in the upper fellowship hall. Bring your latest craft project and a dish to share for lunch. RSVP to Dee Sillman at 330-466-2287 by Wednesday, May 14th. Hope to see you there!

Akron Rubber Ducks—We are excited to invite you to a fun church family and friends event on Saturday, August 9th. Join us for either or both: a BBQ meal will be served at SBC beginning at 4:30, including hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's. Then, if you'd like, you can head off to a 7:05 Rubber Ducks game with fireworks. Group tickets to the game are \$10. Sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or at the Information table. We have purchased a block of 50 seats at Canal Park, with more available as needed. Deadline to sign up for tickets is Sunday, June 8th.

Wayne County Fair—We The Kingdom—Christian Band We The Kingdom will be the featured Christian offering at this year's Wayne County Fair on Monday, September 8th at 8:00 p.m. Grandstand, patio, and track seating are available. Sign up on the church website. You must pay for your tickets in full before you will receive them from the church office. Deadline to reserve tickets is June 1st.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—July 14th through 17th; watch for details in the coming weeks
CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION—Sunday, December 7th at 2 p.m.



May 1
Jim Rowsey

May 4
Greg Bachman

May 5
Virginia Ray

May 6
Lori Cline
Brian Gasser
Beverly Maasz

May 9
Owen Hart

May 10
Ed Mannion

May 11
Russ King

May 12
Dennis Winey
Pat Martin

May 13
Katrina Hart
Logan Gasser

May 14
Kiley Underwood

May 15
Robert Carpenter
Linda Mong
Linda Winchell

May 16
Olivia Cline

May 17
Geoffrey Zimmerly

May 18
Scott Meech
Betty Coleman

May 19
Cassandra Gasser
Don Mason

May 20
Sylvia King
Don Schwartzfigure

May 21
Brayden Bauman
Ashley Burns

May 22
Linda Dunn

May 24
Bridgett Collins

May 27
Erica Shaffer

May 29
Harper Shaffer
Carolyn Mosier

May 30
Eric Cuixtla
Ted Peplowski

May 31
Donna Ru Lon
Cad Gard
Trent Shane

May 2025

				1	2	3 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
4 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 6:00-7:30 Element 412—Regular Meeting	5 Noon Primetime Meal	6	7 6:00 Vision Team Meeting 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	8	9	10 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
11 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service	12	13 6:30 CE Board Meeting	14 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:00-4:00 Craft Day UFH
18 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 2:00-4:00 Element 412—Mud Bogging	19 6:30 Official Board Meeting	20	21 11:30 Ladies Luncheon @ The Barn Restaurant 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	22	23	24 9:30-11 Element 412—Breakfast w/ Levi & Anna
25 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Memorial Day—Office Closed	27	28 6:30 Time of Prayer	29	30	31

Nursery/Jr Church Schedule

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
9:00 Nursery Traditional Service	Wendy Fetter Nina Hart	Erica Shaffer Nina Hart Averie Mahas		Jennifer Carr
10:15 Nursery Sunday School	Sylvia King Beth/April Pearce	Sylvia King Beth/April Pearce	Sylvia King Beth/April Pearce	Sylvia King Beth/April Pearce
11:30 Nursery Contemporary Service	Lori Cline Anna Sprowls	Rochelle Shane Gwen Zimmerly	Wendy Fetter Julie Hostettler	Bridgett Collins
9:00 Jr. Church Traditional Service	Jill Harris Jessie Dravenstott	Debbie Rinehart Elizabeth Frantz	Emily Chenevey Bridgett Collins	Susan Boyes Beth Pearce
11:30 Jr. Church Contemporary Service	Deb Cline Cassandra Gasser	Chet Underwood Sarah Bozsik	Russ King Sabrina Brandenburg	Susan Dilyard Elizabeth Frantz

Ministry Statistics: Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance			Weekly Giving
	Sunday School	9:00	11:30	
April 6	142	189	82	\$24,370.81
April 13	147	204	70	\$15,353.78
April 20	151	244	83	\$6,520.52
April 27	134	181	69	\$10,585.98

Ministry Statistics: Designated Giving

Camp Bethany	\$1,200	Riverside Christian School	\$310
Element 412	\$400	Rubber Ducks Tickets	\$150
Facilities Usage	\$300	SBC Camp Scholarship	\$50
Flowers	\$150	SBC Capital Improvement	\$600
Friends' Club	\$400	SBC Scholarship	\$125
Music Committee Fund	\$150	Salt & Light Ministry	\$216
Ohio Star Theater Outing	\$1,139.58	Wayne County Fair Tickets	\$150
Primetime	\$150		

INQUIRER'S CLASS

**Sunday, June 1st, 8th, & 15th
during the Sunday School hour,
10:15-11:15, in the Library**

There is still time to sign up if you are interested in learning more about the church, what we believe and why, how to become a member, and opportunities to serve. Sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or call the church office at 330-669-2267.

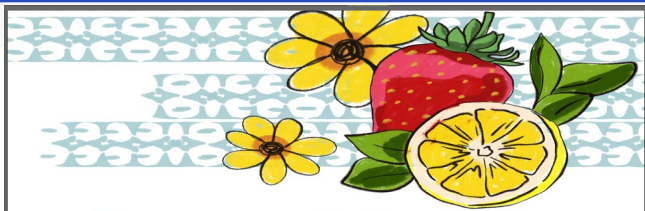


Address Update:
Colin & Clara Agnes
14969 N. Elyria Rd
West Salem OH 44287



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

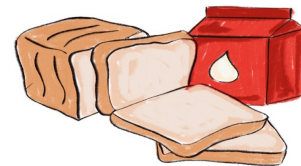
"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." (Proverbs 31:25-28)



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



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