



**SMITHVILLE  
BRETHREN CHURCH**

*“Introducing people to Christ - together becoming completely committed Christians.”*

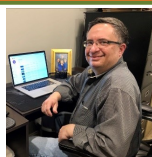


# Forward Look

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## From the Associate Pastor... Kingdom Wealth Series

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Nothing reveals our priorities like how we handle our money. Jesus said,

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21 NIV)**

Picture “treasure” and “heart” as two cars on a train. Which one is the engine and which one the caboose? For years I imagined my heart as the engine and my treasure as the caboose. My passions would cause me to open my wallet and give. But if you reread the verse, it is clear to Jesus how we spend our money drives our heart.

In 2008, I purchased my first brand new car – a 2008 Honda Civic LX, silver exterior with gray interior. It was a great step up from my first car – a 1971 Chevy Impala, two tone – rust and what was left of a dark green exterior. The foam seats looked like a dog was let loose with the doors locked. My first purchase was a lime-green seat cover. Every other purchase was gas.

Prior to buying the Civic, I never noticed them on the road. After I purchased it, I secretly congratulated every other driver I saw for the wise purchase. I washed the car. I cleaned the car. And I got upset when my boys spilled epoxy in the backseat – an event scarring enough I’m convinced my oldest tried to buy the car years later out of guilt (for the record, he was forgiven about an hour after the epoxy hit the seat). Paying \$17,000 for the car was a significant investment of money, and even more my heart. I CARED what happened to the car. Prior to the purchase, anyone but my boys could have spilled epoxy in the backseat, and I wouldn’t have given it another thought. But after ... well, that was a different story!

If you want to know where your heart will be in the future, look where your money is going today. Every dollar, every penny is an investment of your heart somewhere – which is why organizations looking for contributions will allow you to give even \$1. They know that once they can get a dollar of your heart, it is that much easier to get even more.

Giving is a spiritual discipline because it trains our heart to notice and to care about other people and other things. Which is one reason to make sure you give generously to the Lord and to others. And if you think this seems a bit radical, remember: God instructed the Israelites to keep the edges of their beards untrimmed – to match how they were to leave unharvested the edges of their fields where the poor could come and collect what they needed to survive. Literally, every Jewish man was a reminder to every other Jewish man to remember the poor!

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. Thank you for your gener-



April	Stuffies, Dolls and Accessories	Stuffed animals, dolls; be sure they are small enough to tuck in a box with other items
May	Hygiene Items (no liquids)	Bar soap in original packaging, washcloths, hairbrushes, combs, solid deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.
June	Quality Toys, Wow Gifts	Soccer ball with pump, dolls, jump ropes, musical instruments, fishing gear, tools, sewing supplies, binoculars, etc.
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

This month I would like to shout a HUGH Thank-you to Judy & Dan Hostettler. For Judy who encouraged her husband Dan to create and design a new Book Return for the Church Library. Stop in and take a look at the new L-O-N-G table built by Bob Chittenden and now the new Book Return by Dan Hostettler. What gifted men and women we have in this church. We are SO blessed!!! Thank you- God Bless!! I have just one book I would like to highlight this month but I am adding new books all the time to the library. Thank you all for supporting the library either by donating books, or reading. We are adding lots of different types of books each month, so stop in and sign out a book to enjoy at home.

- “Roots of Wood and Stone” by Amanda Wen. Amanda Wen is an award-winning writer of inspirational romance and split-time women’s fiction. She currently lives in Wichita, Kansas, with her husband and three children. This is her FIRST book. “Vulnerable and multifaceted characters...learn to trust God’s plans over their own well-intentioned decisions...in this satisfying moving novel.”

Look for these New Books on the Library back wall or on the table.

Keep Reading!  
Your Librarian,

Rachel Krabill

Quote: “The possibilities are numerous once we decide to act and not react.” George Bernard Shaw

**April 1**  
Brian & Mary Weeman  
46th anniversary

**April 4**  
Ben & Courtney Maibach  
15th anniversary

**April 9**  
Dale & Donna Shamp  
70th anniversary

**April 23**  
Bruce & Barb Byler  
30th anniversary



## ELEMENT 412 EVENTS (6TH-12TH GRADE)

April 14th  
12:30-4 p.m.

Painting Sr. High  
Classroom

Wear painting clothes  
and RSVP to Pastor Scott  
for lunch.

April 28th 6-7:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

## FRIENDS' CLUB (AGES 5-5TH GRADE)

April 21 2-4 p.m.

Service Projects

Please enter through the doors  
on the west side of the church  
by the lower fellowship hall.  
Weather permitting, we will go  
play in the park when our work  
is done. This will be the last  
Friends' Club event for the  
2023/2024 year.

*Thank You!*

### **My Sincere Thanks!**

Thank you so much for your cards and words for my brother, Roger. He was ready to go home, and his passing on March 3 was peaceful. Also, thank you for prayers for my nephew, Eric Anderson, who died on February 28. While I am losing my relatives, I am gaining more of my church family. For that I am sincerely thankful.

Sheila Keener

### **Smithville Brethren Church,**

Thank you for your donations to Riverside Christian School.  
Avery, 8th grade



## **THIS AND THAT**

**Ladies Luncheon:** The April gathering will be at The Barn Restaurant on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:30 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend. No need to sign up or RSVP. If you have questions or need a ride, please reach out to Louise Liebhart at 330-347-8544.

**Primetime Meal, May 6 at 5 p.m.;** sign up on the church website at smithvillebrethren.org or call the church office at 330-669-2267. Plan to attend the Ashland University Choir and Chamber Singers Concert after dinner.

**Mark your calendar:** The dates for 2024 VBS are Monday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 25th.

**Crafters/Hobbyists Of All Ages:** Our next Craft Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the upper fellowship hall. All ages are welcome; bring a dish to share for lunch. RSVP to Dee Sillman @ 330-466-2287 by May 15th.

**Did you know that Smithville Brethren Church has a golf team?** We do! It is called the Monday Night Church Golf League. The team is open to teenagers, men and women. We play at Riceland and games start at 5pm, starting in May. If you would like more information or to join the team, contact Lloyd Horst, by April 21, by phone, text or email: 330-465-7402, lkhorst8@gmail.com.

**Summer Reading Program begins June 1st.** The format will be very similar to previous years. Students will receive a reading log with instructions. Log your reading time and earn prizes. Easter books and scripture covering Holy Week will be included in eligible materials.



**April 1**  
Jax Hostettler

**April 2**  
Anita Rennecker  
Sabrina Brandenburg

**April 3**  
Sue Roe

**April 5**  
Kali Hupp

**April 6**  
Melissa Underwood  
Randy Wengerd

**April 7**  
Judy Hostettler  
Lisa Zemancik  
Cora McGinnis  
Wilma Hartzler

**April 10**  
Jerry Ungerer

**April 11**  
Tolan Shane

**April 12**  
Bethany Kaufman  
Aaron Meech  
Nora Zemancik

**April 13**  
Richard Kail

**April 15**  
Norm Ream  
Charlie Shaffer

**April 16**  
Eric Mast  
Shirley Nickles

**April 17**  
Andrew McGinnis  
Art Carr  
Howard Martin  
Katie Border

**April 19**  
Tori McConahay

**April 20**  
Daniel Bachman  
Sylvia Stovall

**April 21**  
Brenda Brandenburg  
Linda Sauer

**April 22**  
Wendy Kaufman  
Eldon Young

**April 26**  
Brett Underwood

**April 27**  
Dennis Rinehart

**April 28**  
Rick Dilyard  
Sheila Keener

# April 2024

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bible Study 10-11:30/6:30-8 UFH/Room 202	<b>3</b> 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Bell Choir practice
<b>7</b> 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study 10-11:30/6:30-8 UFH/Room 202 6:30 CE Board Mtg	<b>10</b> 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
<b>14</b> 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 12:30-4 Element 412 Painting	<b>15</b> 6:30 Official Board Mtg	<b>16</b> Bible Study 10-11:30/6:30-8 UFH/Room 202	<b>17</b> 11:30 Ladies Luncheon at the Barn Restaurant 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
<b>21</b> 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 2-4 Friends' Club Service Project	<b>22</b> Church Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 Bell Choir practice
<b>28</b> 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 6-7:30 Element 412 Regular Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study 10-11:30/6:30-8 UFH/Room 202				

### Nursery/Jr Church Schedule

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
9:00 Nursery Traditional Service	Jennifer Carr Emily Chenevey	Kelly White	Wendy Fetter	
10:15 Nursery Sunday School	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King	Beth/April Pearce Sylvia King
11:30 Nursery Contemporary		Ashley Burns Sarah Bozsik	Bridgett Collins Kayla Hartzler	Julie Hostettler Rochelle Shane
9:00 Jr. Church Traditional Service	Debbie Rinehart Jessie Dravenstott	Emily Chenevey Chin-Chin Frantz	Susan Dilyard Beth Pearce	Susan Boyes Bridgett Collins
11:30 Jr. Church Contemporary Service	Deb Cline Sabrina Brandenburg	Chet Underwood Cassandra Gasser	Cindy Cline Sarah Bozsik	Russ King Ashley Burns

### Ministry Statistics: Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance			Weekly Giving
	Sunday School	9:00	11:30	
March 3	161	191	57	\$17,020.28
March 10	148	183	55	\$15,772.37
March 17	157	184	102	\$7,614.54
March 24	148	203	52	\$5,772.55
March 31	134	Sunrise 61/230	87	\$44,027.28

### Ministry Statistics: Designated Giving

Brethren Church (The)	\$1,000	Music	\$300
Bus Trip	\$4,530	Primetime Meals	\$500
Camp Bethany	\$6,200	Riverside Christian School	\$1,000
Element 412, including Fundraising	\$1,335	SBC Improvements	\$2,600
Friends' Club	\$850	SBC Video System Improvements	\$1,000
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,000	SBC Scholarship	\$2,000
King Memorial	\$500	Salt & Light Ministry	\$420
Library	\$500	World Missions	\$1,500

**Prayer Update**

Janet Douglas is now living with her daughter. Please remember her in your prayers. This is her new address if you would like to send her a card or note of encouragement.

Janet Douglas  
5219 Doylestown Rd  
Creston OH 44217

**Mark Your Calendar!**

The Ashland University Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert in the sanctuary on Monday, May 6th at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. Please plan to attend.

Andrew and Sara McGinnis will be sharing briefly in both services and more extensively during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, June 30. We look forward to hearing about their experiences in Cameroon, as well as where God is leading them in the future.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Art Carr - artcarr@earthlink.net  
**ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH:**  
Rev. Scott Fetter - sfetter500@msn.com  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Ted Peplowski - tpeplowski@aol.com

# Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Blooms that have petals	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Spring precipitation	16 17 18 19
Puffy and white in the sky	20 21 22 23 24 25
Soil	26 27 28 29
Lawn	30 31 32 33 34
Must be weeded and tended	35 36 37 38 39 40
Tiptoe through these	41 42 43 44 45 46
Baby sheep	47 48 49 50 51
We need food and this	52 53 54 55 56
God made this from nothing	57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64
A sign of God's promise	65 66 67 68 69 70 71
These, in April, bring May flowers	72 73 74 75 76 77 78

	1	10	13	15	25	39	38		2	7	13		5	22	23		12	73	11
17	31	39		45	22	63	7		9	70	56		5	22	23	58	46		
	27	15		61	73	13		4	18	19	30	26	22	49		22	9		
30	63	26		1	47	55	72	78	39	26		60	77	59		5	74	23	
	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
5	63	23		75	18	10	47		1	76		72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26		1	43	55	72	78	76	24		2	7	13		5	22	23		75	73
22		12	59	39	45		64	63	52		9	22	58		5	70	42		
52	44	10	47		10	2	23	35	73										

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, snows; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

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