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Mothers are Important

By JoEllen Landman

In recognition of Mother's Day on May 11, various members of our church family were asked for opinions on their mothers. I polled a wide range of folks, from the wee ones in the church nursery, to the pastoral staff. Here are some of their responses. (Thanks to all who participated!)

What important things did your mother teach you?

- Mommy helps me potty. (Kaylin Fisher, age 2)
- We talk to Jesus. (Helen Wood, age 2)
- How to tie my shoes and say my A-B-C's. (Prince Sandy, age 5)
- To pick up my toys in the play room. (Lucy Prosek, age 5)
- How to dust. (Ciella Adams, age 7)
- She taught me to earn my allowance by cleaning the cat box and vacuuming. (Braeden Adams, age 10)
- My Mom taught me how to love. (David Wilcox, age 16)
- My Mom taught me how to stand on my own two feet. (Jackie Willis, age 17)
- She has taught me to never give up. No matter what I've done, wrong or right, she's always been there for me with open arms. (Jeff Bayley, age 19)
- To be independent and my own person...always have my own circle of friends and money! (LouAnn Crill)
- Not everyone will like you but as long as you like yourself, you'll be fine. She also taught me how to bowl, sew, and cook. I do two of those three things pretty well. (Kari Lashley)
- How to love and be kind to others, and how to cook and iron. (Dolores Suckow)
- My mother read me Bible stories at lunch while I was growing up. (Scott Brader)
- In the midst of great adversity, she taught me (through observation) to never give up and that God was always in control. She always believed in me and built within me a sense of God's purpose for my life. (Pastor Glenn)

What do you think mothers want most on Mother's Day?

- Flowers and a puppy. My mom calls me her puppy. (Sarah MacLean, age 6)
- Flowers. And probably money. (Ciella Adams, age 7)
- She doesn't care what she gets as long as it comes from my heart. (Amanda Patton, age 10)
- My Mom would just like for us kids to listen to her for once. (Braeden Adams, age 10)
- To be appreciated. (David Wilcox, age 16)
- Simply to be remembered. It's amazing what a card and a phone call can do. (Pastor Glenn)
- Peace within the family and no arguing. (Dolores Suckow)

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he lives. He is friends and neighbors with Rev. Gale and Millie Baldridge and ministered with the Baldridges some years ago in Ironton, OH. Their boys went through high school together. Rev. Wheeler has written several books and frequently speaks to senior citizen groups including the Prime Timer's group here at our church. His new book, *Widowers Hurt, Too* includes chapters entitled, *The Silence of the Night*, *How Do I Change the Sweeper Bag?* and *Dare I Think of Remarriage?* Grieving spouses are tempted to withdraw and stay home, Rev. Wheeler says. But his book encourages them to keep going out to dinner, on vacation, visit with friends, prepare to make new friends and plan to do at least one thing outside their homes each day.

This neat little book is useful for folks experiencing widowhood, for those who minister to such individuals (deacons, SS teachers, small group leaders, etc.) and as a study tool for small groups interested in discussing this life event. An appropriate Bible verse, prayer and several practical suggestions are included in every chapter.

The large print book is available in the KRBC library. Books can also be ordered by contacting Rev. Wheeler at gwheeler@juno.com or by calling him at (614) 846-6076. The cost of the book is \$10. Shipping and handling are extra.

Year-to-Date Giving

January 1 to March 31, 2008

General Fund:

Expenses: \$169,793
Giving to date: \$167,880
Giving Last year: \$176,346

Giving at the end of March for the General Fund was \$8,466 less than 2007.

Missions Giving:

Expenses: \$ 21,883
Giving to date: \$ 30,876
Giving Last year: \$ 35,274

Giving at the end of March for Missions was \$4,398 less than 2007.

3rd in Total American Baptist Mission Support \$86,582.38
11th in Per Capita-Total American Baptist Mission Support



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Busy...Busy...Busy

A Ministry Update by Pastor Rick Breusch

I want to let you know what four important groups are doing on behalf of the congregation these days. I'm no great lover of meetings, but it seems that there's just no way we can get around them at the present time. Each of the following groups are busy (or soon will be!) in helping our church be more effective in ministry. Please pray for each group and its members regularly!

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has met on three occasions. We have been looking at other church constitutions and observing how other congregations are governed and organized. We've been reading the book, *Winning on Purpose*, by John Kaiser. The intent of the book is to help organize congregations to succeed in their mission. We have spent considerable time in group discussion and are, at present, considering different organizational models for our church. Group members include Paul Baldrige (chairperson), Diane Burns, Laura Hall, Arnie Penzek, Bryan Prosek and Doug Lambert. Dick Shaw, Pastor Glenn and myself are *ex officio* members. In addition, the committee has asked a subgroup made up of Cory Baugher, Brian Metzger and Dave Merz to consider possible changes and

updates to our church's affirmation of faith in the constitution.

The Long Range Planning Committee has met on two occasions. The first meeting provided an opportunity for committee members to share their personal expectations, hopes and dreams for the process, to discuss the committee's immediate next steps and to pray together for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Over the next few months, committee members are being asked to read three books and come prepared to discuss the implications of what they have read for our church. At our second meeting, we had an excellent discussion of the book, *Direct Hit*, by Paul Borden. We plan to continue that discussion in May as we also start reading our second book, *Shaped By God's Heart*, by Milfred Minatrea. Our second meeting also included a significant time of prayer. A sense of spiritual energy, excitement and optimism filled the room! Group members include Scott Brader (chairperson), Brad Fisher, Paul Baldrige, Tod Bowen, Glenn Myres, Steve Foor, Jeff Lashley, Krista Wood, Mary Ruth Mossbarger, Jenny Evans, Susan Edwards and Ron Stults. Dick Shaw, Pastor Glenn and myself are *ex officio* members.

The Music Committee has begun its constitutionally mandated responsibility to act as a search team when there is a vacancy in the Music Director position. It will also assume the responsibility of finding a permanent Church Organist now that Blythe Ann Cooper has stepped down as our Music Director. At its initial meeting, Donna Lambert and Sandy Baldrige agreed to serve as co-chairpersons of the committee. We spent considerable time discussing our present situation musically, reviewing current job descriptions and what might be options to move forward. It was also agreed that the committee's proceedings would be strictly confidential until recommendations concerning both positions are made to Church Council. Other group members include Brian Arnold, Andrea Baugher, Neva Ellis, Jody Mitchell and Benji Wilson.

The task and responsibility of **The Youth Pastor Search Team** was approved at the March Church Council meeting to lead the effort to replace Jared Trumbo as our Youth Pastor once the Trumbos leave us for their new ministry in China. Pastor Glenn is leading the effort to invite selected church members to serve on this team. We hope an initial meeting can be held next month.

Women's Connection Spring Fling Thing Saturday, May 17 10 a.m. - Noon

by Andrea Baugher



If you were a plant, how would you describe your roots? Are they strong and healthy? Are they struggling in some challenging soil? Have they been transplanted to an unfamiliar landscape?

The Women's Connection invites you to our second Spring Fling Thing: "Rooted!" This brunch is open to all women ages 12 and up, so bring a friend! We will talk about the health of our roots and feature a few KRBC ladies who are about to be transplanted.

Bring a plant! If you have a plant that can be split or one that makes good cuttings, bring a couple of the new pieces with you. Ladies who are interested can trade plant cuttings and see how they take root in a new home! (This is optional, of course.)

Want to help? We need about a dozen ladies to host tables. This involves decorating the table (tablecloth, centerpiece), providing place settings (napkins, plates, cups, utensils), and making sure any guests feel welcome. You can decorate however you like and even team up to host one or more tables! Contact Diane Baugher at 246-6051 to get involved in this exciting event.

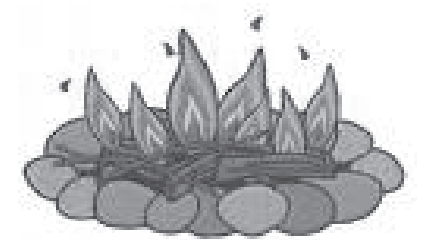
Everyone else may register in the lobby until May 11—be sure to reserve your seat! A donation of \$5 at the event is appreciated, though not required. Note: Child care will not be available.

KRBC Men's



Softball season is here and we are in need of players. If you are interested in being a part of the softball team, please contact Tod Bowen at 296-2310 or todbowen@insight.rr.com. The season began April 21. Games are played at the Whetstone Park of Roses in Clintonville on Monday evenings at either 6:15 or 7:15 p.m.

Church Family Retreat July 11-13 at Camp Mowana



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With both her words and her everyday life, my mother taught me from day one that Jesus and the things of God should be the number one priority and focus of my life. There was no such thing as "nominal" Christianity with her! She taught me the value of taking an interest in other people. She modeled how to take the initiative to reach out to people through conversation, etc. which then provided opportunities for both friendship and ministry. ~Pastor Rick

My Mom (Flo Campbell) loves me unconditionally, encourages me, and has always been there for me (which included being at home every afternoon after school, waiting for me to share my day with her.) ~Linda Campbell

After I got married and started a family, it became real clear that my mother was NOT exaggerating about married life, being a housewife or mother. It's not always fun but it's always worth it. My mom was always my BEST supporter. ~LouAnn Crill

By example, my mother (Millie Baldrige) taught me three key ingredients of life: a Christian conscience so that I might live a spiritual life; a positive attitude so that I would be happy and generous towards my family and others; and a determined heart to use the gifts God gave me for the benefit of my "neighbors." While it may not always be possible for children to be with their mother on Mother's Day, it's important for a mother to know she is in the thoughts of her children. Mother's Day is that opportune time for children to show their appreciation for the love and guidance they have received. A card, phone call, visit, meal or some other expression of love and appreciation is what a mother wants most from her children on Mother's Day. ~Paul Baldrige

The most important thing my mother taught me was to be patient. It really is a virtue and good things come to those who wait. My mother (Doris Neville) was such a sweet and giving person. Her needs came last after everyone else was taken care of. Her smile lingers in my memory. Her eyes would just light up. I will always have fond memories of the days when we worked together at the Rehabilitation Services Commission. We were in different departments yet would eat lunch together every day. Some days after work, we would go on shopping trips and close down the stores! I believe that mothers just want to spend time with their children on Mother's Day. If the child is too far away, a phone call to say "I love you and I miss you" is essential. ~Vicki (Neville) Truax

Scholarships for College

It's that time of year again and the Scholarship Committee wants to notify the church body that there are limited scholarships available for students seeking to attend college or continuing to pursue their college education. Applications are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby for those who are interested. To qualify, the applicant must be an official member in good standing with the church. Listed below are the types of scholarships available:

Van Anderson Jr. Scholarship - Students who qualify and attend Seminary for full time Christian service.

L.C. Peterson Scholarship - Students who qualify and attend Christian college or seminary or attend an accredited college or university.

Isabelle Scott Scholarship - Students pursuing the nursing profession, and attending a college or university for this purpose.

The applications are to be received in the church office **on or before June 1, 2008**.

Inquiries can be directed to the church office, 614.885.3929, who will forward your questions to the Scholarship Committee.



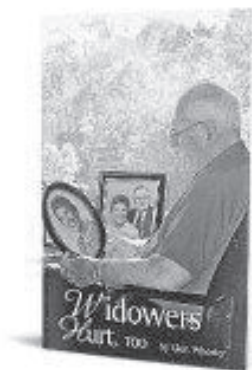
From the Church Family

Have you noticed the updated look around church lately? Someone has been busy with spring cleaning and fix-up jobs! Many thanks to Lacy Worley and son, Sean Worley, and the Tuesday Morning Work Crew for making much needed improvements to our building. The men painted the Sunday school classrooms, nurseries, restrooms, and lobby; constructed and installed built-in wooden cabinets in the CE office; and crafted the new sturdy wood railing in the first floor hallway of the Schlatter wing. The handrail is especially appreciated by our senior citizens who now find it easier to maneuver the steep incline as they enter the church from the outside doors. Another building improvement the "Crew" did this past winter was to stain and install locked wooden doors on several open alcove areas around the building. These finished closets are now secure storage spaces.

The Tuesday Morning Work Crew is mostly retired men from our church family with a wealth of building and maintenance skills. Frank Neville, Lew Ash, Dave Suckow, Arnie Penzek, Dave Coffey and Jack Leindecker (and occasionally a few others) meet at church every Tuesday morning for coffee and chores and have saved the church budget countless costs in repairing and maintaining the building and grounds. (Have you priced a plumber lately?) What would we do without these handy guys? We look forward to many additional projects from them in the future! THANKS!

Widowers Hurt, Too

by JoEllen Landman



Have you considered what your life would be like if your spouse died? Not all widows and widowers are aged. Many are young. Death does not respect age. The Reverend Glen Wheeler has written a self-published book, *Widowers Hurt, Too*, as a guideline for others who find themselves widowed and alone. He shares practical advice but mostly gives encouragement and provides prayers. Rev. Wheeler's life story and a review of his new book were featured in the March 28, 2008 Faith & Values section of the Columbus Dispatch (written by Meredith Heagney.) Rev. Wheeler told me that

since the Dispatch article was printed, he has had many positive responses from both widowers and couples who have never discussed widowhood or feel, "we are not old enough to die."

Reverend Wheeler's beloved wife, Evelyn, died in 1981 at age 55, a day after she had heart surgery. The Church of Christ minister was devastated after losing his wife of 33 years and spent years struggling with the difficulties of widowhood. His painful journey paved the way for others suffering the loss of a spouse to not only survive, but to thrive. Rev. Wheeler, 82 years young, stays busy serving as director of the Ohio Church Development Fund and the chaplain at Worthington Christian Village where

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At times of sorrow, it is so precious to have loving Christian friends to feel our loss and uphold us in so many ways. Words can't express how much we appreciate all the cards, words of encouragement and your many prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Rick for his message, Pastor Glenn for reading the scriptures, also to Blythe Ann for the music and Lois Allen for playing the organ. We also are grateful for everyone that helped serve us a very nice luncheon that everyone enjoyed. We are still enjoying a beautiful flower arrangement from the Bethany Class and a lovely planter from the church. We love you all.

Bill and Arlene Kinnell

Many thanks for the cards, visits, and phone calls I received while I was in the hospital for knee replacement and also Friendship Village for therapy. It really means a lot to have such a wonderful, caring church family. Special thanks to Pastor Rick and Pastor Glenn for their prayers and visits.

Virginia Hogle

Thank you so much for the flowers, thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

The families of Paul and Ron Jarrett

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and all your support.

Carolyn Bachman

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, and caring that were sent my way during my recuperation time. It is so meaningful to know that you care. What do people do who don't have a church family!

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Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Dianne, Mandy, Shanna, Sam & Liz Putnam

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Communion 9:00a Worship/Sanc 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship/FH 5:00p CE Mtg 6:00p Fish Bowl	5 5:00p Golf 7:00p Westerville Group	6 8:00a Work Team 9:00a BSF Leaders 5:00p Last ASC 6:00p Missions Comm 7:00p Deep End, Wood, Campbell & Rope Grps 7:30p Worthington Grp	7 6:15p Fellowship Dinner 6:45p Chancel Choir 6:45p Clubs, 3D & Sewing 6:45p College Bible Study	8 9:00a BSF 7:00p Deacon Mtg	9 9:00a MDO 10:00a Yard Sale Setup	10 8:00a Band Practice 8:00a Yard Sale til 2p 4:00p Chair Setup in FH
11 9:00a Worship/Sanc 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship/FH 6:00p Fish Bowl	12 5:00p Golf 7:00p Westerville Group	13 8:00a Work Team 9:00a BSF Leaders 12:00p Prime Timers 7:00p Deep End, Wood, Campbell & Rope Grps 7:00p Long Range Planning/115 7:30p Worthington Grp	14 6:15p Last Fellowship Dinner 6:45p Chancel Choir 6:45p Clubs, 3D & Sewing 6:45p College Bible Study	15 9:00a BSF 7:00p Women's & Lashley Groups	16 9:00a MDO 4:00p Setup for Spring Fling	17 8:00a Band Practice 12:00p Women's Connection Spring Fling/FH & Kit
18 9:00a Worship/Sanc 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship/FH 1:10p Violin Recital til 5p 6:00p Fish Bowl	19 5:00p Golf 7:00p Westerville Group	20 8:00a Work Team 9:00a BSF Leaders 1:00p Kim Brown 7:00p Stewards Mtg 7:00p Deep End, Wood, Campbell & Rope Grps 7:30p Worthington Grp	21 6:30p Sr Banquet/Chapel 6:45p Chancel Choir 6:45p College Bible Study 6:45p 3D	22 9:00a Last BSF	23 9:00a MDO	24 9:30a Band Practice
25 9:00a Worship/Sanc 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship/FH 6:00p Prayer Gathering 6:00p No Fish Bowl	26 5:00p No Golf 7:00p Westerville Group	27 8:00a Work Team 7:00p Deep End, Wood, Campbell & Rope Grps 7:00p Church Council 7:30p Worthington Grp	28 6:45p College Bible Study 6:45p 3D	29	30 9:00a Last MDO	31 9:30a Band Practice