

Welcome To Community

October 22, 2023

Today's Message

Losing Life to Find It

Matthew 16:21-27



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 **Community**Church
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Distribution of shoeboxes will be Sunday, October 22, 29, and conclude Sunday, November 5, 2023. All filled shoeboxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 12. Shoeboxes can be picked up in the church lobby between services. Be sure to stop by our table to get yours!!

Turn in your Faith Promise by October 31st!

My Faith Promise

Why is missions important?

"Supporting the idea of missions and individual missionaries is important because it is God's plan in this world to establish new churches and bring new believers to Christ through the work of missions."

Have you submitted your Faith Promise?

Cards were mailed out last week, we also have some located in the back of the seats in the Worship Center. Please submit them in the box located on the coffee bar or in the offering boxes through the end of October.



TODAY!! RAIN OR SHINE 4PM!

Please remember to not leave your cars in the parking lot after church

What's Happening

Students: We're going back to Costa Rica! Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, our student ministry would take international mission trips, providing students with an incredible experience to grow in the faith and the opportunity to live out the great commission by taking the gospel to the ends of the earth! In the summer of 2024 we are going back to Costa Rica! We are so excited to once again take a team of students and equip them to make a difference for the kingdom of God. Over the next couple of months, we'll have interest meetings to share more about the trip and answer questions. If you or your student are at all interested in applying to join our Costa Rica team, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these brief meetings. Interest Meetings will be October 29th, 5:00-5:45pm, November 26th, 12:30-1:15pm and December 6th, 5:15-6:00pm

Encore: On Oct. 25th at 1:00pm we will be showing *The Inn Of The Sixth Happiness* starring Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens, & Robert Donat. After making her way to China to become a missionary, an English parlor

maid wins the heart of a Eurasian colonel and the respect of the local Mandarin. But her greatest accomplishment is leading 100 homeless children to safety across enemy-held terrain during Japan's invasion of China. Adapted from the novel "The Small Woman" about the true-life story of Gladys Aylward, this powerfully poignant film is inspiring entertainment from beginning to end.

Ladies: Just One More Chapter! Book Club is meeting Tuesday, October 24, 6:30pm. The book for October is *Journey to the Well* by Diana Wallis Taylor. JOMC! Book Club is for all ladies who love to read and want to get together to discuss the stories. All ladies are welcome! Looking ahead the book for November is *The Christmas Dress* by Courtney Cole. November will be our last meeting for 2023 and we will be celebrating with a Christmas Tea. Contact Jessica Krege (330-622-3897) if you have questions.

Gospel Hymn Sing: Requests are being accepted in the lobby at the Connect Center.

Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Glenn George with Summit County Sheriff's Office** chaplaingeorge@sbcglobal.net, of Akron, OH -- Glenn and his wife, Raette are long-time members of CCPL. As Chaplain with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, he counsels local officers and attends funerals of those lost in the line of duty. He has been deployed both to The World Trade Center (twice following 9/11) and to Ft Myers, FL in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. The latter, through the auspices of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. He is Lead Chaplain for Northeast Ohio in the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. His stated goal, "Helping people to see the light when they think there is no hope."

Friends Who Are Sick - Dave Baker, Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia Burdette, Don Burdette, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Judy Odom, Grace Patterson, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Richard Fox (Coalridge), Al Moses (AlterCare)

Special Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request and would like to call the prayer chains

Daytime
8am-6pm

Mona Hoppstock
234-678-8006

Kathy Walker
330-607-4134

Evening
6-10pm

Bonnie Hutchison
330-644-5352

Diana Pryor
330-882-9857

Email

Sonya DeBerte
fearzero@aol.com

Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$13,538**

Weekly General Fund Need **\$17,345**

This Week

Sunday

4:00PM Trunk of Treat

Monday

12:30PM Ladies Prayer Group

1:30PM Sister's In Christ Study

6:30PM Ladies Monday Study

Tuesday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

8:00AM Breakfast at HM

9:30AM Tuesday's Acts Study

6:30PM Men's Evening Study

6:30PM JOMC Book Club

6:30PM Elder Meeting

7:00PM C & C Small Group

Wednesday

1:00PM Encore Matinee

6:30PM Kids Clubs

6:30PM Youth Small Groups

6:30PM Broken Vessels Study

6:30PM Ladies Prayer Group

7:00PM Choir

Thursday

10:00AM Encore Bible Study

7:00PM Galvanized

Friday

8:00PM Secret Assassin

Saturday

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