



"Love God, Love Others: It Will Change Your Life"

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Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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9:00 to NOON

SUNDAY

Coffee & Donuts:
9:15
Bible Study: 9:30
Service: 10:30



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JANUARY 2017
NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Eric.....

Like most of you, I have been thinking a lot the past couple of weeks about what I want for Christmas. I've walked through the stores and searched online. For the first time in my life, I really cannot think of anything in a store that is my heart's desire. What I really want is not a new toy for Christmas, although I won't turn one away!

What I really want this Christmas is love to abound. I am beginning to believe that love is becoming a rare commodity. Think about work, school, or scrolling the latest Facebook news feed. When was the last time you walked away from the conversation believing the world is a great place to live and encouraged about our future? Instead, we see and hear ranting and complaining because someone didn't get what someone wanted. What we see in the world are people assuming the worst in one another, gossiping and fighting over the littlest of things. It's exhausting, and if we are not careful, and allow it to, it will change us.

The church is called to be in the world, but not of the world. We are called to look differently. Think differently. Live differently. Jesus teaches us to...

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

The world is spiritually and emotionally draining, but belonging to a church family should be life giving and changing. The church is to be the one place where we assume the best in one another, where greed and selfishness die. It should be a place marked by love. My prayer this Christmas and for the New Year is that this is the description people will use of me and Christians throughout Angola. My prayer is that all of us are marked by love. As our culture continues to become more focused on self, may we become a church known for our love for others. The darker and more divided our culture becomes the greater the opportunity for God's church to shine and demonstrate an alternative way of living. 2017 offers us a great opportunity to demonstrate loving to a world that desperately needs to experience it.

PVCC Mission Outreach

The following enterprises are supported through 10% of your tithes and offerings. Some of them are area or local, while others are focused on foreign or distant ministry. We list them so that you will remember to be generous in your giving, your service and your prayers.

- **Lake James Christian Assembly** (year-round local Christian camping and retreat facility that services all ages).
- **Project Help of Steuben County** (food and assistance program for local needy).
- **Steuben County Associated Churches** (providing Bible classes in connection with local public schools).
- **Trine University Christian Campus House** (outreach to students and staff on local university campus: **Travis Wilhelm, Jordan Childress, and Jessica Reimesch, Pam Dick**, staff).
- **Turning Point** (homeless shelter and camps for handicapped individuals).
- **Woodburn Christian Children's Home** (helping needy children and their families through an in-house, Christian environment).
- **Cincinnati Christian University: Bible College, Seminary and College of Adult Learning**, Cincinnati, Ohio (training Christian leaders for churches, the mission field, education and counseling fields).
- **Great Lakes Christian College** – Lansing, Michigan (training men and women to serve Christ's Kingdom).
- **International Disaster Emergency Services** (IDES – responding to disasters and emergencies with Christian compassion around the world).
- **Pioneer Bible Translators (Michael and Megan Barton**, currently in Tanzania, East Africa, translating the Bible for people groups without God's Word in their native tongue).
- **PVCC Youth Short-term Mission** (assisting our young people so they can experience helping others). Kids Against Hunger and IDES fish banks.
- **Russian Outreach Network (Scott and Carmen LaRue**, ministry to Russian-speaking peoples to make disciples through planting churches, training local leaders, and providing printed materials).
- **Man in the Mirror (Bernie Kaufman)**. For 30 years MIM has been equipping men to disciple men in local churches.

THANK YOU

The past two weeks would have been so much harder, if not for all the prayers and love from our church family!

-Mark & Becky Andrzejewski

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, food & visits during my cancer treatments. Your prayer support has been wonderful and it is so nice to have a church family who puts love into action. Thanks for all you have done to make down days a little nicer.

-Ellie Wilson



MISSION OUTREACH

Our Mission statement: *"It is the mission of the PVCC Missions Outreach to show our love for God and others by using our time, talents, energy and financial resources in support of our global, national and community missions."*

Gatlinburg Tennessee Fire Destruction

International Disaster Emergency Service, a sponsored mission by PVCC, is currently working with the Smokey Mountain Christian Church with assistance. The fires in the woodlands and into communities absolutely devastated the area. Homes of families were damaged or completely destroyed. The clean-up process continues to be underway and the recovery will take a long time. IDES is moving into areas as it becomes safe to assist during the recovery. Sheds for storage of recovered items or a safe place for a family's food or re-construction tools will be used in places necessary for affected families.

January 29 will be designated as Gatlinburg Day and our IDES "blue fish" offering containers will be distributed and the return date will be March 26, 2017. This offering will be sent to show there is still hope and it comes in Jesus and his followers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CARRY-IN

Sunday, January 8
Following the service

Join us for a short meeting and fellowship. Everyone is invited, bring a passing dish to share.



ELDER CORNER:

Happy New Year. The New Year brings a time of reflection and planning. A time to put your house in order and start down the road to lose a few pounds or clean up some debt. Maybe both. Do you know that one of the most talked about subject in the Bible is money? But it is the least talked about in churches today. Why is that? I believe that “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”. With the culture we are living in, we are taught that money and stuff are the key to happiness and so we have just a bit of love for money. We look at the rich and think, “they have it made. If only I had what they had, I’d be happy.” That jealousy then causes us get ourselves into debt. And when you are in debt it feels like you’ve built a house of cards and any little thing will cause it all to come crashing down. Every day you become more worried as you play the payment shuffle. You don’t know how you are going to pay for lunch let alone give to back to God. So of course you don’t want to hear a sermon about how easy it should be to give, the preacher has no clue what’s it like.

Or maybe your situation is a bit better off. You have your house in order. You’ve worked hard for you money and don’t spend it foolishly. You give out of your excess, when you have the money and see the need. Giving is easy for you, but you never sacrifice. You don’t want to hear the church begging for money. You had to scrimp and save, so should the church.

God doesn’t call us to give to the church. God calls us to live as if everything we own is His. Part of that is to give to Him through the church. But, He doesn’t need our money, He already owns everything. He wants us to recognize we are just stewards to His creation. That what we have isn’t ours, and that we need to be looking to Him for how to handle all the money entrusted to us not just our Sunday offering. Yes the church needs to pay the bills, but that isn’t why we give. Corinthians 9:7 says “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” We give because we love God and want Him and others to see that love. This can be either through the church or just helping out your neighbor who needs their driveway shoveled.

I want you to know that we know that this isn’t easy. We know some of you are deep in debt and don’t see any way out, or just don’t quite grasp the stewardship idea. Please know that the church and the Elders are here for you. We’d love to talk to you about how God loves you and can help you through. We are also looking at classes we can offer. Let us know if you are interested or could help out.
-Chris Sears

DECEMBER

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
<u>1</u> HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO CLASSES	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> ✓ Men's Prayer Breakfast at PVCC 8:00 Women's Devotional Breakfast at Great Lakes 9:00
<u>8</u> Congregational Meeting & Carry-In	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> KIDS SUPERHERO NIGHT 5:30-7:00	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> Youth 5-7	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Trifocal Breakfast 9:00 We Hop KIDS 5:30-7:00	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> Youth 5-7	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> KIDS 5:30-7:00	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> Youth 5-7	<u>30</u>	<u>28</u>				



TRIFOCAL MINISTRY



January 12, at 12:30, Luncheon at The Great Wall: Sign up in the foyer, weather permitting.

January 25, Wednesday at 9:00, Trifocal Birthday Breakfast Bunch at We Hop: weather permitting

Check out the display in the foyer for a list of birthday's and Anniversary's

PANTRY COLLECTION BARREL

Missions Outreach is continuing to collect pantry items for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

For **January**, the following items are suggested as these are in short supply:

- Beans (Refried, Chili, Pork-N-Beans, Baked, Kidney)
- Canned Vegetables (Mixed, Carrots, Potatoes, Tomatoes)
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Pop-tarts
- Pancake Mix
- Dishwasher Gel Pacs
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



As you do your grocery shopping, remember the children at **WCCH**, and purchase a few extra items for the barrel, which will be located in the back of the foyer.

FACTS & FIGURES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Dec 4	213	4,839.00
Dec 11	115	4,795.00
Dec 19	156	6,284.50

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SUPERHERO NIGHT

Wednesday, January 18

We are switching our Kid's Night to Wednesdays this year. We will feed the kids from 5:30—6:00 and group time from 6:00—7:00

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO.



Women's Devotional Breakfast



Saturday, Jan 7 at 9:00
at Great Lakes

All women are invited.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

At PVCC
Saturday, Jan 7 at 8:00

All men are invited.

Early Education Volunteers

<i>"Planting Seeds of Faith"</i>	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Toddler	Laura B Kim O	Shannon B Makinlee B	Emily S Tammy D	Jenny W Dannee Kay	Laura B Kim O
2 Year Old's	Jennifer S Maleah S	Deb P Sidney S	Becky M	Lisa F Jackie W	Jennifer S Maleah S
Preschool	Stephanie W	Kayleen B Jenny W	Linda K Kristen K	Amanda S Emily A	Stephanie
Church Park	Jake A Julie A Ben S	Bret S Lydia S	Jay M Becky H Bryan S	Jordan E Ashley E	Jake A Julie A Ben S

10:30 Worship Volunteers

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Chairman Of The Day	Bill Boyer	Terry Dowell	Jeff Crooks	Lee Kunce	
	Jake Arnold	Jeff Dohl	Jake Arnold		
S	Ron Barlett	Dan Pulver	Kevin Beard	John Maggart	BOBS PICK
E	Derrick Aldrich	Shawn Somerlott	Neal Knox	Dan Pulver	
R	Kevin Beard	Dave Somerlott	Ron Barlett	Jeff Dohl	
V	Shane Somerlott	Jeff Wilson	Bob Brady	Jeff Wilson	
E	Matt Somerlott	Scott Weber	Jim Wilson	Scott Weber	
R	Neal Knox	Lee Kunce	Mark Ridenour	Bob Brady	
S	Bret Stevens		Bret Stevens		
Sound Room	Chris Sears	Chris Sears	Derrick & Cathy Aldrich	Chris Sears	Chris Sears
Front Door Greeters	Dennis & Shirley Armstrong	Marlene & Morris Eggleston	Deb Smathers	Janet Warstler	Linda Kays Marie Smith