

From The Pastor

The Cross, the Blood and the Church

I want to address an editorial I read in USA Today recently. First excerpts from America's churches can change the world: *Black History Month set me to thinking about America's churches...In the '70s a phrase was coined to explain why so many white Southern Baptists got it wrong: Churches in Cultural Captivity...It was [Dr. Martin Luther] King and his network of Christian and Jewish clergy who laid their jobs and, in some cases, their lives on the line until my fellow Southerners were too ashamed and embarrassed to continue in their wickedness. That's the way it's suppose to work.*

Admittedly, terrorism, economic disparity and climate change are more complicated than racism. But they are not deeper-seated. And since when did complications cause God's people to cut and run? At a time when our political leaders seem paralyzed by nationalistic concerns and partisan pettiness, the world has never needed us more. So, here's my question. Is there a Moses in our midst?

If America's churches are to be world changers, it will take more than an emergence from their cultural captivity. It will take liberation from their spiritual captivity. **So, here's my question. Is there a Jesus in our midst?** Jesus is the only One who can liberate the church from its spiritual captivity. It's not the prophets, Moses, Gandhi and most certainly not Mohammed. None of these have the credentials to liberate humankind from its bondage.

It is no longer America's churches but the Church of Jesus Christ that can and is changing the world. There is a worldwide move (shaking) of God going on bringing Great Awakening and Revival that is penetrating through the cultural and spiritual captivity of many churches in America and 'round the

world. As the shackles loosen a mighty Army of Christian believers is being mobilize to bring a world changing spiritual revolution.

The power grid is as follows: the Cross of Christ with its salvation of the soul; the Blood of Jesus and liberation from the bondages of iniquity and sin; the Power of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling God's Commission to go and make disciples and the Glory of God encompassing the earth dispelling the darkness of a fallen world.

Even now the axe is being laid to the root of the cultural and spiritual captivity in the world and in America's churches that goes all the way back to Adam and Eve's relinquishment of dominion over the planet to the enemy of their souls. The result is going to be a tsunami of restoration and reconstruction not destruction, a ground swell of unconditional love and forgiveness circling the planet lifting it out of millennia of hurt and pain.

This Easter [First Fruits] let us celebrate Christ's Resurrection from the dead which has opened the gates on our Resurrection from the cultural and spiritual captivity that has sought to keep us from being God's world changers and the bringers of His Kingdom on earth as it already is in heaven.

Pastor Bud

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN MAY

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| ELDERS: | May | 1 | Betty Jo Bernow | Kraig Gibson |
| | | 8 | Dick Barnhart | Betty Jo Bernow |
| | | 15 | Scott Braumiller | Dick Barnhart |
| | | 22 | Maria Ford | Scott Braumiller |
| | | 29 | Kraig Gibson | Maria Ford |

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| DEACONS: | Carolyn Files | Don Ryan |
| | Tom Files | Gen Seckel |
| | Pat Mishler | Kathie Sizemore |
| | Jacob Reynolds | Robin Snyder |

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| CHILDREN'S TALK: | May | 1 | Ken Mishler |
| | | 8 | Mindy Bloomfield |
| | | 15 | Manette Hess |
| | | 22 | Pastor Bud |
| | | 29 | Gen Seckel |

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| ACOLYTES: | May | 1 | Micky Millisor |
| | | 8 | Alex Large |
| | | 15 | Allie Seckel |
| | | 22 | Alisha Large |
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| | June | 5 | Micky Millisor |

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Chancel flowers during May.
All dates are available.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - May 1, 2011

VALET PARKING is offered by Kathie Sizemore at 8:30 a.m.

COFFEE HOUR begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday. The last Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. is community breakfast. Sunday School follows worship.

FOOD PANTRY - offers a chance for you to help feed the area's hungry. Please bring food staples to help us continue our support of this community-at-large ministry.



“Then Sings My Soul”

Tuesday, May 3rd; 1:00 p.m.

Come and learn about one of your favorite hymns.
All women of the church are invited.

Ruth Group

Thursday, May 5th; 1:30 p.m.

Study Leader is Dorothy Kay; Hostess is Gen Seckel
All women of the church are invited.

Summer *Gazette* Deadline is Tuesday, May 17th; 11:00 a.m.

CMF Breakfast

Saturday, May 21st; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner
All men of the church are invited.

Exercise Class

Tuesday and Thursday 5:15 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



Utilities for March

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| Columbia Gas | \$1,024.92 |
| Ohio Edison | \$ 330.78 |
| Frontier | \$ 182.49 |
| Total | <u>\$1,538.19</u> |

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK MAY 2 - 8

New books in our Children’s Library:

DANIKA’S TOTALLY TERRIBLE TOSS: The Legend of the Purple Flurp (Dannah Gresh)...Danika thinks she has a good chance of winning the Miss Teeny Pop Pageant. But that was before she lost her temper and accidentally hit the lunch room lady with her purple gooey dessert. Then it was off to detention at Ruther B. Hayes Middle School. There she met Yuri, Kate, and Antonia and the three girls started the Secret Keeper Girl Club.

STONE FOX (John Reynolds Gardner)...Willy lives on a potato farm in Wyoming with his grandfather and his dog, Searchlight. After his grandfather becomes ill he is unable to pay the taxes. When Willy reads about the National Dogsled Race he is sure that he will be able to win the \$500.00 prize and save the farm. An American Indian boy, Stone Fox, is also entering the race with his team of 5 dogs. He needs the prize money to buy back land taken from his people. Both boys have good causes but they learn that not every story has a happy ending and that you must accept the bad with the good.

HERE’S LILY(Nancy Rue)...Lily is tall for her age and has red frizzy hair , so she is often teased by the boys in her fifth-grade class. especially Shad Shefferdecker. After taking classes and learning about fashion modeling she is sure she can get Shad to stop his unkind taunts. But then something happens that teaches her about true beauty and God-confidence.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (Jeff Kinney)...Being a kid can stink. And no one knows this better than Greg Huffle who finds himself thrust into Middle School, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. (from the back cover).

These books are all appropriate for ages 8-12 and can be found on the table in the Children’s Library.

Happy 90th Birthday To Robin Snyder!

You are invited to Robin's 90th birthday party on Sunday, May 15th, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A shower of cards - no gifts please.

THANKS TO . . .

- **Libby Davis, Patsy Krider and Brenda Reish** for helping in the office.
- **everyone** who helped with the Lenten and Maundy Thursday services, Easter egg hunt, breakfast and worship.

THANK YOU NOTES . . .

I thank everyone for their prayers since I have not been feeling well. I know they have helped a lot. God Bless You All.

Sharon Barnhart



Prayer Concerns

Members

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| Sharon Barnhart | Grant McAllister |
| Dorothy Besch | Charlotte Miller |
| Joe Burns | Joel Reeve |
| Paul & Olga Geissler | Earl & Hilda Smith |
| Roger & Esther Kingsley | Barb West |
| Betty Leib | Kay Whitehead |

Non-members

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| James Atkinson (<i>Tidd</i>) | Debbie Melvin (<i>Reish</i>) |
| Carol Beegle (<i>Besch</i>) | Theresa Moran (<i>Willoby</i>) |
| Carolyn Bryant (<i>Tidd</i>) | Beth Nowlin (<i>Besch</i>) |
| Sherry Gray (<i>Braumiller</i>) | Jane Ratterman (<i>Tidd</i>) |
| Sue Hoover (<i>Middaugh</i>) | Tillie Roush (<i>Tidd</i>) |
| Steve Jobe (<i>Bloomfield</i>) | Karen Sabel (<i>Reeve</i>) |
| Floyd Jones (<i>Middaugh</i>) | John & Lois Stine (<i>Lusch</i>) |
| Sarah Kirby (<i>Reeve</i>) | Helen Swinehart (<i>Frye</i>) |
| Thelma Knapp (<i>Middaugh</i>) | Pete Zimmerman (<i>Besch</i>) |
| Ed Krol (<i>Braumiller</i>) | |
| Rocky Manns (<i>Large</i>) | Simeon Hill (<i>Hill</i>) |

Military: Jonathan Gorenflo, Kevin Kirk and Jason Knotts

CCC CELEBRATES MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

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| 3 | Bob & Betty Jo Bernow |
| 20 | Grant & Ann McAllister |
| 24 | Derek & Amy Barkley |
| 25 | Al & Barb Ryan |
| 31 | Bob & Arlue Holliday |

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 | CCC Library | 17 | Clyde Cole |
| 2 | Andy Shirk | | J.T. Field |
| 5 | Laney Davis | 20 | Tim Butler |
| | Joel Reeve | | Lauren Field |
| | Diane Tidd | 21 | Patsy Krider |
| 6 | Mary Camm | | Vince DeGood |
| 7 | Mark Field | 22 | Corey Obenour |
| | Bryanna Volk | 23 | Amy Wilhite |
| 11 | Taylor Wilhite | 24 | Clayton Baughman |
| 13 | Robin Snyder | 25 | Katy Milligan |
| | Peggy Large | 28 | Debbie Bowers |
| 14 | Debbie Minser | 29 | Katie Minser |
| 16 | Drayson Ryan | | Sidney Barkley |
| | | 30 | Charlotte Miller |

If you have a May birthday or anniversary that is not listed here, please notify the church office. Thanks!

NEED TO PICK IT UP

The giving to Central Christian for the First Quarter of the year is 24% less than required to meet our budget.

A comparison between this year and last is as follows:

| Account | Year 2010 | Year 2011 | % Change |
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| General Fund | \$25,358 | \$24,441 | -3.6 |
| Designated Funds | \$ 3,085 | \$ 3,791 | 23.0 |

The General Fund donations provide the funds to keep Central Christian operating and the door open. The Board has approved activities that will allow for more service to our congregation. An important one is hiring of a teacher for the Nursery/Preschool Class. Funding of these programs is by the General Fund.

Thanks for your financial support to date. By increasing this support we will allow these programs to happen.

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