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PASTOR'S DESK

In Praise of the Process

By Rev. Jonathan Cornell

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

To say that my yard is 'a work in progress' would be the understatement of the century. But this spring, I've decided to begin chipping away at it—starting in front. With the help of some very talented folks, the formless void that stands at 1530 Peterson Dr. is beginning to burst with color and life.

As I water, prune, and protect the Zinnias and Rosebushes, Myrtle and Flowering Cherry, I realize that this is what it means to be a gardener. Gardeners love the experience of gardening, limitations and all.

In William P. Young's bestselling novel *The Shack*, a man by the name of Mack has a modern-day encounter with Jesus alongside a lake. At one point, Jesus is captivated by a large lake trout that he sees swimming nearby, just under the surface.



"I've been trying to catch him for weeks, and here he comes just to bait me," [Jesus] laughed... "Isn't he great? I'll probably never catch him."

Mack was bewildered by the whole scene. "Jesus, why don't you just command him to...I don't know, jump in your boat or bite your hook. Aren't you Lord of Creation?"

"Sure," said Jesus, leaning down and running his hand over the water. "But what would be the fun in that, eh?"

In that little piece of fiction, Young communicates immense truth: God takes joy in the ordinary limitations of being human. What makes fishing fun isn't merely pulling in the big one; it's the experience of *fishing*.

If you're a gardener, there wouldn't be much satisfaction in snapping your fingers during the last week of May and having vegetables and flowers appear fully formed.

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In Praise of the Process (con't)

The satisfaction in gardening is the waiting; it's pulling weeds, and pruning, and cultivating the ground so that many months later you can experience something beautiful.

When Jesus became a human being, he embraced the thousands of little delays and frustrations that go into what it means to be fully human.

Which means that God cherishes who we are and what we experience – including the fact that it takes a long time to prepare a home-cooked meal just the right way; and to save enough money to send our kids to college; and to see our children grow up and make mature decisions on their own; and to gradually learn how to be less angry and more patient in a world in which we're clearly not in control.

We have every reason to believe that Jesus, as a real human being, took joy in the fact that an ordinary life, well-lived, requires a lot of *waiting*. Fortunately, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, that summer wind, refreshing and enlivening us as we go about tilling, cultivating, protecting and feeding the lives we're given to tend.

And in that we take joy.

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Recommended Resource

***Forgotten God* | by Francis Chan**

In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1st – Virginia McSpadden
- 3rd – Laura Helm
- 3rd – Coty Leep
- 4th – Denise Leep
- 8th – Susie Jones
- 10th – Lee Ann George
- 10th – Al Plummer
- 12th – Helen Shanks
- 19th – Janet Halderman
- 19th – Martha Helm
- 21st – Sandy Mitting
- 22nd – Katherine Kramer
- 22nd – Tim Eubank
- 23rd – Jeremy Wright
- 26th – Richard Halderman
- 26th – Andy Maggart
- 26th – Diane Miller
- 26th – Cindy Elliott
- 27th – Mary Henderson

Anniversaries:

- 5th – Al & Pat Plummer
- 10th – Steve & Sue
Henderson
- 11th – Matt & Jamie Brane
- 18th – Bill & Jane Skeans
- 22nd – Bill & Tracy
Wimberly
- 25th – Bob & Janet
Halderman
- 25th – Steve & Lori Foust

Community & Missions

*Loving people
with the heart of Christ
in the heart of Wabash*

Access

Pins 4 Pencils Fundraiser

On Sunday, July 11th from 11am-5pm, the Access Youth Center is hosting a fundraiser called Pins for Pencils. Proceeds will help provide school supplies for back-to-school backpacks.

WPC will be forming a team of bowlers. Cost and commitment details are available through the office. We are hoping to have a team of bodacious bowlers knocking down pins and raising up money to support our friends at the Access Youth Center.



Thumbtack Groups

These gatherings are an opportunity for our church to grow with one another, bringing together households, and bridging the generational spans and membership histories. All are invited to participate. Only those who agree in advance to host will be asked to host a gathering.

Gatherings will take place in June, July, and August (schedules permitting) and will be scheduled by each individual group. For more information, contact Pastor Jonathan.

Mission Trip Info

TRIP INFO



The WPC team will be joining a World Servants group (about 60 others) to serve in Flemington, West Virginia. The trip is Sunday, June 14th to Saturday, June 20th.

Team Members:

- Jonathan Cornell
- Kyle Kerr
- Dan Early
- Jim Kaltenmark
- Shari Kaltenmark

Flemington at a Glance:

- 316 residents
- 132 miles northeast of Charleston, WV

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the team:

- Pray for unity among the members of this team, that we would be of one mind and spirit (John 17:22-23).
- Pray for each one of us to have a servant's heart (Galatians 5:13-14; Mark 10:43-45).
- Pray that we would allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and follow His leading in our lives (Galatians 5:16, 25).
- Pray that each team member would set aside time to spend with God in His Word each day (John 15:5).
- Ask the Lord to empower us with inner strength through His Spirit (Ephesians 3:16).

Pray for those being served:

- Pray that they might come to know and understand the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18-19).
- Pray that others will be able to experience God's love through us (1 John 4:12).
- Pray that Satan would be prevented from blinding unbelievers from the Truth (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- Pray that they would take root and grow in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7).

June Church & Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 "Odd Couple" Bible Study (9am)	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am) *Loose Offering: Thammavongsas	8 "Odd Couple" Bible Study (9am)	9 ROMEO Men's Lunch (12:30pm @ Ugalde's) Missions Team (6:30pm)	10	11 Buildings & Grounds (7pm)	12	13
14 Sunday School (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am)	15 "Odd Couple" Bible Study (9am)	16	17	18	19	20
← SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA* →						
21 FATHER'S DAY Sunday School (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am)	22 "Odd Couple" Bible Study (9am) Helping Hands (2-7pm)	23	24 Community Meal (6pm)	25	26	27
28 Sunday School (9am) Worship (10am) Baptism & Reception (following service)	29 "Odd Couple" Bible Study (9am)	30 JULIET Women's Breakfast (8am @ Ugalde's)	<p><u>*SUMMER MISSION TRIP TEAM:</u></p> <p>JONATHAN CORNELL JIM & SHARI KALTENMARK DAN EARLY KYLE KERR</p> <p>PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!</p>			

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Loose Offering | Thammavongsa Family

The Loose Offering that is collected on June 7th will be donated to the Thammavongsa Family, who is serving in Laos. To learn more about them and their work, visit their website at visiblethoughts.weebly.com. The password is "iamafriend".

Membership Class

June 7th, 14th, 21st, 8:45-9:45am

Are you considering membership at WPC? We invite you to participate in a 3-week exploration class covering the values, history, and mission of this church. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Community Meal

Wednesday, June 24th, 6pm

Mark your calendars! For June, July, and August, we will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 6pm for our Community Meal.

Autumn Ridge Hog Roast

Friday, June 26th, 4:00-7:30pm

600 Washington Street, Wabash

Autumn Ridge will be hosting their third annual hog roast fundraiser. All proceeds raised will go straight to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

- Live band performance by The Moon Cats.
- Meal includes pulled pork (from Poole's Meat Market) or hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and a drink.
- All you can eat dine-in. Carry-out also available.
- Silent auction with donations from Wabash businesses.
- Raffle for numerous items provided by Autumn Ridge.

Tickets are \$6 pre-sale, \$7 the day of the event and can be purchased from any Autumn Ridge employee or at the front desk. Kids 3 and under are free.

Financial Report

	April	Total 2015
Income:	\$29,623	\$134,158
Expenses:	<u>21,351</u>	<u>148,946</u>
Balance:	\$8,272	- \$14,788

God's tithe and our offering support the ministry programs and outreach ministry of our congregation. May your faith lead your giving.

Feed Our Community

FISH Donations

You are always encouraged to bring canned/dry goods for the FISH food pantry and drop them off in any of the boxes throughout the church. This month, we are collecting flour and cake mixes.

SCRIP Gift Cards

Buy your gift cards from us at the normal price, and we receive a portion of the proceeds. It's that easy! To see a complete list of the cards available, go to shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/BrandCategoryList. Just be sure to order through the church office!



May Session Minutes

- Jamie & Kendall Early were baptized on May 24th. Jim Leep will be baptized on June 28th.
- Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation July 21st-26th. There will be a guest speaker on the 26th.
- Amy Cornell will be our speaker on June 14th, since Jonathan will be on the mission trip.
- An engineering firm has been hired to do a study of our buildings and equipment.

DIG DEEPER

Compelled

By Kari Lee Otto

Bed check time. As a Resident Assistant in college, it was one of the duties I either looked forward to or dreaded, depending on what type of day I had. I enjoyed getting the chance to catch up with my girls, hear about their days, etc. But there were some nights I was just oh-so-tired and wanted to get it over with as quickly as possible. *Everyone here? Awesome. Let's get some sleep.*

This was one of those exhausted nights. But as I went from room to room, I noticed someone was missing. Where was Rachel?

I looked for her in the lobby in case she was chatting with a friend, but still, I couldn't find her. So I returned to her room. "Do you guys know where Rachel's at?"

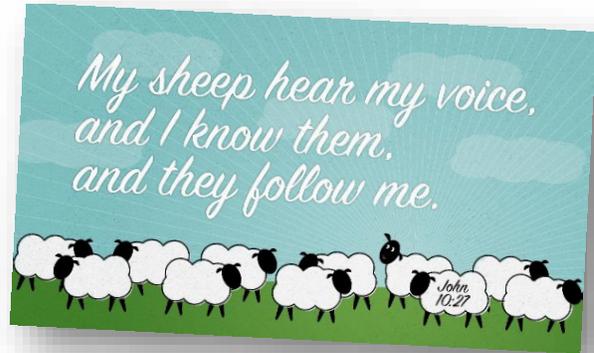
One of her roommates looked at me with such sadness in her eyes. "There was a fire back home," she told me. "Rachel's brother died."

Compelled to Pray

Having lost my grandfather in an accident the year before, feelings of grief were still fresh in my heart and soul. And my heart just went out to her.

I was tired, my friends. I was so incredibly tired. Yet I felt compelled to stay up that night and pray for Rachel and her family. And I'm not just talking about staying up an extra hour to pray. I mean, I stayed up that night and talked to Jesus about it for a really long time.

There's no way I could have done this on my own. I believe the Holy Spirit placed her on my heart and gave me the energy and focus to intercede for her.



Led by the Spirit

I won't pretend to understand all of the Spirit's ways. He is such a mysterious God, and His ways are far beyond ours. But haven't *you* ever felt compelled to do something? Say something to someone? Sit next to someone? Serve in a certain place or in a certain way?

To be compelled is to experience an overpowering urge to do something. In Mark 1:12, "the Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness," where He was tempted by Satan. In Acts 19:21, we read that "Paul felt compelled by the Spirit to go over to Macedonia and Achaia before going to Jerusalem." And again in 1 Corinthians 9:16, Paul exclaims, "I am compelled by God to [preach the Good News]."

Yet not everything that compels us is of God. This requires such a discerning spirit, my friends, and I have certainly messed this up. But I believe that when we are genuinely open to Him and express our desire to be sensitive to His Spirit, He will teach us what His voice sounds like and what His nudges feel like. "The sheep know my voice," Jesus said. Let's believe that. Let's ask Him to teach us to be sensitive to His Spirit and empower us to follow in faith and obedience.

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heart of Wabash**

New Member Class



3 Week Class

June 7th, 14th, 21st
8:45-9:45am

Come Find Your Place



Thumbtack Groups

Meeting together in our homes

Personal enrichment  Faith development

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