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PASTOR'S DESK

One Another

By Pastor Jonathan Cornell

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)

Last winter, we invited a few of our neighbors over on a Friday evening for dessert. At the conclusion of our time, as we were saying our goodbyes, one of them said to us, "We're heading out of town for a week. Would you check in on C.D. for us?"

C.D. is a neighbor who lives a few houses down. He's an elderly gentleman who owns rental properties in the area, and for the most part, keeps very quietly to himself.

"A few years back he had some renters who were upset come to his home and hassle him. Since then I have made it a point to check on him weekly and let him know we're here."

A few things struck me in this exchange: 1. How thoughtful and caring our neighbors are; and 2. How



unintentionally oblivious I was to this situation. What Matt saw in C.D. was a unique, beloved child of God, whom the Spirit was prompting him to reach out to and build a relationship.

In the New Testament, writers use the phrase "one another" 90 times, 30 times in the Gospels. And at various places, it is written to show us how we are to live and move and relate to *one another*. Greet one another, be gentle to one another, encourage, accept, confess to, be devoted to, teach, value, forgive, serve *one another*.

If ever we are tempted to think that the way to draw closer to God is by retreating into seclusion and prayer, these verses reveal that drawing nearer to God comes not in seclusion, but in community—with one another.

Back to C.D. Foolishly, I had made certain assumptions about him by the way he kept his home and lawn, and the people who came and went from his garage. For that, I have repented. I don't know about you, but I tend to hear God's voice the clearest not in God's praise for the things I do, but in the things I leave undone. And particularly when I choose to ignore the prompting of

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the Spirit's leading—especially in the ways that the Spirit leads me into the lives of those I do not already know.

Jesus invites us into a deeper experience of his grace through the Spirit, and the way it is mediated to us is by encounters of love, forgiveness, devotion to, and acceptance of one another.

This summer, we embark on a series that will lead us through the "outdoor months." Each week, we will look at a different passage in which a New Testament writer issues a charge that involves *the other*. Whether on your own or in your Thumbtack Groups, we want to encourage you to look for opportunities to engage with one another in acts of kindness, love, and acceptance.

Who knows, maybe you drive past opportunities to experience God's grace every day, and don't even know it!



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Pastor Jonathan Travels to the Holy Land

During the month of May, Pastor Jonathan will be traveling with The Outreach Foundation to the Holy Land. He will be out of town May 15th-26th. While there, the group will visit the sites of the Holy Land, walk where Jesus walked, as well as visit with the three primary partners of The Outreach Foundation: Bethlehem Bible College, Palestinian Bible Society, and Musalah (a reconciliation ministry). Pastor Amy will preach May 14th and May 21st.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1st – Ron Rider
- 1st – Bill Wimberly
- 12th – Deni Yaggi
- 15th – Eric Walts
- 18th – Duke Lavache
- 19th – Lois Dickinson
- 23rd – Connie Squires
- 23rd – Julie Chowning
- 25th – Jean Scales
- 25th – Christian McAllister
- 26th – Charles Ravenscroft
- 29th – Brandon Frank

Anniversaries:

- 2nd – Gene & Sue Rose
- 7th – Ware & Maggie Wimberly
- 10th – Ron & Faith Rider
- 19th – Dan & Carol Early
- 23rd – Dennis & Cherryl Gray
- 30th – Jason & Tracy Turner

People I want to connect with this month (i.e., card/call, coffee/lunch, prayer, Bible study):

Community & Missions

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

Feed Our Community

You are always encouraged to bring canned/dry goods for the F.I.S.H. food pantry and drop them off in any of the boxes throughout the church. This month, we are collecting cereal and canned fruit.

WPC MISSION PARTNERS

- Peabody Retirement Community
- Kemmerer Village
- Meals on Wheels
- City of Refuge (Ghana)
- Thammavongsa Family Mission
- Wabash Ministerial Association's Assistance Program
- Wabash County Habitat for Humanity
- White's Family Residential Service
- Winchester Community Center
- 85 Hope
- Arc of Wabash County
- The Access
- Campus Life
- F.I.S.H.
- Character Building of Wabash County

THAMMAVONGSA FAMILY UPDATE

Lao Dolls Come to America

Give them as gifts, display them as conversation pieces, or keep them to help you remember to pray for the Thammavongsa family. For more information, contact Ann at annheign@hotmail.com.



Visit the US in 2018?

The Thammavongsas hope to travel back to see everyone in America in May-July next year, but to do that, many details need to fall into place, including finances for airline tickets, places to stay in Indiana/Ohio, a 10+ passenger vehicle to use while here, the use of an RV in mid-July to help Isaac get settled at college in Oregon, and more. Can you help? Want to learn more? Contact Sam and Jen at sjtfam@gmail.com.

Learn More

Read more about how God is using and working in the Thammavongsa family on their website at <http://visiblethoughts.weebly.com/>. Contact the church office if you need the password to access their newsletter or prayer calendar.

SPECIAL OFFERING

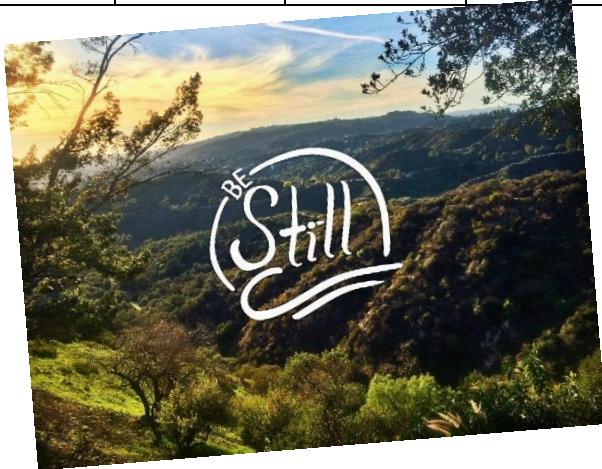


Sunday, June 4th, we will participate in the Presbyterian Church Pentecost Offering which helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. Our 40% will go toward the Access Youth Center. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

May Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday Bible Study (9am)	2	3 Community Meal (6pm)	4 Preschool Program & Graduation (6:30pm)	5 Friday Book Study (11am)	6
7 Sunday School & Choir Practice (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am) Loose Offering: Gas Vouchers	8 Monday Bible Study (9am)	9 ROMEO Men's Lunch (12:30pm @ Michael's Diner)	10 Community Meal (6pm)	11 Missions Team (6:30pm) Buildings & Grounds Team (7pm) Worship Team (7pm)	12 Friday Book Study (11am)	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY Sunday School & Choir Practice (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am)	15 Monday Bible Study (9am)	16	17 Community Meal (6pm)	18 Kari Out of Office Session (7pm)	19 Friday Book Study (11am)	20
21 Sunday School & Choir Practice (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am)	22 Monday Bible Study (9am) Helping Hands Ministry	23	24 Community Meal (6pm)	25	26 Friday Book Study (11am)	27
28 Sunday School & Choir Practice (9am) Worship (10am) & Fellowship Hour (11am)	29 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	30 JULIET Women's Breakfast (8am @ Fried Egg)	31	<i>Jonathan will be out of the office May 15th-26th. Pastor Amy will be our preacher on Sundays.</i>		



Business Notes

April Session Minutes

- The Meadows Family will be baptized on May 7th.
- Getting quotes for a new heating system.
- Picnic in the Park planned for June 11th at Hanna Park.
- Classes are filling up for the Preschool.

Loose Offering | WPC's Gas Voucher Program

The loose cash that is collected on May 7th will help provide gas vouchers to those in our community who come to the church for aid. So far this year, you've helped 17 individuals get to important doctor's appointments and job interviews. Thank you!

Financial Report

	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
Income:	\$22,229	\$63,595
Expenses:	<u>24,302</u>	<u>65,512</u>
Balance:	-\$2,073	-\$1,917

**We pulled \$5,000 from the Endowment Account to cover our expenses.*

[**Give online.**](#) Use our secure site to set up recurring gifts (like pledges) or for one-time gifts (like paying for a Bible study book or supporting our Mission Partners).

Worship & Connect

Connect & Serve

Mother's Day – Getty Hymn Festival

On May 14th at 10am, the Wabash Presbyterian Church Choir will offer a special service featuring the music of modern day hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty. You are invited to this festive morning of music and worship.

Mother's Day – Men, Get Ready!

Men of the church, strap on your aprons. This Mother's Day (May 14th), we will celebrate and express our gratitude to the women of the church and all the love they share with us by serving a special Fellowship Hour reception.

Church in the Park

On Sunday, June 11th, 10am, we will gather for worship and fellowship in the park. This year, we will meet at Hanna Park (at the end of East Hill Street). We will provide the meat and beverages and ask that families provide salads, sides, and desserts.

Life Together Community Meals

Join us Wednesdays at 6pm for good food and good conversation. Our last meal for this season will be May 24th.

Character Building Teacher

The Character Building community program will need a teacher at Southwood Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September. Please contact Kathy Peas (765-981-2943) or Alan Siepker (260-563-5306) to apply.

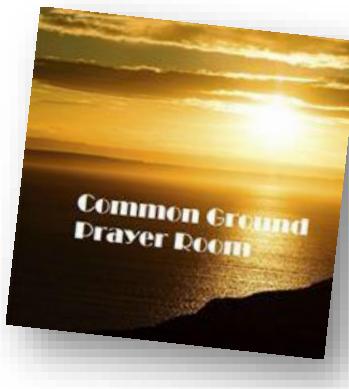
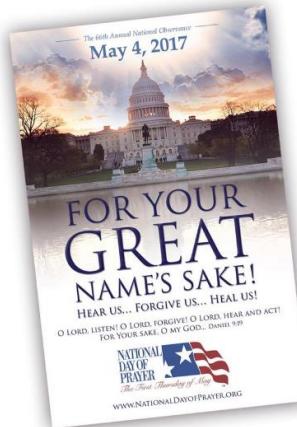
Men's Church Softball

Attention men of the church: interested in a unique chance to have fellowship with other men, while competing on the softball field against other local churches? Consider joining the WPC Softball Team. There will be a brief call out meeting after church on Sunday, May 7th. Regardless of your age and skill level, you are invited to join. League begins in July and games will likely take place on Monday nights. If you are interested, contact Pastor Jonathan.

National Day of Prayer Week

Join the community this week in a series of prayer events as we lift up our nation:

- *Community Prayer Gathering*
April 30th, 4:30pm at New Journey Church (old WC Mills School)
 - *Grand Opening for Common Ground Prayer Room* (formerly Hesychia Prayer House)
April 30th, 3:30-4:30pm, 5:30-6:30pm,
located at New Journey Church
 - *Prayer Vigil*
May 1st, 6am through May 4th, midnight
(contact Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072
to sign up)
 - *National Day of Prayer Courthouse Gathering*
May 4th, 12:10-12:50pm
 - *Downtown Prayer Walk*
May 4th following Courthouse Gathering



Prayer List

Alex Small
Jane Barlow
Butch Randol
Ari Halderman
Brenton Yarger
Christine Murphy
John Schultheiss
Mike Philip
Stan Williams
Pastor Enoch
Carl Willmert
Hope Unger
Carolyn Biltz
Judy Waggoner
Kay Caudill

Tina Easterday
Jennifer Maxwell
Teresa Bowman
Judy Lovellette
Danika Landis
Heather Houlihan
Rita Alexander
Kevin Gerhart
Debbie Phillips
Jack Francis
Mary Jane Garrison
Bill Skeans
Lois Smith
Nancy Chowning
Lois Dickinson

Mildred Paullus
Elmer Myers
Ron & Faith Rider
Mary Leland
Dessie Sturgeon
Connie Squires
Helen Shanks
Martha Helm
Katie Baer

Have a prayer request?

If you have a prayer request,
please email Kari Bartkus at
office@wabashpresbyterian.com.
Please respect the privacy of
others and share their concerns
only with their permission. You can
also email Kari if you'd like to
receive the weekly prayer list via
email.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

ARTS CAMP

USING THE ARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Registration Open!

We are partnering with local artists to show kids how to use the arts to worship God. For kids ages 4-12. Saturday mornings in July. Cost is \$25/camper. Scholarships available. Space is limited. Contact Kari with questions or for more information.

**Looking for Volunteers**

Please pray about if and how God might be calling you to help during our Arts Camp, Saturday mornings in July. Contact Kari to sign up.

- Counselor**—Help supervise the campers and assist the art instructors as needed. You can pick just one workshop or two workshops, as long as they are at different times.
- Registration**—Be a welcoming and friendly face as you help kids get signed in each day of camp and know where to go (8:45-9:05am).
- Snacks**—Prepare and distribute snacks for our campers and guests (snack time is 10:05-10:25am).
- Celebration Lunch**—Help prepare and serve lunch to our campers and families on Saturday, July 29th, 11:30am. This Lunch is a chance for campers to show their families what they've learned during camp.



Kari Bartkus
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Godly Play | Digging Deep**Children's Spirituality:**

"God's ways of being with children and children's ways of being with God." [Rebecca Nye]

This summer, during the "great, green growing Sundays" of the church year, kids in Godly Play will get the chance to dig into some of the great spiritual practices that help them explore how they like to "be" with God.

One of these practices is reading the Bible on their own. As we tell stories this summer in Godly Play, each child will have a Bible of their own so they can hold it in their hands, find the story, and follow along either by looking at the pictures or by reading the words along with the teacher.

As we share stories from the Bible, we'll continue to ask kids questions so they engage with God through His Word. This practice in the classroom will help them feel more comfortable doing the same on their own or with their families at home.

We will be using *The Beginner's Bible* (\$8) for our pre-readers and *The Adventure Bible* (\$16) for our early readers. We'll need at least 15 Bibles total.



Would you be willing to help purchase these Bibles? If so, simply write "Godly Play" on the memo section of your check or on your offering envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity and investment in the spiritual lives of our children!

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

One Another

It's summer, and that means barbecue season, ball games, days outside going for walks, working in the yard, and attending community events. Summer is a great time to be with one another enjoying God's creation and one another. This summer, we begin a new sermon series looking at all the *One Another* Passages in the New Testament.

- April 30th Love One Another – John 13:34
- May 7th Greet One Another – Romans 16:16
- May 14th Be Gentle with One Another – Ephesians 4:2
- May 21st Encourage One Another – 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- May 28th Spur One Another On – Hebrews 10:24

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