

COURIER

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PARSON'S PERSPECTIVE

When William Shakespeare wrote this quotation, "And earthly power doth then show like God's when mercy seasons justice," he acknowledged the truth that every Christian should be fully aware of: That mercy is a gift undeserved and applies to the practice of justice. When assessing the pattern for justice in Scripture, we read that God is the pattern for justice. God is a lover of justice (Ps 99:4) who finds in justice his delight (Jer. 9:23). God's holiness is manifested in terms of God's justice (Isa. 5:16). Recognition is necessary of the distinction between the role of mercy/justice in salvation and the role of these in civil affairs. When comparing the admonition to exercise justice in the Old Testament with the New Testament, there seems to be a significant shift in the concept of justice from the Old to the New Testament that will speak to the church today.

The New Testament message turns the attention to the Servant of God who provides the means to practice justice. In fact God's people are not made righteous by practicing justice or the law, but by being reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. Jesus made it clear that those who follow him will feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and visit the sick and those in prison. After experiencing the changed life in Christ practicing fairness in the exercise of justice is a result rather than the means to become right with God. Consequently the practice of justice becomes the evidence of the changed life rather than the means of reconciliation to God. In the final analysis, practicing justice still must be a major focus of the church, but now it is the result of the love that God has extended to the church. The church is under a mandate to extend the love of God to all they come in contact with, and especially the needy, hungry, poor and powerless.

Pastor Bob

THIS MONTH

**Sunday, June 2 - 10:00 a.m. Summer
Worship Time Begins**

Monday/Friday, June 3-7 Barbara
Patterson on vacation

**Tuesday, June 4 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday
Night Praise & Worship Mtg. at the
Church**

**Wednesday, June 5 - 10:30 a.m.
All Circles will meet at the church
(See Women's article in this "Courier")**

**Thursday, June 6 - 4:00 p.m.
Worship Committee Mtg.**

**Sunday, June 9 - New Members will
be received**

**Tuesday, June 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise & Worship
Committee Mtg. at the church**

**Monday, June 17 - 7:00 p.m.
Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise & Worship
Committee Mtg. at the church**

**Thursday, June 20 - 10:30 a.m.
Communion at Bristol Health Care**

1:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg.

**Saturday, June 22 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise and Worship
Service begins (See special article in
this "Courier")**

THIS MONTH CONTINUED...

Tuesday, June 25 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday
Night Praise & Worship Mtg. at the church

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

- June 1 - Bob Getty
- 8 - Oscar Marsh
- 12 - Bill Johnson
- 13 - Otto Zingg
- 14 - Pat Penrose
- 20 - David Jenkins
- 26 - Tom Frank
- 28 - Jean Earnhardt

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June 6 - Barbara and Tom Patterson
- 10 - Linda and Mike Milam
- 12 - Audrey and Cal Tysen
- 20 - Kitty and Bob Neely
- 21 - Jackie and Gerry Barnes
- 23 - Helen and Allen Heinmiller
- 28 - Wilma and David Boyer

IN MEMORY

Gloria Benbow - May 9, 2013
William Hall - May 10, 2013

BOOK LOVERS:

In the back of the church sanctuary are books that belonged to Bob Huck. Feel free to take as many as you wish.

PRAYER CHAIN-

We are re-organizing the Prayer Chain. When we have a request for prayer of a person in need of special prayer, Barbara in the church office is notified and she immediately contacts the next person on the list and that person calls another person etc. until the list of names to be contacted are complete. If you would like to be on our list of names to pray for others, please contact Barbara in the church office (947-2905)

June Worship Assistants:

- June 2 - Juliet Getty
- 9 - Irene Noble
- 16 - Glenn Noble
- 23 - Cal Tysen
- 30 -

June Greeters:

- June 2 - Patty and Earl Todt
- 9 - Rosann Severding and Don Kerry
- 16 - Jean and Paul Sydow
- 23 - Ruth Karner and Nancy Seward
- 30 - Cay and Dick Roberts

June Ushers:

- June 2 - Robert Neely, David Bell, Kitty Neely, Barratt Banta
- 9 - Ann Oyer, Wanda Stratton
- 16 - Bud Hobday, Barbara Early, Jay Early, Earl Todt
- 23 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank, Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes
- 30 - Ann Oyer and Wanda Stratton

June Flowers:

- June 2 -
- 9 -
- 16 -
- 23 - Jean and Tom Frank
- 30 - Louise and Don Netzley

June Coffee Hour Hosts:

- June 2 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward
- 9 -
- 16 - Evelyn and Gary Baker
- 23 - Patty and Ralph Strickland
- 30 - -

Thank You!

Thanks to the forward thinking of several church members, we were able to replace the Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning (HVAC) units which service the Sanctuary and Lobby at no cost to the Operating Fund which pays the day to day expenses of the congregation.

The original two units were installed in 2001 when the building was built. The heat exchanger in one unit developed some holes in it which meant that it had to be taken out of service about eight weeks ago. This was for safety reasons because exhaust gases from the heating could mix with the air being heated and distributed in the building. Service technicians indicated that the unit was nearing the end of its expected service life.

Shortly after this was reported to Session, two members of the congregation approached Pastor Rick and said that they would give the church \$10,000 to replace the unit. Their experience had been that repairs would only lead to more repairs.

Session was pleased to accept this generous gift and it further decided that since both units were of the same age, they both should be replaced. After discussion and obtaining a second bid, a contract was given to Advanced Services of Chillicothe for the two units at a total of \$20,000 plus \$1,600 for an extended warranty. Advanced had installed the first units and serviced them since their installation.

The funding for the second unit and the extended warranty is coming from a fund that was established nearly ten years ago by another anonymous member of the congregation. The Restricted Church Maintenance Fund was intended for use as a last resort for major repairs to mechanical systems of the church building.

Thanks to the generosity and foresight of these church members we are able to maintain our building without disrupting the daily finances of the congregation. The Restricted Church Maintenance Fund can be added to at any time. If you would like to contribute to it help to help pay for replacement of major equipment in the future, your gift would be welcomed at any time. The fund is an investment which grows along with time. Contact Barbara in the church office or one of the pastors to make a donation of any size.

Again, thank you to the church members who enabled us to have two new HVAC units. God bless you all.

WE WELCOMED VISITORS

April 28

Lil Adams, Bristol Village
Judy Kerry and Donn Fowler, CO, daughter of Don Kerry.

May 12

Barry Hall, Waverly,
Brad Hall, Bernville, PA, sons of Betsy Hall
Floyd Sandlin, Kensington, MD, brother of Betsy Hall
Sue Brandell, Pittsburgh, daughter of Rosann Severding
Ann Seward, Cleveland, daughter of Nancy Seward
Beth Eve, Cleveland, friend of Ann and Nancy Seward
Wayne Heinmiller, Chicago
Glenn Heinmiller, Orlando, FL, sons of Helen and Allen Heinmiller

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

When people are asked what attracted them to a particular church the majority by far say " a friend invited me".

We have been told that there are several new residents moving into Bristol Village this spring. If you have a new neighbor near you, or for that matter anywhere in Waverly invite them to come to church with you. There are church brochures on the kiosk shelf to take and offer one or write a note on one and drop it in the mailbox. A personal, face to face invitation will seem the warmest. This would apply to new temporary residents as well.

As for those of you in greater Waverly, do the same if you make a new acquaintance. We are all called to bring others to Christ.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

If you wish to unite with the church call one of the pastors. New members will be received on June 9.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>June 2013</h1> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Summer Worship Time begins 10:00 a.m. | 3 | 4 Saturday Night Praise & Worship Mtg. 7 p.m. | 5 Sleeve- Tuggers 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m Circles Gathering. | 6 Worship Com. Mtg. 4 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Worship 10:00 a.m. New Members Received | 10 | 11 Sat. Night Praise & Worship Mtg. 7 p.m. | 12 Sleeve Tugger 8 a.m. | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Worship 10:00 a.m. | 17 Session Mtg. 7 p.m. | 18 Sat. Night Praise & Worship[Mtg. 7 p.m.. | 19 Sleeve Tuggers 8 a.m. | 20 Communion 10:30 a.m. At Bristol Health Care Evangelism 1:30 p.m. | 21 | 22 Sat. Night Worship Begins 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 23 Worship 10:00 a.m. | 24 | 25 Sat. Night Praise & Worship Mtg. 7 p.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Miller Family Reunion 12 noon-4:00 p.m. |
| 30 Worship 10:00 a.m. | | | | | | |

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church will be holding a Saturday Night Praise and Worship Service beginning June 22. The purpose for this service is to reach out to the community. It will be for all ages, and is planned for the "unchurched" and those who cannot attend a Sunday morning service. Address any questions to the initial team of Pastor Getty, Barbara and Tom Patterson, Audrey and Cal Tysen.

(1) The program would be informal. Advertising would include such information (think: "Come as you are" or "Must wear shoes – no ties allowed.")

(2) The service structure:

5:00 to 6:00 SET UP AND FELLOWSHIP. At this time some of the musicians would get together and practice the songs that would be used in the service. Others may want to stand around the coffee machine and talk and/or pray. Still others may want to do games and simple sports (outdoors in the nice weather-- badminton, croquet).

6:00 to 7:00 PRAISE AND WORSHIP. Service will begin in the Community Room with about 10-15 min. of "praise" music. We expect that we can eventually find guitarists, etc., to lead this part of the program – and we will anticipate a set-up with a computer to project the songs on a screen. Scripture and, perhaps, pictures could also be projected. There would be a 10-15 min. message. There may be discussion, testimonies, and/or prayer-time following this.

(3) We will need to advertise with newspaper & other ads, radio, channel 99 TV, flyers, posters, etc.,. Some initial plans are to purchase a sign that could announce the Saturday Night meetings (suggested place for the sign – above our sign seen from Highway 23.) Other items needed may be coffee pot (cappuccino?), rolling cart for supplies, etc.

(4) This program will begin June 22. These services were approved at the Session meeting May 20. We expect that there will be a lot of "evolution" as new ideas are tried, and old ones are discarded. We will not have everything in place by June, but will start anyway.

(5) We will try to invite groups to share themselves and/or talents. Perhaps once a month there could be a special "treat." Maybe a group would visit, such as those from Partnership Against Domestic Violence. There could be an "Open Mike Night" for individuals to share their talents. Individuals could share a message, slides, etc. Of course, our own church has many former pastors, Sunday School teachers, etc., so we will be blessed by their sharing in the services, too.

(6) Anyone who shares this vision is encouraged to sign-up and volunteer to help, perhaps once a month, maybe every week for one month, or "whenever." And, we expect some of our people will want to attend now and then. Planning meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, beginning May 28. Come to any meeting you can attend. Once the services begin, planning sessions will be adjusted as needed.

IT IS VITAL THAT WE DO THIS TOGETHER, SO WE APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS OR ENLIGHTENED OBSERVATIONS. AND PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADING.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ACTIVITIES

JUNE 5 GATHERING FOR BOTH CIRCLES

1. Everyone will meet at the church at 10:30. The two circles will meet separately for offerings and other business.
2. Then we will meet in newly reassigned circles. (We do this every two years as a way of broadening our relationships with one another.)
3. Pastor Bob Getty will lead the study of Lesson 9 as the culminating activity of the Bible study for this year.
4. Betty Kennedy, PW Moderator of the Presbytery, will be present to install new officers and to re-install continuing officers. (List will be published next month.)
5. A potluck lunch gives us a delightful way to close the occasion.

PLAN TO COME EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT ATTENDED A CIRCLE. THE BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN ABOUT 11:00.

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

MAY 23, 2013

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Organist: Patricia Schiemann

Treasurer: Ralph Strickland

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

Class of 2013

Evelyn Baker

Oscar Marsh

Ralph Strickland

Elaine Zingg

Class of 2014

Karen Henderson

Audrey Tysen

Kay Weir

Class of 2015

Juliet Getty

Betsy Hall

Dick Roberts

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Irene Noble

Robert Neely

Gerald Barnes

Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Betty Benefiel-14

Patricia Dixon-28

Ed Dodge-103

Virginia Hartwell-102

Agnes Nash-311

Dorothy Rucker-16

Zerelda Young-22

Maryanna Cassady-101

Anna Dodge-111

Dorothy Headley-5A

Ben Lane-118

Jay Yetter-1

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins, 202

At Home

Elinor and Joseph Hodder,

In the Waverly Area

In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Betty Rodway, Max Russell, Verna Taylor

In Military Service

Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

A M E N C O R N E R

Happiness in Christ

There is no peace and no joy in a half-hearted religion. There is such a thing as having just enough religion to make one miserable, and as long as you hold back from a full surrender to His will, this will be the situation. Oh, do let Jesus have all of your heart! He will give you such a fullness of joy in Himself that will far more than repay you for any earthly pleasure you may think you may miss because of it. "In His presence there is fullness of joy, and at his right hand there are pleasures for evermore!" Don't let those things that annoy you in life disturb your communion or interrupt your spiritual progress. Christians ought to receive everything as coming directly from the hands of our Heavenly Father, and consequently, bear them patiently. If the very hairs of our head are numbered, and He says they are, then we may be sure that He arranges all our affairs for us so He may educate and train us for His service and for His glory. And so, no doubt, He is permitting you to go through these trials in order to make you a better and nobler person. Only we must bear them in a right spirit in order to accomplish this result. Ask Him to give you the right feelings about them and to enable you to act like a Christian should. He can make you happy in spite of everything.

From, Smith, H. W., & Dieter, M. E. *The Christian's secret of a holy life: The unpublished personal writings of Hannah Whitall Smith Happiness in Christ*