

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Julie's Journal

Welcome to the "Dog Days of Summer." The cicadas are chirping and clicking, it's hot and humid, and for some, it's back to in-person school, and for others, it's back to online school. As a long-time educator, I always think of back-to-school rather than January 1st as the beginning of a new year.

What will you do with this new year? Will you be grumbling about COVID-19 or will you be looking for ways to be a good neighbor? I hope that you were able to see and hear my sermon on July 26th where I mentioned some of the "Big Dreams" of our members for our church. It's often been said that it is the difficult times that bring out our best. May we keep that in mind as we begin Month 5 of the pandemic.

At the time of this writing, we have closed the sanctuary for two weeks and have great hopes to re-open it on August 9th. Also, as I write this article, I am reminded that it is the anniversary of my mother's death in 2007. If your mother is still living, give her a hug or give her a call. If there is anyone in your life whom you need to reconcile with, today is the day! Make the first move and know that you have done everything in your power to bring about a reconciliation. Carrying hurt and bitterness hurts you far more than the other person. I'm not saying that my mother and I had a bad relationship, but I am saying that none of us knows how much time we or our loved ones have left on this earth. The late Congressman John Lewis has long been one of my heroes. I was always going to write a letter to him, but I waited too long and now it is too late for that letter. Don't wait too long to do your own acts of kindness.

August is a five-Sunday month this year. Our "special" Sunday will be August 16th when we pretend to go to Church Camp during worship. Please dress as you would for camp and be ready to sing Kum ba yah, an African American spiritual and well-known camp song. The scriptures for our August Sundays are:

- August 2nd – Psalm 145: 8-9 & 14-21
- August 9th – Matthew 14:22-33
- August 16th – Genesis 45:1-28
- August 23rd – Matthew 16:13-20
- August 30th – Romans 12:9-21

As you will read below, Cheri has decided to leave her position as our Minister of Music. I will miss her both professionally and personally. I have enjoyed hearing her awesome talents and will greatly miss her. We will have a celebration of Cheri's ministry on her last day, August 30th. Watch your email for more details.

Keep your heart open to God's calling. Be sure to wear your mask, stay safe, and have an attitude of gratitude.

*Blessings,
Julie*

Musical Musings

Dear friends,

I will be resigning from my position as music minister at Campbellsburg Christian Church effective August 31, 2020.

I am grateful for the opportunity of serving as music minister for the past eight years. I have grown to love the members of this congregation and could not imagine a more loving group of people. I pray that God will bless Campbellsburg Christian Church as you continue to share the love of Christ through your words and actions.

In His service,
Cheri Simpson

"Beautiful memories are like old friends. They may not always be on your mind, but they are forever in your heart." - Susan Gale

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to have no memories? Greg and I just watched the series finale of "Blindspot." The following description of the show comes from nbc.com: "A beautiful woman is found naked in Times Square, her memory erased, her body covered in a series of coded tattoos." Strange, I know... and not something that is likely to happen, but it was a great show! I won't tell you whether or not Jane ever got her memory back just in case you want to watch it yourselves.

As Sonic and I were taking our morning stroll through the neighborhood last Sunday, I passed a beautiful mimosa tree. Although I have seen it almost every day for the past five months, I had never given it much thought until it began blooming. The pink flowers are so delicate and beautiful, and I love the aroma that they produce. My senses immediately took me back to childhood memories of summer nights spent at Grandma and Grandad's house in Campbellsburg. They had a mimosa tree in their back yard and it was always one of my favorites! While Mom and Dad sat on the front porch visiting with Grandma and Grandad in those vintage metal bouncy chairs (I actually found that description on Pinterest), my brother and I would be in the back yard trying to catch lightning bugs and put them in a jar.

A few days ago I found two letters that had been written to me by Nannie (Margaret Heilman) while I was serving as a summer missionary during college. I had completely forgotten about saving those letters, and it was such a treat to recognize Nannie's

handwriting while reading the beautiful words she had written to me. She began both letters by saying, "You'll never quite know how very much I appreciate your letters — at least, maybe not till you are a grandmother and your granddaughter is as thoughtful of you!"

Both of these memories brought tears to my eyes... not tears of sadness, but of joy and thanksgiving for the blessing of having these wonderful grandparents in my life for so many years. They definitely helped shape me into the person I am today. Nannie's comment reminded me of my own daughter, Kelsi, who is very faithful in staying in touch with her grandmother through phone calls. It also made me yearn for the day when I will have grandchildren of my own if that is in God's plan.

Of course, memories are not always good, but we often grow through difficult times that we would rather forget. Thankfully, God gives us the ability to change our thoughts so we don't have to dwell on those challenging circumstances. However, I can honestly say that I am thankful for some of my most painful memories because they have definitely made me into a more loving, kind, and compassionate person.

Memories are such a beautiful gift from God, and He has given me many wonderful ones to take away as I leave Campbellsburg Christian Church. However, we must not live in the past, but look to the future for all of the new memories that each of us will be making. The following quote by Whitney Capps perfectly sums up my wish for you: "*Remembering God's faithfulness in the past lets us embrace the difficulties of the present and the uncertainties of the future.*"

In His Service,
Cheri

From the Chair

A few weeks ago we heard a sermon about the sower and it got me to thinking. Anything I can relate to farming and crops catches my attention and this one does for sure. This parable is actually found in Mathew, Mark, and Luke. If it is in the Bible three times it must be important. This is the first part of the version from Mathew 13:1-9.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then He told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop — a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.

I know the focus of this scripture is really the sower. The sower represents Christians spreading Christianity all inclusively. Spreading the word on the whole world, the good, the bad, the in between, just trying to make it grow without judging. Now that kinda reminds me of farming. Sowing an entire field or farm can be the same way. Some places grow well, others not so much and still others maybe none at all. But wait... is that really completely right?

That's when I turn my focus to the seeds. Just because they fall in an unlikely growing condition doesn't always mean they won't grow somehow. If the birds eat it, they may redeposit it somewhere else. If it falls on the rocks, it may eventually wash to good ground. I have even seen seeds grow in cracks in rock! If the seed falls among thorns, that still doesn't mean it has no chance. They can still survive. I have even seen poor soil and weeds transformed by persistent struggling seeds that take over and become productive! Plants under drought conditions can be more deep rooted and if they are growing among weeds or insects, they can become resistant to them and thrive. Obviously the seeds on the best ground have the easiest go of it, but don't count out all those others entirely.

Now I don't need to draw the analogy that I'm getting at. I bet you have caught on by now. Right now in farming is the between stage. Seeding is done and we just wait for harvest. It's the same with the sowers. We don't know for sure how long it will take to grow the whole crop. We don't know how good the harvest will be until the very end. Be patient, persistent, and keep on sowing.

In Christian Love,
Les

Scripture of the Month

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" **2 Corinthians 13:14**

Financial Info

As of July 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 40,041.33
Total Offerings for July:	\$ 2,980.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,499.90

August Calendar

August 2nd: **Worship Services posted on Facebook Live Only - No In Church Worship Service**
Psalm 145: 8-9 & 14-21
Happy Birthday – Jim Wolfe

August 3rd: *Happy Birthday – Matt Sprague*

August 6th: *Happy Birthday – Alice Lyle & Ben Lyle*

August 7th: *Happy Birthday – Erin Bush*

From this point on, In Church Worship Services Will be Dependant upon COVID Guidelines

August 9th: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Call to Worship – Tina Spencer

Elders – Tracy Carpenter

Les Lyle

August 9th continued:

Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney

Ben Lyle

Acolyte – Adam Lyle

Happy Anniversary – Denny & Jane Brown

August 12th: *Happy Birthday – Karen Todd*

August 13th: *Happy Birthday – Kelsi Simpson*

August 16th: *Genesis 45:1-28 / Church Camp Sunday*

Call to Worship – Alice Lyle

Elders – Chet Lawrence

Kevin Mullikin

Deacons – Jill Bohman

Becky Bush

Acolyte – Amy Lyle

August 19th: *Happy Birthday – Jill Bohman &*

Levi Truman Mobley

August 20th: *Happy Anniversary – David & Alice Lyle*

August 23rd: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Call to Worship – Jill Bohman

Elders – Alice Lyle

Kim Mullikin

Deacons – Patricia Carpenter

Mary Ann Courtney

Acolyte – Ginny Lyle

August 24th: *Happy Birthday – Caroline Shrader*

August 25th: *Happy Birthday – Lydia Shrader*

August 27th: *Happy Birthday – Sherry Cooper*

August 28th: *Happy Birthday – Declan Grady Orr*

August 29th: *Happy Birthday – Will Lyle*

August 30th: *Happy Birthday – Marie Mattick*

August 30th: *Romans 12:9-21*

Call to Worship – Ben Lyle

Elders – Chet Lawrence

Les Lyle

Deacons – Ben Lyle

Tina Spencer

Acolyte – Ava McKinley

Celebration of Cheri Simpson's Ministry

with CCC following Worship

September 3rd: *Happy Anniversary – Josh & Brittani*

Barnett

September 6th: Call to Worship – Alice Lyle

Elders – Tracy Carpenter

Kevin Mullikin

Deacons – Jennifer Rankin

Isaac Schwarz

Acolyte – Jake Moore

4th Sunday Luncheon

Once again, we will not be having our 4th Sunday Luncheon. We will resume our fellowship luncheons as soon as we are feasibly able with COVID restrictions.

A.D.M.er's

We will not have an A.D.M.er outing again this month. Restaurant restrictions due to COVID have gotten even worse as far as the numbers allowed to dine in. Hopefully, we will be able to resume outings in the near future.

Cookbook

A few more recipes have been turned in and are being typed into the cookbook website. If you would like to include any additional recipes, please email Patricia Carpenter or Kim Mullikin. We can still use more!! If you happened to provide a recipe for "Southwestern Onion Rings" or "Marshmallow Delights," please let Kim Mullikin know so your name can be included as the contributor. Hopefully, the cookbook will be completed soon.

Lending Library

Cheri Simpson has started a "Lending Library" in the Women's Sunday School classroom. She realized that she had several books (Christian fiction, devotionals, Bible study, etc.) that she no longer used and thought it would be nice for others to benefit from reading them. She purchased a small bookshelf from Target a while ago. She said that Chet was kind enough to put it together for her and it already has some books on it. Jill Bohman has also brought in several books that had belonged to her daughter.

Cheri's original plan was to put this in the newsletter and ask church members to donate any books they no longer needed that they thought others might enjoy. She said that she hadn't really figured out the checkout process, but thought we could just have a notebook where people signed out books with their name, the title of the book, and the date it was checked out. Since we have such a small congregation, it shouldn't be necessary to have a "due date" for each book.

Since she will no longer be at CCC, we will need someone else to oversee it. Do we have any volunteers??

Stained Glass Windows

Chris Crowe (Perfect Painting) has done an excellent job working to remove the covers from our stained glass windows, painting and sealing each window and replacing the protective covers. At this point in time, we are waiting to receive replacements for the few protective covers that were broken during the removal process. It is a wonder that more weren't broken due to the way they had been previously installed. The replacements should be in any day now and the process should be completed in the very near future.

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

A Christian's Response to Racism and Injustice

By: Joel Muddamalle

Proverbs 31 Ministries

The most important voice we need to hear to instruct us on racism and injustice is the voice of Jesus. In Matthew 22:37-40, we hear Jesus answer the Pharisees' question of what is the greatest commandment. His response masterfully and intentionally answered their question by connecting two commandments that flow into each other:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Love the Lord your God.

Love your neighbor.

Our love of God requires and compels us to love our neighbor. A love of God without a love of our neighbor is a fractured love of God to begin with. Jesus emphasizes the importance of these two truths by saying that both of these commandments are the hinge that the law (the writings of Moses) and the prophets (the rest of the Old Testament) hang on.

To fully understand the weight of Jesus' word, we have to rewind and look at the past. We could turn to so many places in the Old Testament (Amos, Zechariah, Leviticus and Deuteronomy), but one of the most helpful places for us to start is Micah 6:8. *"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

The prophet Micah speaks out on behalf of two types of people: those who are in poverty and those who are in the margins of society. Micah is dealing with both racism and social classism, which are both offensive to God. Micah responds by calling the people of God (and calling us today) to walk humbly with God, do justice and love mercy.

Walk humbly: This is an image of walking hand in hand in intimacy with a father. As a child, when we walk in the shadow of our parents, hand in hand, we are humbled by their presence, and we live and act as a result of that humility.

Do justice: The Hebrew word for justice is *"mishpat,"* and it deals with a legal decision. This speaks of having systems and structures that are not morally bankrupt but reflect the righteous justice of God.

Love mercy: As a people who've experienced extravagant and undeserved mercy, we should pour out extravagant mercy onto others, even if it's undeserved.

Jesus teaches us that these three characteristics mentioned in Micah 6:8 should be embodied and reflected in the lives of Christians as we relate to our neighbors.

Who is our neighbor? Every image bearer of God. In other words — all of humanity. As Christ-followers, we love God with every ounce of our being,

and we're then sent out to love our neighbors to be a reflection of the love, mercy and justice of God. This is what can be referred to as the "Law of love" (Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8; John 13:34-35).

Jesus is telling His people today to walk humbly, do justice, love mercy and love all of humanity. Will we listen to His voice and instruction?

Lord, thank You for teaching us so clearly what it means to love our neighbor through Your Word. Thank You for the gift of the Scripture and how it has the power to instruct and guide us in every situation and circumstance. Empower us through Your Spirit to live a life of love that serves as a sign and symbol of the goodness of the gospel to our neighbors that may not know You. Help us, Lord, when things are hard. Remind us to lean into You through Your Word by the power of Your Spirit and not on our own understanding. Stir our affections for You, King Jesus, and be with us as You've promised. In Jesus' Name, Amen.