

# Campbellsburg Christian Church

## Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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### **Rob's Reflections...**

The other day I attended an Award's Day Celebration for Caroline's class. The event was held in the auditorium of her middle school. I was in my seat a few minutes early. There was a buzz in the air as parents and grandparents reflected on the occasion. The room was decorated tastefully with balloons and flowers, it was clear they wanted to make this a nice event. There was even background music playing while we waited. It was the music that really caught my attention. I couldn't place the pieces of music being played; it was just non-descript piano music. But, it all had the same kind of feel... it was very somber. Perhaps this was just someone's attempt at a "dignified" ceremony but perhaps they were projecting a thought and / or creating a mood.

After the ceremony, there were loads of pictures being taken in the lobby of the auditorium. I was taking a picture of Caroline with a large group of her girlfriends in front of a backdrop, which read, "South Laurel High School" (it's a shared auditorium between the middle and high schools). One of the mom's observing the picture said, "It hurts my heart to do this in front of the high school sign. They're growing up too fast as it is."

Later, when discussing the day, Caroline seemed to reflect a similar kind of idea. I asked both girls if they were excited that school was almost over. Lydia, of course, excitedly said, "YES!" Caroline, however, said, "I guess so, but not really..." When I asked why she felt that way Caroline reported being a little sad that sixth grade was nearly over. She went on to say that she was sad, "because that meant she was even closer to high school and then college and then who knows what?!" I admit I laughed a little at that second thought.

I calmed her as best I could and assured her that feeling a little sentimental at big moments was normal. But, I also tried to encourage her to frame the whole topic a little differently in her heart and mind.

It's normal to be a little sentimental at major milestones, especially for our kids. I admit I got a little misty when the girls graduated from preschool and when Mariah and Caroline each graduated from 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I would wager I'm not alone. Though I can't confirm it, I'd be willing to bet that Les and Gina had "allergy issues" a couple of weekends ago at WKU when Adam graduated. I have it on good authority that Angie and Scott might have teared up at least a little bit as Brianna accepted her diploma. I'm almost certain Kim and Kevin shed a tear or two at Kelsey's graduation from UK. All of that's totally normal. However, there's a distinct difference between sentimental and melancholy.

Our attitude toward these kinds of milestone moments actually has a theological root, though we may not realize it. Our perspective on the future is affected in large part by whether we have an ideology of scarcity or an ideology of abundance. Do we believe this is the best it's ever going to be or do we have the audacity to believe

that God is still working and is still bringing good things into our lives?

An ideology of scarcity is one that is based in fear. This is an attitude that believes "everything is just getting worse and worse every day" or "this is just the best anything is ever going to be" or more specifically "after this milestone moment it's all downhill from here." What a pessimistic and limited view. Certainly, the world is changing all around us and sometimes those changes are frightening – even major milestones are stressful in this way. Obviously, when things are good we are motivated to keep them that way. But, to believe that whatever good experience we're having is the only one we'll ever have seems to deny the belief in a God who loves us and is constantly providing for us. It's like being scared that God's provision and blessing might somehow become scarce or run out.

I prefer an ideology of abundance. Abundance is based in hope and trust. This is an attitude that believes, "this good experience isn't the only good experience I'll ever have" or "even though things in the world are changing and different, God is still doing amazing things all around us." This kind of hope-filled thinking leads us to be able to enjoy the moment without holding on too tightly or for too long. This attitude trusts that God is constantly at work in us and in our world and is always working for our good. Abundance also believes that God's provision and blessing is always without end.

Make no mistake, abundance thinking isn't just Pollyanna-optimism, nor is it an excuse to be irresponsible. Rather it's an invitation to live this life to its absolute fullest and to trust and believe in the abiding presence of God. It's also an invitation to step out in faith and to trust that our next steps will be guided by the same God who loves us and has brought us this far.

Though it may feel a little sad to end a chapter, my encouragement to Caroline was the same encouragement I would give to all of us when we face milestone moments – make room in your heart and mind for excitement for what is yet to come. Sure, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is over for Caroline, but isn't it safe to believe good things are still in store for her? Absolutely, life will be different for Brianna next year at WKU but isn't it exciting to be starting college? Certainly, Adam and Kelsey will miss certain aspects of college and college life, but I'm confident they can both look toward the future with a ton of hope. Simply put, with God the best is yet to come.

Sure, we may feel sentimental at major milestone moments. We may be nervous about next steps. We might even be sad for a little while as we grieve something's end. But, let us also leave room in our thinking and feeling for hope, and for the presence of God. May we trust God's abundance and look toward the future, for us and for our children, with confident expectation and with hope.

Together, there is much we can do...

Peace,  
Rob

## Musical Musings...

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The following devotional was written by Joe Stowell, who serves as the President of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*"Run in such a way as to get the prize."  
(1 Corinthians 9:24)*

The month of June brings many sure signs of summer: the sweet smell of cut grass, soft breezes, picnics, fireflies, thunderstorms — and runners. This unique breed of humanity, forced to run circles in cramped indoor quarters during the North American winter, emerges with the first hint of spring and spends the summer dashing through neighborhoods and parks.

I have nothing against runners. Some of my best friends are addicted runners. Though I have never seen a runner smiling, apparently there is something fulfilling about it. I even tried it once, waiting for that surge of ecstasy that my friends told me I would experience, only to find that the ecstasy came when I stopped running!

So, whatever you think about running, it's important to note that the Bible often speaks of living the Christian life as if it were running a race. Following Jesus is clearly more than a leisurely stroll in the park! And the issue is not whether you will run the race. When you became His follower, you were put in the race. The question is not *will* you run, but *how* will you run?

So, here are three keys to running well.

First, *stay in shape!* I like Paul's perspective in 1 Corinthians 9:24: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." In other words, you need to be in it to win, and, like any race, winning requires discipline. As spiritual runners, we must discipline ourselves in the exercise and dietary habits of prayer and reading God's Word. Drinking at the fountain of prayer and digesting the food of God's Word gives us strength and motivation to run and win.

Secondly, *obey the rules!* Like all races, running to win means staying in the boundaries. Paul committed himself to living his life by God's rules. He did not want to be "disqualified for the prize" (1 Corinthians 9:27). As good runners, we embrace the rules and gladly submit to them.

Thirdly, *run light!* As Hebrews 12:1 instructs us, we are to lay aside every hindering weight and the sin that so easily besets us. What is it that distracts you and what is the sin that slows you down? Take them off and run light!

And finally, a couple more tips. Hebrews 12:1 also tells us to be willing to persevere. Our race is more than a few laps around the track — it's a long-distance marathon. And let's face it, this marathon can be stressful. Sometimes it's the wind of life blowing against us — or mud kicked in our face from the runner in front of us. But whatever the case, runners that win never give up!

And keep your eyes on the finish line. Jesus is there! When you run for the honor and glory of His name, He reaches out with the victor's crown and says, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

In my book, that's worth running for!

In His Service,  
Cheri

## Scripture of the Month...

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*"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."*

**Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV)**

## Financial Info...

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As of May 31<sup>st</sup>:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 29,867.67
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 5,949.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,898.90

## June Calendar...

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June 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Exodus 20:3-11** (Matthew 22:34-40)

Elders - Tracy Carpenter  
Chet Lawrence

Deacons – Becky Bush  
Greg Simpson

Acolyte – Amy Lyle

Called Board Meeting following Worship

*Happy Anniversary – Chet & Cathy Lawrence  
Tony & Karen Osborne*

June 4<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – Kevin & Kim Mullikin*

June 5<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Betty Spradling*

June 6<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

June 8<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Tina Spencer*

June 10<sup>th</sup>: **Exodus 20:12-16** (Matthew 22:34-40)

Elders – Jim Chambers  
Kim Mullikin

Deacons – Patricia Carpenter  
Mindy Lawrence

Acolyte – Caroline Shrader

*Relay for Life Silent Auction Bake Sale*

*Happy Birthday – Campbell Adair Orr*

June 12<sup>th</sup>: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –

*Our Best – 11:30 a.m.*

*Happy Birthday – Kim Mullikin*

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

June 14<sup>th</sup>: **Flag Day**

June 17<sup>th</sup>: **Fathers' Day**

**Exodus 20:17** (Matthew 22:34-40)

Elders – Alice Lyle

Marie Mattick

Deacons – Ethan Lyle

Isaac Schwarz

Acolyte – Lydia Shrader

*Happy Birthday – Jane Brown*

June 19<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – John & Joan Ellegood*

June 20<sup>th</sup>: **First Day of Summer**

Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

*Happy Birthday – Kevin Mullikin*

*Happy Anniversary – Charlie & Marilyn Highfield*

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – Ken & Susie Parker*

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Henry County Relay for Life**

Henry Co Courthouse – 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

*"Celebrating More Birthdays!"*

June 24<sup>th</sup>: **1 John 1:1-4** (John 1:14-16)  
 Elders – Tracy Carpenter  
 Chet Lawrence  
 Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney  
 Tina Spencer  
 Acolyte – Elijah Clark  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Luncheon following Worship

June 26<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Tony Osborne*

June 27<sup>th</sup>: A.D.M.er's – *Big R's & Shannon's BBQ* –  
 LaGrange – Noon  
 Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

June 30<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Betsy Carpenter*  
 Sue Price

July 1<sup>st</sup>: **Independence Sunday**  
**1 John 1:5-2:2** (John 1:29)  
 Elders – Marie Mattick  
 Kim Mullikin  
 Deacons – Becky Bush  
 Jennifer Rankin  
 Acolyte – Amy Lyle

July 4<sup>th</sup>: **Independence Day**

July 8<sup>th</sup>: **1 John 4:1-6** (John 14:15-17)  
 Elders – Jim Chambers  
 Alice Lyle  
 Deacons – Cheri Simpson  
 Greg Simpson  
 Acolyte – Caroline Shrader

### **Relay for Life Silent Auction / Bake Sale...**

It's that time of year again... Bring your best dessert and your checkbook to Campbellsburg Christian Church on Sunday morning, June 10<sup>th</sup>, for the annual silent auction bake sale benefitting the *Relay for Life*. This event is always a big success and a lot of fun. There are always so many yummy desserts to choose from! Not a baker? You can still bid on a dessert... or two or three! We look forward to seeing you there!  
 – Mindy Lawrence

### **Father's Day...**

Be sure to remember Father's Day on June 17<sup>th</sup> and be in worship as a family. All fathers will be recognized.

#### ***A Kingdom Man Is an Example to His Family***

*Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 11:1**

*Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice holds just about every meaningful receiving record in the NFL. He's first in career receiving touchdowns, first in receptions, first in all-time receiving yards. Teammates and coaches could always rely on him to show up on Sunday.*

*"The thing that made him most special was that he had the God-given abilities and he went beyond those abilities because of the way that he worked and his dedication to perfecting his game," former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert said. "The way he interacted with the players and coaches—he was somebody that took to coaching and wanted to be the best."*

*Rice was an example to his teammates in his preparation and dedication. His off-season workouts with running back Roger Craig were legendary, often inspiring*

*fellw teammates to work harder to be the best they could be.*

*My father wanted me to be the best I could be, and he knew that meant showing up on Sunday. As a child growing up under his leadership, I remember that I would practically need to be hospitalized to get out of going to church on Sunday. Even though I wasn't at the point in my own spiritual development to benefit from the service as much as my father, his consistency in embracing the role of the church in his life set the example for doing so in my own life as I grew older. In fact, by the time I was in high school, my dad's biblical worldview had become my own.*

*Dads, what example are you setting for your family? How are you following Christ's example? How can you make church and growing in your faith more of a priority?*

*Pray: God, I want my example to draw my family and the people around me closer to You. Help me be consistent in my walk. Amen.*

*Taken from Kingdom Man Devotional  
 by Tony Evans © 2013*

### **Outreach & Evangelism Committee...**

Our "annual" *Relay for Life* bake sale / silent auction will be held Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Last year, we had 13 desserts, raising \$379! Let's try to top that this year!!

Mindy Lawrence has once again graciously agreed to head up our *Relay* team this year and everyone is invited to our tent at the Henry County Courthouse on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Celebrating More Birthdays!"

\$110 was collected for the WHAS Crusade for Children this past Sunday...

Our outreach with Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen has wrapped up for this school year with summer bags being sent home the last week of school. Plans are in the works to provide back-to-school items for the children and also to establish a "Back-to-School Angel" type program where we can help with first day of school outfits, shoes and backpacks.

Thank you so much for all of your support to our Outreach and Evangelism programs.

### **2018 Church Camp...**

For the past several years, several of our church members have participated in the Outdoor Ministries of The Christian Church in Kentucky at Camp Wakon'Da-Ho in Yosemite, KY. Listed below are the dates and ages for each camp this summer. Please see Rob for more details.

Mini Camp (3 <sup>rd</sup> graders)	June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
CYF 1 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> graders)	June 4 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Eighter's Camp (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	June 10 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Junior 1 (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> graders)	June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Camp 101 A (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>
CYF 2 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> graders)	June 25 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
Chi Rho 1 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> graders)	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>
Chi Rho 2 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> graders)	July 9 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>
Junior 2 (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> graders)	July 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>
Camp 101 B (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	July 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Y'All Camp (Family)	August 31 <sup>st</sup> – September 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon...

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Our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon for June will be held on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, following our worship service. The meal will be potluck with tea and water provided. Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship.

## A.D.M.er's...

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The next outing for the A.D.M.er's will be held on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at *Big R's and Shannon's BBQ* in LaGrange. The group will meet at the restaurant at noon. A signup sheet will be on the front pew in the sanctuary, be sure to sign up today so Marie can give the restaurant a heads up and have tables ready for us.

## Church Cookbook...

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Plans are moving along to produce a new church cookbook. We did this in 2000 and it was very well received. Please be thinking about recipes that you can submit! We would like to have at least 300 recipes. And we need them by July 1<sup>st</sup>! Please see Tina Spencer, Patricia Carpenter or Marie Mattick for more details.

## Among Our Own...

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### Congratulations...

**Elijah Clark** completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Goshen Elementary School this year...

**Mariah Clark** completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade at North Oldham Middle School...

**Bryanna Imel** graduated with high honors from Henry County High School on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She plans to attend Western Kentucky University in the fall...

**Adam Lyle** graduated from Western Kentucky University on May 12<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Architecture Science...

**Amy Lyle** completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade at The Summitt Academy in Louisville, KY receiving an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award...

**Ethan Lyle** completed his junior year at Henry County High School and the iLEAD Academy while also taking classes at JCTC...

**Ginny Lyle** completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, KY. She received Perfect Attendance, highest GPA freshman in agriculture and highest GPA in pre-AP biology awards...

**Will Lyle** completed his third year of pharmacy school at the University of Kentucky completing all class work for his Pharmacy degree. He now begins a year of rotations in the Louisville area...

**Kelsey Mullikin** graduated from the University of Kentucky on May 4<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Marketing and a degree in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles...

**Caroline Shrader** completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade at South Laurel Middle School in London, KY...

**Lydia Shrader** completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Wyan-Pine Grove Elementary School in London, KY...

**Isaac Schwarz** completed his junior year at Trimble County High School...

**Jim & Linda Wolfe** welcomed their first great-grandbaby into the world! **Rory Allen Barnett** was born Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:02 a.m. in, Bowling Green, KY. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are **Josh and Brittani Barnett**... paternal

grandparents are **Angie & Scott Southworth** and Brian Barnett...

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## Prayer Concerns...

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In Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality...

... All our military personnel

*Our Church*

*Our Nation*

*WORLD PEACE*

## Living Loved...

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I've always heard that June is the month or "Love"... I found this from [A Love Worth Giving](#) by Max Lucado...

*The secret to loving is living loved. It's the forgotten first step in relationships. Remember Paul's prayer? "May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love" (Ephesians 3:17 NLT).*

*Many people tell us to love. Only God gives us the power to do so. We know what God wants us to do. "This is what God commands... that we love each other." (1 John 3:23). But how can we? How can we be kind to those who are unkind to us? How can we love as God loves? By being loved. By following the principle: receive first and love second. God loves you personally... powerfully... passionately! He loves you with an unfailing love. Others have promised and failed. But God has promised and succeeded!*