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## *Testimony Sunday*



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### Chapel Worship:

8:45 a.m.

### Morning Worship:

10:45 a.m.

### Sunday School Hour:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery - Adult

### Ushers:

**8:45 -**

Gary Etter  
Loren Houck

**10:45 -**

Charles Warren  
Frank Taylor

## "From the Pastor"

“And the Lord said to Gideon, “The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself...bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there...” So the people took provision and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent them away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men,” Judges 7:2, 4, & 8.

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it...And some seed fell among thorns. And the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced; some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred,” Mark 5:3-4, 7-8.

Six teenagers are completing confirmation classes: Joseph Hager, Geoffrey Lewis, Taylor Medlin, Joshua Parrett, Macie Popik, and Garrett Rayney. They will present their statements of faith at the Morning service on April 26<sup>th</sup> and they will become full members of GOPCC at the Morning service of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the Rite of Confirmation.

Looking over the confirmation process these last few decades, I noticed the difficulty finding time to for such class work. At one time classes were ninety minutes to two hours long. Wednesdays or Saturday mornings were the designated time for religious classes. There was an understanding by the schools and the community that this was special time for religious instruction. Because of increase sports activities and other activities Wednesday religious instructions could not compete and gradually eroded away as well as Saturday mornings. I found Sunday mornings the only available time for classes, but the time frame was reduced to 45-60 minutes of instruction. Sporting and other activities became more prevalent on Sundays, creeping into the morning hours. Attendance became more sporadic. I had full attendance maybe 50% of the time. While I admit that I became frustrated at times, I realize that with all the competing activities and choices for students and families (even on Sunday mornings) I am grateful for the persistence, and determination given by these students and families for choosing to come to classes on Sunday mornings.

I also see this change happening in our Sunday school attendance and worship services too. With more activities going on on Sundays and with Sundays being the only day off for many working families, coming to church on Sundays has become less of a priority. I hear quite often that “you don’t have to go to church to believe in God.” And that is so true. But to be a Christian means being involved in church, which includes worship and small group studies/prayer/support groups. We made a commitment to be there for one another and help each other grow in the faith and to encourage one another, so that, we can be “Christ” for

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## Vital Statistics

### Attendance April 19, 09

8:45 - 24

10:45 - 96

Sunday School - 42

### Offering - Operating Income

#### (monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827
Mar. '09	\$14,598	- 1,527

### Happy Birthday

Judy Amundson - Apr. 26

Ginny Hambrick - Apr. 28

Allen Patterson - May 1

Martha Lockhart - May 2

Cindy Brodowski - May 3



### In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam

Charles Barlow - in Iraq

Glenda Boddie

Bill Chimell

Esther Crowley - Trinity Home

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Harriett Edwards

Jim Farra

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Dawn Gilmore

Beverly Guffey

Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek

Judy Hirshman (Chaney)

Katie Horvath

Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Marilyn Jones

Dustin Knowlton

Eric Landing

Schylur Leukhardt

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller

Marcella Miller

Michael Ourfalian - Iraq

Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods

Nancy Pratt

Rama Rengan

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Cindy Romano

Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods

Sue Shroyer

Rev. Bob Smitley

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Mary Vance

Flo Warner

Charles Warren

Evelyn Wheeler

Vera Westfall

Wilma Yost

Please let the church office know, how God is answering prayers in our lives.



## Tent Sale - April 24-25

Save your stuff!! As the saying goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure." The Trustee's All Church Tent Sale is April 24 & 25.

We also NEED VOLUNTEER HELP throughout the week to help sort & price items. Come participate, share, enjoy, serve together on Friday & Saturday we have the chance to meet our neighborhood friends at the sale. - Gary Etter, Trustees



## "Youth News"

Car Wash - fundraisers planned Saturdays 11AM - 2 PM - at church May 2 & June 6

"Let's Make a Deal" - fundraiser Saturday, May 16 - evening & matinee on Sunday, May 17

## Kenya Trip - Car Wash

Saturday, May 2 between 10 AM and 2 PM the youth of the SONKA Africa trip group will be holding a CAR WASH at David's UCC, 170 W. David Rd. in Kettering. The proceeds will go toward the group trip this summer. - Thank you, Sarah Goodner



## Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

It's time for us to update our church directory with your picture! Life Touch Photography will be here May 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> to take your family's picture. What an excellent opportunity to get new family photos made and make our directory a success. *As a bonus, for every family getting their picture taken, Life Touch will make a donation to our food pantry. And, if you bring in a canned good that day, you will get \$5 off toward any photo purchases.*

Here are the particulars.

· Sign up in the Gathering Place, April 26 and May 2.

· Or you can sign up online by going to the Church's website

[www.greenmontoakpark.com](http://www.greenmontoakpark.com) and clicking on the Life Touch link (after April 19)

· Or you can wait for us to call you, although you may not get your first choice of appointment by waiting More added features!

· Every family photographed will get a free 8 x 10 photo of their choosing and a complimentary church directory, you are not obligated to purchase photos.

· You may also bring extended family members that may or may not attend our church and get photos made with them

· You will choose your photos directly after posing for them—it's all digital!

Please check out the display in the Gathering Place and sign up soon. For more information call Lisa Bleeker at 294 2962 with any questions. - The membership committee

## "In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers and thoughts to Mary Lehman and family upon the passing of James Lehman onto Eternal Life. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. Rev. King officiated at the memorial service last week. - Your GOPCC family

## "Thank You"

To Our Church Family,

We want to thank you for allowing us to use the Donut Room for Kim's Baby Shower. The baby shower went great and we had a nice turnout. We also want to Thank everyone for everything they have done for us. We can't say thank you enough. Please keep us in your prayers. Your friends in Christ, The Elliotts

## How God Answers Prayers

Last Sunday (Easter Sunday) as I got into my car to drive to work, I asked God to help me drive safely (that is normal for me as I don't drive very often). Well, I always thought of God sitting in the passenger seat, beside me. This time the thought came to me that he is sitting in the driver's seat guiding my hands. Then a funny thought came to mind. "I hope I am not smashing Him." He keeps me chuckling. - Cheryl Barnett

## WINGS - Shut-In Visits

Sixteen church members enjoyed lunch at Mimi's Restaurant on Sunday, April 19. After the meal twelve shut-ins received a visit. The visitors received as much joy as the shut-ins.

If we missed you and you want a visit in June, please call Marilyn Foskuhl, 426-9280.

## "We're Collecting Graduate Information"



Please contact the church office with any graduate information. Families with Senoir High youth or college graduates, please share the degree being received, and any special accomplishments information, so it might be shared in the church newsletter. - Christian Education

## "Take Me Out To The Ball Game"



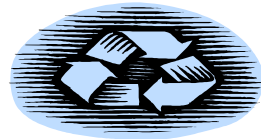
The Recreation Committee has planned a family outing to the, Saturday, May 30, Dayton Dragon's ball game. We will eat a light meal at the church (5 PM) before we leave for the evening game. The ticket cost is \$14.00/person. Tickets are limited, so it is first come-first serve. Please sign-up as soon as possible. Please contact Jamie Meldin if you have any questions at 252-4657.

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others in our workplaces, in our classes, at the marketplace, sports arenas, concert halls and theaters. We cannot do that unless we are here in church fellowship and worship and study and prayer with our brothers and sisters of the faith.

I have asked myself many times, "Would I attend church as frequently as I am now, if I was not the pastor?" As much as I would like to say "yes," I really won't know until I retire. But I do see a mighty and vital group of faithful men and women who are keeping their covenant commitment with us. Although our attendance has declined I have never seen this church body more active and spirit led. For a while I saw big holes in our ministry because of our aging faithful leaders dying or becoming too weak to carry on the missions. But I am now seeing other folks taking up the challenges and the calling. Many of you are saying "yes" when the Holy Spirit calls you to take on a task, a program or an activity.

I want to encourage you to continue following the urgings of the Spirit. Come talk to me about it. I know the Official Board will try to support you any way we can too. We are fewer in numbers for right now, but the Spirit is mightily working within you. Your friend and Pastor, Greg King



**"Recycling News"**

In the children's moment I mentioned the hazardous waste location is at the Montgomery County Solid Waste South. It is open Saturday until 1:00 p.m. for drop off. It is located at 2550 Sandridge, Moraine, OH.

Also, clarification, empty paint cans can go into the regular trash. Cans with paint should be disposed of as hazardous waste.

Social Action.

**More Recycling Possible**

I have been recycling most of the office and church bulletin papers since I began working here 11 years ago. We are now looking into a paper only recycling program to share with Ascension church that will pay us a monthly sum for our paper. The proceeds would go to support the Food Pantry that we both volunteer to support. We will give you all the details when the program is worked out.

And to remind you, we also recycle aluminum cans. They can be placed in plastic bags and dropped off at the north side of the garage, on the first Sunday of the month. These proceeds are used to support the church budget.  
- Nova Kigar



**Ladies,**

Can you believe WINGS will be celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "All Daughter's Brunch" honoring Mother's Day in less than 3 weeks? Yes, it is fast approaching and WINGS committee members have been busy preparing this annual event to be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Nedelko's Banquet & Reception Hall. The cost is \$14/person.

The first, "All Daughter's Brunch" began in 2006, when we celebrated with a beautiful tea party. As a surprise to our guests we were served tea by some of the men in our congregation! They did a superb job, carrying tea pots throughout and pouring tea into our favorite tea cups!

Then in 2007, we were delighted with a presentation by "Canine Companions for Independence." We were awed by a lively yellow Lab who demonstrated helping those in need gain more independence, while serving as a companion dog.

Last year, in 2008 our very own, "Angie the Angel" visited us with a hilarious skit of all the many hats a mother wears while multi-tasking thru everyday life. Funny isn't it, how easily we forget how much mothers really do!

Once again, this year we're planning a delicious brunch, followed by a presentation from authors, Jerri Lawrence & Kay Williams who completed the novel, *One Last Dance* started by their father, Mardo Williams, at the age of 92. Kay Williams is a

writer, editor and actress in New York. Jerri Williams Lawrence is a former English teacher, editor and writer in Ohio.

The book's setting is in Columbus, Ohio and is written with great humor and a deep understanding of the challenges associated with aging in America. *One Last Dance* is an inspiration to all generations, reminding us to live every day and always be in search of new experiences, regardless of age. It's also a tale about how insecurities, humiliations and fears, though long past, can haunt a person throughout their days.

I have personally read the book and several other WINGS committee members have read it also. We have enjoyed this delightful book, and all agreed that we fell in love with the characters, their honesty and the reality of life they face.

Our theme this year is, "**Here for You**" just as in the true spirit of Christ, He is always here for us. Just as a mother loves her children and is there for them, Christ loves us and is always present in our lives.

We hope you will please join us in honoring Mother's and Daughter's once again, this year. If you would like to adopt a Mother or Daughter for this day, please do so and join us in celebration!

To register for this annual event or for more information please visit the WINGS bulletin board. If you have any questions please see any of the WINGS officers. In Christ, Nikki Taylor, WINGS President

