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**I**  
**am the**  
**RESURRECTION**  
**and the**  
**LIFE.**

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**He who**  
**believes in**  
**me will**  
**LIVE,**  
**even though**  
**he dies.**

**John 11:25**

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Bob Beall—April 21  
Rev. Smitley—April 28

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**Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM**

**Morning Worship: 10:45 AM**

**Sunday School: 9:30 AM**

**Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM**

**Ushers:**

**8:45 AM**                      **10:45 AM**

Gary Etter                      Jerry Archer

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

### **THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB**

In my message Sunday (4/14/13) I shared that God is holy, we are sinners, and we need a Savior. I also mentioned a hymn written in 1771 by William Cowper. This famous hymn is entitled, "There is a Fountain." This hymn speaks to the Christian of Salvation in the blood of Christ. The words are important to hear and understand. If you don't remember or know the hymn, below are the words of verses 1,3, and 4:

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;

Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And Sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,

Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more:

Be saved to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more; Till

All the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Ever since by faith I saw the streams Thy flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die:

And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.

There is a fountain filled with 'Blood' in Tehran, Iran. The "blood" is only colored water, but it is disturbingly realistic according to a recent article in the International Herald Tribune. The fountain is in the middle of a cemetery begun with the burial of those who died in the revolution that overthrew the Shah of Iran. It is growing with the burials of many killed in the current war between Iraq and Iran; and also killed in the Persian Gulf War. Sadly, many of the "martyrs" buried there are no more than children, emotionally induced to volunteer by Muslin fanatics and promised joy in heaven if they died as martyrs in that useless, hopeless war between Iran and Iraq. Christians see no such crude literalism in Cowper's famous hymn. They see in Christ's sacrifice an act of love, not hate. They see Christ as a man of peace, not war. His decision to offer himself made in calm maturity, not in emotional fanaticism of childhood. The contrasts are greater than any similarities! But it is useful for us to make certain that people comprehend our figures of speech, whether they are used in song or sermon. How strange they might sound to foreign ears! How strange they might sound to those hearing them for the first time! Still, it always moves US to sing Cowper's famous song and to remember the great sacrificial love of Christ – and to recall what he accomplished for us in his death. "And sinners plunged beneath THAT flood, loose all their guilty stains."

In these days of terrorism, war in the Persian Gulf, the Coup in Russia, the streets in the USA running red with blood: that is plaguing the world with innocent victims being made to suffer; more than ever we need to seek peace in the world. There are too many "SOCIAL" activities taking us away on Sundays; taking us away from where we ought to be and that is worshiping God. We need to pray every day that those who fight in the name of God someday put down their weapons and no longer hurt innocent victims who have no part in their war. And may our cemeteries no longer be filled with

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### **Attendance - Apr. 7 & 14 2013**

8:45 — 18, 18

10:45 — 76, 58

Easter Sun Rise—20

Sunday school — 26, 15

### **Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411.91	-4,547
Feb. '13	\$10,323	-4,635

### **Happy Birthday**

Aaron Steinbrunner—Apr. 21

Tim Keltner—Apr. 23

Joshua Parrett—Apr. 25

Judy Amundson—Apr. 26

Ginny Hambrick—Apr. 28

Cindy Brodowski—May 3

Ann Smith—May 5

Barb Etter—May 6

Doris Greenwood—May 7



### **In Our Prayers**

Doris Alexander

Kevin Bader

Russell Berk

Glenda Boddie

Ginny Breckler

Nolan Butts

Jim Coleman

Michelle Conn

CeCi (Cobb) Cole

Conner Elliott

Larry Earwood

Margaret Foster

Jamie Geswein

Sharon&Jack Gilmore

Ken Hambrick

Bill Hine

Don Keltner

Dustin Knowlton

Onu Kolossova Kelly McRonney

Bob McCray Lauren McClure

Marcella Miller Hilda Mobley

Karolina O'Donnell John Parnell

Harriet Shawhan Cindy Ramano

Calire Riccos Deb Richey

Darlene Schafer Tom Scheit

Beverly Smith Diana Smith

David Stockton Wayne Stolich

Paul Stutz Gloria Van Camp

Gina Van Camp Evelyn Wheeler

Paul White ( Dicks family)

Mary Willett

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know, so we may give God thanks with you.

### **Those in Nursing Care**

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.

Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek

Margaret Dill – Masonic Home

Marion Farren—Trinity Home

Doris Greenwood—Grand Court

Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek

Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center

Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett

Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods

Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington

Tnsp.

### **Military**

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)

Kirby Brooks— USA ( Al Brooks son)

Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)

Michael Mantia— USA

Nathaniel Nicholas—USA

Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)

Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)

Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)

Remember to hold our Food Pantry families in prayer.

### Searching to find special item:

I am looking for a machine that will take cassette tapes and transfer/convert them to CD's. If anyone can help me find this item, please call and let me know.

- Marilyn Hunter

298-5668

### Greenmont-Oak Park church,

We want to express our gratitude to all who came to our surprise anniversary party. You ALL made our day special!

Bob & Sue

### Kroger Plus Card Rewards Program Enrollment Renewal Time

The new on-line enrollment program requires each individual to renew their enrollment annually. The month of April is the time to renew for the coming year. We have had a recent check of \$122 from Kroger's for our participation over the past 6 months., from 11 participants. If you have not signed up to participate, and would like to start offering rewards to Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church, please use the instructions that follow.

You can go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register your Kroger Plus Card. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card account, click on SIGN UP TODAY, in the 'New Customer?' box. Once you have an account set up and confirmed you will select our church as the organization to support. Our NPO # is 80028. , then select the name of our church, then confirm.

Within 7 to 10 business days of successfully enrolling your Kroger Plus Card, you will see at the bottom of your Kroger receipt: "At your request, Kroger is donating to "GOPCC"



### National Volunteer Week April 21-27

Along with the city of Kettering and communities across the country I want to say thank you to all the volunteers that assist our church, and our community.

You are to be celebrated, your contributions are great! We have many church member volunteers that volunteer in area hospitals, local schools, service clubs, youth sports, religious organizations and at our church.

The latest national survey conducted on volunteerism showed that those who identify themselves as religious and/or who attend religious services regularly volunteered almost three times more often than those that did not.

If you haven't tried volunteering, our Tent Sale might be a good opportunity for you to try it out. You will be with church family to work with you.

Thank you for sharing God's gifts with others. I celebrate ALL OF YOU! May you reflect God's light in all that you do, and receive God's strength and peace in serving others in His Name.

- Nova Kigar



### "The Blood of the Lamb" Continued

those who have died in the spilled blood of war, terrorism and hate; but in the blood of Christ spilled in love for all people that they may be saved.

We read in the Old Testament in book after book of those who turned from God and found pleasure in doing what they enjoyed – everything was more important to them as a society than reading and listening to the word of God. They became a people of doing *their* will and not *God's* will. Today our children don't *grow up* in the church like our forefather's did. They know of God only as a Bi-Annual experience. Most of our children know little of the Bible content – let alone the parents. We are becoming more and more a generation of **me and my pleasures first** and if I "have the time" then maybe – just maybe – we'll see if God fits in somewhere. The only time some people are seen in church is Birth, Baptism, Marriage and Death – and yes, those Bi-Annual times of Easter and Christmas. We call ourselves Christians but how can we really know God if we don't spend time with him on a regular basis. We read about current generations that don't feel church is important in their lives – but every other social activity is where they need to be.

We need to re-read the Book Nahum and about the most powerful city known to the world at that time Nineveh, a city whose people had turned from God and did their own thing. They turned their back on God and he was no longer first in their lives. In some respects we have become like Nineveh. God had given Nineveh a chance to repent and turn back to him and they did - - for a short time – but old habits are hard to break and they returned to the sinners they had been before. As a nation we need to take heed of what is happening to us today. At one time our religious education and growth, attendance in church and attending church activities were central to our lives. Today we set with our electronics in our hands – even during church worship – or attend other more "fun" things in our lives. But the day will come when our up-coming generations will find that none of those electronics, "Fun" Sunday morning extra-curricular activities, trophies or ribbons or pictures on the wall will save them for the kingdom to come. Our future generations will learn all too late that God is not someone you call at the last minute when trouble arises like Triple AAA.

We need to start to spend more time developing that close personal relationship with Jesus Christ in our lives. We need to spend much more time learning to let the love of Christ – his mercy and grace – rule our lives instead of bullying, hatred, and violence. We need to turn our lives around and make Christ central in them. We need to seek forgiveness for living our lives as we want to live them instead of according to God's divine plan for us. We need a SAVIOR! The Lamb of God, who through his shed blood: washes away our sins and makes us white as snow – there is only one and that is Jesus Christ.

From one sinner to another,  
In His humble service, Dr. B.



### Youth Winter Schedule

**Jr & Sr High Youth— Sat. evening**  
8 pm—small group Jr & Sr High  
Bible discussions  
9 pm—combined fellowship  
**Footprints/ Crusaders (1—5th)**  
1st & 3rd Sundays, follows worship

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**May 6 & May 20**

### "Congratulations— New Babies Born"

Two new grandbabies have been born this past week.  
Harry Edward Schnitzler was born April 14, and is the grandchild of Mike & Janet Brown, and great nephew to Phil & Karen Brown and Diane Yost.

Olivia Marie Burkheiser was also born April 14, in Germany to Jenny & Josh Burkheiser. Proud grandpa Ron Lyttle, sent an email notice, he is there with them visiting for the birth.

We ask God to bless the families, and we rejoice with them in these gifts of new life. - your GOPCC family

### Ladies Book Club— April's Pick

For April we will be reading, "The House I Loved" by Tatiana DeRosnay.

Anyone interested in joining the ladies book club, may do so. We meet on the last Monday of the month, for a light supper and discussion.

We will meet on April 29th @ 6:30 PM.

### "What Disciple was called "The Introducer" ?

The Disciple Bartholomew was one of the first six.

The Disciple John is believed to have written, the book of 'Revelation'.

The disciple Andrew was called "the Introducer" .

Come and join us for summer Sunday school starting June 2. Volunteers are welcome to share these stories.

- Barbara Richards

### Family Heritage Day—May 18th

We will honor both Mothers and Fathers at this meal and program event, on Saturday, May 18 at 4 PM.

Fathers will do the grilling and mothers ( WINGS) will provide the entrees, there will be music and other surprises.



### Worship with your Pet

### Come with your Pets to worship in the big Tent, Sunday April 28"

This will be our second Annual Blessing of the Pets, held on Sunday, April 28th, in the big tent. We will be holding both services in the tent and our special "Blessing of the Animals" will be provided at both worship services. ( Last year we had 30 pets join us in worship.)

So bring your pet and your favorite lawn chair, and we will give God thanks for our furry, scaly, feathery, family friends. - Toni Bailey, Worship/Music

### New Borrowing Policy

At the March meeting of the Trustees, a new policy was decided.

It seems that some folks believe that anything at church can be borrowed any time and returned at their leisure.

This is not the case, so we have put a new policy in place.

Church property items (electronics, coolers, ladders, trimmers, etc.), are not to leave the building.

The only exception to this with prior approval of Trustees; are the garage sale tables and folding chairs.

First we have to check calendar for conflicts and information about access.

This is not to be taken lightly and pertains to everyone!

Thanks for your understanding.

Gary Etter Chr. Trustees



### "Facing the Giants"

Join us for a Carry-In and Movie night. Both guys and gals are invited to attend, the movie has interest for everyone.

Come along with football Coach Grant Taylor and find inspiration for the Game of Life. After many losing seasons and a feeling of despair in his coaching & personal life, the coach turns to God and prayer for guidance. Things change for him, his team, and his family also. This is a great movie, produced in 2006.

Our dinner will start at 6 PM, the movie will begin at 7 PM. - WINGS



### THE ALL CHURCH TENT Sale

Will be April 26 & 27

### SAVE YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES FOR THE SALE

Our tent will be set up on Monday, April 22nd. We will begin accepting your items on Tuesday, if you can bring them yourself, you may stop by the tent any time that is convenient for you, but if you need pickup service for your items, please call the church office, 252-6705, and we will make arrangements for you. **Volunteer help is needed all week in the afternoons or evenings, sorting and pricing, and receiving items.** If possible stop by for a couple hours, your help will be very appreciated.

**On Friday & Saturday—Sales volunteers are needed. Talk to Gary Etter, Greg Goodner or Ray Urbanas about helping out.** - Trustees

### This— N-That

- \* 21 Jr & Sr high youth attended our youth group the week of the Easter Egg Hunt, several new youth attended, because of information about our church that was shared at the egg hunt their younger siblings attended.
- \* We have a new Christian Child Fund child to sponsor. Her name is Jasmine Ramirez, she is 4 yrs. old and lives in South Dakota.
- \* Our love offering to The Gideons International was \$250.

