



August 2019



"Salute one another with a holy kiss.  
The Churches of Christ salute you!"  
Romans 16:16

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

(excerpted from January 2006 'A Preacher's Perspective')

No one knows what the future will bring with any certainty, yet over the years intelligent, educated people have tried to predict what life will be like for future generations. Thankfully many of those predictions turned out to be wrong.

"When the Paris Exhibition closes, electric light will close with it and no more heard of." Erasmus Wilson, Professor Oxford University, 1878.

"Well-informed people know it is impossible to transmit the voice over wire and were it possible to do so the thing would be of no practical value." Boston Post Editorial, 1865.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." Lord Kelvin, British mathematician/physicist, 1895.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." Thomas Watson, IBM Chairman, 1943.

"There is no need for any individual to have a computer in their home." Ken Olsen, President of Digital Equipment Corp., 1997

I'm glad those men were wrong in their predictions. I can't imagine life without electricity, telephones, airplanes or computers. We will always have new products and ideas developed by men and women who desire to make life better.

Life does not stay the same. In a world that is constantly changing, we need an anchor. We need Jesus Christ, because He never changes. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8, NASB)



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# reflections..

## Christ's Hands

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

**Christ has no body but yours;  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the  
world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours.**



**August 4<sup>th</sup>** ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

Austin French will be bringing the message.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** ... Allen Jolly will be bringing the message

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** ... 8:00am Board Meeting

Dave Miller will be bringing the message

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** ...Allen Jolly will be bringing the message

1<sup>st</sup> Ted Bell

4<sup>th</sup> Jen Shinn

8<sup>th</sup> Angela Davis

9<sup>th</sup> Brenda Schmidt

10<sup>th</sup> Ali Opsitnik



11<sup>th</sup> Diana Reiter

13<sup>th</sup> Robin Janofa

15<sup>th</sup> Holden Shoff

29<sup>th</sup> Rorie Reiter



Congratulations to Dustin and Carolyn Reiter on the birth of their son. Bruce Charles Lee Reiter was born on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 am. He weighed 8lb. 3oz. and was 21 inches long. Rorie and Diana Reiter are the proud grandparents. Be in prayer for this family as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Christmas in July on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Elkins brought a powerful message on keeping Christ in Christmas.



We also donated a lot of canned goods for the food pantry in Salem. The final count is coming as soon as we can get it, but Phillips Christian Church again gave generously to those in need in the community. Thank you for attending such an uplifting worship service. If for any reason you weren't able to make it, please check the Facebook page for a link to a video of the service! By the time you are reading this, it should be up and running!

Thank you to Larry Burgett, Matthew Kuttler, and Scott Davis for bringing our morning message the other weeks in July. We are seeing a variety in preaching styles, which keeps things interesting. It is very enjoyable! For the month of August, we have some new speakers and some familiar faces:

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Austin French (retired police officer in Salem)

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Allen Jolly

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Dave Miller

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We still have openings in September, so if you know anyone looking for an opportunity to preach, please let Cody know!

The Family FUNday School class is deep in a series entitled WEIRD: The strangest stories in the Bible. In August, you can expect lessons on Bear Attacks, Fish Mouths, Earthquakes, and Living Forever. Come give this family-oriented class a try!

As the summer comes to a close, we are already looking ahead to the fall. But more on that next month.... - Cody Opsitnik

# Prayer NEEDS



**Our Congregation**

**Our Nation**

**Our Leaders**

**Lost Souls**

**Northeast Ohio Bible College**

**George Faull** (strength)

**Mandy Fitch** (dialysis; needs kidney transplant)

**Jean Fluharty** (sister, health issues)

**Tom McKenna** (recovering from 2nd brain surgery)

**Bob Stein** (brother continues to heal)

**David Stein** (brother, health problems)

**June Toalston** (son-in-law's mother, cancer)

**Jim Webber** (heart problems)

**Bettie Wheeler** (broken shoulder, improving)

**Amanda Price**

**Chris Ferguson**

**Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems)

**Bill Wiley** (health issues)

**Elizabeth Thatcher** (health problems)

**Gladys Laughlin** (health problems)

**Steve Singer** (blood condition)

**Lynn Schmidt** (undergoing treatments)

**Marty Snyder** (recovering from back surgery)

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** **Joe Phillis & Family**, Fort Benning, GA; **Joel Newburn & Family**, back in the USA; **Kyle Stephenson & Family**, Germany

**OUR SHUT-INS:** **Pat Kalbfell**, (Essex);

**Wanda Huston**, (Allay); **Ada Bailey**;

**Nita Floor**, (Courtyard); **Nick Cosma**, (Crandall)

**OUR MISSIONS:** **Canton Christian Home**, **Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp**, **Hasten**, **Lifeline Christian Mission**, **Noah**



**Perfect Attendance**  
(July 2019)

*Gail Lea Phillis  
Mike Phillis  
Rorie Reiter  
Brenda Schmidt  
Marty Shinn*

*Robin Janofa  
Judy Merriman  
Carl Merriman  
Missy Opsitnik  
Diana Reiter  
Lynn Schmidt*

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### SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

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# Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham  
Amos  
Ananias  
Cornelius  
Daniel  
Dorcas  
Esther  
Jesus  
Jonah  
Joshua  
Lydia  
Martha  
Moses  
Naaman  
Ruth  
Saul  
Zacchaeus



Moab  
Canaan  
Babylon  
Caesarea  
Nineveh  
Jericho  
Ur  
Tarsus  
Joppa  
Aram  
Tekoa  
Bethany  
Egypt  
Philippi  
Nazareth  
Persia  
Damascus

Answers: Abraham - Ur, Amos - Tekoa, Ananias - Damascus, Cornelius - Caesarea, Daniel - Babylon, Dorcas - Joppa, Esther - Persia, Jesus - Nazareth, Jonah - Nineveh, Joshua - Canaan, Lydia - Philippi, Martha - Bethany, Moses - Egypt, Naaman - Aram, Ruth - Moab, Saul - Tarsus, Zacchaeus - Jericho

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.



A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. "Draw someone who has upset you," he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who'd mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull's-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull's-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus' scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let's take aim with love, not hurt.