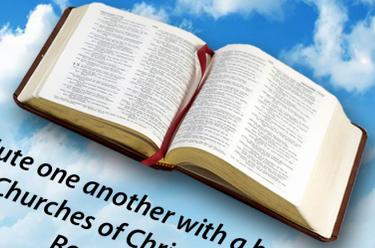




The Relator

October 2017



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

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Cosma's Corner

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. Psalm 27:4

October is a big month of birthdays for my family and friends. My son's bday is in October, my one daughter's Bday is in October, as well as, my dad, my one brother, my one (that is all I can handle) mother-in-law, my one friend, his two boys, and my cousin (who may get a Hey... Happy BDay! ... if I happen to see him face to face). They will probably have to settle for whatever I get them which may just be a heartfelt wish for their happiness without any real supply of their wishes. Even if I was to ask them to share the one thing they wish they had most ... it probably would go no further than a mere statement of profound desire and may not even be as profound as this Scripture.

This verse reflects the heart of one consumed by His Lord. These words are an utterance of someone obsessed

with being in the presence of His Lord. One who is enamored by His Lord in such a way that he cannot think of anything more important in life.

If you were told that you had one request you could make in life and you would receive whatever you wanted (not a wish ... so you can't wish for more wishes) for what would you ask?

Really this guy is smart because he asks for 3 things really in one statement: 1. He asks to live this temporary life in the Big Guy's house on earth. 2. He asks that while he is living he could have some face time with His Lord. 3. And He looks forward to discovering the Lord in His eternal dwelling place.

Man this guy has it bad for His Lord! This guy is King David. I believe this guy got his request and is living the dream.

Are you living the dream through His church, God's House, on earth? Are you living the dream of spending time face to face with God? Are you living the dream that is reality when you realize this is a forever thing? Are you really seeking first the kingdom of God? The answer to that last query is attached to great blessings.

May you ask for the right thing and entrust your Lord with the temporary so He can give you forever!

From One Seeker to Another



reflections..

A prayer for neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours — a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity. — Peter Marshall



October 1st ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting
 October 8th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting
 October 15th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
 ... 5:00 pm **HOBO Dinner** in PCC Pavilion

In A Million Little Ways (Revell), Emily Freeman says in order for Christians to "show up as you are with what you've been given," we must confront these statements:

- I'm not cut out for this.
- Someone else can do it better.
- People might not like it.
- I have nothing to offer.
- I hate my calling.
- It's a waste of time.
- It's too much work.
- Who do you think you are?

"A million loud voices ... keep us from the million little ways [Jesus] wants to show up through us to the world," Freeman writes.

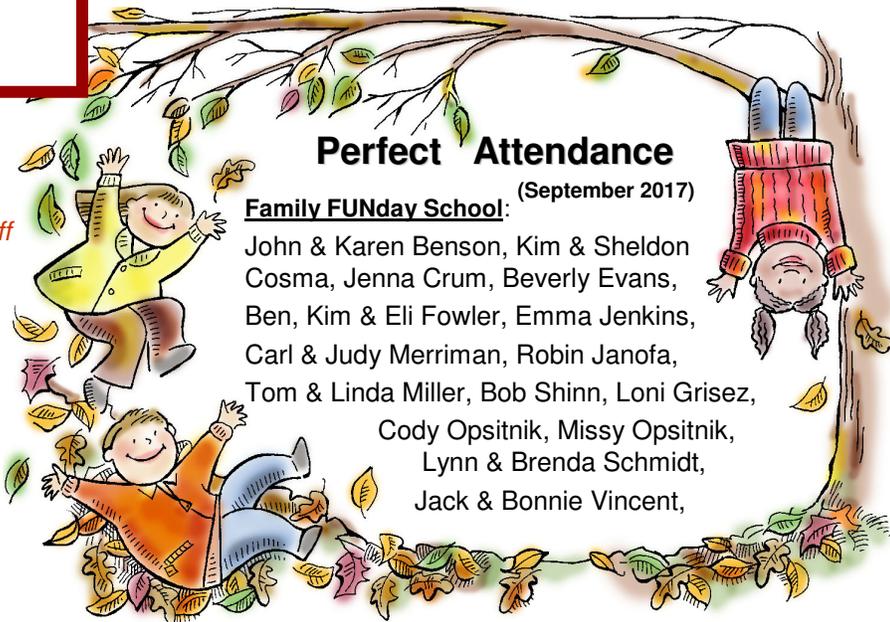
Just show up!



4th ... Steve & Joy Singer
 15th ... Cade & Emily Shoff



October 6 ... Lucy Cosma
 October 12 ... Marcia Snyder
 October 14 ... Ian Frederick
 October 19 ... Joe Phillis
 October 20 ... Dan Bartels
 October 21 ... Evan Cosma
 October 22 ... Cade Shoff



Perfect Attendance

Family FUNday School: (September 2017)
 John & Karen Benson, Kim & Sheldon Cosma, Jenna Crum, Beverly Evans, Ben, Kim & Eli Fowler, Emma Jenkins, Carl & Judy Merriman, Robin Janofa, Tom & Linda Miller, Bob Shinn, Loni Grisez, Cody Opsitnik, Missy Opsitnik, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, Jack & Bonnie Vincent,

Thank You !

Your kindness is special – and so are you !

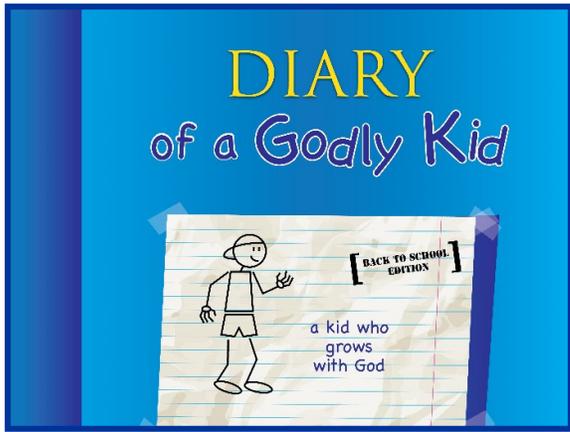
Dear Phillips Church Family,
 Thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards and the food. It was so helpful to fix some supper. The flowers were an awesome surprise. Thanks for the visits and taking care of our family. Really appreciated it !! In Christian Love,
 Carol, Bill, Grant & Gavin



Mark Your Calendar !



The October 5th Sunday Rally will be held at Oak Grover Church of Christ in Industry, PA Stay tuned for more details !

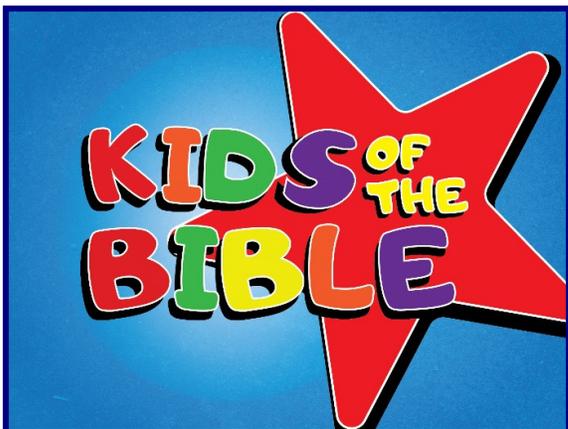


FUNday School Relator Report

Family FUNday School started off the school year with a series entitled "Diary of a Godly Kid: Back to School Edition". It is a play on the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books series you, your kids, or your grandkids may have read! The series focused on Joseph. On September 3rd, we learned about Joseph in Potiphar's house. On September 10th, we talked about Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's Dream. On September 17th, we talked about Joseph being put in charge of Egypt. On September 24th, we learned about Joseph forgiving his brothers. We are excited to begin October with a series on "Kids of the Bible". October will highlight John the Baptist, Miriam, Samuel, Joseph, and Josiah – all Godly Kids doing some pretty amazing things! Family FUNday School is a great time for kids & adults to tackle the problems that everyone faces no matter how old you are. Stop by some Sunday Morning to share in the FUN!

-FUNday School Teachers

Cody, Missy, Marty, & Mike



Prayer List



Our Nation

Our Congregation

- Steve Singer (blood condition)
- Bill Bohannon (back problems)
- George Faull (pray for strength)
- Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
- Bill Wiley (health issues, herniated disc, neuropathy left leg, back home continuing to recover)

Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)

Northeast Ohio Bible College

- Bob Burnham (hospice care)
- Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)
- Donald Barnhart (hip and knee problems and kidney disease)

Casey Graham (weight loss)

Zac Carter (next scans scheduled for November at St. Jude's in his fight against cancer)

Baby Elijah (making small improvement in heart function)

Jim Webber (heart problems, doing much better)

Mandy Fitch (dialysis; needs kidney transplant)

Jean Fluharty (has begun cancer treatments)

Loni Grisez and her Family

Trisha Suits (AML, stem cell transplant)

Highland Christian Church

Ben Fowler (recent foot surgery)

Tom Miller (chemo)

George Long (pancreatic cancer, kidney shutting down)

Mary Long (COPD)

SERVING

IN THE MILITARY

- Joe Phillis
- Joel Newburn
- Kyle Stephenson & Family stationed in Germany

OUR SHUT-INS

- Bess Staubs
- Pat Kalbfell
- Ada Bailey
- Wanda Huston
- Dorothy McFadden



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SERVICES:

SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm ... Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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Puzzle!

Find these words — all from the book of Acts — forward, backward or diagonally in either direction.

N K C B T R I R P I S Y L O H
 O J N A I E R S A R P J O
 M I E S E L E I G T H H C I R I
 S T U B U P J C H H E I Z U P
 G T A R T O I G I D I S A I H
 C N G O N R T X L A S I P E M
 P T K E A Y A E A S Y A S E
 B R L H E J A B R A N A B V Q
 L U A P S H M A T D O R S A G
 J I O H S L U A S T Z A B S H
 U J H S R C S S T E P H E N

Ananias	light
baptize	Paul
Barnabas	Peter
basket	Philip
chariot	prayer
church	prison
Damascus	Samaria
Dorcus	Sanhedrin
Ethiopian	Saul
Gaza	Simon
Gentiles	sorcery
Holy Spirit	Stephen
Jerusalem	stones
Jesus	Straight
Joppa	synagogue

HOBO DINNER



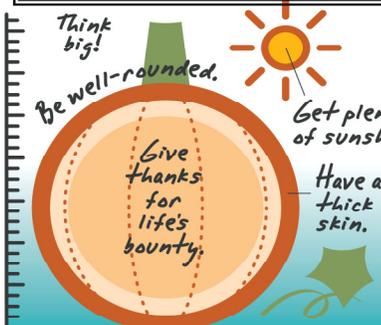
SUNDAY, OCT. 15 @5PM

PLACE: PCC PAVILION

THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS:

"PUT ON THE COOKING POT; PUT IT ON AND POUR WATER INTO IT."

Keep growing.



Advice from a pumpkin

Be well-rounded.
 Get plenty of sunshine.
 Give thanks for life's bounty.
 Have a thick skin.
 Keep growing.
 Be outstanding in your field.
 Think big!

—Ilan Shamir