



The

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

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Cosma's
Corner

John 8:34: Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Abraham Lincoln was a pioneer in abolition of slavery and was apt with his power and political prestige to do something about it, especially as it became one of the platform issues for the Civil War. He penned a document and speech that was translated into law after the Civil War known as the Emancipation Proclamation. This freed the slaves from their masters and started the process of the realization that these were people, not property. However, even though all had been freed, some sacrificed their total freedom for comfort. Some decided to stay indentured servants and remain with their masters because they were treated well and sometimes because they were fearful of a different life — a life they know nothing about. I guess we might understand their apprehension, but not their sacrifice — because the choices they made not only affected them but also their children. They were giving up what had been fought for and desired — freedom. There is no better domain than the dom of freedom.

Romans 6:1-7: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Paul was encountering a group of people who were giving a freedom that they were already beginning to experience. How could you give up something that cost the death of Christ Jesus, the Son of God? How could you go back to living that hopeless and helpless life? Why would you give up freedom in Christ to be a slave to sin? Maybe you are fearful of something that takes you out of your comfort zone. Maybe you have heard long enough from the inventor of sin that you are OK and you are starting to believe it — and now you have begun to sacrifice the eternal for the temporal. Why?

'This may hurt a little.'

Have you ever heard those words before? Have they made you tense up or flinch or hesitate? Paul uses this terminology to the extreme as he refers to our baptism as a death. This may hurt a little. Why? Because I have your best interest at heart, but you are covered in this nasty stuff we have got to get rid of ... you have to understand this is going to take some will-power and determination on your part — I call it the repentance factor — you have to change your mind, hear, and will to change your actions — now I am going to help you with this load of dirt that is too big for you to handle, but can't get rid of this until you go through the process. It only will hurt a little — you are going to have to live with some consequences — the things you can't change because you have piled up some of this junk on yourself and you have to make yourself every day accountable to the fact that you will not get into that dirt and disease again. You see someone was already the guinea pig for the cure for sin — His name is Jesus — He is my Son — and took all the pain — because he knew you wouldn't go through with it and couldn't go through with it — so he has made it easy on you — it will hurt a little to realize you are in a mess — **but the hope outdoes the hurt.** Can you hear God saying that His Son died for you — gave up heaven to endure hell for you — so you could be healed and whole. Now you have to do a little dying and die to self. You are freed by death — sounds crazy, but it is true.

I like a little bit of crazy ... how about you?

From One Crazy Christian to Another

P.S. Just a historical note: On September 22, 1862, Lincoln had issued a preliminary proclamation warning that he would order the emancipation of all slaves in any state that did not end its rebellion against the Union by January 1, 1863. None of the Confederate states restored themselves to the Union, and Lincoln's order, signed and issued January 1, 1863, took effect.

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reflections..

Bless the students

Dear Lord Jesus,
Bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Amen.

The FUNday School class finished its final month with more fun than ever. On August 7th, we launched rockets and climbed ladders to show that God is like a parachute – he keeps us safe! On August 14th, we painted rocks as we discussed the House on the Rock and the House on the Sand to show that we need a firm foundation to stand strong. On August 21st, we balanced Bibles

on a paper towel show that helps to up. On 28th, we plaques by Cliff



on a tube to God hold us August painted (made

Whinnery) to conclude FUNday School as we talked about the importance of prayer.

Thank you to all the kids who took part in FUNday School!

FUNday School was a great success and we can't wait to share with the grown-ups all the fun we have had. Plan to attend the worship service September 4th as the FUNday School class sponsors the service. Cody and the Kids will deliver the message with fun object lessons. There will be a FUNday School Picnic following the worship service. -Cody Opsitnik

A very special "Thank You" to all those who donated to our August Mission Project. \$350.00 worth of Home Depot Gift Cards



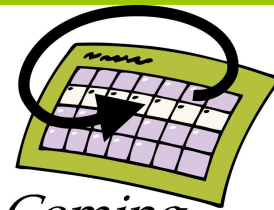
have been sent to the Red Sands Church and School in Winslow, AZ. This mission is part of Lifeline Christian Mission.

September Calendar

Sept 11th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting

Sept 18th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

10:00 am - Don Cooper,
Academic Dean of NEOBC will be bringing the message during our worship service.



Coming in September

We will be returning to our Wednesday night Bible studies on Wed., **Sept. 14** at 7pm. The

adults & older teens will participate in **THE BIG REVEAL: lessons in the book of Revelation**. Classes for the kids will be organized according to family participation. Right now we offer a class for the tweens and young teens taught by Dorothy Faloba. Hope to see all of our families participate no matter the ages of your family members. We look forward to studying together.

Also Don Cooper, Academic Dean of NEOBC (North East Ohio Bible College) will be with us on Sunday, **September 18** to introduce us to the mission of the college during our Sunday School time and will preach a message from God's word for us during our worship service. We are looking forward to finding out more about this valuable resource to us for education in God's word in our area, and in learning more about its mission.



We express our deepest

sympathy to Wanda Huston and her family on the loss of her beloved husband, Don. A longtime member Phillips Christian Church and Christian brother, we pray that God will give the Huston family strength & courage in their time of grief. We will certainly miss Don !!

Hope everyone had a great summer! I have talked to several of our church women and have decided we will meet for our Women of Christ group every two or three months. I will be talking with all of you and start to plan a Thanksgiving or Christmas get together. Please either call or write down any ideas you may have for a night out together or project you would like for us to do. Last year we met for dinner and exchanged gifts. I would love to get more women involved in our group. Any ideas are welcome anytime.

Have a great fall season and I will keep you posted of our next night out together and meeting.

- Diana Reiter



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to submit relator content/reports and ideas

Wed. Night
Disciples

We had the End of the Summer Blast at the Kelly's cottage at Guilford Lake on August 17, 2016. There was about a dozen people in attendance. The kids went swimming, kayaking and went out in the canoe. We had hot dogs and smores and had a nice time of fellowship.

-Dorothy Faloba

We will be starting again for the fall on Thursday, September 8 from 1 to 3pm. **Anyone that does any kind of handwork is invited to come and even if you don't, please come for the fellowship.**

'Stitches and Giggles'

I got a new pattern for a knitted angel and 2 new crochet patterns, one a teddy bear and the other is a newborn hat. Still if any one is interested in making a prayer shawl I have the pattern. Hope to see you then!!

-Robin Heestand

We Need The Following:



I would like to start collecting plastic bags for the food pantry. The food pantry goes through 2000 bags a week. There will be a box by the front door to put them in the week of September 4th. Other church's are collecting them also for the food pantry.

- Robin Heestand

Perfect Attendance

Little Lambs: Kim Cosma

Little Angels: Missy Opsitnik, Grant Kelly, Gavin Kelly

Curious Kids: Marty Shinn, Cody Opsitnik, Lucy Cosma, Kaleb Shinn, Emma Jenkins, Kristie Dennison

Teens: Anthony DiBaggio

Homebuilders/ Loyal Sons & Daughters: Sheldon Cosma, Linda Miller, Brenda Schmidt, Dorothy Faloba, Karen Benson, Gail Phillis, Jr., Carl & Judy Merriman, Robin Janofa, Jack Vincent, Carol Kelly, Rorie & Diana Reiter



George Faull (pray for strength)
Northeast Ohio Bible College
Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)
Donald Barnhart (hip problems
and kidney disease)
Beverly Evans (continues to heal)
Baby Elijah (born with heart defect,
continues to struggle at home)

Bill Wiley (health issues)
Maxine Vincent (cancer)
Margaret Sprouse (upcoming
open heart surgery)
Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)
Steve Singer (blood condition)
Suzanne Holloway (lung cancer)
Alice Gamble (back problems)
Mary Lou Hartzell (throat cancer)
Dale Craig (end stage leukemia under hospice care)

Our Congregation
Our Nation
Lost Souls
The Unspoken Needs Of Our People
Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)

Zac Carter (11 years old, leg to be amputated)
Jim Webber (CHF, heart virus,
pacemaker & defibrillator)
Highland Christian Church
Richard Faloba (spiritual concerns)
Wally Hartman (cancer has returned)

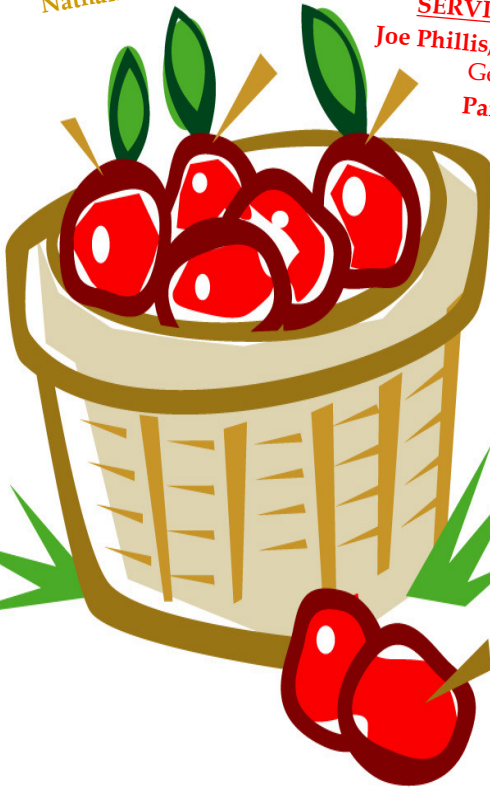
SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn, stationed in
Germany; Kyle Stephenson;
Paige Wyss; Matt Bartel, 5th
Deployment to Iraq

Les Bhe (health issues)
Teri Redmond (serious health issues)
Elizabeth Choflet (serious health issues)
Gerald Clunen (health concerns)
Albert Bricker & Family, Blossom
Dan Bartels (home, recovering from surgery)
Alma Smith (recent auto accident)
Tom Miller (St. E's possible surgery)

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey, Essex II; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell;
Dorothy McFadden; Martha Crookston, Crandall;
Ada Bailey, Allay Senior Care Center,
131 Pendleton Street, Lisbon Ohio 44432



1 ... Rorie & Diana Reiter
2 ... Stephan & Tiffanie Hennard
4 ... Jack & Bonnie Vincent
12... Glen & Beth Huston
16... Bill & Marty Snyder
19... Jason & Jennifer Shinn
22... Bob & Marty Shinn
29... Dick & Sherry Huston

September 1 ... Trixie Taucher
Tricia Herron
September 4 ... Julianne Poynter
September 6 ... Carol Kelly
September 8 ... Nicole Huston
September 9 ... Maria Bartels
Jim Dorsey
September 11... Aaron Walling
September 12... Sheldon Cosma
Karen Aultman
September 16... Carl Merriman
September 18... Michael Stratton
September 21... Lynn Phillis
Mitchell Phillis



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9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

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Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.

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Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption
family	justifies	angels	firstborn
Lord	bondage	flesh	love
called	freedom	peace	Christ
fruits	powers	condemnation	glorified
predestined	conquerors	good	purpose
creation	hardship	redemption	decay
died	intercedes	Spirit	heart



At the mention of miracles, we often picture the biblical kind: a dead person brought back to life, a small amount of food feeding a crowd, sight restored to a blind man. Yet even today we look for unexpected healings or an earthquake victim found alive after days amid rubble.

But consider someone born with poor eyesight who, thanks to technology, can work as a professional proofreader or create intricate digital paintings. Consider someone with a prosthetic leg who can run and even win races. Consider someone who, thanks to a donated heart, kidney or blood, continues to live. Consider friends in the United States and Europe who can connect in “real time,” offering support during a crisis.

Technology — whose source is the human brain created by God — makes possible a new, modern-day type of miracle. When used for good, it can overcome barriers, allowing us to celebrate life and serve one another. Miracles, indeed!