
THE LIVINGSTON LETTER

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WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES!

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God Won't Foreclose on You

Until recently, I didn't understand the meaning of the word "foreclosure"? Now I know all too well the meaning of that word and I also see the pain it's causing. With the economic storm we're living through, each of have firsthand experience of the effects of home foreclosures on families and neighborhoods. The reasons why some of our family and friends are losing their homes are many.

You need to remember that even though we may lose a home, as painful as that may be, we can never lose our relationship with God. God will not foreclose on you!

The Apostle Peter tells us that a payment for your soul was made by Jesus' life and death:

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." (1 Peter 1:18-19)

The price that Jesus paid for you is more than a down payment on a home. Homes may depreciate in value, mortgage payments may balloon beyond our ability to pay, and the bank may foreclose on you.

Our loving God will not foreclose on you because He made the payment in full. It's like God bought you the perfect home and there's nothing you can do about it! Though God's bought us for a price, we need to care for our relationship and not trash it. We need to nurture our faith in Jesus and not ignore it.

God will not foreclose on you. And you can take that to the bank!

Affectionately,
Pastor Jim



Food Pantry Ministry Brainstorming Meeting Saturday, May 2

If you're involved in Food Pantry Ministry or would like to get involved, please join us for a brainstorming meeting on Saturday, May 2nd 9:00 – 10:00 AM at the church. If you have any questions, please see Ginny Clear

Trustees meeting
Thursday, May 7,
6 PM in the Chapel



SUNDAY, MAY 10

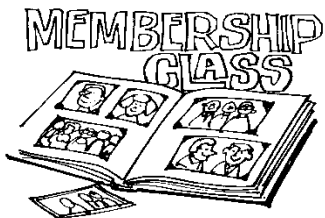
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MEETINGS, continued:

Capital Area South District will meet Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 PM for the Pre-Conference meeting. It will be held in the Sanctuary.

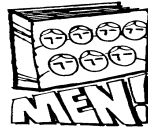


Worship Committee meeting Thursday, May 14 at 6 PM.

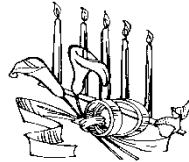


Exploring Membership

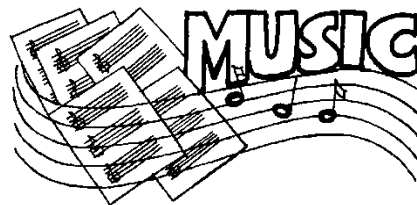
If you are interested in joining Livingston Church, classes are scheduled for Sunday, May 10 and 17, at 9:00 AM in the Chapel. See Pastor Jim if you are interested in the class. New members will be received on Sunday, May 24th.



Wednesday, May 13 and 27, 6:00 PM at Wendy's on S. High. We'll continue to discuss "The Shack." All men are invited.



Friday, May 22, 5 PM and Saturday, May 23, 4:30 PM, (Wesley Church of Hope) Mobley/Bunn rehearsal and wedding here at Livingston.



Music Appreciation Sunday May 31, 10:30 AM

1st QUARTER 2009	
General Fund	
Receipts	\$37,567
Expenses	<u>\$45,663</u>
Deficit	\$ 8,096
Missions Budget	
Receipts	\$3,233
Expenses	\$3,028



Charity Pharmacy Update

The Trustees have approved the initial plans for the church to be the home of Central Ohio's only Charity Pharmacy. A team of planners traveled to the Cincinnati Charity Pharmacy on April 17, to meet with the director and gain useful information about the new ministry. The pharmacy's goal is to begin filling prescriptions by October 2009.



German Village Community Garden

On Sunday April 5, the Trustees approved allocating green space for an urban community garden. The garden will be a collaborative effort between the church and the German Village community.

GERMAN VILLAGE EVENTS

Jazz and Juleps

Join the Garten Club for refreshments and "first dibbs" on gorgeous plants and garden accessories. Mary Daniels will provide the Jazz! \$25 – advanced reservations required.

GartenMarkt

Saturday, May 9, 9 AM – 4 PM at The Meeting Haus Platz, 55 S. 3rd St. Pick up everything you'll need for a glorious garden.

Mother May I?

Saturday, May 9, noon to 6 PM – spend the day in the Village enjoying all the special events.

The Village Singers

Spring Concert, Saturday, May 9, at 7 PM and Sunday May 10, at 3 PM at the Meeting Haus Fest Hall. Admission is \$10.

Village Valuables

Saturday, May 16, 8 AM – 4 PM throughout the village. The city's largest Yard Sale.

The Three Musketeers

Actor's Theatre Company Event, May 28-June 28, 8 PM at the Nationwide Amphitheatre in Schiller Park. Free and open to the public. Contributions are appreciated.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 05/03 Frank/Becky Hayhurst
05/29 Mike/Adrienne Stubbins
Jim Donnan/Sue
5/30 Dan/Jessica Jessburger



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 05/07 KLEIN, JOAN
05/08 HOFFMAN, ELIZABETH
05/08 STUBBINS Sr. MIKE
05/10 STUBBINS, GAVIN
05/13 STUBBINS JR. JOHN
05/13 ADAMS, ABIGAIL
05/24 JONES, RUBY
05/25 CREMEANS, JACK
05/26 TUCCI, LOU
05/29 MCDANIEL, JERRI

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

- May 4 Brenden Steury
May 28 Donna Henry

On their special day remember our missionaries and their children. Thank God for them and ask His Special Blessings



We will leave the church at 10:30 AM to go to Logan and have lunch at the Old Dutch Restaurant where you may choose from a buffet or order from the menu. Then we will go to Nelsonville to the Paper Circle to see "Origami in Ohio". This exhibit will reveal a pursuit prospering far from its roots. About 10 artists will be featured in the show organized by the 22-member Capital Area Paper Shapers.

Sign up with Sarah Miller to join the Van Goes.

Looking Ahead

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES

*A New Musical Comedy
Featuring M*A*S*H star
William Christopher*

*August 5
Matinee at 2 PM
Southern Theatre
Tickets \$27.50
RSVP by May 19*

If you would like to see this hilarious musical comedy which is a celebration of the church basement kitchens everywhere and the wonderful, unsung women who work there, please sign up with Sarah Miller ASAP so we can order the tickets and get the best seats possible.

Tickets must be paid for when making your reservation.



We love who Jesus loves.

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Danny Russell

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Bell Choir: Jennifer Brizendine

Praise Song Leader: Karen Clouse

Sound Tech Chm: Bruce Reedy

Pastor Emeritus: Roland Newsletter

*articles are due in the church office
the second Sunday of the month to be
included in next month's newsletter.*

THE LITTLE RED KETTLE

As long as I can remember, on the hutch in the dining room of my parents' house, sat a little red kettle. It had a slot in the top (it was a poorly disguised piggy bank) and on the top in white lettering it said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

I went by that kettle/piggy bank a hundred times a day, and that verse is ingrained permanently on my memory. In time, of course, I learned the rest of it:

"Lay up not for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourself treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21). It took me a long time to figure out that Jesus did not say, "Where your treasure is, there your heart ought to be." What he was really saying was, "Where your treasure is, there in fact you will find your heart also." So if you want to change where your heart is, change where your treasure is.

Many years later, the verse and the little red kettle popped back into my memory when a friend said to me, there is a quick and easy way to measure how closely we are following God. "First," he said, "take out all your cancelled checks and put them in a pile." "Then take out and make another pile with all the checks that were gifts to your church, charity, etc. And then just look at the two piles and see how high each one is."