

# The Livingston Letter

June 2008



## FROM THE PASTOR

### A Time for Everything

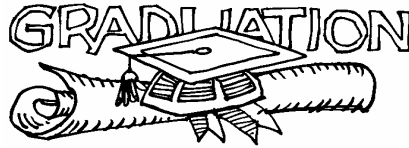
The Rolling Stones wrote a song early in their career entitled "Time is On My Side". When one is young, time seems to stretch out to infinity and it feels like our time here will last forever. What happens when you realize that time is all you have and that one day you have less than you think?

A loved one is dying of cancer before her or his time. You are all too aware that time on earth is not on their side. Where can we find hope to carry on? The Teacher who wrote Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us that we are subject to times and changes over which we have little or no control. He contrasts this with God's eternity and sovereignty.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." This says, that God is in control and we need to rest in the hope that He provides.

I hope that you will embrace the time you have and use it wisely for God's kingdom purposes.

Shalom,  
Pastor Jim



### Livingston's 2008 Graduates

On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, all our 2008 graduates will be recognized. They are Katie Donnan – Ohio Wesleyan, Jessica Milligan - Ohio State University, Savannah Giblin – Hilliard Davidson; Meghan O'Grady – Bishop Waterson.



Meghan O'Grady will receive the first Robert L. Ralston Scholarship. Julie Donnan and Brittany Robertson will each receive a Marion E. Brown Leadership Scholarship. Each scholarship is worth \$665.00. May the Lord bless each of you with His wisdom and understanding.



Sunday, June 15, there will be recognition of all fathers and the Blessing of Livingston's motorcycle riders and classic car owners, plus a pig roast cookout after worship.

The meat, cole slaw, baked beans and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish and a desert to share.



### Golf Outing & Cook-Out Saturday,

When: Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Where: Walnut Hills  
Golf Course,  
6001 E. Livingston Ave.

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$30.00/person 18 holes  
includes cart

Game Format: Best ball in  
foursomes

Cook out – Pastor Jim's house

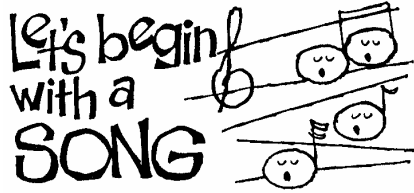
Sign Up at Church

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### West Ohio Annual Conference June 8-12

Pastor Jim and Ginny Clear will represent Livingston at our Annual Conference at Lakeside.

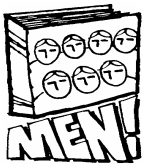
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Father's Day Cookout
- Finances
- Graduates
- Library
- Missions - Food pantry
- Red/White Boom
- Scholarships
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Come Sunday, June 8, 6 PM and enjoy a evening of special music by the Soul Seekers, Lee and Sadler Ministries, Ed Ewing and Sue Brizendine. A freewill offering will be received.



A Graduation Open House for Savanna Giblin will be Sunday, June 8, from 1-4 PM at 5635 Sandbrook Ln, Hilliard, Ohio. Please join us to help Savanna celebrate her graduation.



Men's Group will meet Wednesday, June 11 & 25, 6 PM at Subway on S. High St (near Whittier) to continue studying John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Jerry Roadcap will lead the discussion.



### Livingston Book Club

The Livingston Book Club will meet June 22. To discuss the first seven chapters of the book, Forward from Here, by Reeve Lindbergh. Please join us at 5 PM.



Congratulations to Jessica Milligan and Dan Jessburger who were married Friday evening, May 30. May the Lord bless your marriage. Jessica and Dan will both graduate from Ohio State University.

### Happy Anniversary

06/02 DONNA/LOWELL STATEN  
 06/03 JIM/SUE BRIZENDINE  
 06/04 BUZZ/PATRICIA THOMAS  
 06/12 ROLAND/OLGA MAE PERKINS  
 06/16 CHARLES/SHARLYN BROWN  
 06/21 BOB/LORRAINE GRIFFITH  
 ED/BRENDA EWING



### Birthdays This Month

06/01 PRIDDY, SHYANNA  
 ENDICOTT, LORRETTA  
 06/03 JONES, ANTOINETTE  
 06/04 HILYARD, BETHANY  
 06/06 FLEURIVAL, CEMERITE  
 06/07 STATEN, KRISTA  
 06/08 PIERRE, ACENIE  
 06/12 GAMMELL, CHARLENE  
 06/14 KLOTZ, DONALD  
 06/16 PERKINS, OLGA MAE  
 06/18 PAYNE, VICKI  
 06/19 MILLER, BARNEY  
 06/30 ADAMS, SUSAN



### Livingston Ministries Don't Go on Vacation

Summer is almost here and it's time to think about summer vacations. Taking time to be with your family and friends is a necessary part of staying emotionally healthy. Please remember that even though you may take a vacation and miss a number of Sunday's your church's ministry budget doesn't relax in a comfortable Adirondack chair. I can't imagine any of our faithful members and friends not giving to the church simply because they are not in worship. When Sue and I are away from Livingston on a Sunday, we simply pay our tithe the Sunday before our vacation begins. Then I know our church ministries won't miss our tithe.

I hope you have a restful and relaxing summer. But please don't forget your church's ministry obligations. If Livingston Church is to thrive all of us need to strive to tithe.



Thank you to everyone who donated to and help work the Food Pantry Yard Sale. Total proceeds were \$240.33.

### 2008 General Fund

April Receipts	\$11,840
Expenses	\$17,172

### Missions Budget

April Receipts	\$1,235
Expenses	\$1,009



**June 19**, Dawes Arboretum - leave the church at 9 AM. Be here by 8:45 AM. Lunch will be at Miller's Essenplatz in Newark.

**July 31**, Ohio State House to see the Lima Company Art Exhibit. Lunch at Juergen's in German Village.

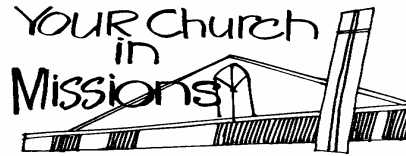
**August 21** Vatican Splendors Exhibit. Experience 2000 years of Vatican art and history. Feel transported to the Vatican where the remains of Saint Peter were discovered. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW. A count is needed to see if we qualify for a group discount.** If we have at least 15 people, the cost is \$17; less than 15, \$20.

**September 30**, tour Fenton Glass and visit the gift shop.

*Sign up now for  
all trips!!!!*



Prepare now to attend Red, White and Boom on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Livingston. There will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship hall, the dads of the Youth will run the parking lot, and the Youth will sell glow sticks, pop and hotdogs to raise funds for the mission trip to Pennsylvania.



### Rosemary's Gym

#### No Fee to Join

#### Heavenly Reward

On Wednesday, May 20, Food Pantry volunteers carried 5000 lbs. of food from Mid-Ohio Food Bank to the lower level. Food had to be sorted and stacked in appropriate places. Rosemary's Gym gives you a physical and spiritual workout. Ginny Clear and Kim Giles' leadership make it happen. Our Food Pantry is a vital part of our ministry to the downtown and German Village area poor (zip codes- 43215, 43205, 43206, and 43207). The source of vision and inspiration comes from Jesus. He made us, loves us, and commands us to feed the hungry; perhaps you have been one of the poor hungry, and felt the touch of Jesus and food pantry workers.

Credit goes to Rosemary and Don Wills for the present zeal and determination in this heartfelt ministry. Their strategies work today: go to the congregation on Sunday morning, the Sunday bulletin, or monthly newsletter to appeal for food. Money donations can be given in an envelope found in the pew. Mark the envelope for Food Pantry. Pastor Jim spreads the word to the German Village Association and they give. Pat Livingston deserves a special "thank you" because of her service in distributing and collecting food from the Livingston Church Burlap Bags. The bags are given out and then returned with food.

Look for her in the Chapel every Sunday.

Nutritious food lists for families of 2, 4, or more are made, according to what we have in the Food Pantry. Workers help fill the bags with food, and on a given Sunday youth and adults bring up 150-200 bags of groceries. During food pantry week, some customers are referred by Joint (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs) or others just drop in for help. A big sign is put out in the yard by Livingston and Mohawk Street that announces: **Food Pantry Is Open.** First time visitors are always given food; the next time they must live in the area. Helpers take applications and are encouraging. Spiritual literature is available for adults and children, and Nina Lewis is our prayer warrior. Livingston Church rallies around the Food Pantry. She loves Her community.

It's the little things  
we do and say  
That mean so much  
as we go our way.  
A kindly deed can lift a load  
From weary shoulders on the road.  
Or a gentle word,  
like summer rain,  
May soothe some heart  
and banish pain.  
While joy or sadness  
often springs  
From just the simple  
little things!

*Willa Hoey*



### BOB RALSTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bob Ralston loved books. He loved to read. Good Christian Literature, both fiction and nonfiction was a favorite. Thus, it is appropriate to honor him by naming the library the Bob Ralston Memorial Library. In Bob's Christmas devotional he stated, "we have the opportunity to extend brotherhood and generosity... we can be Christ's hand and feet to a world that desperately needs His help." In his prayer, "Heavenly Father, I will pass through this world only once. Any kindness that I can show, let me do it now. Amen." You can be the one to answer Bob's prayer. Donate good Christian literature or monies for books and media. Children, youth, and adults will be inspired. Ask Rosemary Wills or Julie Rogers for title suggestions or donate monies to buy books and media for our library ministry.

### ADVANCE CHRISTIAN LITERACY!

#### GOD'S DESIGN

*Philosophers may reason why  
But I won't take the time  
I only know I'm here on earth  
Because of God's design  
So I will just continue on  
And do the best I can.  
And know that God will do the  
rest  
Because He made the Plan.*

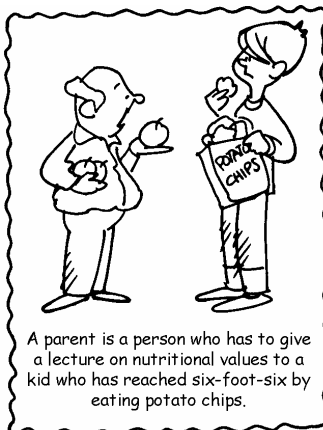
## Happy Father's Day

### THE LITTLE CHAP WHO FOLLOWS ME

*A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the same way.*

*I cannot once escape his eyes,  
What'er he sees me do, he tries;  
Like me, he says, he's going to  
be,  
The little chap who follows me.*

*He thinks that I am good and  
fine,  
Believes in every word of mine  
The bad in me he must not see  
The little chap who follows me.  
I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's fun and  
winter's snow,  
I'm building for years to be  
The little chap who follows me!  
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A parent is a person who has to give a lecture on nutritional values to a kid who has reached six-foot-six by eating potato chips.

## JUNE



- 8-12 Annual Conference  
at Lakeside
- 11 Men's Group, 6 p.m.  
Subway on S. High
- 15 Father's Day Blessing  
of the Motorcycles and  
classic cars
- 19 Dawes Arboretum, Newark
- 22 Book Club, 5 PM
- 24-26-28 Food Pantry
- 25 Men's Group, 6 p.m.  
Subway on S. High St



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Youth: Nick Kiger  
Sound Technicians:  
Bruce Reedy, Tony Giles,  
Jim Brizendine, Megan Widney,  
Alyssa Staten

#### Weekly

Sunday School 9 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM

**Tuesdays:** Bringing to the Light  
Prayer Group  
7 p.m. in the library

**Thursdays:** (Sept. - June)  
Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir 7:15 p.m.