

# The Livingston Letter

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During my devotions the other day, I came across this scriptural truth from Jesus - "If you can?, said Jesus, Everything is possible for them who believes." Does that mean that everything I want will be given to me? I read a story about two nuns who were delivering medical supplies to a nursing home when their car ran out of gas. They didn't have a gas can so they used a bedpan instead. The sisters walked a half a mile to a gas station and filled the bedpan with gas.

When they returned to their car, they carefully balanced the bedpan and began to pour the gas into the tank. About that time a man driving a pickup truck approached. When he saw what was going on, he came to complete stop. Amazed at what he thought he was seeing, he stuck his head out of the truck window and said, "Sisters, I'm not Catholic, but I'll tell you what. I sure do admire your faith."

Most people admire pastors and prayer warriors for their faith and depend on us for their prayers of intercession. I want to live in a way that people will more than admire my faith. I want to live so close to Jesus that they will have the confidence to ask me to pray for them to receive a miracle.

Are you in need of a miracle? Beloved, we serve a miracle working God and He wants to work miracles in and through your life.

Believe!  
Pastor Jim

## Remembering Educators who have shaped our lives.

On Sunday, August 26, I invited the congregation to name a teacher who left a positive mark on their life. Below are a few of your responses:


Ginny Clear writes "Sister Andrew, a nursing teacher, taught me nursing as a life long career and to treat each patient as if the person was Jesus."

Brian Barta is grateful for Gary Smith who was a 9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. "He kept things real, down to earth. He taught like one friend to another."

Sue Leatherman's favorite teacher was her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Dorothy Hecox. "She got me off to a good start. She took the raw material that was me and helped turn me into a good student."

Finally, Bruce Reedy's high school teacher Lee Collins taught Bruce Christian based leadership and management skills.

We'll continue sharing your responses in future newsletters.



Special Points of Interest:

- Address Change
- Anniversaries/birthdays
- Men's Group
- Van Goes
- Finance Report

Pastor Jim will be at Ashland Seminary for his Pastors of Excellence retreat Monday, September 10 through Friday September 14. The focus of this retreat will be church renewal.



## Fall Men's Retreat October 5-7 on Yatesville Lake

Our first Fall Men's Retreat will be hosted by Terry Whitt on his houseboat on Yatesville Lake in Kentucky. We'll leave the church Friday at 5:30 PM. and drive the church van 2.5 hours.

Pastor Jim will lead a teaching on physical and spiritual fitness. We'll return Sunday afternoon.

The fall colors of Kentucky will be outrageous and the lake will be warm. If you enjoy the beautiful outdoors, fishing, boating, tubing, and water skiing then you'll want to join your friends on this weekend retreat. See Pastor Jim or Terry Whitt for details and to reserve a spot.

## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet Wednesday, September 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM. at a new location. We'll meet at Frankie's Café in Grove City. The address is 3096 Southwest Blvd. 871-8733.





## September Calendar

### **Sunday, September 2**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

people painting and Back to School devotions

### **Sunday, September 9**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

news headlines devotions

### **Friday, September 14**

### **Saturday, September 15**

#### **Revolve Tour**

(This is the Women of Faith's teenage girl version - call Donna ASAP if you want tickets.)

### **Sunday, September 16**

5:30 - 7:30 PM

standing firm devotions

### **Sunday, September 23**

Faith Mission Prep and Serving (2 shifts - sign up on bulletin board)

### **Sunday, September 30**

5:30 - 7:30 PM

leaving your legacy devotions

*"Life is a coin. You can spend it any way you please, but you can only spend it once."*


*"You don't stop playing because you get old, you get old because you stop playing."*

*"Prosperity depends more on wanting what you have than having what you want."*



Thank you to our church family for all your prayers and concerns during the time of my mother's illness and especially for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits to the funeral home during the time of her passing. Thank you, Pastor Jim and Rosemary, for your visits to her in the nursing home. The love and support of our church family will always be remembered.

Brenda Ewing and family



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Bruce Reedy, Tony Giles,  
Jim Brizendine, Megan Widney,  
Alyssa Staten.  
Pastor Emeritus: Roland Perkins  
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The "Van Goes" (our adult adventure travel group). Each person donates \$5.00 to offset the cost of using the church van, pays for their own meals, and admission (if any). Why don't you join us?

### **Governor's Mansion**

September 18, 8:30 AM, we will leave the church and go to the Governor's mansion for a tour. We must submit a list of all tour guests one week prior to the tour. The deadline for signing up for the tour will be September 10. Each guest must provide photo identification. All purses and bags must be left in the van. The tour is 1 hour and 15 minutes. No restrooms will be available. Cameras are welcome - no flash pictures of art work. The tour is free but donations to the Governor's Residence Foundation are welcome.

November 14 - LaComedia Dinner Theatre - White Christmas.

Sign-up with Sarah Miller asap if you plan to go.



Livingston Group Cruise - lots of fun - Easter week. More details soon.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

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