

The Livingston Letter

WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES.

SEPTEMBER 2008



When God Said No

Have you ever prayed for happiness, but didn't receive an answer? How about relief from pain? Have you begged God for patience? I asked God for patience this morning while I was setting up the church office's new computer! Dial-up internet service is so 90's and its snail speed prevented a necessary upgrade for a new program. It was driving me nuts! My impatience over a slow modem is nothing compared with the troubles and trials some of you face daily.

This narrative helpfully shows us that when we pray, God answers no to our wrong requests. But God answers when we ask for the right thing with the right motive.

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own!, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

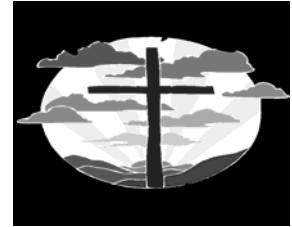
I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Loving the people that Jesus loves makes the Lord's heart sing. I invite you to truly embrace our church's main message: We love who Jesus loves. For when we do that, God will be pleased.

Affectionately,
Jim



New Sunday Evening Worship Gathering

If you're looking for a new option to have a lively and loving encounter with Jesus why not check out our new worship gathering. We meet every Sunday evening at 5 PM in the multipurpose room. You will encounter Jesus through praise songs, prayers, and a brief devotion given by Nick Kiger or Pastor Jim.

"Doing a New Thing"

Nine Urban United Methodist Churches are getting together on Tuesday, September 2, 7:00 PM at Washington Ave UMC (359 E. Markison Ave) to pray and plan for a unified ministry emphasis. See Pastor Jim for more details.



Report for July

General Fund

7 months Expenses	\$104,158
Receipts	\$ 91,136
	\$ 13,022

*receipts reflect tithe being prepaid for balance of 2008.

Missions

7 months Expenses	\$7,366
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Receipts

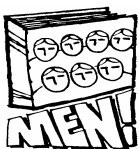
\$8,409

Oktoberfest Volunteer opportunities...

Oktoberfest will be September 5, 6 & 7 at Genoa Park (COSI). This event provides the needed income for the German Village Society. The German Village Community is supporting our Food Pantry, so let's show them our appreciation by volunteering at the Oktoberfest. Go to <http://www.germanvillage.com/oktoberfest/volunteer.php> or call Bob Jackson at 221-8888 to sign up or talk to Pastor Jim. He's going to be working Friday September 5, 4:30 - 8:15 PM at the GV Society tent. This is another way we can strengthen our relationship with German Village.

Pastor Jim to serve on an Honor Flight

On Saturday, September 6th, Pastor Jim will serve as a volunteer Honor Flight Guardian for a plane load of WW2 veterans. They will leave Port Columbus for Washington D.C. at 7:30 AM. A Guardians job is to assist the elderly vets in every way possible so they can enjoy their WW2 Memorial without becoming exhausted. If you are interested in donating to the Honor Flight program or volunteering as a Guardian, please see me or go to www.Honorflight.org.



The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, September 10 and

24, 6:00 PM at S. High St Subway. They are discussing John Wesley's teaching.



Heart To Heart begins Wednesday, September 10, 7 PM. If you want to find intimacy with God in the business of life, then join the women's group. Joanna Weaver's book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" will be their guide. For more details contact Sue Leatherman (Sleath@wideopenwest.com) or Donna Staten (DStaten369@aol.com). Don't forget to invite a friend to the group.

Triathlon

Nick Kiger is doing a Triathlon for Prostate Cancer -Nick Kiger's father-in-law, Ron, was diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. Nick will raise money for prostate cancer research through Athletes for the Cure. If you would like to donate to this cause, please visit Nick's fundraising page at <http://www.active.com/donate/athletes4acurehfp/NKiger>



Please come and help Helen Keefer celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, September 20, from 4-7 PM in the church's Fellowship Hall. Please bring a card and a note telling how she has touched your life. A scrapbook will be made of the party with lots of pictures!

There will be a potluck dinner. You may bring a covered dish to share. Tableware, drinks and cake will be provided.

Call Julie Rogers at 444-5908 with questions.

Casino Gambling In Ohio Is a Bad Bet

On Election Day, you will be asked to vote for an amendment to the state constitution that would give an out of state company a monopoly for commercial casinos in Ohio. No other business is granted a monopoly by the state constitution. The proposed amendment guarantees the owners 70% of gross revenues after prize payouts while only providing 28% to county governments. The state would receive no money from the casino.

The most important provision in the Constitutional Amendment is found in section 6a Subheading B. It says that if another casino is permitted to operate in Ohio, the tax rate paid by the Wilmington casino will be at the lowest percentage rate payable by any new casino.

Why is this important? The Shawnee Indians have purchased a large parcel of land along I-75 near Botkins, OH. If this amendment is passed, they will build their own casino on that land. Because the state and federal governments have recognized the Shawnee land as a sovereign nation, the Shawnees are not required to pay ANY tax on the earnings. So the Wilmington casino's tax rate will be reduced from 28% to at least 2% or even zero.

Funding to county governments would disappear and the owners would receive 98 to 100% of the profits. No other business in Ohio receives constitutional protection from paying taxes. This is a bad bet. Please vote no on this amendment.

Pastor Jim



I want to thank Ginny Clear, Kim Giles, Danny Russell and all our musicians who made the August 10th Food Pantry Benefit Concert a huge success. And, I want to thank all of you who came to listen to great music and to give a generous love offering. I measure success by the attendance (over 90) and the offering received - \$1386.00. That amount will help pay for about two months of food from the Mid Ohio Food Bank. And, we had three people indicate that they wanted to join the Food Pantry ministry. Your support is appreciated!

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Dear Friends at Livingston United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for the nice Barnes and Noble gift card and your thoughts and prayers on our special day. We appreciate all of you and everything you do!

Love,

Dan and Jessie Jessburger

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Nick Kiger, Youth Director

If you were at the service a few Sundays ago you probably got a chance to hear about the success of the youth mission trip to Mon Valley, PA. We all had a wonderful time and were each touched by God in a great way on the trip. The mission team included Nick Kiger, Gabbie Cook, Alyssa Staten, Meghan and Colin O'Grady, Adam Omlor and Abby Russell.

Our first two days in Mon Valley were spent painting the house of a family whose father was seriously injured and whose mother had just lost her job. It was a real joy to give them a sense of pride about their home. We even got a chance to meet them!

Our last two days were spent working with a kids club. Most of the kids came from government housing and were in need of much attention. We all tried to love them as much as possible, no matter how challenging it was.

God really worked through us and in us on this amazing week spent serving our Lord.

The youth are planning already for next year's mission trip. Please continue to support our youth through prayer, and the occasional monetary gift never hurts!

Currently we have started a new Sunday School topic titled "God and Science." We are looking at how to approach science as Christians, and how both religion and science help to shape who we are and the world we live in.

Please keep all of us in your prayers as we start a new school year. Many of us are involved in extracurricular activities and really need that extra boost of support from our church family!



MISSIONS

**LIVINGSTON BUILDS
HER CHURCH
THROUGH MISSIONS**

TRY A MISSION TRIP

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH ON
MISSION TRIPS

BAKE COOKIES FOR KAIROS
OR

HOMEBOUND'S CHRISTMAS

VISIT SHUT-INS

SHAPE OUR CHILDREN IN
TEACHING MINISTRY

FIX A MEAL FOR THE FAITH
MISSION

BRING IN FOOD/GIVE TIME FOR
THE FOOD PANTRY

WALK IN THE CROP WALK

SHOP FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

GIVE NEW OR GENTLY USED
CLOTHING/TOYS TO THE UMC
FREE STORE MINISTRY

DONATE MONEY FOR STUDENTS
IN COLLEGE

PROVIDE FUNDS FOR DISASTERS

REMEMBER TO USE THE
BENEVOLENCE SIDE OF YOUR
ENVELOPE.

PRAY. GO. GIVE

LIVINGSTON GROWS THROUGH
MISSIONS.

AROUND THE BLOCK, AROUND
THE WORLD

Youth, 6:00-7:30 PM

9/16 Prayer Group, 6:45 p.m.

9/17 Weight Watchers

9/20 Keefer Birthday Party

9/21 Youth, 6:00-7:30 PM
Prayer Group, 6:45 PM

9/23/25/27 Food Pantry

9/23 Prayer Group, 7 PM

9/24 Men's Group, 6:00 PM
Weight Watcher, 7 PM

9/30 Van Goes, 8:30 AM



**OSU/Wisconsin State
Church Gate Party
Saturday,
October 4th, 8 p.m.**

Mark your calendar - the
game will be projected outside
on the west side of the church
building

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL
SERVICES
Presents
TONY CAMPOLO**

Sunday, September 14
7 p.m.

The Church at Mill Run
3500 Mill Run Dr.
Hilliard, OH 43026
Adults \$10 Youth \$5

To purchase tickets, please
call Andrew Johnson at
614-228-5200, ext. 1550
or at ajohnson@lssco.org.

Tony Campolo, an internation-
ally recognized speaker on
religious, social and political
issues, will speak on being
called to serve those in need.
He is the author of 35 books,
his latest three being, "Letters
to a Young Evangelical."



9/01 **LABOR DAY**

9/02 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM.

9/03 Weight Watchers

9/07 Youth, 6:00-7:30 PM

9/09 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM.

9/10 Men's Group, 6:00 PM
Weight Watcher

9/14 October Newsletter articles
due in office



09/01 DAVIS EDWARD

09/03 WHITT, TERRY

09/04 STATEN, DONNA

09/05 BROWN, SHARLYN

09/06 WIDNEY, MEGAN

09/12 KEEFER, HELEN
COOK, ALESIA

09/13 STUBBINS, SETH

09/14 RUSSELL, ABIGAIL

09/17 LONG, OLIVIA

09/18 LONG, ROBERT

09/19 LAWLOR, VAUGHN

09/21 WHITT, NATHANIEL

09/24 PRICE, DUKE
ROBERTSON, BRITTANY
WHITT, COLLIN

09/25 CLOUSE, PATRICIA

On their special day, remember
our missionaries and their
children.

September 2 - Nyungnee Miller
13 - Felecia Miller
28 - Noa Miller
29 - Matt Ayars

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 18 Don/Rosemary Wills



The "Van Goes" (our adult
adventure travel group). Each
person donates money to offset
the cost of using the church
van, pays for their meals, and
admission (if any). Why don't
you join us?

September 30, tour Fenton
Glass and visit the gift shop.
We will leave the church at
8:30 AM. Lunch will be at
DaVincis in Williamstown.
Sign-up now to reserve your
seat.

Plans are underway to travel
back in time and experience
old world England as historic
downtown Cambridge, Ohio is
transformed into a Dickens
Victorian Village. Watch more
information.

Livingston Church
A United Methodist Fellowship

Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship Gathering 5 PM
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Bell choir: Jen Staten

Praise Song Leader:

Karen Clouse

Youth Ministries: Nick Kiger

Sound Technicians:

Bruce Reedy, Tony Giles,
Jim Brizendine, Megan Widney,
Alyssa Staten.

Pastor Emeritus: Roland Perkins