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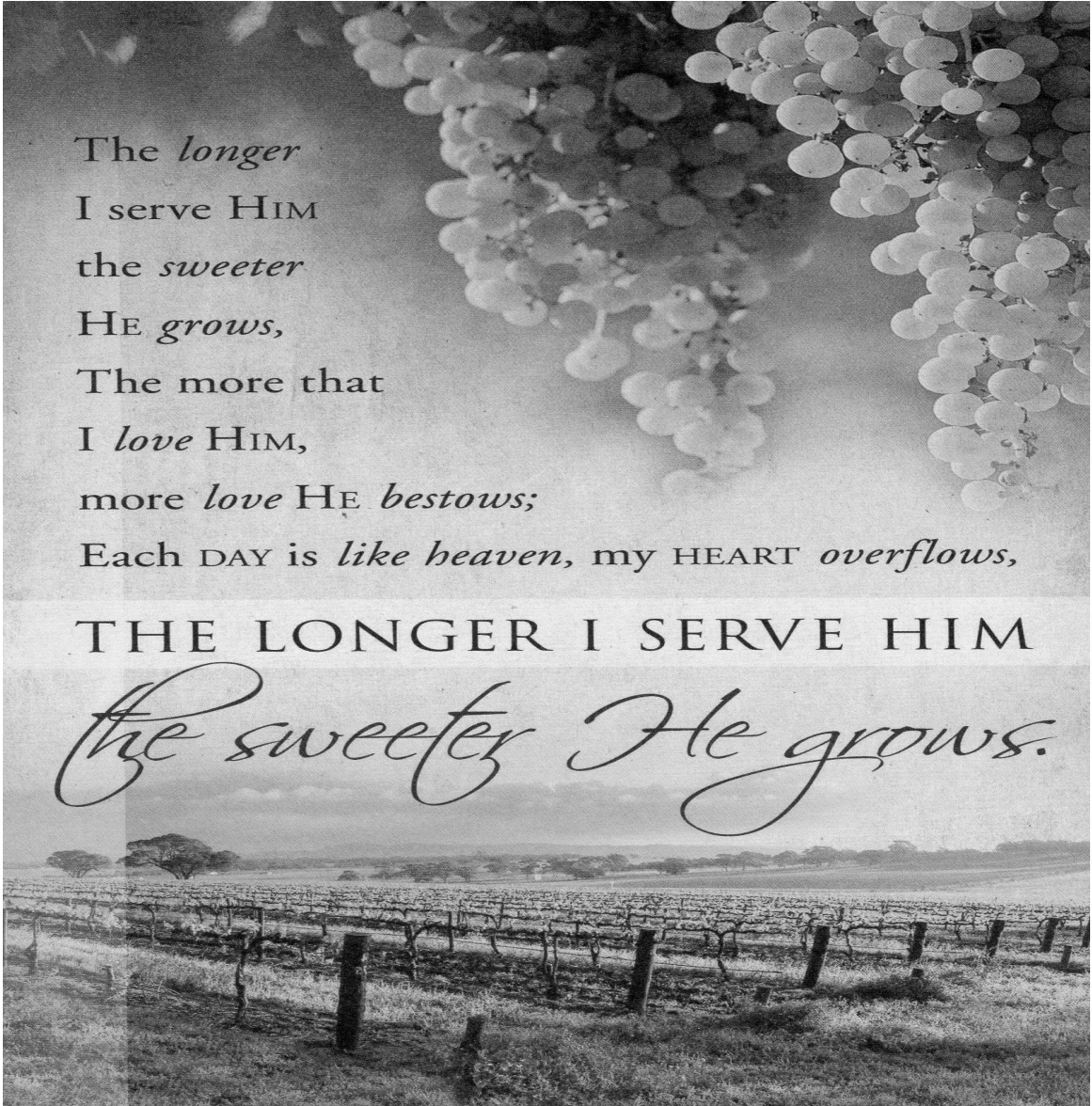
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“Damascus Doings”

September 2021

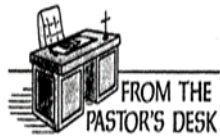
TO LIVE FOR CHRIST IS TO STRIVE FOR HOLINESS AND SEEK THE LOST



The *longer*
I serve HIM
the *sweeter*
He *grows*,
The more that
I *love* HIM,
more *love* He *bestows*;
Each DAY is *like heaven*, my HEART *overflows*,

THE LONGER I SERVE HIM

the sweeter He grows.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

September 2021



Today I want to talk just a little bit about being an average Christian. I read an article from Charles Spurgeon recently and it seems relevant today. This sums up my thoughts after reading the article as I reflect on society today. I quote this: *Too many persons judge themselves by others; and if upon the whole they discover that they are no worse than the mass of mankind, they give themselves a mark of special commendation; they strike a sort of average amongst their neighbors, and if they cannot pretend to be the very best, yet, if they are not the very worst, they are pretty comfortable.* I struggle as well with comparing myself to others; other ministers, fathers, and friends. We can take comparing ourselves even further than comparing ourselves to others. We desire to be better at all the things we do, we strive and it is good to strive to be the best at what you do. Be the best worker, ballplayer, student, son, daughter, mother, and father. We compare ourselves to the best and most of the time feel average or less than average compared to the best.

My recommendation is the same as Reverend Spurgeon's, do not be OK with being average at everything. Find your talent, the gift God gave to you and be the best Christian person you can be by using your special talent. Make a difference in someone's life each day.

Be unashamed of your Christianity each day by displaying your gift and doing what you are called to do. If you are participating in a sport strive to be the best. Most importantly take time to witness for Christ giving thanks to God for the opportunity to play; before, during, and after the game. I ask that you share your faith with all who gather to play and watch the event as well.

As a Christian you know the evilness of sin, repent from it and embrace Christ Jesus. You have been pardoned from your sins and you have welcomed the Holy Spirit into your life. Be confident of your future; a future with God in eternity. Share that message with one new person this month.

This past Sunday we shared an evening with two groups of singers that shared their love of God with us. By using the gift of music given to each of them. I ask that you also strive for perfection, live life with gusto, do not be average, embrace the person that God has made you to be and be the best Christian you can be each moment of each day. Judge yourself from God's perspective. AMEN

Your Partner in Christ
Pastor Frank



Souls After Living Truth News

Greetings from S.A.L.T.,
the D.U.M.C. youth group!

Summer is shifting to autumn, and I'm sure some of my fellow Ohioans will happily wave goodbye to the hot and humid afternoons of recent months and joyfully welcome the cool, crisp days of fall! While the new season's coolness can be a relief, there's a different kind of coolness which we,

as Christ-followers, must guard against: the cooling of our hearts. “Never *restrain* or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit.” (I Thessalonians 5:19 TPT) How can Christians restrain Holy Spirit's fire? Well, what does any fire require in order to burn? Fuel and air. Fuel is easy enough; people gather fallen branches, pile some leaves, gather some trash – dead things. What fuel does Holy Spirit want? “Then how much more powerful is the blood of the Anointed One, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself *as a spotless sacrifice* to God, purifying your conscience from the dead things *of the world* to the service of the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14 The Voice). Holy Spirit wants to burn away everything dead in your life – everything that is not His will for you, everything holding back His best from you, everything hindering His work through you. That's the fuel for His fire. What's the air? “They all gave themselves single-heartedly to prayer, with the women, including Mary, Jesus' mother, and his brothers.” (Acts 1:14 NTE) Earnest, disciplined, unified, Spirit-led prayer: that's what Christ's closest followers devoted themselves to doing in the days leading up to Pentecost, an occasion we still celebrate for the divine fire that crowned it. Their prayers were the air for that fire. Do you think modern Christians could benefit by following the disciples' example? How about you? If you've asked Jesus to be your Savior, He's sent His fire into your heart. But how much air have you been giving Holy Spirit lately? How much fuel? These are the choices that determine how hot the fire in your heart will burn. Please, don't let it fade; don't restrain His flames.

Blessings,

Phil

P.S. - As the youth and I consider fall activities, and our recent grads take their next steps, please pray that we all keep the heart-fires burning brightly. Thanks!

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Jack (Joyce Krahling's brother)- home
Joanne Dobbs- doing better
Sheila Lucas- successful gum graft surgery
Blake Suzelis- home after intestinal surgery
Heverly Family- improving
Nicholas Pidgeon- burns healing, back to school
Landen Maris- back to school



Jerrett Gfeller- healing & strength
Ashley Harrison- healing
County Fairs- workers and participants
Braden Mazzei- pain, healing
Paula Wartluft- health concerns
Virginia Thompson (Bonnie Michalek's mother) - chemo treatment
College students- returning to campus or going for the first time
Our country and government
Richard Davis- pneumonia
All students and teachers- returning to school
Our soldiers in Afghanistan
Pauline Wayne- cataract surgery right eye 9/3
Herman Schmidt- health concerns
Baby Brooklyn- brain tumor



Family of Glenn Rotzel (Sandy Dearth's brother)
Family of Nancy Walter



DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

Preschool News

"In All Thy Ways Acknowledge HIM and HE will direct thy paths" (Pr. 3: 6).

We are excited to open our doors to another year of preschool. We are happy to welcome new friends and to greet our friends from last year. We welcome Mrs. Maryah Herring and Mrs. Linda Henderson to our preschool staff. Maryah will be teaching a 3-4 year old class and Linda will be our substitute.

We are looking forward to bringing back some of our parties and programs and adding some new ideas to our program.

We will be hosting a Navajo Taco Lunch after church on September 19th. Our annual cookie dough fundraiser will be coming up in September also.

As we begin our new year, please continue to pray for us, our students, families and staff.

Again, thank you for your prayers.

Many Blessings,
Andrea, Amy, Phil
Maryah & Linda



We are planning to collect an **item a month** so that next November we will have a wide variety of beautiful items! **September items** are stuffed animals & clothing (shirts, dresses)



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Announcements!

I am pleased and very excited to announce that we will be passing out 4 Bibles this year!

In order to receive an Adventure Bible the child must be going into 1st grade or is a new attendee at DUMC and is old enough for Jr church.

The Bibles will be passed out during Church Service on Celebration "Sundae" September 19th!

There will be a party in the Jr church room with Games, Snacks and Sundaes!

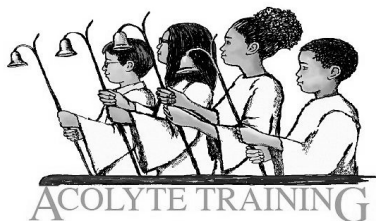
September 21st -

Children's Ministry Meeting 6pm.

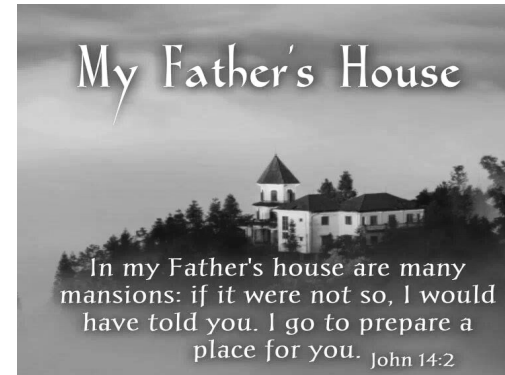
This meeting is open to anyone who would like to learn more about what our church is planning for the kids in our church and community.

If there are any questions please let me know.

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Acolyte Training: Any child third grade through seventh grade interested in being an acolyte is welcome to come to a training September 19th after church. See Pastor Frank or Bette Schrickel.



From your Lay Leader ...

I Have Prepared for You a Place
September 2021

John 14:1-3 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

When Jesus came to earth to live as a man, He chose to have the profession of His fleshly father. He was a carpenter. Carpenters build things. Although Jesus was a carpenter, he had no home for himself. Yes, Jesus was homeless. We should think about that more often and let that fact inform our view of the homeless. (But I digress). Most of the time when we think about John 14, we think about heaven and just how wonderful it is. We try to imagine the place that Jesus has prepared for us. We think of streets of gold and how awesome this paradise will be. We have totally missed the point...

What would your house look like if there were no designer? What would your house look like if there were no builder? Obviously, there would be no house at all. I think you get the point. If you ever find yourself in a conversation with a friend that is having trouble believing that there is a God, take them down that path. However, we are still missing the greater point of John 14.

Where is this home? Jesus said "trust in God and also trust in me." He also said "When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will be with me always." We sometimes explain getting saved to children like me as allowing God to come into your heart. If you are going to do that, there must be room for Him to be there. In order for there to be room in our hearts for God, we must allow Him to create that room. Jesus wants us to allow Him to prepare ourselves for Him to be in us. In other words, we must allow ourselves to be built into His likeness.

Building a house takes a few months but then it must be maintained forever. Giving your life to Jesus Christ takes an instant but allowing Him to mold us build us into His perfect image takes a lifetime. What can you do differently this month to allow yourself to be molded by God? What can be more important than that? We only have so much time in this life. Feeding our Faith with His word through reading, hearing and seeing is the most important thing on our schedule. Everything else is secondary. Let your place be prepared.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

**September
Birthdays**

- 1: Tracy Muckleroy
Mitchell Coffee
6: April Jones
7: Amy Shoaff
9: Barb Jones
Margaret Thompson
10: Jack Niederhiser
Bill Houshour
11: Bruce Rohrer
12: Yvonne Getty
Don Jones
Wendy Shoaff
Terri Stanley
13: Luci Knepper
17: Steve Kenneally
Marissa Mountz
19: Bonnie Michalek
21: Sally Wilson
22: Grayden Grimm

Happy
Anniversary

**September
Anniversaries**

- 4: Ralph & Kathie Landon
5: Steve & Jamie Kenneally
9: Troy & Shaunda Uphold
14: Jonny & Brittany
Sprague
15: Mark & Tracy
Muckleroy
26: Thomas & Lauren
Niederhiser
Carl & Jean Phillips
28: Dave & Amy Shoaff



Worship Assistant
Chris Lydic

Liturgist
Al Lutz

Counters
Gary Mercer
&
Barb Karlen

Please inform the church office
if your birthday or anniversary
has ever been omitted from the
Damascus Doings!



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Saturday September 18th
7:00AM-10:30AM
Donation Only
(change will be available)



Mission Trip COMING BACK!

The Summer Mission Trip is ON for 2022!!!!
June 26-July 2, 2022 we will be hitting the road again to
do our “thing”. The Monthly Community Breakfast
resumed in June and it was a great success. The support by
Our Church and the Community were overwhelming. We
will be traveling to Jackson, OHIO to work with Jackson
Area Ministries. Our group is planning a couple local work projects for this Summer. NO
cost has been determined for Next Summer’s excursion but we are sure to keep it
affordable. Pray fully consider coming along on the trip and sharing your talents.



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SEPTEMBER 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm Step by Step	2 9:30am TOPS 9:30am Women of Faith at the Rohrer's 7:00pm Bible Study	3 9:00am Step by Step	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7	8 6:00pm Step by Step 6:30pm PAC Meeting 7:00pm Choir Practice Begins	9 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritan Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study	10 9:00am Step by Step	11
12 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	13 PRESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL 9:00am Step by Step 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	14 1:30pm— 7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	15 6:00pm Step by Step 7:00pm Choir Practice	16 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	17 9:00am Step by Step	18 7:00am— 10:30am Church Breakfast
19 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship Celebration “Sundae” - New Bibles NAVAJO TACO LUNCHEON 6:00pm— 7:30pm Kid's Club Begins 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	20 9:00am Step by Step 6:30pm Church Council	21 6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting	22 6:00pm Step by Step 7:00pm Choir Practice	23 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	24 9:00am Step by Step	25
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	27 9:00am Step by Step 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	28	29 6:00pm Step by Step 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study		