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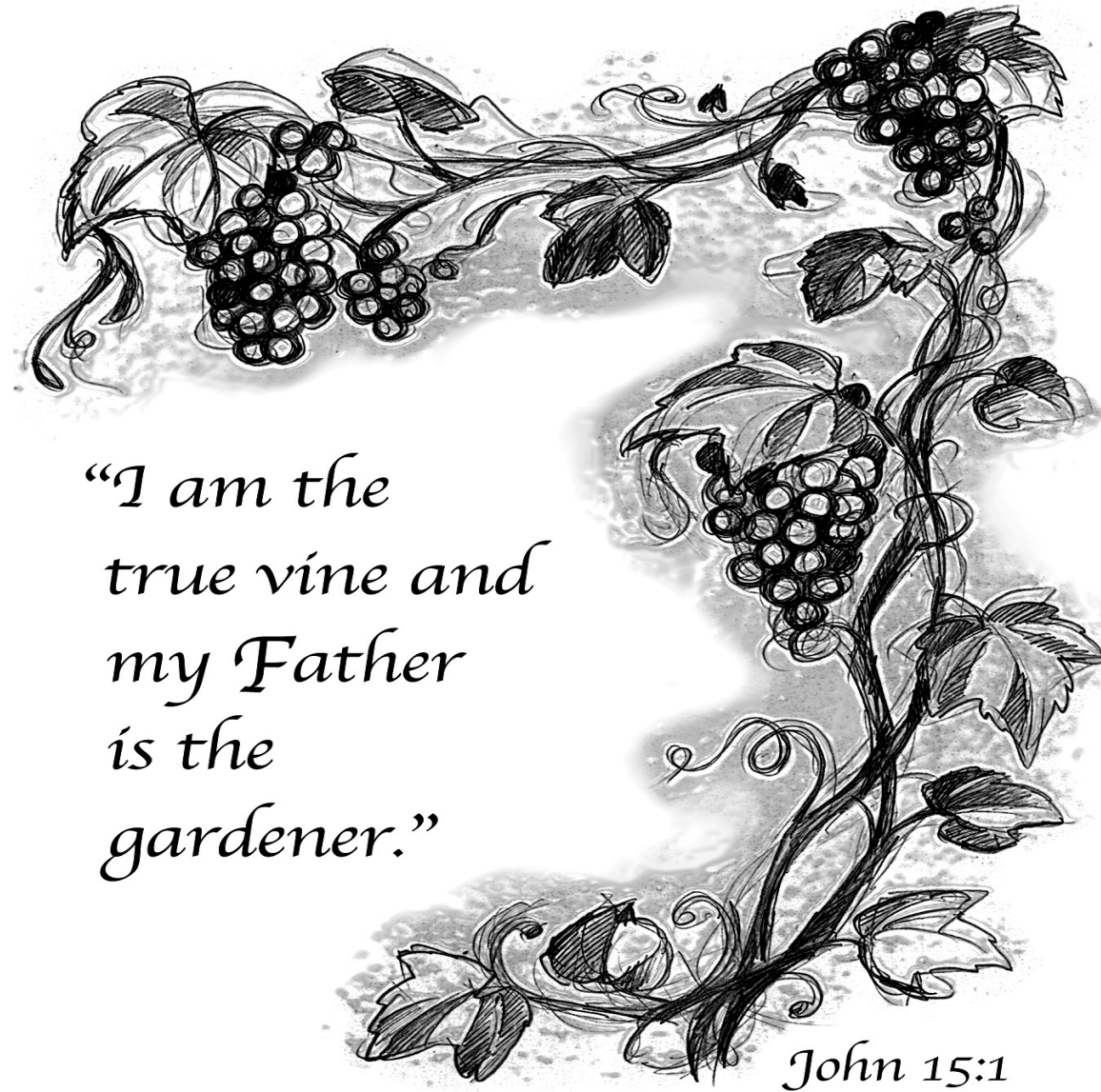
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“Damascus Doings”

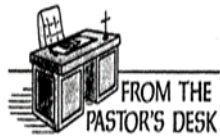
August 2021

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



*“I am the
true vine and
my Father
is the
gardener.”*

John 15:1



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

August 2021



I want to start out this message with a confession of being a person who does not read books as a daily habit. I do know that books are very impactful. When I take time to read (even though I read slow) the words seem to stick with me. At times I go back and read them again many times because they sparked a thought that I want to clearly define. With a book the words are always there for you and they are easy to find which is a blessing.

I have been reading some books (short ones) by Mark Batterson, and in his book, *Whisper*, this point really stuck with me: ***"At some point most people settle for secondhand spirituality. But listening to those who listen to God is no substitute for seeking God yourself. If you become reliant upon others for inspiration, that's called spiritual codependency. God wants to speak to you"***. I found myself questioning whether I was just reading scripture to write my message or to make me a better Christian.

The fact that the book prompted this question I am going to ask you; Am I reading, living, and exploring ways to reach 'Perfection', per John Wesley, which is growing spiritually closer to God, with a purpose each day? In my pastor's discussion group, we do this every time we meet. As pastor it is expected that I read scripture and clarify or create a different perspective when reading scripture. Read the verse using the perspective of one of the apostles or as an eyewitness to the event.

In the service each week in my message I try to give two different perspectives one as it pertains to us today and how the eyewitness viewed the event when it happened. When reading scripture there are times when a clear message just does not pop out, the scripture is just words on a page. When I struggle to see a clear message within the scripture, I take the time to read that parable or story from back to front. Start at the end and work backwards.

When I struggle like this is when I feel the Lord working within me the most. It is when I seek clarification and dig deeper into the structure, the choice of tense, and most of all the message that it is telling me today that God is working from the inside out.

To sum things up, the most important words that I have read this past month are these: ***God wants to speak to you!*** Take time this next month to discern your thoughts by listening, reading, and sharing the Word. Be a participant in building Christianity here where we worship, live, and work. Let us walk together working to reach 'Perfection' with all who join us.

Your Partner in Christ
Pastor Frank



Souls After Living Truth News

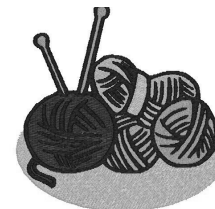
Salutations from S.A.L.T.!

It's been a fun summer so far! The youth have gone swimming, eaten ice cream together, played at a park, and, in some cases, even helped with VBS and mission breakfasts! Of course, these kids have kept busy with other activities, too: sports, camp, 4H, summer work, family vacations – there's been a lot going on lately! Maybe you can relate. Even when you're past the days of sports and summer camp, you've probably found that life has ways of keeping you busy! While busyness isn't necessarily bad, it can, if we're not careful, take our eyes off of what matters most. That's why it's so important to be deliberate about how we spend our time and attention! “So since we stand surrounded by *all those who have gone before*, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us *and slackens our pace*, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us. Now stay focused on Jesus, who designed and perfected our faith. He endured the cross and ignored the shame *of that death* because He focused on the joy that was set before Him; and now He is seated beside God on the throne, *a place of honor*.” (Hebrews 12:1-2 Voice) Along those lines, the youth group has, amidst the craziness of summer, spent several evenings watching a wonderful series based on the gospel account of Christ. Some of you may already be familiar with it; it's called “The Chosen.” (Its creators have made a special viewing app as well as offering episodes on YouTube – all at no cost.) This series has served as a good reminder for our group of young people – a reminder about what really matters, or, more accurately, *who* matters. Whether by watching this series or through some other activity, I encourage you to find a way to fix your eyes on Jesus in spite of whatever busyness life has thrown at you lately.

Blessings!

Phil

“Yarn For Christ”



I am planning a group for knitters and crocheters and those wanting to learn called “Yarn For Christ”. Projects will be donated to a variety of facilities. I plan to hold meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30pm–4:30pm. If you are homebound and unable to attend meeting, project directions will be provided.

Please call Abby Heverly for details (234)567-0299.

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Jeff Karlen got engaged to his girlfriend Connor Yeagley

VBS had 53 participants

Joey Sprague thanks all who helped celebrate at his grad party

Allie Zion grateful for being a counselor at 4H camp

Sprague Family grateful for 5 days of group camp in Indiana with 81 family members

Jack (Joyce Krahling's brother)- home

Joanne Dobbs- doing better



Chris (Pastor Wayne Clark's son in law) health concerns

Jarrett Gfeller- healing & strength

Lauren Stittle- beginning new adventure in Mayfield Heights

Ashley Harrison- continued prayers

Sherrie French- tests

Jack Welch- Cleveland Clinic

Dan Wroblewski- leg amputated

Lauren Niederhiser- pneumonia

Howard Alexander- heart cath

Norm Oyster- stroke



Family of Norma Althouse

Cards can be sent to: Lee Althouse 5948 Lake Villa Circle
Commerce, MI 48382

SUMMER SOCIAL



Please reserve Sunday evening Aug. 29 for our Summer gathering at 5:30 PM on the Lawn beside the church. Invite your friends and family too. We are having 'The Moser Family' sing. They are a local trio of spiritually filled individuals and will enhance are fun filled evening. We will have a few games and a light snack along with water. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit and enjoy a summers night with God and family.

For those willing to help contact Pastor Frank 330-212-0275.

Blessings Pastor Frank



DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

Greetings from Preschool

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

~Jeremiah 29:11

We are busy preparing for a new school year! Things will look a little different again this year as we are hopefully getting back to a more normal year. Please continue to pray for our 2021-22 school year. Pray for our staff as we make the necessary adjustments. Pray for our future students and their families.

Watch for a giving tree for donations to the preschool in mid-August. Remember we always take donations of paper, greeting card fronts, craft supplies, etc.

Many Blessings,
Andrea, Amy & Phil



We are planning to collect an **item a month** so that next November we will have a wide variety of beautiful items! **August items** are Flip flops, puzzles (48 piece max) & tennis balls.

Rummage Sale Is Coming!!! Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14



The Women of Faith of our church plan to hold their annual rummage sale on August 13th (9:00am - 4:00pm) and 14th (9:00am - 1:00pm), 2021 and will be receiving donated items 8:00am to 12:00pm Monday thru Friday until August 6th.. Please no large furniture, large exercise equipment, or TVs. Also, please make sure any clothing you donate is in good clean condition. Proceeds are used for needs and missions

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Announcements!



August 15th-

Pool Party at the YMCA in Alliance! We will meet at the church at 12:00pm and eat a quick lunch/ snack. There will be hot dogs, chips and juice. After we eat we will load onto the bus around 12:30pm. The pool is reserved for two hours for kids age 3 years old - 6th grade. If your child is 6 year old or younger a parent or guardian has to be with them. We should be back to the church by 3:45pm.



August 17th -

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.



Coming up....

November 13th-

Kids for Kids Auction at 4pm
Let me or Bonnie Michalek know if there is anything that you would like to be donated for the auction.

If there are any questions please let me know.

Brittany Sprague 234-600-0706 dumcohoeddirector@gmail.com

From your Lay Leader ...



Are We Ready to Go?

August 2021

A few months ago, my best childhood friend asked if I would officiate his brother's funeral. I immediately said yes but inside I was sad and did not have a clue as to what I would say at the service. Years ago our families went on vacation together and I remember as it were yesterday when my buddy was visibly upset when we prayed before dinner. God has been working on him in the years that followed and I continue to pray for his salvation. So, when my friend asked this favor, it was too

late for his brother to have made a decision for Christ and I was afraid of where he might be spending eternity right at that very moment... In preparation for the funeral service, Dina and I went to meet with the family and learn more about the brother's life. I was so overjoyed when my friend showed me a small cross and profession of faith that they found in Don's wallet. Thank you God for that calming that that little symbol brought to the funeral preparation. We spend our lives attending to this and that but in the end, our relationship with Jesus Christ is all that matters. We have all done things that we are not proud of but God's grace is sufficient. All we have to do is acknowledge that we are not perfect, ask forgiveness from the one who is, believe that Christ died as a sacrifice in our place and give our lives to Christ. Heaven awaits for those that make that decision. It's hell if we reject him.

Our job as a church is to do what we can so that no one is left with a lost soul. As we welcome new members and fellowship with each other, let us always pray for The Holy Spirit's leading so that we can grow our own faith as we disciple others. **Romans 15:5-7** **May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**

Let's make or renew our commitment as a church family to do all that we can to agree with these verses with our deeds and actions this month. As we continue to come back together to share meals and activities with each other, pray that we have the mind and attitude of Christ so that we are glorifying God and making sure that we are all ready to go.

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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August Birthdays

1: Sue Johanson
4: Lauren Stittle
Carly Phillips
5: Dorothy Walther
8: Carol Flickinger
9: Chris Zion
10: Marge Hrvatin
Al Lutz
Thomas Niederhiser
Scott Papic
12: Katie Tedrow
Lyle Weatherspoon
14: Brinley Bauman
15: Carolyn Caldwell
16: Pat Humphreys
Jenean Lamos
17: Janice McPherson
18: Kathy Landon
Dick Schaffhauser
Drew Wandle
19: Rev. Wayne Clark
Janice Hoover
22: Dalton Mincks
Stephanie Smith
24: Janice Bennett
Barb Karlen
25: Bob Altenhof
28: Grace Williams
30: Jodie Keck



August Anniversaries

5: Chris & Mandy Zion
9: Curt & Bev Mosher
13: Carey & Jamie Weingart
15: Fred & Janice McPherson
Jerry & Tracie Stittle
20: Steve & Dina Sprague
Russell & Bonnie
McDermott
22: Pastor Bob & Nancy
Amey
Scott & Michelle Papic
27: Ray & Mary Kay Heverly



Worship Assistant
Steve Sprague

Liturgist
Linda Henderson

Counters
Art Johanson
&
2nd, 30th Linda Henderson
9th Gary Mercer
16th, 23rd Barb Karlen

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



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Saturday August 21st
7:30AM-10:30AM
Donation Only
(change will be available)

Mission Trip COMING BACK!



and sharing your talents.

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

Alliance Carnation Days!

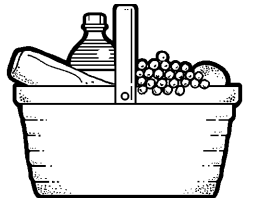


Wednesday August 11-Saturday August 14, the Mission Trip Group will be again selling Corn -on-the-Cob and Pepperoni Rolls as a Fund Raiser for the Upcoming 2022 Mission Trip. This takes place in Silver Park in Alliance. Consider stopping by and supporting us by Food purchase or helping serve!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	16 9:00am Step by Step 6:30pm Possible Church Council	17 6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting 6:30pm Bible Study	18 3:30pm– 4:30pm Yarn for Christ 6:00pm Step by Step 6:30pm PAC Meeting	19 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	20 9:00am Step by Step	21 7:00am– 10:30am Church Breakfast
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	23 9:00am Step by Step 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	24 10:00am & 7:00pm Pr eschool Meet the Teacher 6:30pm Bible Study	25 3:30pm– 4:30pm Yarn for Christ 6:00pm Step by Step	26 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	27 9:00am Step by Step	28
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