

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know that it has been a busy summer and fall looks no different. We just had a meeting of the 125th Anniversary Committee. There has been much progress toward this grand celebration we hope to have with the Lord's help on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020. We can still use more people to help with the day. If you would like to be involved in the planning and implementation, please see me right away and I will get you plugged in.

More timely is the Weston Family Fun Day that is coming on Saturday, October 5th. It all starts at 2pm with all sorts of games for children. We have 2 bounce houses this year, and we are hoping and praying for good weather. Even though it rained last year, we had a great first year response, so we expect an even bigger crowd this year. The Weston Volunteer Fire Department is coming and Wood County Hospital Wellness group. We have free coloring books that teach about staying away from drugs and alcohol for our younger kids. We are going to have plenty of free food at about 5pm and our concert with The Justified Quartet begins at 6pm with a reception afterwards in the basement. It will be (Lord willing) a great day. Please plan on coming and invite others.

On October 20th Teresa and I will be away on vacation. This will fall after Teresa is done with her radiation treatment and this should be a nice relaxing time away. In my absence, Rick Broughton will be our guest speaker for worship and will teach adult Sunday School. I assume Ann will be here as well. I hope you all will be in attendance to see these two faithful servants from our recent past here at Weston again.

We are going to start seeing little articles about our church's history in our church newsletter in the month's leading up to our May 31, 2020 celebration. We are asking everyone to submit names, addresses and contact information of everyone we need to invite by the end of October so we can personally invite everyone.

You may know that Calvin Murphy who was a minister here (1951-56) was also my minister in Piqua, Ohio right after he left Weston. When I found Calvin and visited him again a year or so before he died, I wrote him this letter below. Let's not wait on special occasions to honor and thank people who have built into our lives. And let us be people who invest in others for the glory of God.

February 4, 2016

Dear Calvin,

It has been a very long time since we have spoken or seen each other. I hope you remember my parents, Ray and Betty Wackler from Piqua, Ohio. You may recall that I went into the ministry.

First of all, thank you for your godly example and all the fond memories from when you were my minister in Piqua. You helped build in me, with many others, a desire to follow Jesus in my life. Thank you for your leadership and ministry with the church that shaped my younger years. I was ordained into the preaching ministry in 1986 at Piqua Church of Christ (now Piqua Christian Church).

Secondly, I have heard indirectly that your health has been failing. I want you to know my family is praying for you, and so is my church. I have tried twice to reach you by phone, so this is the only method left to me to make contact. If I get down that way, I certainly will try and visit you.

Just like a lot of sermons this letter has three points. So that we could be closer to our children in Michigan, Teresa and I moved from northern North Carolina to northwest Ohio. You might remember Weston Church of Christ. Imagine my surprise and delight that I might have the opportunity to preach where you had been a few years ago now. Joann Lehman first mentioned you on the occasion of my trial sermon there, and says hello, as do some of the other members who were there then. I am 67 now and probably preaching at my last church, but still have a strong desire to work and be used by God. Please pray for me, as I do for you; and I hope to see you maybe this year, Lord willing.

Your brother in Christ, Gary

Stewardship Statistics	8/25/19	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	Total Money And Average Attendance
Attendance	66	51	58	65	59	60
General Fund	\$2164.00	\$1559.00	\$2238.00	\$2615.00	\$1765.00	\$10341.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$12323.55
+ or— Budget	(\$300.71)	(\$905.71)	(\$226.71)	\$150.29	(\$699.71)	(\$1982.55)
Designated Giving						Total Designated
Birthday money		\$11.00				\$11.00
Quilt material	\$250.00					\$250.00
Total Giving's	\$2414.00	\$1570.00	\$2238.00	\$2615.00	\$1765.00	\$10602.00

Prayer list

Lloyd Bowman (inoperable liver cancer)
 Grace Hillard (cancer, looking at bone marrow transplant)
 Paul Pool (surgery recovery)
 Michele Battles (breast cancer surgery)
 Mary Reynolds (stage 4 cancer)
 Lowell Snyder (surgery recovery)
 Lisa Buck
 Tracy Hamm (migraines)
 Caleb Manuel (home/healing)
 Bill Clark (chemo/liver, tumor in colon)
 Marlene Nicholson
 Patty Hughes (chemo)
 Teresa Wackler (radiation/foot pain)
 Gene Mazey - (health issues)
 Skylar Kunz (bone marrow transplant)
 Phil Wellwood (Karen DeWitt's son-in-law/inoperable brain tumor)
 Debbie King (health issues)
 Betty Fortney (rehab continues)
 Linda Greene (surgery recovery)
 Greg Bigler (surgery recovery)
 Family of Mikeal Lee George
 Family of Coleen (Deb Lehman's sister)

- "I beseech Christ ... that he will enable me to endure all things courageously, and that he break me as a potter's vessel or make me strong, as it pleases him."
—Ulrich Zwingli
- "When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words."
—Thema Davis
- "The love we give away is the only love we keep."
—Elbert Hubbard



Prayer list continued:

Family of Dave Sovine
 Family of Allen Nance of Eden, NC
 Dale Wackler (Gary's uncle-leukemia)
 Kathy Jones (heart issues)
 Kenneth and Brenda Kill (He had a heart attack and is on a ventilator at Advanced Specialty Hospital)

Remember our Shut-ins

Janiece Stage - Heritage, Scott Hall 2
 Joyce Baumgardner - Waterford @ Levis Commons #A210
 Cletys Dyke - Brookdale Apt #135
 Paul Luna - Heritage Village, Waterville
 Joanne Lehman - Wood Haven, Room 100

Those in Service

Krause's-Philippines Mission
 Lt. Col. Elijah Ward—Ft. Belvoir, Wash. D.C.
 Taylor Tolles-Army Nat'l Guard
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 SSgt Joey Brown - Iraq
 Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy
 Travis Ferrari - U.S. Navy
 Austin Varela - Marines/Japan
 Scott Saylor - U.S. Army
 Chelsea Bontjes - U.S. Navy
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Gavin Varela - Marines/Hawaii
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan

Missions Team Meeting
Oct 6th
Noon

October Mission Moment by John McKenzie
Pacific Rim Ministries (Darryl and Carol Krause)



Small Group

We will continue our study from 1 Corinthians.

Join us at the church on **Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

No Bible studies on Oct 16th and 23rd.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Oct 1st @ 7:30PM

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, Oct 8th @ 6:00pm

Men's Mentoring Group

Sunday, Oct 13, Noon-1:30pm

Eat lunch and join the study

"Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan

Ladies Christian Fellowship

Monday, Oct 28th @ 7:00pm

We'll be making cookie mix jars for the food pantry.

Come join the fun!

We are collecting new and unopened items for Her Choice Pregnancy Center of Bowling Green. Items need to be here no later than Sunday morning, November 3rd. Items needed are: newborn baby diapers, baby wipes, newborn clothes, newborn Onesies, blankets, quilts, burp cloths, socks, bibs, and hats. All items will be used to help fill gift bags for a newborn. We will also have a little bank on the table for any monetary donations to be given to the center for their use. Thanks for your love of the unborn.



Submitted by Teresa Wackler

OCTOBER SERMONS

October 6	Prayer Can Be Difficult	Acts 12:1-19
October 13	God Has Always Directed His Church	Acts 13
October 20	Rick Broughton will be here to bring the message	
October 27	It's Not Always Sunshine and Roses	Acts 14:1-18

October 5th, 2:00-8:00pm Weston Family Fun Day

Everything is **FREE**
Inside and outside

- ◆ TWO BOUNCE HOUSES
- ◆ GAMES (2:00-5:00PM)
- ◆ ARTS AND CRAFTS
- ◆ D.A.R.E.
- ◆ **JUSTIFIED** QUARTET AT 6:00PM
- ◆ RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT
- ◆ WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL WELLNESS TESTING
- ◆ WESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
- ◆ FUN FOR EVERYONE



Volunteers needed to fill one of the hour time slots for the kids games.

Sign up sheets are on the white table in the foyer for ring toss, marble race, goldfish game, duck pond, bean the Philistine, and candy bar wheel. Face painting is filled already. We also need donations of fun size candy bars and other candy for prizes. We need movie theater boxed candy for the ring toss game. We need bottles of bubbles. **Thanks.**

“Jesus No Cry”

Author Marlo Schalesky recalls her 2-year-old’s first table prayer: “Jesus, no cry. Jesus be happy. Amen.” Her 5-year-old sister was unimpressed, calling it “a funny prayer.” But Mom affirmed it as fine, later blogging: “I saw how woefully self-centered my own prayers had become. ... [In my daughter’s] language ... they would sound more like ‘Marlo no cry. Marlo be happy.’”

So Schalesky made some intentional changes. “Instead of only asking for God’s blessing, I’m focusing more on asking God to help me to be pleasing to him. ... When I ask for wisdom, I also ask him to help me honor him in all I do and think. And instead of focusing on my desire for all to go well, I ask him what I can do to bring him joy. ... I am learning to pray with childlike faith. I’m learning to pray, ‘Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy.’”

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Looking Back 106 Years

This is a picture of our church about 1913. The only thing you can recognize today that's still in use is the bell in the tower. You can hear it ring every Sunday morning at 9:30.

Our 125th Anniversary Celebration on May 31, 2020 will have a lot of history about the church on display with pictures and news articles. The various committees are working together to make this a momentous day. If you haven't joined a committee, just see Gary about where you can help. This will be a day to remember.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT at the Church

(2nd & 4th Fridays each month)

October 11th and 25th, 6:30-9:00pm

Enjoy the food, play a game, visit.



Birthdays



- 1 Scott Apple
- 4 Andrea Gebhart
- 5 Chelsea Bollenbacher
Nancy Snyder
- 8 Debbie Lee
- 12 Dick Philips
- 15 Joyce Baumgardner
- 22 Ed Tolles
Lindsey Baker
Joanne McKenzie
- 27 Cindy Wichman

Anniversaries



26 Wendell & Stephanie Wohler

Just Plant It



As the church year wraps up, many Bible readings address the end times and Jesus' return at an unknown

date (unknown to all but God the Father, that is). Specific beliefs about the Second Coming vary throughout Christendom, but our attitude about that momentous event affects how we live right now. "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces," Martin Luther reportedly said, "I would still plant my apple tree." Instead of constantly despairing about this broken-down world, we can remain determined to serve God and our neighbors, planting seeds of life and hope in the process.

—The Newsletter Newsletter®

Unimaginable Impact

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

Congratulations to Jerry & Nancy Snyder. They have a new great nephew born September 13th, Graham Daniel Snyder. 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Habitat for Humanity of Wood County, Ohio, Inc. is building a home in Weston. Construction begins in 2020. Applications will be accepted until a family is selected. To request an application or if you have any questions, please call them at 419-353-5430 or go to: www.wchabitat.org

Gary on YES-FM on October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7:25am

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? *With a pumpkin patch!*

How do leaves get from place to place? *With autumn-mobiles.*

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David

A colorful, stylized illustration of a crown or tiara with pink, orange, and yellow sections.

Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)

OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:25am Gary will be on YES-FM Board Meeting 7:30pm	7:25am Gary will be on YES-FM  7:00pm Small Group at church	7:25am Gary will be on YES-FM 7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice	7:25am Gary will be on YES-FM	WESTON Family Fun Day 2:00-8:00pm Activities & more Concert at 6pm Reception following
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Birthdays and Anniversaries 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. Mission Moment/Pacific Rim Ministries Fellowship Break Feed His Sheep Missions Team Meeting after Sunday School/noon		Elders Meeting 6:00pm	 7:00pm Small Group at church	7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:30 - 9:00PM 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. Men's Mentoring Group Noon-1:30pm	Columbus Day		No Small Group	7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rick Broughton will be preaching 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S. S.			No Small Group	7:00pm Let It Rise Band Practice	 FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:30 - 9:00PM	Weston Trick or Treat Gary will be handing out candy at church
27	28	29	30	31		
9:30am Worship 11:00 Adult S.S.	Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF) 7:00pm at the church Cookie Mix Jars for the Pantry		 7:00pm Small Group at church	Halloween 		

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Sunday Worship Times
9:30am Worship Service
11:00am Adult Sunday School

November newsletter articles due Tuesday, October 22



Weston Witness

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The purpose of the Weston Church of Christ is to glorify God by reaching the lost, strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.