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TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

New Castle First Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER

“The Service of Motherhood”

Children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5). Motherhood is a great honor and privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending their time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves.

Sometimes this constant serving can be exhausting and even discouraging, particularly for a first time mother. But you can take real encouragement from Jesus. One of the best examples of gracious servanthood is found in John 13:3-16. By kneeling to wash His disciples' feet, the Lord showed that the key to true leadership is humility. And it is humility that leads to eternal reward.

Unless you are willing to stoop down and get your hands dirty, you will miss the real riches of motherhood. By dying to your own desires and pouring your life into someone else, you become like Christ and create a

*"Lo, Children are an heritage of the Lord:
and the Fruit of the Womb is His reward.
Happy is the man that
hath his quiver full
of them...."*



Psalm 127:3,4,5

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godly legacy that will carry on for generations to come. What greater blessing could one hope for? Of course, the motivation for serving others is not to reap benefits, but when we follow God's plan for our life, that's what happens.

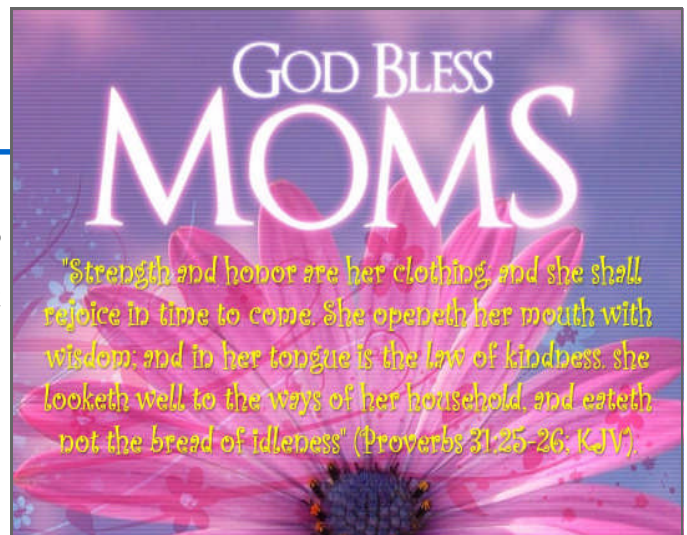
In giving us children, God places us in a position of both leadership and service. He calls us to give up our lives for someone else's sake - to abandon our own desires and put our child's interests first. Yet, according to His perfect design, it is through this selflessness that we can be truly fulfilled.

If we have achieved any measure of success, we more than likely owe a great deal of credit to our mothers. When was the last time you thanked her for the difference she has made in your life? Have you told her lately how grateful you are for her? Or does your mother have to do something in order to gain your respect and love? In other words, does she have to live up to an expectation, perform some duty, or give some kind of gift before you will thank her?

Whatever you do, don't let Mother's Day end without communicating how much you cherish her. Tell her that you are grateful for all that she has done, and for giving you life so that you could also become a child of God.

God Bless Our Mothers,

Pastor Bill & Carole



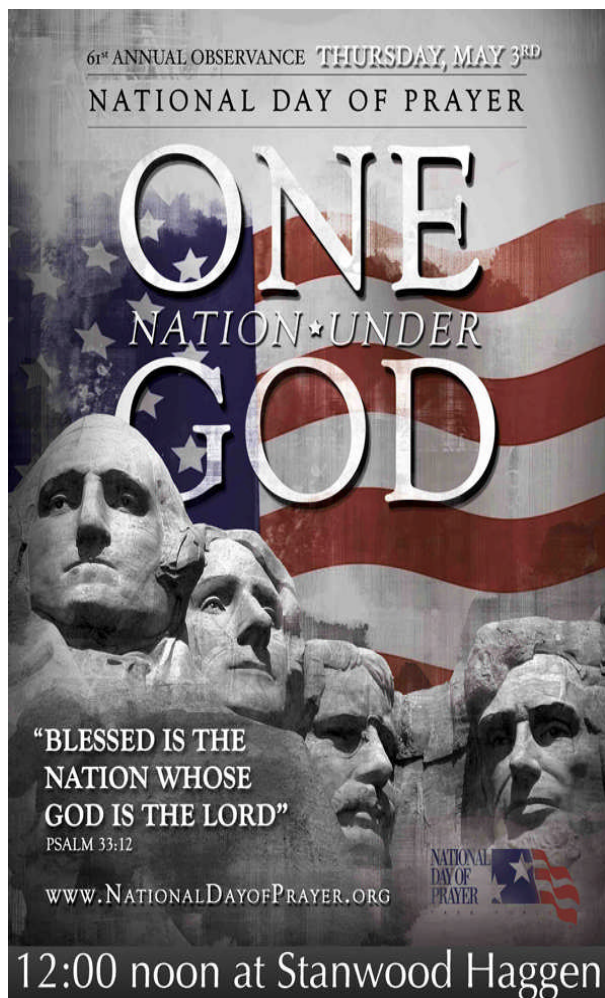
Important Dates to Remember...

June 1st: Tweenagers at the Parsonage

Anyone 40 years of age and older are welcome to attend this time of fun and fellowship together.

July 22nd: All-Church Picnic at Pearson Park - Shelter # 5 from 3-9 PM

Everyone's invited to come out and enjoy a day of food, fun, and fellowship. The meat and the drinks will be provided, but please see Carole Hunley and sign up to bring something yummy to share.



National Day of Prayer Vigil Thursday May 3 @ 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Psalm 33:12 reminds us “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

The First Church of God will be observing the 61st National Day of Prayer with a Prayer Vigil in the Hunley Prayer Room from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm, ending with the weekly Prayer Meeting in the Underground at 6:30 pm.

Please sign up for an hour of prayer on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Sharon Bromley at 724-654-9038.

Also, please come to prayer mtg that night.

Let's unite in prayer!



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please call the church office if we do not have your information!)*

Birthdays:

May 1 - Florence Altman
May 3 - Presley Deep
May 5 - Amber Gunnels
May 7 - Joelle Bromley
Donna Michaels
Susan Walker
May 11 - Rachel Reiter
Jessica Wicks
May 14 - Nakia Garver
May 18 - Cassie Dettore

May 20 - Shawn Schaubroeck
Sophia Morton
May 23 - Amber Arnold
May 25 - Ciarra Karnes

Anniversaries:

May 15 - Darrell & Joyce Houk
May 17 - Lynn & Mary Jane
Cousins





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM, Council Mtg 6:30 PM	2	3 National Day of Prayer Vigil 7:30AM- 6:30PM, Prayer Ser- vice:6:30 PM	4  Youth Attending	5
6	7 Trustees Mtg 6 PM	8 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM, C.E.C. Mtg. 6:30 PM	9 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Underground— Backyard BBQ 6-10 PM
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20 	21	22	23 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	24	25	26 Youth Golf Scramble @ Mohawk Trails
27	28 Memorial Day 	29 {	30 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up	31		

AND GRANDMA TOO...

While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways.

We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see...

For she mothered my dear mother as my mother mothers me. ~ Author Unknown ~

Vacation Bible School: "SKY"

July 9th - 13th @ 6-8:30 PM



At Sky VBS the fun takes off right away!

Kids will discover that everything is possible with God!

No matter who you are, trust God!

No matter what people do, trust God!

No matter how you feel: scared, sad, or angry, trust God!

No matter what happens, good or bad, trust God!

No matter where you are, you can trust God!

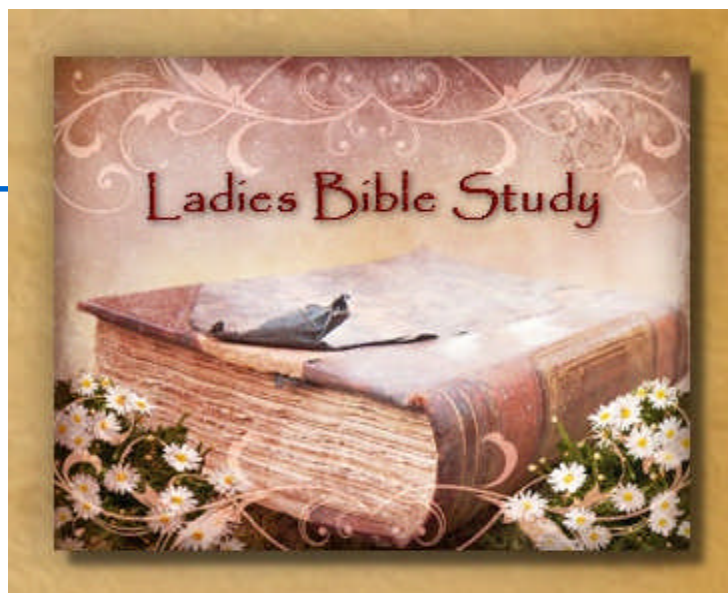
Things are looking UP! Everything is possible! We can trust God!

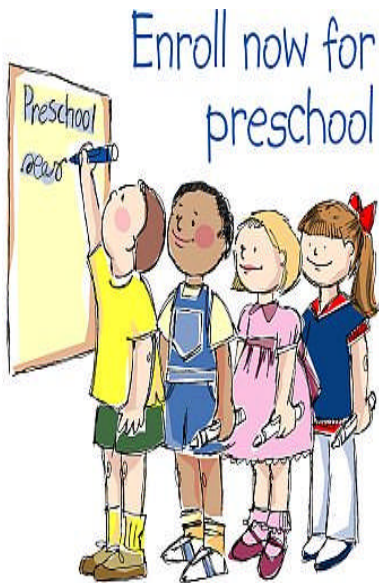
If you would like to be a part of this exciting week, please see Sharon Ross or Alice Palmer. **There is a meeting for EVERYONE interested in helping Sunday, April 29th after Church in the Willing Workers Sunday School Room.**

Parents - Mark this date on your calendars! Registration forms will be in upcoming bulletins. Hope to see everyone there!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will finish their Study for the current year on May 8th. We will resume again in the Fall with a new Study. All Ladies and their friends, even if they don't attend church here at the First Church of God, are welcome! See Carole Hunley for more details.





Preschool News



April was an amazing month at Preschool! There were so many exciting things happening. First of all, the weather has been getting nicer, and we have been able to go out onto our playground! The children love that area and swinging, sliding down the slide, playing in the sand is so fun! We also started our caterpillar to butterfly science experiment. The children observe and draw

a picture in their "Butterfly Journal" how they are changing, and then we plan to let them go into the great outdoors (the church yard) very soon. April is also a very special time, because this is when we get to explain to the precious children about Jesus and how He loved us so much that He died on the cross for us, so that if we believe in Him, we will be able to live forever and ever with Him in heaven. It is so cute to see how lessons like this get into these 3, 4, & 5 year olds' spirits.

May is here already, so this will be the last month in our 2011/2012 school year! We will be having special Graduations/End of the Year Celebrations coming up May 14th & 15th. Our second Graduation ceremony will be Monday, May 14th, and we have 13 children who will be wearing caps and gowns and graduating to kindergarten. Our other 11 students will be celebrating moving up into our 2012/2013 Preschool Class or other schools. We would like to invite anyone who would like to come and be a part of these special ceremonies, to please come May 14th and/or 15th at 9 A.M. to see the children's program and slideshow and stay for refreshments after. It is guaranteed to be a heart-warming time of fellowship together.

We have been so blessed by each and every one of our students and their families, it is emotional to think that some of them are growing up and moving on, but we will always love them and be there for them no matter where they are. They know where to find us. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

Love, Miss Stacy & Miss April

Back Yard BBQ
@ The Underground Refuge
Saturday, May 12 @ 6-10 PM

We will be outside for a while: Grilling, Playing Volleyball, Corn Hole, and having lots of fun!

Bring your Lawn Chair! Bring your Friends and Family!

Grilled hotdogs will be \$0.50

Plate of picnic food - ONLY \$1.00

~ Macaroni & Cheese

~ Baked Beans

~ Potato Salad

~ Chips

~ Desert

Pop/Water will be \$0.50



American Cancer Society New Castle Relay For Life
@ Shenango High School Track
Saturday & Sunday, May 19-20 - Meet @ 11:30 A.M.

CELEBRATE - Survivor Ceremony, Opening Ceremony:
NOON Saturday

REMEMBER - Luminaria Ceremony: Saturday Night at Dark

FIGHT BACK - Fight back by getting involved

Our Church has a team—First Church of God Relay Team—and we are still accepting participants and donations. All Survivors come out to the track at NOON for the Survivor Walk and everyone in the church is invited to come and support them! If you need a survivor t-shirt, please let us know. Please give your donations to Sharon Ross.



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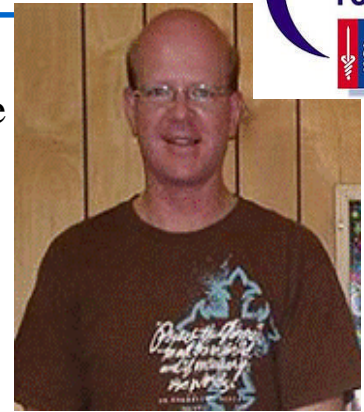
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Relay For Life Challenge

Shawn Schaubroeck is committed to walking **50 laps** around the track again this year!!!

We are looking for **50 people** who are willing to **donate \$1.00** representing 1 of the 50 laps that Shawn is walking! I know that we can do this! Relay for Life is an amazing opportunity for a community to come together to...



CELEBRATE - The Survivors:

Darryl & Laurie Audia, Taylor Dettore, Louise Freed, Jerry Garver, Patty Harlan, Wimp Horvath, Pastor Bill Hunley, Cara Print, Sandra Sallmen, Rich Ward, Mel White, Marilyn Wymer, and many other family members and friends.

REMEMBER - The Loved Ones We've Lost:

Wilma Kerry, George Freed, Robert Gudyk Sr., Bill Page, Brandon Pitzer, Paul Ross, and so many others that are waiting for us up in heaven.

FIGHT BACK - What Can WE Do?:

Take a personal step to advance the fight against cancer. **Start by donating \$1.00!**

17th Annual Golf Scramble
@ Mohawk Trails Golf Course
Saturday, May 26
Tee Time - 9:00 A.M.

This event is held as a youth group fundraiser. It consists of coffee, doughnuts, food at the turn, and post game meal. There will be Prizes and Trophy to the winning team and a prize for **EVERY** golfer. We are still seeking (4 person) teams to play in, and people to sponsor or donate to this exciting event! For more information see Fred J. Harlan in the sound room behind the sanctuary or call the church office @ 724-658-3951. Teens in the youth group can begin bringing in their case of pop/water and plan on helping at the Scramble.

