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TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

New Castle First Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER

“What You Believe Matters”

In a recent survey, 60% of Americans said their religious beliefs are very meaningful to them and make a difference in how they live. With the remaining 40% of the country guided only by what seems right in their own eyes, is it any wonder we allow the death of millions of babies, tolerate the devaluation of marriage, and turn a blind eye to violence in the home?

Our belief system governs our lifestyle and choices—it is the foundation from which we form our opinions and make decisions. For Christians, it is absolutely essential to know what we believe and why. Many people inherit their convictions from their parents and simply absorb those ideas without really investigating them. For instance, we hear, “My Dad supported the union so I support the union,” “My Mother was a Democrat so I am a Democrat,” and so on.

But to be certain our system of thinking is accurate, we must base it on the Word of God and not on habit, culture, or even family heritage. A belief system is like a mental grid through which all outside information must pass. If our mental grid has been built on the truth of the Bible, then we can detect false doctrine and philosophy.

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Pastor's Corner (continued)

Unfortunately, false doctrine is usually mixed up with just enough truth to make it sound good. Many Christians who are not grounded in their faith are easily led astray by ideas that are genuinely too good to be true. They eagerly support an agenda that is inconsistent with God's Word because it offers license to live according one's own desires (2 Timothy 4:3).

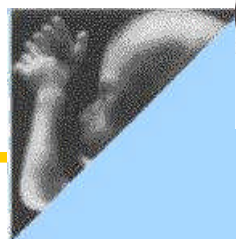
Another reason Christians should know their convictions is so that they can present those beliefs convincingly to others. While it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring the lost to Christ, God chooses to use our voice and mind to instruct unbelievers in the way of truth. Our world is full of people who are desperate, lonely, and hurting. They yearn for the amazing hope that we have. But they desire hope sourced in truth, not on someone else's opinion.

There is no question that our society is permeated with godless ideas and philosophies that can ultimately destroy us. But if our belief system is based upon the Scriptures, we will recognize deceitful teaching when we hear it and address real needs with real answers. People often have difficulty expressing what they believe. Instead of having a verifiable belief system based on godly principles, too many Christians embrace a few vague ideas they have picked up from others. But Peter tells us always to be ready to give a reason for what we believe (1 Peter 3:15). Therefore we want to be sure that we have a solid knowledge of scriptural truth.

Pastor Bill & Carole

National Life Chain Sunday, Oct. 7 @ 2 PM

Join the National Life Chain! Stand with hundreds of thousands all across the USA! Stand for **One Hour** to Witness & Pray for LIFE! Bring your family! Come Rain or Shine! Water, lawn chairs, wheelchairs, umbrellas, strollers welcome. **OUR LOCATION IS IN FRONT OF THE CITY BUILDING.**



Life
Chain

It's A Baby Shower



ALL Ladies & girls of the church
are invited to

Amanda Saylor's Baby Shower

Sunday, October 14th

Immediately after Church

Enjoy a delicious luncheon, games, and
an exciting time anticipating the ar-
rival of baby James Richard Saylor Jr.
Amanda is registered at Babies R Us.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Birthdays:

Oct. 3 - Stephanie Horvath

Oct. 4 - Dora Shea

Oct. 6 - Katrina Cunningham

Oct. 7 - Hailey Ruffley
Benjamin Cunningham

Oct. 8 - Bill Altman

Oct. 9 - Todd Boyer

Oct. 10 - Stephanie Davis

Oct. 11 - Lacey Arnold

Oct. 13 - Ronnie Palmer

Oct. 14 - Madison Shoaf
Jeremy Garver

Oct. 15 - Jaihzelle Arnold

Oct. 18 - Victoria Druschel

Oct. 20 - Andi Dettore
Rebecca Reiter

Oct. 22 - Adam Cline

Oct. 23 - Linda Boyer

Oct. 25 - Jerry Garver Jr.

Oct. 27 - Tammie Tregellas

Anniversaries:

Oct. 1 - Sam & Jen Audia

Oct. 2 - Ed & Bethany Wymer

Oct. 3 - Jim & Charlotte Maggi

Oct. 11 - Aaron & Erin Cline

Oct. 16 - James & Amanda Saylor

Oct. 20 - Carl & Sandie Sallmen

Oct. 27 - Richard & Bess Horvath

Oct. 28 - Kevin & Jamie Stuart

Oct. 30 - Rev. Richard & Darlene
Nero

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	3 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	4	5	6
7 Steelers Game after church, Life Chain - 2 PM, October Baby after lifechain	8 Trustees Mtg. 6 PM	9	10 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	11	12	13
14 Amanda Saylor's Baby Shower After Church	15	16	17 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM	22	23	24 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	25	26	27 Underground - Masquerade Party 6-10 PM
28 Pastor's Apprecia- tion Day/ Dinner	29	30	31 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM			



Men's Fellowship & Men's Bible Study Calendar Changes



Hello Men of First Church of God. Please make note of the following calendar additions.

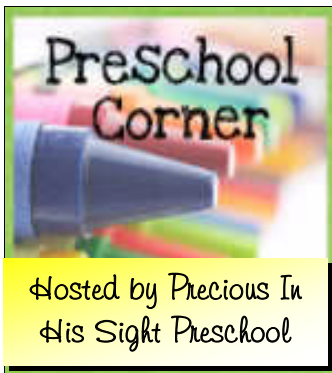
Men's Breakfast will be the 3rd Saturday of every month. It is held at Eat N' Park at 8:00 a.m.

The Men's Bible Study is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. We are meeting in the "Willing Workers" Sunday School Room.

Hope you can make these events part of your regular routine.

Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012

This will be a special day when we show our appreciation to Pastor Bill and Carole. There will be a celebration dinner after church, so please see Leah Magee to sign up to make something. There will be a special box for cards if you would like to give one. Please plan on attending!



Preschool News

It has been a wonderful start to our new preschool year! We have two separate classes... a 4-5 year old class which is in session Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, and a 3 year old class which is in session Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Between the two classes we have 24 wonderful children and families to work with. All of the children came to school with no tears and were ready to make new friends and learn lots of new things!

Our themes in September have been Autumn, Bugs, and Community Helpers. The children have learned letters A, B, C and numbers 1 and 2. We visited the Apple Castle where the children learned about how apples are grown, sorted, and sold and how honey is made!

It's amazing to see how these children are growing already in this first month! And we have so much more fun ahead in October! Miss Stacy and I feel so blessed to be their teachers. Thank you for all of your continued prayers and support.

~Love, Miss Stacy & Miss April



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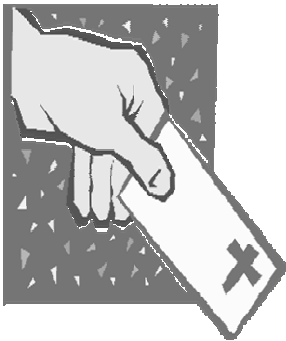
**Masquerade Party
in the Underground
Saturday, Oct. 27
@ 6-10 PM**



Wear your mask (please no scary masks as they must be church appropriate).

We will play some fun games and so much more!

ALL ages are invited.



The Church is very thankful for your faithful generosity!

Here are some helpful hints to be sure that your contributions get properly credited to your giving account...

1. You should always use your envelope.
 2. You should always sign your name on your envelope.
 3. You also should write the money amount in the proper spaces on your envelope.
- ** About a month ago, we received a giving envelope that did not have a stamped giving number on it. If you think that you turned in a giving envelope without a number on it, please see Nina Strohmeyer.

Thank you, Treasurer

Stay After Church for the Steelers Game, Life Chain, and to watch "October Baby" Sunday, October 7th

The Youth Group will celebrate "Children's Day." We will gather for food and the Steeler Game after church, then off to the chain of life, then back to the church for the end of the Steeler Game & to watch the nationally acclaimed movie "October Baby".

