

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: New Creations

It is always tempting in the month of January to write about or preach on New Year's resolutions. No doubt most of us want to exercise a little more and eat a little less, spend more time with our family and give ourselves to more productive endeavors. The making of New Year's resolutions is nothing new. The practice goes back to 4000 B.C., to the Babylonians. Even the ancients wanted to make a new start.

But in Christ the possibilities are so much greater. Paul writes that in Christ, followers of Jesus are new creations:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV) It is an odd thing to say of someone that he or she is "in Christ." People are not inside one another. Rather, Paul is writing about those who, having offered themselves to God, are united with Him through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

Those who are "in Christ" find themselves transformed, set free from the confining power of the present age. Because the Holy Spirit joins us to Jesus



Christ, we share in everything that is His. In Christ we become all that we could never be in the eyes of God if we are left to ourselves. We are not now suddenly functionally perfect saints, of course. We still limp along, straining between sin and mercy.

Being "in Christ" makes possible so much more than losing a few extra pounds. It brings assurance of God's love and forgiveness that makes new life possible.

Pastor Chris

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Family Fun Night

First Friday Family Fun Night is taking a vacation during the month of January.

FFFFN will return in February with a lot of fun, including a chili cook-off and some

old-fashioned square dancing!

Be sure to keep the night of **February 6** open. More details are coming in the next *Messenger*.



JANUARY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **January 4**
The Dance of God
- **January 11**
Acts 19:1-7
- **January 18**
John 1:43-51
- **January 25**
Mark 1:14-20

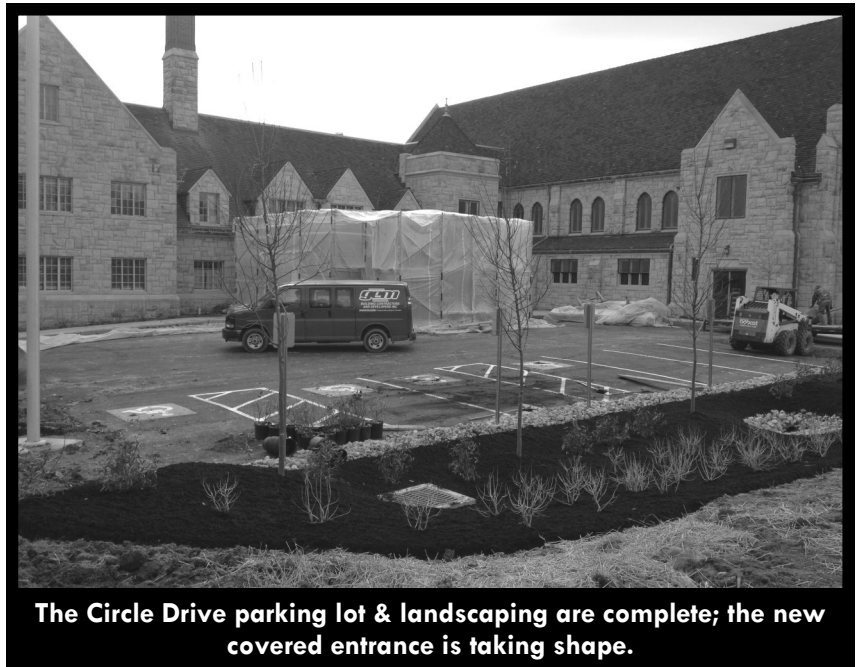
Opening Doors

The construction of the covered entrance is making great progress (see photo, right). The new parking lot has been paved, landscaping is underway, and the new covered entrance is taking shape.

This project is possible because of the generous support of the congregation. Please remember: in order to complete the renovations, we count on the continued support of everyone who has pledged a financial commitment to Opening Doors.

If you are having trouble upholding your pledge, please speak to Treasurer Denny

Richards or Pastor Chris. All conversations will be kept confidential.



The Circle Drive parking lot & landscaping are complete; the new covered entrance is taking shape.

Health Ministry

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 18, 2015 - Blood Pressure Screening at the Church Breakfast, 8:30AM.

January 18, 2015 - Health Ministry Team Meeting, 11:30AM in Church library.

January 20, 2015 - Blood Pressure Screening at Prime-Timers' meeting, 9:00AM.

FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH:

1. Blink. Breaking to blink every few minutes keeps your eyes hydrated.

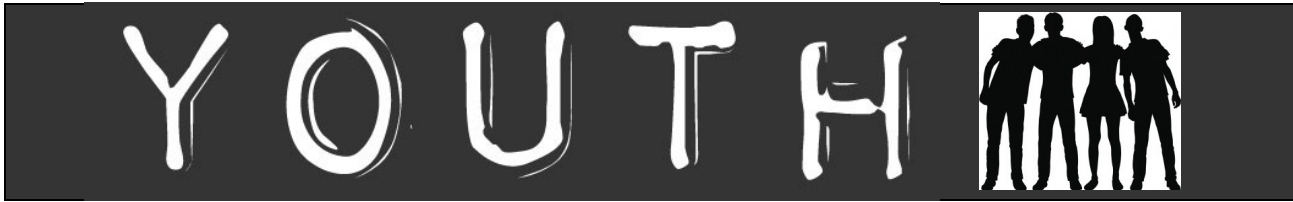
2. Brown-Bag Your Drugs. Bring all your medications to your next doctor's visit.
3. Drink Up. Staying hydrated helps prevent falls.
4. Push A Grocery Cart. This simple exercise relieves pressure on your spine.
5. Measure Your Waist. Abdominal obesity increases your health risks.

(Harvard Women's Health Watch, December, 2014)

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of



The Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father thru Him." (Colossians 3:17)



C.2G.S. (CONNECT, GROW, GO, SERVE) -

The Jr/Sr High Sunday School Class continues our journey of learning how and why to read and study the Holy Bible through an inductive study on Philippians.

K.F.C./FLIPSIDE

Saturday, January 17 - Youngstown Phantoms Hockey Game. We will meet at the church and drive over to the Covelli Centre in Youngstown for some junior hockey fun. If

you have never been to a hockey game, it is fast, exciting, and fun. Come and join us for a great night together. More information including cost and sign-up deadline will be emailed to youth families.

Sunday, January 25 - Bowling & Pizza Party. \$2 per person at Colonial Lanes from 2:00 - 4:30 PM. Drop off and pick up is from the bowling alley. Please let Aaron know if you are coming and if you are bringing any friends. Thanks!

2015 SUMMER MISSION TRIP

We are planning a life-changing trip for Glen-Moore youth this summer. Students currently in 6th-12th grade are eligible to attend. We will announce the details at a brief informational meeting for interested students and their families. The meeting will take place after worship on **Sunday, January 18** in the Parlor. This meeting is only to receive information - no commitment need be made at this time.

In Memoriam

- Mary Catherine Williams Fox, mother of Diane Fox Jamison - May 8, 2014
- Mary Livingston Jamison, mother of Jerry Jamison - October 31, 2014
- Arlene P. Hood, mother of Sue McKissick.



Thank You

The Christian Education Committee would like to send an appreciative thank you to **Debbie Caparoula** and **Cassy Fullwood** for their many years of teaching Sunday School for our young people. Both ladies retired from the Junior Department on December 21, 2014.

Women's Bible Study

“LET IT GO: How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith”

Join us Wednesday nights for walk aerobics (6:30-7) and Bible Study (7:00).

January 7 - God Called and He'd Like His Job Back

January 21 - Combating the “Me First” Mentality

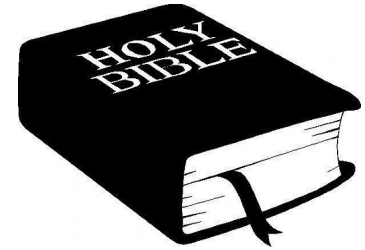
February 4 - Pursuing the Appearance of Perfection

February 18 - Practicing the Art of Soul Control

March 4 - When Comparisons Lead to Over-Control

March 18 - Fixing Your Eyes on the Attitude Indicator

Daily Bible Readings



1: Genesis 1-3	13: Gen. 25:12-18; 1 Chron. 1:29-31; <i>Luke 8</i>	
2: <i>Luke 1</i>	14: Gen. 25:19-27:40	
3: Gen. 4, 5; <i>Luke 2:1-40</i>	15: Gen. 27:41-29:30; <i>Luke 9:1-36</i>	
4: Gen 6-9; 11:1-9	16: Gen. 29:31-30:43; <i>Luke 9:37-10:24</i>	24: Gen. 44: 1-47:12
5: Gen. 10:1-20; 1 Chronicles 1:1-16; <i>Luke 2:41-3:38</i>	17: Gen. 31; <i>Luke 10:25-11:13</i>	25: Gen. 47:13-48:22; <i>Luke 15:1-16:18</i>
6: Gen. 10:21-32; 1 Chron. 1:17-28; <i>Luke 4</i>	18: Gen. 32, 33; <i>Luke 11:14-54</i>	26: Gen. 49; 1 Chron. 2:1, 2; Gen. 50; <i>Luke 16:19-17:37</i>
7: Gen. 11:10-14:24	19: Gen. 34:1-36:14; 1 Chron. 1:34-37; <i>Luke 12:1-12</i>	27: Exodus 1, 2; <i>Luke 18</i>
8: Gen. 15-17; Psalm 105	20: Gen. 36:15-43; 1 Chron. 1:38-54; <i>Luke 12:13-59</i>	28: Ex. 3, 4; <i>Luke 19</i>
9: Gen. 18, 19; <i>Luke 5</i>	21: Gen. 37, 38; <i>Luke 13</i>	29: Ex. 5-7:13; <i>Luke 20</i>
10: Gen. 20; <i>Luke 6:1-7:17</i>	22: Gen. 38-41	30: Ex. 7:14-9:12; <i>Luke 21</i>
11: Gen. 21-23; <i>Luke 7:18-35</i>	23: Gen. 42, 43; <i>Luke 14</i>	31: Ex. 9:13-11:10; <i>Luke 22:1-38</i>
12: Gen. 24:1-25:11; 1 Chron. 1:32, 33; <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>		

Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date: November 2014*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$273,831	\$289,299	\$9,531
Gen. Missions Fund	\$19,162	\$40,229	\$47,836	\$11,554
TOTAL	\$44,162	\$314,060	\$337,136	\$21,086

Annual Reports Due

REMINDER!

Annual reports from Sunday School Classes, Committees and Ministries of the Church are due in the church office by Monday, January 5th.

January Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders:

4 Jim Reese, Janice McConnell

11 Clarence Jenkins, John Karmecy

18 Gail Keffer, Sharon Esposito

25 Tom Rapp, Bob Sholler

Deacons of the Month:

Brenda Matas, John Purdy

Van Driver:

If you desire transportation this month, please call the Church Office, (Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30) at (724) 654-6657.

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				NEW YEAR'S DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30AM Ordination & Installation of Church Officers	Annual Reports Due 5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	6:30PM Walk Aerobics 7PM Women's Bible Study	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11:30AM Confirmation Class Meeting, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	7PM Choir		KFC/FlipSide Youngstown Phantoms Hockey
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 11:30AM Health Ministry Team, Library 11:30AM Youth Mission Trip Meeting, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	6:30PM Walk Aerobics 7PM Women's Bible Study	7PM Choir		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2-4:30PM KFC/FlipSide Bowling Party 11:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall		7PM Choir		

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Youth Confirmation Class

Clen-Moore will host an informational meeting about the Confirmation Class on **Sunday, January 11**, following worship in the Parlor for any 8th-12th grade students and their parents. Aaron will give an overview of what Clen-

Moore's Confirmation is all about, the "why what when where how and who," and answer any questions. Students who are interested in taking the class may sign-up at the meeting.

