

Outside The Pulpit..

by Dr. Patrick F. Hunt

A Matter of Focus

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Berea, Ohio

July - August
2010

The longer that I am involved in the matter of church renewal with Heritage Congregational Church the more I have to remind myself of a scripture that was stressed to us in Christian Education classes while I attended Moody Bible Institute. These are the words spoken to Zerubbabel in the process of rebuilding the temple. **Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)** “⁶ So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.” For our purposes in Christian education we paraphrased it to “Not by the might of excellent methods nor by the power of polished techniques, but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty.” It is a reminder to keep our focus on the Lord Almighty who is the real author of success and change. While we use various methods and techniques to speak to our congregations, we don't rely on them to effect real change. Without apology or sense of wavering, we remain focused on the Word of God to give us a light on our pathway. He does lead and guide those that believe in Him.

I have just finished reading an interesting little book written by Mike McKinley, pastor at Guilford Baptist church in Virginia. His book is entitled “Church Planting is for Wimps” He is the pastor whom Guilford called to revitalize a small struggling church that faced obvious extinction. He writes about all the struggles and needs that faced this congregation. Of all the things that the church needed, Mike wrote about one focus in particular. “...the one thing that Guilford Fellowship needed most from its new pastor was to have God's Word preached in a clear, systematic, and compelling way. The Word of God stands at the center of the life of the church.” There are many things that a church in need of revitalization has to have and supreme among all those things is to keep the Word of God central to all that is said and done. There are many things that may have to be varied. Among them are styles of music, styles of biblical presentation, and the development of relevant programs. But what can never be sacrificed is the recognition of the Word as being our sole guide and authority.

McKinley closed the third chapter of his book with, “So, friend, if you are a church planter, give your time and energy to preaching and teaching God's Word with excellence....I'm simply saying to teach God's Word. Evangelize using God's Word. Disciple people using God's Word. And then, when you launch a public service, preach God's Word.” This sounds a lot like the words that Paul gave to his young protégé, Timothy, as he was beginning his ministry.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Heritage News...

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

*Saturday, July 3rd and August 7th
at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.*

Women's Bible Study Group

*Saturday, July 10th & August 14th
at 10:00 a.m. in the library.*

*Come and join the women and you will be refreshed
with some new insights into the word.*

Wednesday Night Bible Study

*There will no Bible Study during the months of
July-August. We will start our new study on
Wednesday, September 1st.*

Thursday Night Prayer Group

*Come and join our prayer group on Thursday
evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. This is a very
special time of prayer and fellowship.*

Berea Care Nursing Home Service

Sunday, July 11th & August 8th at 3:00 p.m.

*This is a wonderful time to fellowship with the
residents of the home. See Nataline Revelt if you
would like to help out with the service.*

Congratulations

To Danielle Gyorgak



*On graduating from pediatrics residency at Akron
Children's Hospital on June 24, 2010. She plans
to practice general pediatrics. She will be taking a
job in Erie, PA at Hamot Medical Center doing
both inpatient and outpatient pediatrics.*

Mayflower Guild Sponsoring

Collection Box for Brook Park Marine Unit

July 4th - August 15th



*The Mayflower Guild will be collecting items to send
to the Brook Park Marine Unit that is being deployed
to Afghanistan. They are currently training and will
be deployed the first week of August. The initial
collection will be July 4th thru August 15th.*

The following items were indicated as important:

- *Movie DVDs*
- *Baby wipes (Marines use these for personal
hygiene in the field.)*
- *Personal toiletry items.*
- *Phone cards (used for making phone contact with
home.)*

*There will be a box in the narthex for the items. We
will start collecting them, Sunday, July 4th.*



*The Guild appreciates all your love
and help with this project!*

Berea Youth Works!

July 15-August 13, 2010

*The Berea area churches are partnering with the
North End Foundation of Berea to create a
mutually beneficial program for Berea youth ages
16-18 years old, and area residents and business
that can use some extra help. If you have a job to
offer, call 440.234.0609 to request our help. We
will match your job with the skills that our youth
offer.*

Ewing Woods Youth Camp



Lucas, OH

Sunday, July 18th thru
Saturday, July 24th

Ages: Youth 5th Grade Completed - 12th Grade

Theme: "Can You Hear Him Now?"

Registrations forms are on the literature table. Please fill them out and turn them in to the church office so that we can mail them down to Little Washington Church. The youth will arrive at the camp at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 18th and will depart on Saturday, July 24th at 11:00 a.m. Chris DeLozier will be the camp director this year. There will be great outings and fellowship during the week. Come and bring a friend for a memorable week at camp.



Vacation Bible School

"Little House on West Road"



July 26th - 30th

9:00 - Noon

At Heritage Church

Ages: 3 yrs - Grade 5

Cost is \$10 per child/\$25.00 max for family. Forms are available on the literature table. Checks are to be made to Heritage Church. Teen volunteers are needed. Your children or grandchildren can receive service hours for volunteering at VBS. If you have any questions you can email Gladys Kershaw at gmkershaw@aol.com.

Independence Day

*As our country celebrates Independence Day
With stripes and stars and bands that play;
Do we think about the march against the fray?
Do we really appreciate Independence Day?*

*Patriots fought the brutal tyrant's raid
They raised the stripes that will not fade
Their blood was part of that cost paid
So we can celebrate Independence Day.*

*Standing steadfast for their liberty
Insisting freedom to worship as they pleased,
Resisting a kingdom's bridle, striving to be free
They fought persistently for their Independence Day.*

*They established a nation under God
Determined to keep controlling tyrants abroad
Devoted to flourish on American sod
They finally had an Independence Day.*

*Our men have fought and our men have died
They have fought to save our nation's pride
Some have benefited the whole world wide
So they too can have their own Independence Day.*

*Our warriors have and will continue to fight
To keep our freedom and our rights
Simply knowing we are safe at night
Is worth remembering Independence Day.*

*Remember always the sacrifice liberty brings
Let our voices of independence boldly ring
Freedom as an eagle's ascended wings
Thank God in heaven as we pray and sing~
Thank You for our Independence Day!*

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Happy Independence Day!

*As we celebrate **Our Independence Day**, this first Sunday of July, a few facts regarding our National Anthem. Which by the way, was not recognized formally as such until 1931. Today many are asking, "Will this still be known, or allowed to be sung in 2031?"*



During a second conflict with the British, in 1814, our national flag, flying over Fort McHenry overlooking Baltimore Harbor, gave Francis Scott Key the inspiration to pen a poem.

James Madison authorized Key and John Skinner to seek an exchange of prisoners. They met with Major General Ross and Vice Admiral Cochrane aboard the HMS Tonnant for negotiations. While on board, Key and Skinner learned of British plans to attack Baltimore and were held captive.

*Key was able to observe at the end of the first day of that campaign that Fort McHenry's "**storm flag**" was still flying into the night. He didn't know if his fellow Patriots had withstood the assault until, by the dawn's early light, he saw a **much larger** American flag had been raised victoriously over the fort.*

*Key penned "**The Defense of Fort McHenry**," later put to music as "**The Star-Spangled Banner**." While the first verse is familiar to most, the fourth [included in our hymnal as the 2nd and last verse] speaks most directly to the humbling legacy of American Patriots, who have stood in harm's way since 1775:*



***O! thus be it ever, when freeman shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust.
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!***

*"In God is our trust." was shortened to "**In God We Trust**" and established in our National Motto in 1956 by another Army General who went on to become president, Dwight D. Eisenhower.*

*That message, "**In God We Trust**," is the keystone of liberty and our nation. There are those who are endeavoring to remove it and if they are allowed to succeed, our nation will collapse. May we join in the resistance and continue to pray the words found in another hymn: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

***"Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King."***

*Thoughts from the Deacon's Bench,
Shirley Coy*



Our Prayers and Sympathy

To Pat & Scott Rogers and the Speer family on the passing of their mom, Virginia Speer on Monday, June 14, 2010. She was a friend of Heritage and we will miss her. We thank her for her faithfulness in attending our morning worship services.

Record of Our Faithfulness

(Attendance Records)

May 2010

May 30 - 46

June 2010

June 6 - 52

(Recognition Sunday) June 13 - 59

(Father's Day) June 20 - 65



Heritage Congregational Church

Dr. Patrick F. Hunt, Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule:

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Heritage Church Office: (440) 826-1641 or 826-1648 (Fax)

Secretary's Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 Noon M-F

Pastor's e-mail: pastor.heritage@att.net

Secretary's email: heritage.sec44017@att.net

Call for more information about weekly Bible Studies and activities

Our Internet Website: <http://www.heritagechurchberea.org>

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Every Sunday this month:</i> 10:30 am - Morning Worship Service 11:30 am - Fellowship Hour</p>				1 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.	2	3 9 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7 p.m. – “Grindstone Festival Parade” in Berea
4 – Communion Sunday Independence Day	5 (Church Office Closed)	6 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets	7	8 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.	9	10 10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study Group
11 3 p.m. – Berea Care Nursing Home Service	12 7 p.m. – Diaconate Mtg.	13 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets	14	15 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.	16	17
18 Ewing Woods Youth Camp July 18-24 Arrive at camp at 4:00 p.m.	19 7 p.m. – Trustee Mtg.	20 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets	21	22 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.	23	24 Depart camp at 11:00 a.m. →
25	26 Vacation Bible School	27 Heritage Church 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets	28 7/26-7/30/2010	29 9:00 – 12:00 Noon 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.	30 Theme: “Little House on West Road” →	31

August 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	2 <i>7 p.m. – Diaconate Mtg.</i>	3 <i>5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets</i>	4 <i>Messenger Articles Due</i>	5 <i>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.</i>	6	7 <i>9 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast</i>
8 <i>3 p.m. Berea Care Nursing Home Service</i>	9	10 <i>5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets</i>	11	12 <i>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.</i>	13	14 <i>10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study Group</i> <i>5 p.m. – Serve Dinner to Women/Children at Laura’s Home</i>
15	16 <i>7 p.m. - Trustee Mtg.</i>	17 <i>5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets</i>	18	19 <i>6:30 p.m. – “ Heritage Days Parade” in Olmsted Falls</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>7:30 p.m. – Cabinet</i>	24 <i>5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets</i>	25	26 <i>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg.</i>	27 <i>Messenger Assembled</i>	28
29	30	31 <i>5:00-9:00 p.m. – Kiwanis Club of Berea Meets</i>	<i>Every Sunday this month:</i> <i>10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship Service</i> <i>11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour</i>			