

The

Messenger



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Greetings this August,

Maybe you can say your Pastor is “hung up” on forgiveness. Why? Because just maybe I have heard enough people in my twenty years of ministry who struggle with forgiving someone who has wronged them. And most of the time, I would agree they have a legitimate claim of unfairness, hurt, pain, etc. which has inflicted significant struggles. Unforgiveness is a huge burden to bear, but with God’s help, you can let go of anger and bitterness. Yes forgiveness can be difficult.

Come to think of it, there are many things in life that can be really hard but also really good for you, like exercising, going to the doctor or dentist, and offering forgiveness. The last one, forgiveness is especially hard for some people, and it has been said that given a choice, some people would rather die than offer forgiveness. If God simply said to some people: ‘Forgive or die,’ a lot of people would go ahead and order their coffin.

That’s the crazy thing about forgiveness! Many people would rather choose a lifetime of bitterness and hatred over forgiving the one who wronged them. They’re afraid that, by forgiving, they’re letting their wrongdoer off the hook. But forgiving someone doesn’t mean you’re excusing or forgetting their behavior—or even reconciling with them if you don’t want to. Rather, when you forgive, you’re freeing yourself from the resentment and anger that have been holding you prisoner. Forgiveness happens in the heart.

Look at it this way: When someone hurts you, they take something from you. They owe you a debt. Now, you can’t control anyone else’s actions, but you can control how you respond! Respond in forgiveness, and you’re canceling that debt. It doesn’t mean you’re ignoring what they did. It means you’re not letting it control you anymore. You’re releasing the grudge, letting go of the bitterness, and allowing yourself to heal.

That’s why forgiveness is an act that’s primarily for the forgiver—not the person being forgiven (although, it can also bring healing to the other person as well). **Unforgiveness is a huge burden to bear**, because it actually traps the unforgiver like a prisoner. If you can’t forgive, you’re not punishing the person who hurt you. You’re punishing yourself.

Forgiveness honors God. It’s an outward display of Christlike love brought to earth! That’s because God is the first and ultimate forgiver. He models it for us, and we honor Him when we forgive like He first forgave us.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) says, “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

If you’re struggling to offer grace and mercy to someone, that’s where faith and obedience to God come in. When you can’t do it on your own, you have to rely on Him.

I am forgiven,

Pastor Greg



They say it takes a village to raise a child.
 It also takes a church. Thank you so much
 for being that church for our VBS attendee's.
 Without your generous donations, time, prayer,
 and love this week would not have been what it was.
 From the bottom of my heart,
 I thank you very much for the donations, prayer,
 and time!
 Love, Shiloh



August

Larry Ellerbrook	3
Gene Glackman	5
Hayden Tapp	5
David Georgesen	7
Sholoh Abner	12
Victoria Hayes	14
Gina Muller	14
Joan Reed	16
Megan Davis	18
Bill Roettger	23
Savanah Abner	25
Eddie Moll	30

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Joy Roettger	3
Dean & Maren Hubble	19
Larry & Kathy Ellerbrook	20
Larry & Cherissa Williams	28

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:
 Many have advertised Christmas in July and we are joining them, but not for our needs, but for the needs of others. It's time to plan early for your shoeboxes and a display of boxes has been set up outside the offices for you to go ahead and take a shoebox and start filling it.
 Yes, we still bring these in during November, but we want you to pray about it and put the best possible gifts in for a special child.
 This year we have plastic and cardboard shoeboxes. We have to purchase these boxes. Therefore, we are suggesting a donation to the church to offset our costs. A donation of only \$1 is suggested.

Prayers for the Sick

Prayer Requests: Jerry Bennett, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Jim Smith. Gary Sprinkle, Stella Vennard Hettenbach, Victor Doty, Terri Schuetter, Austin Smith (firefighter), Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Marie Pickett, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids.
Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?



For the safety and protection of the congregation on Sunday morning, the following procedures regarding locking the doors will be followed.

1. The door downstairs in the pre-school area will be locked..
2. The side doors in the Fellowship Area will be locked at 10:30 AM
3. The door at the main entrance will lock at 10:45 AM.

A sign on the main entrance will indicate that each Sunday the doors are locked at 10:45 AM. Please push the button if you arrive after 10:45 AM to be admitted.

Church Security & Intruder Awareness Training



September 13, 2019
 A two day Church Security and Intruder Awareness Training
 Jasper, IN
 By Strategos International

\$66.75-\$59.00
 If interested : [Click on this website](#)



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A 2 YEAR OLD CLASSROOM TEACHER IN GOD'S KIDS

ALSO, OUR CUSTODIANS, KATIE & LYND SAY, ARE LEAVING US ON AUGUST 9TH, WHICH LEADS US

WITH AN URGENT NEED TO REPLACE THEM. LOOKING FOR SOMEONE FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 HOURS PER WEEK. HOURS ARE FAIRLY FLEXIBLE - CAN COME IN BETWEEN HOURS OF 2 PM AND 8 AM TO DO THIS WORK. NEED FOR SOMEONE TO BE HERE TO CLEAN AFTER EACH DAY THAT GOD'S KIDS IS IN SESSION, TO PREPARE THE AREAS FOR THE NEXT DAY. CLEANING, THOUGH, IS FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH.

A Gospel Sing

An Evening Honoring Ray Yonts

Featuring:
 The Browne Sisters
 The Conquerors
 Childress Family
 The Southlanders

August 3, 2019

New Horizon Fellowship Church
 1518 Washington Ave.
 Evansville, IN 47714

6 pm

Free Event

July 2019 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Missions Haiti/ UMCOR	Memorials Lanny Taylor & Curtis Kinney	Total Checking Deposit
July 7	71	\$1,515.00	\$1,612.00	\$180.00	\$25.00	\$180.00	\$50.00	\$3,562.00
July 14	68	\$250.00	\$1,455.00	\$100.00			\$365.00	\$2,170.00
July 21	71	\$390.00	\$1,011.00	\$100.00			\$250.00	\$1,751.00
July 28	64	\$360.00	\$1,354.00				\$685.00	\$2,499.00

Fun Fact about the month of August

August, the eight month of the year and the sixth month of the Roman calendar. The Romans called the month Sextillis, which means sixth. Eight years before Jesus was born the name of the month was changed to Augustus in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus Ceasar, because many of the important events in his life happened around that time of year.

The Anglo-Saxons called it Weod monath, which means Weed month, because it is the month when weeds and other plants grow most rapidly.

Lammas Day is August 1st. It was Thanksgiving time (Harvest time) in Britain. The name comes from an Anglo-Saxon word Hlafmaesse which means Loaf Mass. The festival of Lammas marks the beginning of the harvest, when people go to church to give thanks for the first corn to be cut.

This celebration predates our Christian harvest festival.

On Lammas Day farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their

local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays we have harvest festivals at the end of the season.

- ♦ To bring good luck, farmers would let the first corn bread go stale and the crumble it over the corners of their barns!
- ♦ The hottest days of the year often fall in August.
- ♦ "If the first week of August be warm, the winter will be white all long"



Don't forget to mark your calendar for October 26th!
Our Annual Jonah Fish Fry is that Saturday!
According to Vera, ALL vacations must be scheduled AROUND our fish fry!!



McCUTCHANVILLE
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Church
COOKOUT



McCutchanville
Community Church
Annual
Lunch on the Lawn
August 30th
11:00 am– 1:00 pm

Stop by and enjoy
fellowshipping and eating
with neighbors and friends!



Don't forget your
lawn chair!

**Meat, drinks, and
chips will be
furnished.**

**Bring a side dish
(sliced tomatoes and
onions?), salad or
dessert!**



GOD'S KIDS reporting



Happy Birthday to our August birthday children: Frida (4), Conner (5), Bennett (6), Austin (16), Skylar (18), Elijah (19), Stella (20), Mia (20), Annelise (23), Anne Marie (24), Anistryn (30), Liam (31), and Porter (31)

Where did Summer go??

We have had a wonderful summer but it went by really fast!

Thank you MCC for providing VBS this year again! It was wonderful fun and we learned that no matter what —GOD IS GOOD!

When life is not fair, GOD IS GOOD!

When life is sad, GOD IS GOOD!

GOD IS GOOD! All of the time!

*We Roared right through the 5 days of VBS, learned many Bible stories and have wonderful snacks. We ended with a Pizza Party on Friday. A special Thank you to **Miss Shiloh** for all of the hard work planning and organizing.*



Things that happened during July: We took a trip to the movie theatre and saw Lion King! That was great! It Takes a Village came to God's Kids and brought a puppy that we all played with too!

Two new teachers joined the staff: Jerri Ann Page, who is in the Toddler Room, and Lana Bittner, who is in the infant room! Drew moved from the Toddler Room to the two year old room for the summer.



We said goodbye to last year's Pre-K class when we closed on July 26th for a two week break.. We will be saying Hello to a new group joining us when we re-open on August 8th!

EVSC starts back to school on August 7th! Be aware of the school buses as they carry our friends to and from school each day!!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	2	3
	6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved		6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved		
4 Communion	5 6:30 Staff Parish Meeting 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	6 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	7 EVSC School Starts	8 God's Kids Resumes 6:00 Trustee Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Hall	9	10 Unit Class Luncheon - Fellowship Hall Reserved
11	12 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	13 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	14	15 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30 Ad/Fin Meeting Conference	16	17
18 Fellowship Hall Reserved 2:00-3:30	19 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	20 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	21	22 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	23	24
25	26 God's Kids Closed 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	27 1:00 pm UMW Meeting Conference Room 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved-GS Kickoff	28	29 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	30 Lunch on the Lawn 11:00-1:00	31
September 1 Communion	September 2 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	September 3	September 4	September 5 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	September 6	September 7