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“Connecting People to the Life Changing Power of God”

Message from the Pastor



I love progress! Most evidently lately, our building projects are making progress. Dozens of projects, and one-by-one they are coming together! As exciting as this is, it doesn't compare to progress we cannot see.

I long for every one of you to experience the life-changing power of your connection to Christ. He's accomplished so much for you, and discovering this truth is the key to your progress. His forgiveness, freedom, purpose and passion will bring progress you never thought possible.

This spring is an exciting time to put our energies into the progress of connecting to God. Not feeling connected? God reveals Himself through His Word and He wants you to relate to Him personally through prayer. We are learning about the power of God through spiritual gifts in Sunday school. In men and women's ministry, we share truth and challenge each other to grow. Celebrate Recovery shares scriptural principles for personal life change.

Finally, Get it Together: Forty Days of Community is coming up. Beginning April 30th, we'll spend six weeks completely devoted to discovering this truth: we really are better together! Personally connecting to a small group during this time will be the key to making the principles you learn a part of your life. I hope you will all make the most of every opportunity for progress in the coming days.

Pastor Todd

Many kind people have walked through our buildings and expressed to us what great "potential" there is. Potential translates into a lot of space that needs a lot of work. Well, we're up for that challenge because we happen to have a lot of ideas, the willingness to try them out, and the motivation of filling all this space with people who will learn about and connect to our life changing God. Since all of you cannot be intensely involved in the projects, we thought we'd let you know how it's going.



By the time this is printed, we'll be in the new offices. This has been an effort accomplished through much generosity, cooperation, commitment, and sacrifice. Pastor Todd is grateful to everyone who has given and helped, and he thanks God for the "finishers," people committed to helping him finish what he's started. Some of the projects our "finishers" have been working on involve much trim and carpet laying in the Children's church room and hallways. R & J construction (Randy Shearer) and Soft Touch Excavating (Frank Zubal) generously and professionally replaced our sidewalks along with help from many of you.

Coming up, the front façade project is nearing another phase involving an awning, trim and finishes. We'd like to raise the lower portion of the fellowship hall floor, eliminating the step down from the kitchen and sanctuary. This summer's "Take Action" work project will renovate the area above the fellowship hall to a youth room. The Sunday school rooms above the kitchen building also need to be renovated.

“Our Community”

People with common culture living in one locality: the public. This is according to Webster's. As our church enters into a new phase, "Taking Action: 40 Days of Community," I have to wonder where God will take us through this small group study. The one thing that God has placed on my heart concerning this is as Pastor Todd has shared with us many times: there are 50,000 + people in the surrounding Alle-Kiski Valley communities. Wow, what a large number! How many are believers? How can we affect this many people? (Through God's power and leading of course.) Well, I suspect that "40 Days of Community" will equip, teach, encourage, and show us the way to do just that! Through prayer and seeking God's will, nothing is truly impossible, so 50,000 it is! What a goal!

Where shall we begin? Let's take a look at each believer's community. Our church is quite diverse represented by Leechburg, Gilpin, Apollo, Kiski Township, Lower and Upper Burrell, Freeport, the Dime Road Area, and I'm sure I missed a few. Let's take it even further...our family ties go well beyond the A-K Valley, even out of the state for many of us: New York, Ohio, Texas, and Maryland are some. Our individual base of friends can take us further as well. I have a personal friend in Alaska and many of us have friends abroad as well in the service, in college, and work colleagues. Our work community takes us to various areas as well; Pittsburgh, Monroeville, and New Kensington are a few. Many of us travel around and even out of the country! So, if we serve according to God's will, according to His plan (not ours) and touch even one out of the 50,000 +, it can and will have a domino effect and reach even further than the 50,000 in the A-K Valley! Through mission trips, work travels, family and friends living locally and outside our immediate community, we can actually touch far outside of our immediate 50,000! Jobs change, people move, new friends are made, new believers join our church. A new golfing or fishing buddy comes along: We take a trip across the state for our ministry or as a youth group leader or chaperone... so that 50,000 actually is a drop in the bucket so to speak!

So we pray earnestly, set our goals high while focusing on Christ, and seek His face and will for our lives. We can and will touch the 50,000 as we reach out far and beyond our nearest neighbors and neighborhoods, even across the skies and the seas. It's all God's community and we are His servants...So let's go to it!!!!

In Christ's love, *Bill Bell*

Get it Together: 40 Days of Community

...and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. II Thessalonians 1:3

Get it Together: 40 Days of Community is a six-week emphasis on personal and spiritual growth designed to develop and deepen an authentic community within our church while reaching out to our community. The 40 Days of Community will start on April 30th with Kick-off Sunday. It will conclude June 11th with a service entitled "Worship Together." During the 40 Days of Community, the fundamental question of "Why were we put on this Earth?" will be answered through the Sunday services, daily readings, and weekly small group lessons, which will be held in the homes of various church members. We encourage everyone to participate to focus on Jesus' power to change us, our church, and our community.

Diane Swank

A Peace of Paradise

I sail on gilded moonbeams to velvet mossy shores.
A rippling crystal river flows, gems spray from golden oars.
A mighty fortress looms ahead, a refuge from all harm.
The radiant Master greets me, enfolds me in His arms.

To lay my head upon His feet, and feel that strength above.
To sit and drink the cool clear draughts of His unending love.
To join the multitude of praise hailed to that mighty King.
I hold His hands scarred by the gift that He alone could bring.

Our spirits touch, I feel His love, His peace envelopes me.
His mighty strength uplifts, renews, He lifts me from my knees.
The time to stay has not yet come, there's much for me to learn.
He sets me down on Earth again, to wait for His return.

Lorraine Nacey

Advertisements

If you have a need or a blessing and would like it advertised, please submit it to one of the newsletter team members: Bill Bell, Ruth Hazley, Tina Pugh, Jim Montgomery, Diane Swank, or Bernice Wolfe.

Praise Reports

The new medications given to Josh Hilty's father at Cleveland Clinic are helping. His health has started to improve.

The front of the church has a new side walk, a splendid improvement.

Pastor Todd's liver tests have all resulted "completely normal," just as we were praying for.

"God still answers prayer"

Did you know...

Psalm 46:10 NKJV says "Be still and know that I am God." Take the time to let God speak His love into your heart. God's love heals your soul and gives you peace and rest.

Did you know...

You have a right to God's blessings. Galatians 3:14 NIV says "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."

Did you know...

Deuteronomy 30:19 NKJV says "I set before you life and death blessing and cursing – now choose life!"

Be blessed by God and you can become a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Bernice Wolfe

Summer Celebration *Marie Hilty*

KVAG is hosting an outreach the week of June 12 - 17 and I volunteered to help put the entertainment together for the Summer Celebration on Saturday June 17 at the Riverfront Park behind IGA in Leechburg. It started out with only 2 bands playing but has now grown to seven. The bands that are playing include: Sift, The Rented Bodies, Third from First, Undermine the Common, Jacob's Stone, Inductions of Reason, and The Victory Year. You can hear all of these bands on www.myspace.com check them out!! Get familiar with their music, and then come hear them LIVE! And it's FREE!

There will be activities, free snow cones, and popcorn for kids throughout the day. We will have skits, speakers, and other forms of entertainment between the bands all geared toward teens and young adults. There will be food booths there so it will be easy to make it an all day event. All donations made at the event will benefit local charities including Habitat for Humanity and the Leechburg Food Bank. I am so excited about this and am really praying for a great show. Maybe this will even become an annual event.

SEE YOU THERE!

Upcoming Events

- May 6**
Women of Purpose Spring Conference
- June 12 - 18**
Taking ACTION!! In Leechburg
- June 17**
Summer Celebration Carnival Day
- June 25**
Friendship Celebration Sunday
- July 17 - 23**
SonTreasure Island VBS





**It's not too late to sign up for a
Small Group!**

Sign up sheets are on the table in the foyer.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

Sunday school	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided	
Children's Church ages 4 – 12	
Youth Service	7:00 p.m.

Women's Book Study & Men's Meeting are the First Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The youth are invited to attend these groups.

Tuesday:

Celebrate Recovery	7:00 p.m.
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For all kinds of hurts, habits, and hang-ups – Free babysitting provided.

Wednesday:

Boys & Girls Clubs	7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Adult Worship & Prayer	7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

2nd Sunday of Every Month:

Benevolence Offering – Used to help those within the church body or those referred.



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