

Sermon Notes

Thank You

We would like to thank all who have supported Jamey, Molly and us the last 2½ months. The prayers, cards and kindnesses were almost overwhelming. We serve a great God and we know that the prayers of the faithful is the only reason Molly is with us today. It is very humbling when we realize the love and concern shown to us by this Church for our kids. We can only say thanks and that just doesn't seem to be enough. Jesus commands us to love God and to love one another and all of you certainly have shown your love to us by your prayers, cards, and acts of kindness. We would like to thank Rob Besecker for cleaning our yard of sticks and limbs after the ice storm and Gary and Stephanie Gibson for taking away the sticks and limbs, also Louise, Clara Jo, and Jane for being part of the crew that spring cleaned Jamey and Molly's house and thanks for all who offered to help in any way. (You may still be called on.) We continue to ask for your prayers for Jamey and Molly as she comes home and has to continue therapy and as they adjust to whatever normal life may be. Thanks and may God bless all of you. *Steve and Nina French Family*

Student Ministry

Sr. High Saturday of Sundaes

The Sr. High class will be meeting at Maci Kramer's home on Saturday, May 17, to enjoy a Saturday of Sundaes. Meeting times and what to bring will be announced. Check with Maci Kramer and Katelyn Shellabarger for details.

Jr. High Outing Planned for May 18

The Jr. High students will be going on an outing on Sunday, May 18, following second worship service. Bring \$5.00 for lunch. Where we will be going will be discussed during Sunday School this morning, and communicated to students this week. So, for now, set the date aside, and join the students for an afternoon of fun.

Jr. High Mission Trip Meeting Scheduled

On Thursday, May 22, at 6:30, there will be a meeting for Jr. High students (and parents) who will be going on the Jr. High mission trip to Columbus, Ohio on June 8-14. The meeting will be held in the Sr. High classroom. Information will be shared about the projects we will be involved in, along with the schedule for the week. Bring your questions and your enthusiasm for the evening.

If you know of someone or something that needs to be on the Church Prayer List, please call the church office and give the information and reason for prayer (if you so choose).

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise and Thanksgivings to God:

All Our Mothers

Prayer for Personal Concerns:

- Kenny Farmer - Cancer

Prayer for Missions/Ministry:

- Family Ministry

Prayer for family and friends in the military:

Matt Drew, Marines, Iraq (Wife, Bethany; daughter, Paige)
 Ben Fourman, Army (Son of Scott & Karen Fourman)
 Trev French, Marines, Iraq (Nephew of Steve & Nina French)
 Alyssa Brinley, Army, Iraq (Sister of Josh Brinley)
 Benjamin Strawser, Marines, Iraq
 (Nephew of Mark & Wanda Arndts)
 John Ashworth, Navy Reserve, Middle East

Birthday Prayer List:

May 11 - Justin Finkbine, Rob Godown
May 12 - Chris Hicks, Tabitha Watern
May 13 - Millie Farmer, Ron Hensel, Joshua Metzcar,
 Rhonda Surber
May 14 - Opal Ganger, Manford Smith
May 15 - Bob Miller, Barbara Ray
May 16 - Ken Balsbaugh, Tim Swensen

Anniversary Prayer List:

May 11 - Steve & Nina French
May 14 - Greg & Millie Farmer, Robert & Sharon Fellers
 Phil & Jill Smith
May 15 - Russ & Judy Bennett, Gene & Connie Garber
May 17 - Rick & Paula Schlotterbeck

Statistics for May 4, 2008

General Offering	\$11,756.91
Offering Amount needed each week	\$10,039.89
Sunday School Attendance	254
Worship Services Attendance	441

Today

Card Shower

To celebrate the 95th birthday of Opal Ganger a Card Shower is being held in her honor. Please send your birthday greetings to:
Mrs. Opal Ganger, 750 Chestnut Street, OV 303, Greenville, Ohio 45331

Church Camp Deadline

Reminder: All applications for church camp and deposits must be in to Pastor Gary by May 15th. Any applications received after May 15th will not be eligible for any church matching funds as the funds will have been dispersed.

Castine Happenings

Graduation Invitations

Jon Alley is celebrating his graduation from Franklin Monroe High School and Edison Community College! Please join us on Saturday, May 17th for a Graduation Open House at 3138 Alternate 49 North, Arcanum from 2 - 5 pm.

In Honor of **Colton Oda's** graduation from Arcanum High School & Miami Valley Career Technical Center - Precision Machining program, we are inviting our church family to join us on May 25th from 5-8 P.M in the Life Center to celebrate.

Jill Smith will be graduating this week, receiving a degree in nursing at Ivy Tech Community College. She was also chosen to be the student speaker at the graduation ceremony. Phil & Jill Smith are the parents of 5 children and expecting their 6th child in September. Jill is the daughter of Bob & Wanda Smith. Phil is the nephew of Ed Smith.

Special offering for the Tijuana Mission Encounter

Next Sunday, May 18, during the worship service, we will show pictures of our past encounters and also will be taking up a special offering. This money will be used to buy material for building supplies, food, and other needs as they arise. (**None** of this money goes to those who are going – they each pay their own way.) All the money collected goes to help the people in Tijuana.

New Ministry for Men!!

Point Men's Ministry is a new name and a new direction for ministry to men and boys at Castine. Our focus will be to get men in the game of actively passing on the things of Christ to future generations.

We will kick off this ministry on **May 18th from 5-7pm** with Corn hole, Pizza, and an outstanding challenge to husbands and fathers. We encourage all men from Castine to give a fresh look at this enhanced ministry. Meet us in the Life Center for the challenge of a life-time. We dare you!

Men's Ministry Events for Summer

Following the kick-off for Point Men's Ministry are two quality events for the summer. Mark your calendar for the following events:

- **Camp out at VanCulin's July 18-19 for men and their children.**
- **Swimming at VanCulin's August 24 from 3-6 P.M. for men and their children.**

Celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Brethren

With a special keepsake biography.
A new children's book published for the 300th anniversary!
Alexander Mack: A Man Who Rippled the Waters
Written by Myrna Grove Illustrated by Mary Jewell
Ordering information is available at Castine's Information Center.

BRETHREN BIBLE INSTITUTE

This summer, July 21-25, the Brethren Revival Fellowship will sponsor the thirty-fifth Brethren Bible Institute. The Brethren Bible Institute is intended to provide systematic instruction in the Bible for any person 16 years of age or older. The BRF Committee, BBI Promotion Committee and the staff for the summer Institute are trusting God for another week of spiritual blessing.

For more information and registration form please see Castine's Information Center



Hand in Hand Cancellation Policy

Old Policy

Hand in Hand and all *Student Ministries* (Jr. High/Youth) will be cancelled whenever the Arcanum School District closes or dismisses early for **ice and snow related issues**.

New Policy

Hand in Hand and all *Student Ministries* (Jr. High/Youth) will be cancelled whenever there is a level 1 or higher snow emergency at 4pm declared by the Darke County Sheriff's Office. **People are encouraged to check the website and the phone tree will be utilized as well.** Effective April 8, 2008.