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God is a giver, not a taker

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32

Some Christians mistakenly believe that God gives and also takes away. At funerals, we sometimes hear "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

I remember an occasion when I was looking at a baby who was suffering from cancer. I heard one of his family members comment, "You can't be sure what God's will is. He may or may not heal." What that person meant was that although the Lord had given the parents this baby, He might later take the baby away from them.

Job displayed this very same attitude when he received the news that he had lost his property and children. Thinking that God was the source of his problems and not knowing that it was actually Satan who had come against him, he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) Such a statement seems to honor God, but in reality, it reveals an erroneous view of our heavenly Father.

As children of God, we know what the Father's will is for us. He is a giver, not a taker! Jesus said, "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) It is the devil who is the thief. He comes to steal, kill and destroy. But Jesus came to give us life more abundant. (John 10:10)

Jesus met every need and healed every sickness brought before Him, and at the cross, He gave His own life. Never once did He take anything away from the people who came to Him. And the Bible says that whoever has seen Jesus has seen the Father. (John 14:9)

Your heavenly Father wants you to know that He is the one who gives you all good things. And if He has already given us heaven's best — Jesus, "how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things"?

Author Unknown



PRAYER REQUESTS

For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the “people in the box”-- the lost in our families and community.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

For Derek Miller, and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Homer Miller now recuperating in Best Care.

Cheryl Lemon remains in OSU Hospital. She will be fitted with a feeding tube to her stomach this week and hopefully be allowed to come to Heartland.

Steve Miller is scheduled for an evaluation at OSU this week for bone marrow transplant. See note below.

Alex Cram scheduled for 3 days of testing and evaluation at National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD September 7-9. See note below.

Kara Jo McCray will be taken to the pseudo-tumor clinic in Columbus tomorrow. See note below.

Connie Gibson (Eric Copas's coworker) has stage 4 cancer and is suffering with multiple symptoms.

Ed McLaughlin will be having his ankle surgery redone in August.

David Lemon is back at Heartland. His heart problem is being treated with meds. He starts radiation treatment this week for prostate cancer.

Adam Lemon (Millie's grandson in Maryland, newborn twin) had a CT scan for cyst on his tongue. Results from the scan are being studied to remove the cyst.

Brother of Phyllis Eckhart (friend of Irmalee Gamp) diagnosed with cancer.

Notes on Prayer Requests

Alex Cram will be taken to Bethesda, MD, to NIH for 3 days (September 7-9) of extensive testing and evaluation by a panel of 8-10 medical experts. Alex has struggled with several serious medical problems for most of his 8 years of life. The testing and evaluation will hopefully lead to treatments that will allow him to have a more normal life. Getting through these 3 days will be an ordeal for him. Let us pray for him and that the testing will lead to treatments that will help him.

Kara Jo McCray has continued to have extreme headaches on a daily basis over the last 3 weeks. Doctors believe these are being caused by a “pseudo” tumor in her spine. So far no treatments have diminished her symptoms. She is seeing a neurologist and eye doctor in Columbus tomorrow as part of the “pseudo” tumor clinic. Let us pray for a diagnosis and something that is treatable so that Kara Jo and her parents can have some relief.

Steve Miller has been diagnosed with a “treatable” form of bone cancer called multiple myeloma. He was tested for myeloma earlier this year on two occasions and tested negative. Thursday he will be at OSU to be evaluated for a possible bone marrow transplant. After that, he will be starting chemotherapy and possible radiation therapy. Dr. Inoshita believes that with proper treatment, Steve could live many more years. The next few months will be difficult. Let us pray for strength and healing and lots of faith. After wrestling with a mystery illness for the past year, he and his family are relieved to finally have an accurate diagnosis and the prospect of effective treatment.

4th Sunday PM Service

Sunday, August 22, for the evening service we will be having a report from the mission team that recently went to Honduras. This will be a combination of pictures and oral reports. Welcome back, Honduras Team.

Sunshine Girls in Recess

The Sunshine Girls are also taking a rest for the rest of the summer. Meetings will resume some time in September.

Teen News

Saturday, August 21, the teens are headed to King's Island. See Tim for more details.

Newest 66 Club Member

Annie Coriell is our latest addition to the 66 Club. Congratulations, Annie, on memorizing the 66 books of the Bible in order.

Helping Local Students

As the first day of school approaches there are a few opportunities for us to be a light in our community:

For August 18, we will be delivering school supply boxes to Minford Elementary for needy students. If you wish to participate, please pack a plastic supply box with No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, Fiskars scissors, crayons (24 ct). The boxes can be left on the coat rack in the foyer. See Kristi Cordle for questions.

In October, the Secret Sisters will again be taking back packs filled with personal items (socks, underwear, light weight jackets, etc.) to students identified by Minford teachers. Look for more info in the bulletin as the time approaches. See Autumn or Mandi with questions.

Spirit Club News

There will be no more Spirit Club meetings this summer. We will resume our meetings after school starts backup around the first of September. We will have kick-off party to start Spirit Club back up in the fall, with all new Spirit Club activities and weekly meetings. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Honduras Trip News

Our group made it back safely to the Cincinnati Airport about 5:30 am Friday morning. The delay in their return was due to bad weather which delayed their flights. We will be getting a full report from the Honduras Mission Team on Sunday evening, August 22.

Farewell to Our Friends

- **Dennis and Toni Ruch** have been a part of our congregation for the last 2 years. We knew when they came the day would eventually come when Dennis' job would take them back to Memphis. Sometime around September 1, they are moving. Let's take advantage of these next few weeks to say our farewells. We love you, Dennis and Toni. How about a visit sometime in the future?
- A few weeks ago **Phyllis Stevens** moved to Alabama to live near her son, Todd, and his family. Phyllis is also someone we loved and will sorely miss. If you would like to write her, here is her new address: Phyllis Stevens; 116 Champines Glen Lane; Madison, Alabama 35758.

Shepherds Prayer

Thursday, August 19, 7:30 pm, our elders are meeting for a time of prayer. If you have requests that you would like to have included in that prayer, please give it to one of our elders right away.

In The News

Serena Miller was featured in an article in the Portsmouth Times on Friday, August 6, concerning her book which was recently published. Congratulations, Serena, on your success. A copy of the article will soon be posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

Fair Awards

Last week was the Pike County Fair. This week is the Scioto County Fair. We always have many in our congregation who win awards for their projects at the fair. We are posting two pads on the bulletin board in the foyer for the two fairs. If you or your child has won an award at either of the fairs, please write their name and award on the pads which have been posted. We will leave the pads up for a couple weeks before we compile and publish the information.



Coming Events

8/19 Shepherd's Prayer Session

8/21 Teens King's Island Trip

In the Area:

- **8/8-12 Ohio Valley Lectures**, St. Marys, WV—Mack Lyon speaking on the "*Bride and the Bridegroom: Christ and His Church.*" Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies' Inspiration Day**, Circleville church of Christ, Dietlinde Spears speaking on "*Purserverence.*" Flyer posted in foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies Day**, Kenova Church of Christ. Milbrey Coffman speaking on "*Good Relationships are Difficult.*" Flyer posted in foyer.
- **9/01 Ladies Day**, Elm Grove Church of Christ. Maggie Goble speaking on "*He's Still Working on Me.*" Flyer posted in foyer.



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You can help Mid-Western purchase sporting equipment and more by clipping Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education coupons and sending them to

Mid-Western Children's Home

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Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/8 Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40
8/15 Lk 2:41-52
8/22 Preaching Service
8/29 Mt 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20

Wednesday

8/11 Nehemiah 1-2
8/18 Nehemiah 3-4
8/25 Nehemiah 5-6

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
U Server 3
P Server 2
P Server 1
R Message
Closing Prayer

August 8

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Caleb Miller
Bill Gammon
Dale Kuhn
David Gampp
John Gampp
Rich Book
Gary Glispie
Michael Dixon
Roger Cooper
Eric Miller
Steve Miller
Greg Coriell

August 15

Don Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Aaron McCray
Eric Copas
Derek Gampp
Troy Gahm
Tyler Masters
Greg Shepherd
Jason Coriell
Jerry Gampp
Terry Grashel
Jeff Hayward
Steve Miller
Luke Purpero

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
Jacob Miller
Ira Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40

Matthew Hoskins
Rich Book
Jeff Vannatta
Steve Williams
Mike Gampp
Luke 2:41-52

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jamie Riley
John Berry
Nehemiah 1-2

Gabe Coriell
Jamie Veach
Nehemiah 3-4

Children's Bible Time

Aug. Theme: The Word of God

3-5: Kerri Davis, Annie Davis, Kristin Riley
6-8: Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero, Adam Hall

Sept. Theme: Back to School with God

3-5: Kristine Coriell, Rebecca Dixon, Vanessa Dixon
6-8: Debbie Sullivan, Stephanie Copas, Nick Copas

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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WORD SEARCH

Find the key words and phrases from Nehemiah 1-2 hidden in the grid. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and page 5 of the online bulletin.

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ARISE AND BUILD
ARTAXERXES
ASAPH
BROKEN DOWN
BUILD
BUILD UP THE WALL
CAPTIVITY
DRAGON WELL
FIRE
GATES
GATHER
GESHEM
GOVERNORS
HORSEMEN
I BESEECH THEE
ISRAEL
JERUSALEM
JUDAH
JUDGMENTS
KINGS CUPBEARER
LETTERS
MOURNED
NEHEMIAH
PRAYED
REMNANT
REQUEST
SANBALLAT
SCATTER ABROAD
SEPULCHRES
SORROW OF HEART
TIMBER
TOBIAH
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WINE



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Solution Nehemiah 1-2 August 8, 2010

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