

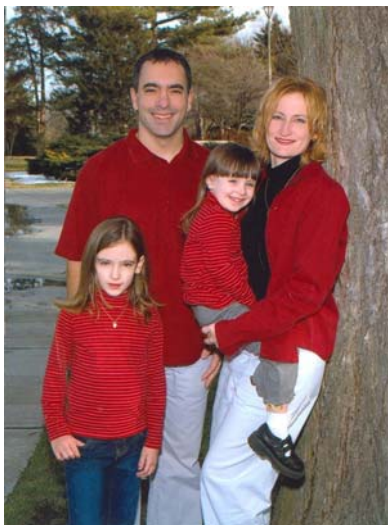


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“Connecting People to the Life Changing Power of God”

Message from the Pastor



It is our goal to see meaningful growth in 2006...spiritual, personal, and relational. “40 Days of Community” and our “Mission Trip to Leechburg” are a few efforts we’ve planned with this goal in mind. We also look forward to continuing pursuit of our “top ten” goals set in 2005.

We begin the year with a “New Beginnings” focus offering the hope God gives everyone for a new beginning. This newsletter offers several personal stories of your new beginnings. How encouraging it is to look back and remember the time hope entered your life!

Our hope doesn’t end! This scripture is a fitting reminder of the newness available to us every day... *“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:21-23* This prophet found hope in the midst of discouragement and despair, that hope is still available today. God’s love for you will not end. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful.

In a world where it seems we cannot count on anything, it is a comfort to know God is faithful, His hope real, and His promises true. With this in mind, we press on toward our Hope and share it along the way.

Pastor Todd

New Beginnings

Bill Bell

Men of God Rise Up and Sing . . . These lyrics have been on my mind for the last couple of weeks. What a beautiful praise and worship song! More to the point, as we enter into 2006 a new year, this will be a new beginning for many. A new year, a new start with new resolutions and commitments. For those of us who believe in Christ and know Him as our Savior, we have truly been given a “New Beginning!” The one and most important new beginning we could have, a beginning into eternal life with God! Our old worldly sinful self has been put to death and a new self or life has been given. We have been reborn as a child of God, covered by the blood of Jesus on the cross! How awesome is that!

The believer will experience many new beginnings as we grow and mature in our walk with the Lord, but none is as important as the first new beginning that Christ affords us. Rising daily in devotion to God, a new beginning, seeking Him in His word, through prayer, in our daily routine, or in nature, all new beginnings. Laying open our heart, turning over our troubles and tribulations, seeking Him through our trials, allowing Christ to be in the center of our hearts; new beginnings. Cooking a meal for a shut-in, giving a friend or stranger a shoulder to cry on, praying for them, new beginnings. Becoming active in the church, joining a ministry, singing praises, tithing, participating in VBS, stepping out into the community around us to proclaim Christ to others, all new beginnings! These are but a sampling of the untold new beginnings as we grow and mature in Christ seeking His will in our lives. So I urge you fellow believers to “rise up” and sing God’s good news to all who are willing to listen, so they too can have that wonderful life changing new beginning by accepting Christ as Lord and Savior and as believers let us seek out all of His new beginnings that living in His will affords us. So rise up men of God and sing to our great and glorious King!

Pierced Youth, "A Good Place to Be"

Bernice Wolfe

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Youth ages 12 – 18 find Pierced Youth Group a good place to be at 7:00 Sunday Evenings. They hang out, have fun and learn about God's care and involvement in their lives. The realization of these truths brings motivation to live a life of purpose and conviction.

Led by Pastor Todd Pugh and Krista Peterman, they are a very active group. The group usually tires Pastor out with a game of tag before they get serious. Current lessons focus on positive relationships. Plans have been made to restore the second floor above the fellowship hall as a place for the youth to "hang out." The youth will be doing the work themselves and plan to have fund raisers to finance the project. It is not all work as they also enjoy going on retreats, bowling, bike riding and to music events.

The youth are also invited to attend the Men's and Women's meetings. Celebrate Recovery is open to them to help with other issues they may have. Would you like to join the group? You are welcome.

New Beginnings

New beginnings remind me mostly about spring. From the melting of the last snow and the robins hopping about, to the blossoms and buds on the trees and flowers. I'm also reminded of a fresh litter of kittens and puppies huddling around their mother's warmth, or the crack of the exhaust the first time an engine fires to life after a rebuild, and the maiden voyage of your classic car after years of restoration. New beginning can also mean so much more. Like rediscovering lost love, or patching up old relationships, but most of all, getting to know Jesus, and trusting in Him daily for the first time, or a fresh recommitment is the best new beginning by far! Enjoy life with Jesus!

Jim Montgomery

I was once a home full of happiness. But one by one my family members left. I sat empty way too long. Then some people came along who could see and appreciate my worth with a little tender loving care. They dove right in and started working. Welcome lights in the sunporch to "welcome all." Boy did they make me "shine" again. A sparrow had found its way in, but they set him free. He was there to remind them God cares even for the sparrow and He is watching over them. Now I am full of noise and laughter. Neighbors are so pleased to see lights on in the house now. I will be the "best home" I can be and shelter "my family" thru all kinds of storms.

Lisa Bell

Apple Cake

(Vicki Peterman)

Ingredients:

3 eggs
1 1/2 c sugar
1 1/2 c applesauce or apple butter
2 t vanilla
3 c flour
1 t salt
1 t baking soda
3 c chopped apples
3 T cinnamon

Beat eggs- gradually add sugar. Blend in Applesauce & vanilla. Comb: flour, salt, baking soda, & cinnamon, add to egg mixture. Stir in Apples. Pour into greased tube pan. Bake 350 1 hour -1 hour 15 min

Topping:

1 stick butter
1/2 c milk
2 c brown sugar

Combine ingredients, boil 3 minutes, pour over cake.

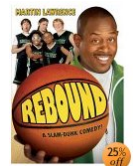
Free Movie Nights

Bring your friends and family to KVAG's free night at the movies. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

February 17 – 7:00 p.m. – **Rebound** with Martin Lawrence.

A special movie for kids 4-10 will also be shown.

Next movie – March 17



Advertisements

Wanted: A church family member is in need of a refrigerator. Please contact the church office or Tina if you can help with this need.

Start saving milk carton caps for VBS!

Testimonies

After Diane got saved, I saw a change in her life. When I would read the newspaper, she would watch Christian TV and I would catch things that were being said. After a while I began to wonder if what they were saying was true. Finally, I decided to ask. One morning I closed my eyes and asked God to show me that He was real, and why I should believe. He showed me a vision of Christ being crucified. My hands started to shake, the tears started to roll. I knew at that time that He was real, and I have been saved ever since.

Dan Swank

I have been saved an amazing 31 years! I received my first little Bible from Teen Challenge at a time when I was very lost. God's Word spoke to me immediately. Later, I bought my first Bible and consumed mass quantities of the scripture that I had hungered for all my life. I was told that there would be valleys and mountains in my new life. I've been there not alone but with God my Father, my Savior Jesus Christ and God's Holy Spirit. I know without a doubt I am truly found and in the hands of God.

Suzanne Tiberio

I didn't get saved until the summer of 1985, in a very unlikely place, a funeral. I knew all about God and Jesus and the need for salvation from high school. I went to a Presbyterian church and Young Life meetings every week. Just before graduation in 1972 I started to date a boy I had known for a few years. Within a month we decided to get married. In July of that year I turned 18 and we knew my parents couldn't stop us from getting married. We went to them and told them our plans, and we were married in my church in October of that year.

To get to the summer of 1985 I had to walk through a time of drugs, alcohol, wild parties and eventually divorce. Many times during those years I was happy and many times very angry - it was truly a roller coaster.

At the age of 30 I took a good look at my life, all we didn't have, my life was a mess. I felt I had wasted so much of my "good" years on a husband who now was a drug addict and an alcoholic. We spent all our time with a couple that we knew from our first day as husband and wife, a couple we partied with almost everyday. Somewhere during this time they got saved and tried to get me saved too. I was angry and rebellious and I didn't want "saved" I wanted to do what I wanted to do. So I moved into my own apartment and I went to counseling for 2-1/2 years and Al-Anon meetings almost every day. It was a very slow process to change my way of thinking, and my patterns and bad choices.

In July of 1985 the mother of my close friend died of cancer. At the funeral my friends and their new church family were there. The pastor was a man I had known from our partying days, I couldn't believe the change in his life; he truly was a "new creation." The co-pastor's husband sat and talked to me about all the wonderful things Jesus had done for him. I had heard "Jesus talk" for years from Christians, but most of the time their walk didn't show a difference. But that day I saw a difference in the Pastor and this man. I wanted that in my life. I had tried everything I knew to get the satisfaction from life that I thought I wanted, but it just didn't satisfy. I was assured that this was what I was looking for. So at a funeral I accepted Jesus into my heart and started a new life.

Psalms 40: 1-3 "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined to me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay; and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear, and will trust in the Lord."

It is now 20 years later and my life has changed so much. I have the satisfaction now and a truly blessed life. I also have learned that God never intended for me to walk the path I chose in high school, I have repented for all the things I did that hurt Him and the divorce of my first husband. But the past is the past and He has redeemed me from it. I am remarried to a truly wonderful Christian man that encourages me in my walk with the Lord. We have taken a vow that no matter what we would never divorce, we will work together through whatever life throws our way. I would never go back to that previous life, that person no longer exists, I am a new creation.

Psalms 103:3-5,10-12 "Who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle." ... "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth (space are infinite), so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west (the opposite direction), so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

Cheryl Gaillot



Ask Hector

Q. I am wanting a new look for my den. What do you recommend?

A. I recommend wallpapering with duct tape. It's a little expensive but well worth it for the resulting sophisticated look.

Q. We are constantly mixing up our computer disks and losing data. What do you recommend?

A. I recommend duct tape. Don't mess with those silly labels.

Q. My adult son is living at home and annoying me constantly. What do you recommend?

A. I recommend duct tape. That'll stick him to the floor in a room other than the one you spend most of your time in.

Q. My exhaust pipe is dragging and making all kinds of noise. It's not on the top of my spouse's priority list. What do you recommend?

A. I recommend duct tape. It doesn't hold too long, but it works!

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.
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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