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# HILLSIDE NEWS

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## Love, Liberty, Unity.

"In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity."  
-Augustine

E Pluribus Unum is stamped on all of the coins in this country. It is a testament to the ancient struggle to find unity in diversity. Throughout history we see a continual drive to find common ground despite racial, economic, religious, and gender differences. The very concept of the university is finding unity in the diversity of educational disciplines. Unity is a legitimate concern both inside and outside of the Christian community. Christians do not dominate the need for unity. Christians do possess the only solution to finding unity in diversity because Christian unity stems from the unity found in the trinity. The Apostle Paul writes that under Christ there are no dividing lines such as gender, race, or citizenship status (Galatians 3:28). Paul can make such a lofty claim because Christian unity entails unity of the Spirit, (Ephesians 4:3), unity in the essentials of the faith, (Ephesians 4:11-16), unity in the body of Christ, (Romans 12:4-5), unity of common work and gospel message, (Philippians 1:27), being unified under the name of Christ, (John 17:11-12). Paul's claim of unity takes as a presupposition an atmosphere of love and Christian charity. Unity is not uniformity; it does not bring conformity or a broad tolerance. Christian unity is uniting under the truth of the Scripture under the banner of Christ. It is the testimony of Christian unity that draws the world to the way of truth (John 17:21-23).

Let us live in love, live in liberty, and live in unity.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Timothy

# Music Minister

In the book of Psalms, there are six times that the phrase "new song" is referred. (Psalm 33:3, 96:1, 98:1 and 149:9 are four of them.) Psalm 144:9 says that he will sing a "new song" and Psalm 40:3 says the Lord put a new song in my mouth. There are two meanings from the Hebrew. One is the emphasis of a literal new song with new lyrics. The second meaning is a familiar song sung with new meaning and passion. No matter the meaning, Psalms reveals that a new song comes from a fresh experience of God. David cried out to the Lord (Psalm 40:1-2) The Lord heard his prayer and delivered him, setting his feet on a rock. (40:3). David exclaims, "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Either David sang a familiar song with new passion or composes a brand new song. In either case David expressed in music his gratitude for God in his life. Psalm 40 says to us that a new song flows from the mountain of divine grace. It renews our spirit to sing familiar hymns with renewed passion and to sing new songs recently written that inspires us to glorify God

Bucky

# Senior Adult Minister

Recently on my annual visit to be with my parents in Florida, I noticed something. I was the youngest person almost anywhere in sight!!! We went to Wendys for lunch, and I was the youngest diner by 10 years! When we went fishing, I was the only person under age 65 on the lake! Taking a walk through the retirement park, I felt as if no one could walk faster or pedal the bike harder than this youngster as I was referred to! But, at the same time, I noticed something else - Senior Adults were divided into two categories - those who lived life younger than their age and those who were living according to the years to come. Many things have changed for today's senior adults. Many are the healthiest, most active and most well financed to ever live in the United States. Yet, in the midst of this abundance, the extent to which senior adults are sharing in this varies greatly.

It wasn't that long ago that the "options for senior adults" was quite limited. Just 20 years ago, most senior adults lived in their residence or the residence of one of their grown children, or, if unable to be cared for, a nursing home. Now, senior adult housing options have grown rapidly. Remaining in a personal residence or going to a nursing home are the two extremes. In between are a variety of choices including independent living apartments, assisted living, and continuing care retirement communities. Amazingly, the increase in alternatives is so substantial that, today, only 5% of senior adults live in a nursing home at any point in time.

While some things have changed, there is one characteristic that remains fairly stable. Nearly one in four senior adult females lives alone compared to one in twenty senior adult males. Why? Simply, men tend to marry younger and women outlive men by an average seven years. Financially, income drastically reduces for widows and widowers because pensions and Social Security are affected by the loss of a spouse. Living arrangements have to sometimes be changed. Responsibilities and roles are decidedly different. Not only is intense grief experienced, disruptive changes in living choices must be faced and dealt with.

While these are all realities of life, they do open up all kinds of possibilities for ministry with senior adults. In the midst of this ever-growing ministry is a characteristic that the majority of senior adults have in common. Most have engaged in faithful service to the Lord over several decades. These "pillars of the church" remain strong in their commitment to the kingdom of God. Some have "noticeable" ministries while others participate in many "unnoticed" ministries. In both cases, these senior adults demonstrate that growing, vibrant churches have ministries "with" senior adults rather than ministries "to" senior adults.

I'm Young At Heart,  
Mike Criner

## Notes of Interest:

April 12: Young at Heart Planning Meeting @ 1PM

April 21: Health Fair @ Clark State Community College

April 24: CE Banquet

# Youth Page

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It is also a time of year to get energized.

With warmer weather and "longer evenings" it is easier to get out of the house and do some things we have not been able to do during the winter months.

As we begin or continue our desire to "be fit" let us not forget to exercise our spiritual health as well. We know the habits we form now will help us for our lifetimes.


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A big Thank You to all who contributed to the Youth Spaghetti Dinner on February 21st. To the youth and adults who served and baked the goodies. And to all in the congregation who came and supported us. We made almost \$800, including almost \$250 from the dessert auction. The profit from the dinner will be divided between the youth participating in the International Youth Convention in Orlando this summer, and the Wednesday night program. May God bless you all as you continue to support the Body of Christ!!

Thanks, Kara


Here are a few suggestions for **SPRINGING FORWARD** with our spiritual life. We are never too young to begin.

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rayer time

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et involved

Judy Loy

*Check out the calendar and weekly bulletin for youth activities!*

# Church News & Outreach

Skillet, Casting Crowns, Toby Mac, Switchfoot, Relient K, Newsboys, Red, Barlow Girl, Thousand Foot Krutch, Dave Ramsey, Bob Lenz, John Weece and many more will be at Ichthus from June 16-19. We are looking for people who are interested in attending all four days of the concert. If we can get 10+ people interested in attending tickets are only \$69 each! If you sleep in the festival, it is free or there are hotels nearby. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We **MUST** know by April 25 in order to get tickets and you need to have \$35 to us to reserve your ticket. If we cannot get 10+ interested we still plan to go but tickets will be \$89 each. No money or orders will be accepted after this date due to Ichthus' purchase cut-off. You can purchase individual tickets if you are not interested in attending all four days, but you must purchase these on your own from [www.ichthus.org](http://www.ichthus.org). For a complete line up see information on the bulletin board or see Jason or Cori Curtis.

**This is the Block Party Donation list for this month's Newsletter:**

## Teen Items

Lotion	Bubble Bath
Soap	Tents
Shampoo	Fishing poles
DVD's	Tackle Boxes
DVD players (about \$25)	Car Stuff
Mp3 Players (about \$20)	Video Games
Personal CD Players	Colored Pencils
Gift Cards (food, shopping, Blockbuster, Game Stop, etc.)	Glue
Photo Albums	Folders
Frames	Board Games
Digital Photo Frames	Puzzles
Book Bags (boys and girls)	Nail Polish and Remove
Basketballs	Reusable grocery Bags
Baseball and glove (boys and girls)	Cologne/Perfume
Soccer ball	iTunes Gift
Football	

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Outreach Committee. Our box is overflowing outside the nursery! This month we are asking for pre-teen and teenage boy and girl items. Be sure to check out places like Ollie's for great prices on books and games as well as clearance racks. Also, we ask that you pick-up the reusable grocery bags when you purchase your groceries at your favorite store. Wal-Mart has a good deal at 50 cents each for the blue style bag or any store who sales the bags will be fine. Please remember to place your donations in the correct location. We have found a few stray items in our donation box that have now found there proper home.

Serving in His Name,  
The Outreach Committee

*Being a Christian means being nice, are you being nice?*

# Church Birthdays & Anniversaries



April 1 - Dorothy Fry  
Barbara Weddington

April 2 - Joe Heskett

April 4 - Jennifer Blank  
Hannah Rolf

April 6 - Ruth Laywell

April 7 - Randy Cook

April 8 - Wendell & Betty Mefford (anniv)

April 10 - Mary Ann Callison  
Rob Chiles  
Bob Barker

April 12 - Dick & Eileen McCoy (anniv)

April 13 - Brittany Loy  
Edd McCracken

April 16 - Rob & Julie Chiles (anniv)

April 17 - Jason Curtis

April 19 - Brenda Donnaker

April 20 - Randall Frederick

April 22 - Bonnie Young  
Dan & Beth Beekman (anniv)

April 24 - Lauren White

April 25 - Rubie Taseff

April 26 - Norma Hobbs

April 28 - Bud & Joyce Loeffler (anniv)

April 29 - John Downing

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May 1 - Bill Kemper

May 2 - Stefanie Hobbs

May 4 - Linda Hoover  
Carl Davis  
Hope Wyant

Please inform the church office if your name has not been listed. We want to keep this up to date. We are only listing church families and not extended members of families.



## **Easter Egg Hunt**

at

Hillside Avenue Church of God

for Children up through grade 5

**\*\*please bring a basket or bag\*\***

**Saturday, April 3**

Registration is at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Family Life Center.

Egg Hunt starts at 10:20 a.m.

Prizes for children, hot dogs and  
refreshments for everyone at 10:45 a.m.

## **Rummage Sale**

April 16, 2010

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

in the

Family Life Center

You may start bringing your items in on Sunday,  
April 11.

## **Celebrate**



**Annual Christian Education Worker  
Appreciation Banquet**

**April 24, 2010 6:00 p.m.**

Please see your department leader or Kim Kelsey  
to RSVP