



# The

# Relator

## August 2016

*"Salute one another with a holy kiss.  
The Churches of Christ salute you!"  
Romans 16:16*

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### Cosma's Corner

*...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal. 3:27*

My daughter Lucy loves clothes. In fact, when we moved to this area she was recognized not only for her gregarious character but also for her citified clothing attire. The citified description comes from the fact that she was nicknamed City Girl due to her choice in clothes ... some her choice and some her family's choice.

Now today is a new day for Lucy as she takes on a whole new attire ... a change she has contemplated for some time and now at 11 years old decided she was ready for a whole new look ... an entirely different spiritual look. She was ready to

clothe herself with Christ. We celebrated on Sunday, July 31, 2016 her new birth and her new attire as she was baptized into Christ at PCC (Phillips Christian Church) surrounded by loving family and friends who have an investment in her life and now an investment in her eternity.

This is an exciting day for me as a father ... as her daddy because I have never really been concerned with what kind of clothes my daughter wore but more with the fact that I had the opportunity to provide clothing for her ... I am satisfied with her mom and her deciding what those clothes would look like.

However, her new clothes I am most interested in because I believe I have a part in showing her what sporting Christ wear should look like. In this case, the clothes do make the person or at least put us in contact with the person who makes us who we are.

She is a child of God's and now wears the name of Christ wherever she goes. She takes a new name with her wherever she goes ... the name of Christ Jesus her Lord.

Jesus is more than covering her sins, he is covering her life and her future.

Maybe **you** need a change too ... take a lesson from Lucy ... it may just be that you need some new clothes.

**Christ wear ... one size fits all!**



Remember for the month of August to keep your lawn chairs, camping chairs, or folding chairs handy as we escape to the outdoors to enjoy our outdoor pavilion praise & preaching services on Sunday mornings at 10 am ... weather permitting.

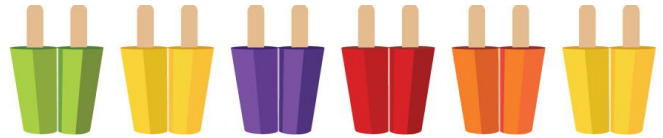
## reflections..

### ◇ PSALM 23 ◇

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,  
I SHALL NOT WANT.  
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN  
GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME  
BESIDE QUIET WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL.  
HE GUIDES ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.  
EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE  
VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;  
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,  
THEY COMFORT ME. YOU PREPARE A TABLE  
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.  
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;  
MY CUP OVERFLOWS.  
SURELY GOODNESS AND LOVE WILL FOLLOW ME ALL  
THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE  
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.



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4 <sup>th</sup>	Jen Shinn
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15 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Miller
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## August Calendar

**August 7th** ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

**August 14th** ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting

**August 17th** ... 6:00 pm for End of Summer Blast at Richard and Verna Kelly's cottage at Guilford Lake, 6240 Camp Blvd., Lisbon, OH. Bring swimsuits, towels, etc. to have fun. RSVP to dfaloba@yahoo.com

**August 21st** ... 8:00 am Board Meeting



Our Summer FUNday School class is in its final month! We have had so much FUN! On July 3rd, we set off fireworks and sparklers to show that we can "Light up the Darkness" in the world by sharing the Word of God with others. On July 10th, we learned that our strength comes from God alone while learning about Samson. On July 17th, we learned all about forgiveness while making cool finger puppets and completing challenging worksheets. On July 24th, we learned about the power of prayer while coloring posters that you now see in the Sunday School wing. On July 31st, we learned all about patience as we talked about Zaccheus. The month of August has



even more FUN packed in it! Invite your friends! You won't want to miss what's to come!

Mike, Missy, Marty, and Cody

### **MARK THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

The FUNday School is having so much fun this summer that we wanted to share with the grown-ups what we are doing. On September 4th, the Sunday School Department will be sponsoring the worship service. We will be singing your favorite hymns, and Cody and the kids will deliver the message. Following the worship service, we will have a FUNday School picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for a fun and uplifting worship service! Please see Mike or Cody with any questions.





The following mission need was received from Lifeline Christian Mission:

You and your church can share Jesus' love to the Navajo!

One of their needs is Home Depot gift cards to help complete renovations of the church at Red Sands. In order to help with their renovations we are asking that you purchase Home Depot gift cards (any amount) to be sent to the Red Sands Church & School. There are a couple of ways you can do this. You can purchase these cards yourself and drop them in the offering plate (don't forget that if you purchase them at Giant Eagle you will earn fuel points). Or indicate "Home Depot Card" on your offering envelope and we will purchase them for you.

This Mission Project will be ongoing through the entire month of August. Another way of supporting this project is through prayer. Please pray for:

1. The church renovations to be completed in time and within budget (and no surprises).
2. Brad and Bonnie, as they begin serving through new church plants to the Navajo/Winslow community.
3. The upcoming school year, as students enroll and the staff finalize preparations.
4. The mission teams to continue to be productive in their ministry and the work they are doing.

## Grace in, grace out

The computer acronym GIGO — "garbage in, garbage out" — describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person" (v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) "in" our hearts, Jesus' goodness will shine "out" through our lives. And when God's grace enters and changes us, we'll also reach out and share that good news with others.

## Wed. Night Disciples



## Back to School!

Please keep all of our young people in your daily prayers as they return to school this month: Grant & Gavin Kelly, Kaylie & Kaleb Shinn, Dominic & Anthony DiBaggio, Emma Jenkins, Kristie Dennison; United

Emily and Heather Aukerman; Leetonia  
Trevor Poynter; Crestview  
Lucy Cosma; Beacon Academy  
Julianne Poynter & Cody Opsitnik; Kent State  
Emily Cosma; Youngstown State  
Ali Opsitnik; Slippery Rock  
Warren & Ian Gentile; West Branch  
Trixie Stratton; Kent  
Travis Mitchell; Hocking Tech

## July

**Little Angels:** Missy Opsitnik

**Curious Kids:** Marty Shinn,  
Cody Opsitnik

**Teens:** Mike Phillis

**Homebuilders/ Loyal Sons & Daughters:**

Gail Phillis, Jr., Carl & Judy Merriman, Robin Janofa, Jack & Bonnie Vincent, Bob Shinn, Marlene Webber, Tom & Linda Miller, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, Diana Reiter



The Wednesday night youth Bible study group met at the Kelly's cottage at Guilford lake for Christmas in July. There were 12 people that attended. We collected new and used books for Sophia's Women's Care and Christina House in Lisbon. We took a boat ride and had a devotion and discussion. We sang happy birthday to Jesus and had birthday cake and brownies.

We will have an end of the summer blast at the cottage on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00. There will be swimming, boat rides and hot dogs and smores. Please RSVP to Dorothy Faloba at dfaloba@yahoo.com.

Summer is over. Time to remember what day of the week it is!

*Receiving new text books, one student to another: "Psst. How do you turn this thing on?"*

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*Parent: "What did you learn in school today?"*

*Kindergartener: "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."*

# Prayer List

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**Steve Singer** (blood condition)  
**Suzanne Holloway** (lung cancer)  
**Alice Gamble** (back surgery)  
**Mary Lou Hartzell** (throat cancer)  
**George Faull** (pray for strength)  
**Northeast Ohio Bible College**  
**Elizabeth Thatcher** (health problems)  
**Donald Barnhart** (hip problems/kidney disease)  
**Baby Elijah** (born with heart defect, home)  
**Beverly Evans** (continues to heal)  
**Jim Webber** (CHF, heart virus, pacemaker & defibrillator)  
**Zac Carter** (11 years old, cancer for the second time)  
**Highland Christian Church**  
**Richard Faloba**  
**Dan Bartels** (home, recovering from gall bladder surgery)  
**Alma Smith** (recent auto accident)

## OUR SHUT-INS

**Ada Bailey** (Allay Senior Care Center, 131 Pendleton Street, Lisbon);  
**Don Huston** ( Blossom 109 Blossom Ln, Salem)  
**Jim Dorsey** (Essex II);  
**Bess Staubs**;  
**Pat Kalbfell**;  
**Dorothy McFadden**;  
**Martha Crookston** (Crandall);  
**Albert Bricker** (Blossom);

## Our Nation Our Congregation Lost Souls

**The Unspoken Needs of our People**  
**Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems)  
**Bill Wiley** (health issues)  
**Maxine Vincent** (cancer)  
**Mary Lou Eberhart** (health problems)

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**Joe Phillis**;  
**Joel Newburn**;  
**Kyle Stephenson**;  
**Paige Wyss**;  
**Matt Bartel**, 5th Deployment to Iraq

Dear Phillips Christian Church,

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to go to Elkhorn Valley! I had a great time and I made a lot of new friends who have the same interests as I do. I got to go on high ropes and I got to climb on a rock wall! I learned a lot from my week of camp and it was amazing! Thank You again! I am looking forward to next year!

Love,

Emma Jenkins

Dear Phillips,  
 Clyde & I both want to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. We're both having various medical problems. Don't know when we'll be back to church. We miss everyone & hope to see you soon.  
 Nita Floor



Thank You!

Dear Phillips Church,  
 Thank you for the thoughts and prayers for my husband while he was in the hospital.

The flowers, cards, and visits were very much appreciated.  
 In Christian Love,  
 Dan & Marie Bartels



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SERVICES: SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

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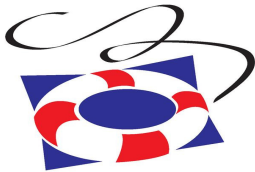
Website : [phillipschristian.org](http://phillipschristian.org)



# SEE YOU SUNDAY!

About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.

Be a Lifesaver !!



Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).

Dr. Kent Brantly, a U.S. medical missionary who contracted the Ebola virus last summer in Liberia, credits a "mighty God" — and lots of prayers — for his survival. After recovering from the disease, Brantly returned to the North Carolina headquarters of Samaritan's Purse, the group he'd been working with in Africa.

He spoke about Deuteronomy 6, saying it's important to remind others of God's acts. "I will never grow tired of talking of this," Brantly said. "I'm going to keep telling my story so I can remember what God has done in my life."

Then Brantly offered this challenge: "Never think you're just a normal person. If you're pursuing God's calling in your life, he will use you. Even if it's a challenging calling, even if you find yourself in difficult circumstances, he will give you what you need to be faithful to him, even if it's a whole army of people praying for you. Share your story over and over and over so you can remember we serve a mighty God."

