



The Relator

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

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Cosma's Corner

Go to the ant you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. Prov. 6:6-8

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer. Prov. 30:25

Do you know those people who seem to have it all together? They have the perfect house, the perfect yard, the perfectly polite children, the seemingly perfect employment, are perfectly smart, and on top of that, are perfectly gorgeous. Makes you want to slap yourself and call it quits because they make you feel guilty for just being you. Or you are inspired by them to try harder ... Yeah right!

Maybe we are looking in the wrong places for our inspiration in life and for life. Solomon here in Proverbs levels the playing field, and says stop comparing yourself to each other ... think smaller.

Have you ever really watched an ant just before you brought out the Terro or brought down the sole of your shoe upon it. They really are amazing creatures. I know what you are thinking ... yeah, amazingly annoying. Yet, science has revealed to us that ants can carry up to 10 to 50 times their body weight, depending on the variety of ant. And new science has revealed that the worker ants neck and head can withstand forces of up to 5000 times its body weight. They are using this information on the mechanics of an ant's anatomy to assist in future robotic designs. Watch out ... here comes Ant Bot!

More importantly, God is telling us that summer and the ant remind us that their is limited time of effort for extraordinary times of blessing. Why waste the summer ... summer is the time to invest in the work of the Lord to enjoy the blessings even in the darkest of winters.

From One Creature To Another

Have An Awesome Summer in the Lord!

Group Games & Co-ops @ 5pm

Concert by The Fellowship @ 5:35 post meridian

Picnicking @ 6:03 E.S.T

More jaw-dropping games @ 6:33.33

Praise & Preaching @ 7:07pm

led by Lake Mount Praise Team & Dave Coxson, respectively (Dave is the preaching minister @ CornerHouse Christian Church in Hubbard, OH)

Depart @ 8:08ish



Patriotic trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

reflections..

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where
Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!
—Peggy Ferrell



Another Balloon Found!

Another balloon was found from our 188th Anniversary launch ! Attached is the note we received regarding it's final destination. Balloon #51 had Lucy Cosma's name attached!

June 19, 2017

Hello,

I hope this is not too late – I found it in the woods on our farm while cutting firewood. One mile west of Scaneateles Lake, Onondaga County, New York State at the north end of the lake @41A – Andrews Road west, then Bryant lane South. Best Wishes for your 188th Anniversary. God Bless you all,

Yours Sincerely,

E.J. Bryant



JULY Calendar

July 2nd ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

July 9th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting

July 16th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

July 30th ... 6:00 pm 5th Sunday Rally @PCC



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

13th Gary & Cindy Eichler

29th Dan & Marie Bartels

1st Joy Singer
Lynn Schmidt

7th Richard Kelly

14th Jason Shinn

21nd Dustin Reiter

27th Bob Shinn
Nancy Hamilton

28th Rick Phillis



Wednesday Night Bible Study

On Wednesday, June 21st, the Phillips Christian Church and Highland Christian Church Wednesday Night Bible Study Groups met at the Kelly's cottage at Guilford Lake. We made bird seed feeders from toilet paper tubes and had a bible study led by Les Bhe of Highland. The 7 children enjoyed swimming and making the bird feeders. There were about 20 people in attendance. The bird feeders were taken to Essex nursing home and Shut ins. --Dorothy Faloba

FUNday School Relator Report

Family FUNday School is off to a great start! On June 4th, we learned about Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego in the fiery furnace. On June 11th, we talked about Daniel & the Lion's Den. On June 18th, we talked about Jonah & the Great Fish. On June 25th, we learned about Lazarus being raised from the dead. July will conclude our Campfire Stories Unit. We are excited to continue learning about the scary stories of the Bible. The Family FUNday School class had an average attendance of 21 for the month of June. Gather around the campfire and get ready for more FUN this month! Hope to see you there.

-FUNday School TeachersCody, Missy, Marty, & Mike

Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell; Dorothy McFadden; Wanda Huston; Ada Bailey



The Family of Maxine Vincent



John & Karen Benson, Bev Evans,
Bill Kelly, Richard & Verna Kelly,
Robin Janofa, Lynn Schmidt, Jack &
Bonnie Vincent, Carl & Judy
Merriman

Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19.)

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SERVICES:

SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm ... Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

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Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.
—Heidi Mann

