



THE CHIMES

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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Bad Girls of the Bible

Join Pastor Miracle this month as we look at five women in the Bible of “questionable” character.

September 7, 2014

Eve’s Breakdown

Genesis 2:21-22

September 14, 2014

The Delilah Conspiracy

Judges 16:1-5

September 21, 2014

The Bathsheeba Conundrum

2Samuel 11:1-5

September 28, 2014

The Prostitutes’ Headache

1 Kings 3:16-28



Special Points of Interest

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- *Chancel choir Re-sumes*
- *Grapevine*
- *Firm Foundation*
- *Birthday’s*

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YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Did you know the opportunities we have to reach families? Right now we have over ten youth attending our middle school each week who have no church home. Some of these youth also come from families that have low incomes. Once our Kids' Club starts up again this fall the number of families we can influence for Christ will rise. You may ask what you can do to help reach these kids and their families.

First, you can come check out what is happening on Wednesdays at our church. One visit will give you an idea of the great work God has given us right here in our neighborhood. Visiting means nothing more than stopping in and seeing what is going on and talking to the youth both from and outside of our church family. I promise you will not have to teach :)

Second, you can pray and ask God how he would want you to be involved in reaching these kids and their families. Each child that comes to our church represents a family that needs to know Jesus. It could be as simple as helping those in need and getting to know who these families are that are already connected to our church. Imagine what would happen if we continued to strengthen the bond we already have through the children of these families.

Third, you could become a regular part of Wednesday nights at our church. Whether visiting the kids from time to time, finding and helping meet needs of families, or being involved in the adult small groups you can help welcome these families to become part of our church family.

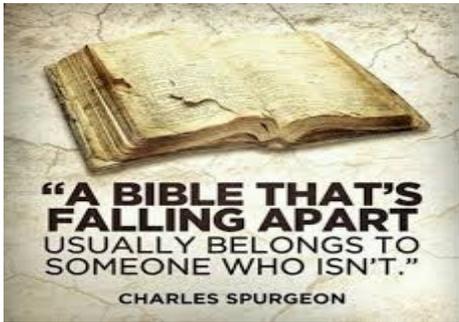
Let's not let this opportunity that God is offering us right now slip through our fingers. Pray and ask what you can do. If you want to know more or be a part of this work contact the office or Dave Dakin.

Parents: Here is an article to consider. It is all about the 10,000 hour rules and the idea that enough practice will make anyone succeed. Research seems to suggest it is more about gifting. Let's be parents that help our children find where God has gifted them and excel in following His goals for their lives.

<http://brainsidea.wordpress.com/2014/08/18/the-10000-hour-rule-is-nonsense/>

FIRM FOUNDATION

The Sunday study/discussion group led by Scott will recommence on Sunday, September 21st, in the fellowship rooms in the basement. We will be working through the book of the Acts, with special emphasis on grasping the early history of the Church as led by Peter, and then by Paul. It was an extremely exciting time, and the lessons learned by the early Church are relevant and applicable to us today. Scott has designed this as a four month study. We meet from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45. Materials and Bibles are provided, but naturally you are encouraged to bring your own Bible to edit as we go. All are invited to join us!



Bell Choir Resumes

“Proclaim the church of God to men of every land;
The bells we ring, the gospel bring with melody and hand.”

These are the lines from a hymn that Jackie Loeffert Murphy used in 1982 when the Chancel Bells was organized. The Loeffert family gave the original 3-octave set of handbells to the church in memory of Richard Loeffert. This September begins our 33rd year of handbells at First Church. We are honored to have become a significant part of the music ministry at our church. In keeping with our rich tradition of musical excellence we invite anyone interested in bells to join us. Practices are on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 in the sanctuary with our first practice on September 9th. We are always in need of willing subs as well as faithful ringers for practices and Sunday worship. This is a team effort so it is important to have all positions filled. There are no auditions and we provide on-the-job training. Call Jan Aller at 673-0187 for more information.

“Ye ringers all, that do come here
Give head and hand and heart—
The head for will, the hand for skill
The heart for worship’s part.”



Choir Practice Resumes

After a nice summer break the Chancel Choir is preparing to return to worship right after the fair. The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:30 in the Loft. We have some great new music, and of course, the return of some of the finest music from the past. We hope all those who have sung with us in the past will return, and we are looking forward to many new singers. The loft will hold about 50 persons, so we have plenty of room to grow! Please come and help this important ministry to grow and prosper!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

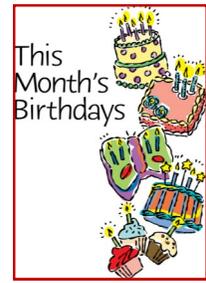
Perhaps you have heard the popular catch phrase “random acts of kindness”. Unplanned, unexpected, totally a surprise to all concerned.

The Hardin County Recovery Court has been pleased to be the beneficiary of several recent such “random acts of kindness” by some of our members. I believe they have “laid up for themselves treasurers in heaven where neither moths nor rust will destroy”. And we are grateful! We started this project to try to help drug addicted persons who have violated our laws—on a shoestring. Initial funding came from the

Hardin County Commissioners and they Mental Health Board serving Hardin County. In the last 10 months the public has been extremely generous in supporting us, and I believe our results are extremely encouraging.

To the members of First Church who have individually supported us— many thanks. You have been a blessing!

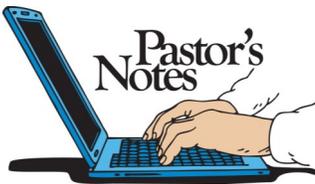
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Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.” Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.” And Jesus said, “Come.” Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!” Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Matthew 14:27-32

We all know that Jesus can walk on water and calm the storm. Nothing is beyond his control. The problem comes when we are asked to follow him even out onto the raging sea. For Peter, his heart was willing but in the end his flesh was weak. Yet give him credit. While 11 others cringed in the boat terrified, he alone took the risk to get out on the water with Jesus. When all seemed lost, even in the midst of his terrifying doubt he knew who would rescue him.

Many times we find ourselves way out of our comfort zones, walking on the raging seas of life where Jesus has called us to be. The question is will we let our fear sink us, or will we persevere through the storm to where Jesus is calling? Personally, I’d rather be on the waves with Jesus than in the sinking boat without him. Because I know no matter what he will reach out, grab me and all will be well.

So fear not when the storms of life are raging. Get out of the boat. Jesus is with you and he will see you through.

See you in church.

Pastor Loran





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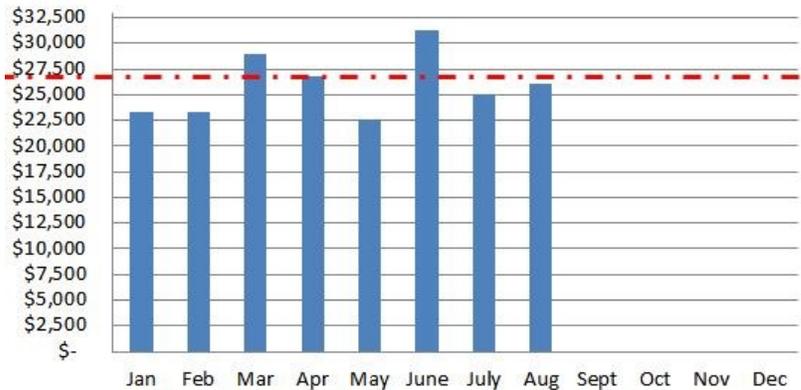
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AUGUST ATTENDANCE

	9:00	11:00	Total
Aug 3-	79	74	153
Aug 10-	65	83	148
Aug 17-	84	103	187
Aug 24-	79	125	204
Aug 31-	78	90	168

2014 Offering by Month

\$27,250 needed each month



THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for awarding me with one of this year's Church Scholarships! It will assist tremendously in paying for the coming school year, and I am very grateful.

Thanks again,

Jared Headings

Thank you so much for awarding me with your 2014 First United Methodist Church Scholarship! I am so grateful for your generosity and look forward to using the scholarship to help pay for my education at Ohio Northern University!

Love,

Maggie Kimmel

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your card. It really helps.

Lois and Ellsworth Albrecht

We would like to thank the ladies of the church for the beautiful blanket made for Lianna when she was born.

Thank you also to everyone who sent cards, meals, gifts and well wishes! We are blessed to have such a caring church family!

Brett, Brooke, Gabriel and Lianna Purcell

Thank you for the church scholarship. I am very thankful for a wonderful church family that continues to show their love and support.

Thanks again,

Kasey Rawlins

Thank you for your donation to One Bistro.

Your support will help to continue in our mission of providing a place where our neighbors eat and come together as one community. We appreciate your interest in being a part of this ministry and sharing our vision.

With warm regards,

Robert Adamson

I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your support in my education. This church and its member has been so wonderful throughout the years, and I have received so much encouragement and support through you. This year I received our church scholarship and I want to say thank you. This scholarship means a lot to me and will help me to complete my education.

I look forward to using my education to better serve Christ's kingdom. Thank you for being a part of this process, and for your constant encouragement.

Love in Christ,
Olivia Watkins

Thank you so much for helping my dream come true. The scholarship will help tremendously with paying my tuition at OSU-Lima. I can't thank the church and all of the wonderful members enough for all of the support and wonderful memories. I am truly blessed to be apart of such a great congregation. Again, thank you for helping me further my education!

God Bless,
Braiden Bradley
KHS Class of 2014

Dear Friends,

Big things are happening at Kenton First United Methodist Church. And we want you to be a part of it!

Plan to be present Saturday, September 13th at 9:00-10:30 for coffee and conversation with the Pastor and other church leaders. We will specifically explore the possibility of creating a community “pay what you can afford” restaurant ministry in Kenton. We will begin with a presentation by the Pastor on what a community café is and options for how it might work in Kenton. Following this presentation there will be a question, answer and comment period lead by Chuck Rawlins, Lay Leader, to discuss this proposal in depth. You will have ample opportunity to learn and participate. Please note that there will be no decisions made at this time. However, one of the goals of this gathering will be to develop a timeline for moving forward to a decision.

I hope you will be able to participate in this very important time of discernment for our church. Should you be unable to attend but wish to add your comments to the conversation, please call either the Pastor or Chuck Rawlins. Your input is important to discerning God’s will for our church on this new direction for First United Methodist Church.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on the 13th.

Blessings,

Pastor Loran



Heard it From the Grapevine:

By: Edison and Ruth Klingler

Best wishes to Garrett Oliver and Justine Elton who were married in Bellefontaine on July 5th.

The following are members of the 2014-15 Kenton Top Twenty: Hannah Heilman, Will Hoppe, Delaney Althausser and Alex Haushalter.

Devry Moore is a co-captain Kenton High School girls' soccer team.

Brianna Truman is seeking support to carry out her dream of becoming an equestrian therapist to children with special needs.

Calynn Morris and Kirsten Osborn are a doubles team on the KHS tennis team.

Breanna Alexander is second singles on the KHS tennis team.

Karlee Hooker, granddaughter of Norman Guinn, placed eighth at the Ohio State Fair pole bending for ages 8-13.

Linda Wuethrich won Grand Champion Cake at the Allen County Fair.

Mark Watkins, President of the Kenton City Board of Education, presided over the Opening of the new Elementary building.

"Church Mouse" (Susie Heilman) is in KNRC recovering from a fall.

Edison Paul Latimore was baptized on August 24th. He is the son of Katie (Temple) and Eric Latimore.

Best Wishes to Raechel (Lautenschlager) and Justin Noble married in our Church on August 16th.

Our sympathy to Cheryl and Zane Langdon on the passing of Rob.

Helen Willis has moved to Florida. Her new address is 3258 Windjammer Drive, Spring Hill FL 34607.

Benjamin McPheron, grandson of Ruth McPheron, received his PhD degree from Penn State University and is now an Assistant Professor at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

Noah Furbush had shoulder surgery at the University of Michigan.

Colin Headings is a member of the Benjamin Logan golf team.

Participating in fall sports at Kenton High School are:

Football: William Barrett, Kobey Rawlins, Steven Stalder, and Assistant Coach Drey Dearing.

Volleyball: Delaney Dearing and Hannah Heilman.

Boys' Soccer: Will Hoppe, Jackson Althausser, and Assistant Coach David Dakin.

Girls' Soccer: Jenna Moore, and Devry Moore.

Tennis: Calynn Morris, Kristen Osborn, Brenna Alexander, and Head Coach Keith Kissling.

Cross Country: Carrie Morris and Ryan Oberlitner.

Cheerleading: Devry Moore.

Our son, Keith, will be traveling to South Africa in September



September 2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day Office Closed		No Prayer and Praise No MS youth			
7 9:00 Worship 10:00 S. S 11:00 Worship 4:00 Praise band at the fair No HS Youth	8 6:30 Trustee mtg	9 6:30 Bells 6:30 Youth ministry mtg	10 6:30 MS youth	11 First Day of Preschool 7:30 Choir	12	13
14 9:00 Worship 10:00 S. S 11:00 Worship 5:30 HS Youth	15 6:30 Children's ministry mtg	16 9:30 Healing Stitches 6:30 SPR mtg 6:30 Bells	17 6:30 MS youth	18 6:00 Preschool mtg 7:30 Choir	19	20
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