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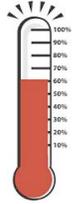
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From the Pastor's Desk

I don't do this very often, but I decided to dust off an old newsletter article - an encouragement as we walk through summer. This is one of my favorites. Sadly the little boy has moved & so have we, but I remember this like it was yesterday. I was not there the day he learned the truth about the "music truck", but I am sure he has by now. I hope you enjoy the story and are encouraged to spend some additional time with God during the busy summer season.

A little boy lives in the house next to ours. He is nearly 3 years old & loves to be outside. Whenever I am tinkering in the garage, mowing the lawn or working in the garden he comes over to see what I am up to. He has a thousand questions, mainly consisting of "What are you doing?" and "Why?" alternately repeated and applied to every action I take.

One day he was helping me spread mulch around the flowers when the ice cream truck came down our street. As soon as he heard the music, he stopped working and started talking - all I could make out was a very excited and enthusiastic "Mr. Hetrick... bla bla bla...music....bla

bla....dance....bla bla bla....wave." I looked over at his father, who was sitting on their front steps & he interpreted, "Mr. Hetrick, the *music truck* is coming, we have to dance and then when he gets here we wave." So I smiled and we danced on the sidewalk for a minute & then when we was right in front of our house, we waved until he passed. Then we went back to work.

I smiled at his father who dreamed up this little white lie of short-term parental genius. I secretly hope I am there the day he asks about the pictures of frozen treats plastered all over the side of the "music truck" - I suspect that day is coming quickly for this sharp young man. Hopefully, dad will also come clean on Santa Claus, the Easter bunny and the tooth fairy and just get it all over on one disappointing day.

Any way, as we went back to work, I wondered how many of us treat God like the "Music Truck". Once every week or so, we stop what we are doing long enough to sing, dance and wave for a little while. As soon as it is over, we go back to our business.

I thought about how disappointed this little boy will be when he realizes how much more there is to the "music truck" and how many times he missed out on something

special. I suspect we will feel the same way. We need to know that God wants to pull into our driveway and make himself available to us 24/7. He would love to spend time with us, share his wisdom, reveal his plan and just talk with us.

John Piper says it wonderfully "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him". I do hope you take time to gather with believers every Sunday morning & do our version of dancing & waving. But even more, I hope you don't miss the opportunities to slow down and spend some intimate time with your Creator and Savior each and every day. I encourage you take time this summer to invite him into each of your days. Spend some time in the morning in his Word and talking to Him in prayer. Spend some time in the evening thanking him for the day and praising him for the ways you witnessed his work in your day.

May God's "music" always be calling you & may you always take time to listen.

To the glory of God,
Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January-May 2017

Total Giving:

\$60,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$55,000 (total Budget is 11,000/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$47,600 (total given by those
making pledges)
vs. **\$41,000** (total pledged YTD,
\$8,200 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance **\$12,300**

YTD general offerings **\$60,000**

YTD total expenses **\$55,300**

May 31 cash balance **\$17,000**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$37,676.25	\$38,800.00
Missions	\$5,147.08	\$4,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$5,225.00	\$6,600.00
office	\$2,520.83	\$2,100.00
discipleship	\$1,256.25	\$300.00
Property Ins	\$1,083.33	\$1,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$208.33	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$833.33	\$430.00
Outreach	\$250.00	-\$500.00
Worship	\$479.17	\$675.00
TOTAL	\$54,679.58	\$53,705.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$6,800.00

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,200.00

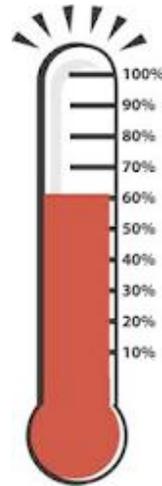
Current Building account:

\$25,200.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Furnace Fund Progress

TOTAL NEEDED: \$15,000
MAINTENANCE: \$7,000
RAISED TO-DATE: \$2,000
STILL NEEDED: \$6,000

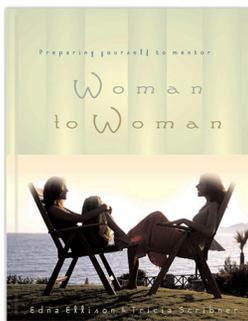




Saturday, August 5

Men save the date for a golf outing! Sherwood Forest Golf Course; Tee time is 9 a.m. This is a Three Club Best Ball event. Option to stay for lunch. Contact Greg Maxey 920-205-349 for more information. Invite others and sign up on the bulletin board at church.

JOIN US FOR “Woman to Woman: Preparing to Mentor”



WHO: Women (18 and older) of Community Church (whether a member or not)

WHAT: “*Woman to Woman: Preparing to Mentor*” is a 5-week

program designed to equip and inspire us as women to come alongside other women in our Christian walks. Fee will be only \$3.00 (payable on the first evening). The Women’s Ministry will cover the remainder of the book cost.

WHEN: Each session will go from 5:30-7:00 pm (light snacks will be provided) on the following Tuesdays: July 18, July 25, Aug 1, Aug 15, Aug 22

WHERE: Community Church of Appleton

WHY: As Jeni Fobart, Executive Director of Titus 2 Mentoring Women, reminds us, **The great commandment calls us to love.**

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

The great commission calls us to make disciples.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

Mentoring is a culmination of both of these. Discipleship through intentional relationships is our calling. We all have relationships in our

lives that influence others whether we are aware of it or not. *Someone* looks up to you, just as we all have someone we look up to. Let's open our eyes to the people God has placed in our lives, boldly and intentionally modeling our faith, completely dependent on Jesus to work in and through us, as we create disciples who go and make disciples through mentoring!

HOW TO REGISTER: Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Betsy Rozelle at brozelle@new.rr.com or 920-540-4109 by July 9.

We Need You, Ladies!

The Women’s Ministry has 2 exciting volunteer opportunities we’d like you to consider. Please respond to Betsy at brozelle@new.rr.com or 920-540-4109 if you’re interested or would like more information.

1. **Neighborhood Exchange Committee (need at least 5 volunteers):** help plan a new event (targeted for Fall 2017) that will be like a Community Rummage Sale with a twist---it will involve no money! Instead, we will encourage church families and church neighborhood families to bring items (mainly clothing/shoes, housewares, jewelry, games/toys) that will be assigned points that can be used to “buy” items that others bring. The committee will set parameters, help promote the event, organize/display the items 2 days before the Exchange, and recruit volunteers to staff the exchange. A perk of being on this committee is that you will have first dibs at “shopping!”
2. **Women’s Retreat Planning Committee** (chair or member): help plan the 2018 Community Church of Appleton Women’s Retreat