

THE EVANGEL – MAY 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings,

I write to say Christ loves you! As we spent the last few weeks talking about Paul, I am thankful I am not in prison as Paul was much of the time he wrote. I am in my office and thinking about what Heaven looks like. We have a new sermon series coming up about near death experiences (NDE's) and what they can tell us about heaven. This topic has always interested me and I can't wait to share with you what I have learned on the subject.

Some people want to deny it is real, or that NDE's happen, but there is now scientific research of NDE's happening to about 4% of the population worldwide. I am hoping you will all join me as we Imagine Heaven together starting most likely in June.

In the meantime I need some stories from people you know who have experienced any kinds of NDE's. I am talking about dying and seeing a light, going through a tunnel, or even a scary darkness. I would love to ask them some questions as I am certain their experiences can (with the Bible's help) show us more about heaven! Can you imagine living our life for Christ in such a way, because we really believe Heaven is real! Pray with me about this topic and our churches will be telling you more about this soon!

Your Pastor in Christ,



Jason W. Collier



LITURGY FOR "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT" SERIES



Starting Sunday, May 15, Pastor Jason will be sharing a sermon series titled: "Set Free (the Fruit of the Spirit)". Following is the liturgy that will be used each week of the 3-part series.

- May 15 - Week 1: "Set Free to Live," Galatians 5:1, 13-18
- May 22 - Week 2: "Set Free to Serve." Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 22:24-27
- May 29 - Week 3: "Set Free to Transform the World," Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:5-10

PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. Unless Pastor hears from you, he has no way of knowing of your needs. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time or **AmySara's cell 319.591.0745**. You may also leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.





YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY

LOCK IN: 26 Students enjoyed the 2nd Annual Lock-In on March 24th. Held in Ainsworth Church, we enjoyed games led by Jessica Diers, food served by the Colliers and Calls and our volunteers played all night long games of Sardines and Karaoke. Shout out to Sonya Love-Smith, Kristen Anderson, Trent Megchelsen, Brenda Bean and Linda McNeil as well as Jessica, Jason, Tina, Steve and all those who donated time and energy to making this a fun filled night. Several of us lost our voices, many were afraid to go to the basement of the North church alone, and all the winter merchandise was put away and spring items were placed out at the ACC Missions/Youth Garage sale! We got a LOT done at our lock in!

NO MORE SUNDAYS ON THE CALENDAR

April marks the end of the Sunday youth events for this school year. Enjoy the month of May and spend it with your family, graduates, moms and others who have special days!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer will be full of FLASH EVENTS which will be sent out by texts or posted online in our Facebook Group: [facebook.com/ciayg](https://www.facebook.com/ciayg) Such events will include the 2nd Annual ADVENTURELAND event, Fire Pit, 121 time, Service Projects and other fun events! If you're not a member of the Facebook group and you are a parent or student of CIA Youth Ministry, please message AmySara or a CIA member and ask us to get you IN!!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Monday night Sisters Circle in Crawfordsville ended their Bible Study "One Thousand Gifts" based on the book and DVD by Ann Voskamp. Future planning for this group is in the works. The group currently meets Monday evenings at 7 PM in Crawfordsville Fellowship Hall. For future events, please check the church calendar or call [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745) (AmySara)

Spirit Sisters in Ainsworth has continued their "God Sightings" Bible study. This group meets once weekly in the mornings at 8:30 AM in the Ainsworth Church Fellowship Hall or in one of the ladies' homes. Please check the church calendar for location and time OR text or call AmySara at [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745) for more information.

SGU=SUMMER GAMES UNIVERSITY



Attention Students in 6th through 12th Grade! Summer Games University Registration is now OPEN!! If you have never been to Summer Games University, here are the important details:

- *Located at Grinnell College Campus in Grinnell, Iowa
- *Week long camp - July 11-15th 2016
- *Meet & hang out with Christian students of all denominations, as well as Ministers, Youth Directors and Leaders who love Jesus
- *Learn about building your own relationship with Jesus
- *Games, Worship, Hanging out, Laughter, Sermons, Craziess, Prayer, Dancing, Huddles and loads more!

Did you know that your church provides "camperships" which means that the church pays ALL (Ainsworth) or a PORTION of (Crawfordsville 2/3rds) your camp fee??!!!! So there really is NO reason you shouldn't be able to go to camp!! Contact Pastor Jason to get campership information. Register online ASAP at www.sgu.camp Registration must be paid in full by Wednesday, June 15th! Register TODAY - You won't be sorry!!!

ACC HUGE 3- DAY GARAGE SALE

Thursday, May 5 through Saturday May 7 the ACC Mission Committee and Youth Group are hosting a Huge Garage Sale at the North Church (corner of Lincoln & 4th in Ainsworth). This is a free will donation garage sale.



Goals: 1 - Get rid of LOTS of STUFF AND

2. Make LOT\$ of MONEY\$\$\$ for Mi\$\$ion work and Youth Group.

Please come and 'shop 'til you drop'. Here are the dates and hours – open rain or shine:

Thursday, May 5, 1 to 5 PM

Friday, May 6, 9 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, May 7, 9 AM to Noon

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our graduating seniors – recognition day for them will be Sunday, May 1. Plan to join us starting at 10 AM around the snack table in the sanctuary to congratulate the following students: From Washington HS: Lance Mills; From Highland HS: Giovanni Aguilar; Austin Frank; Tucker Hall; James McPherson; Dwayne Milewski; Antonio

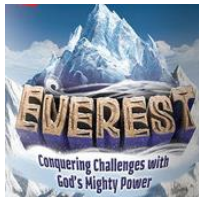
Olguin; Nick Sandburg; Keiffer Sexton; Allison Widmer.

COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sorry – You will have to wait until the June issue of “The Evangel” to see the names of the 2016-17 Colthurst Scholarship recipients in print. The release of the May newsletter could scoop the announcement at worship on May 1.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 31 TO JUNE 2



Youth will “Embark on an icy expedition . . . where kids overcome obstacles with God’s awesome power.” *Expedition to Everest* will be the theme of VBS 2016 at Ainsworth Community Church. The dates will be Tuesday, May 31 through Thursday, June 2. Each session will be held at Ainsworth Community Church from 6:30 TO 8 PM. We will need adult and teen volunteers to assist with this awesome program. Please call the

church – 319-657-3020 or Jan 319-657-2291 or 319-330-6175 if you could help with lessons, games, crafts, or snack time. Thank you!

ACCW–MAY 12 – 1:30 PM



The May meeting of ACCW will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 12. Ruth Miller is scheduled to be the hostess with the program facilitated by Sandy Stout.

THANK YOU FOR THE CLEANING HELP!

“Thank you!” to those assisting in the April cleaning projects. A group of wonderful volunteers came for the “Liquid Gold Party”: Linda McNeil, Wilma Chalupa, Wayne and Anne Freyenberger, Carol Bean, Kathi Bean, Jenny Yoder, Janet Rees, Steve and Rita Anderson, Diane Anding, Marcia Wilson, Judy Skubal, and Jan Temple.



NEW LIFE HOUSE:



EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH HOPE

Recently a Christian group in Wayland acquired a five-bedroom, two-bathroom home to become a shelter for women. The home is not perfect, but it is just the right place for a new beginning, a new start, a new life. Women in the community will step into a home that lifts up their God-given gifts, honoring and respecting them for the women they are created to be. The generosity of a community that surrounds and supports them will show these women the love of Christ that can make a difference in their lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they will become strong, confident, courageous women who can make a difference in others' lives.

What gifts does the New Life House need right now?

1. We need **prayer partners**. If you would like to receive prayer updates for the New Life House, please contact Tamara.
 2. We need **financial donors**. To make a donation, please contact Tamara.
 3. We need a few really nice items to make the home comfortable for all residents such as dressers, full size sheet sets, pillows, curtains/blinds, tables, bookshelves, freezer; dorm size refrigerator. Please contact Tamara if you have any of these items for sale or free. Thank you so very much for believing with us that God is on the move in a big way!
- Tamara's contact information is tamaraig@gmail.com or [319-217-2456](tel:319-217-2456).**

MISSION OFFERING TO SUPPORT FOGELMAN'S

Sunday, May 15, ACC will have a special collection to support the mission work of Lynn and Sharon Fogelman (Goodwin). They work in South Sudan. An excerpt from their latest newsletter (posted on church bulletin board):



- They recently helped train 17 Home Health Promotors on the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH).
- In June they will provide further training on childhood health, maternal health, and infectious diseases to the HHPs.

They request our prayers for the citizens of South Sudan who are distressed with an unsettled government and extreme inflation. Lynn and Sharon will be making a quick trip to celebrate their oldest son Kurt's wedding to Annie Wills on May 28th in the Denver, CO area. They are grateful for your prayers and financial support. If you wish to send financial support, you may send it to: The Mission Society, PO Box 922637, Norcross, GA 30010-2637 In the memo indicate: "3017 FOG SUP"

Pentecost Celebration Sunday, May 15



On Sunday, May 15 we will observe Pentecost Sunday at Ainsworth Community Church. One way we do this is to wear something red to worship that day. Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church.

Thank you, Kim Yoder!

We extend sincere thanks to Kim Yoder for donating his labor for the installation of the total building surge protector for the South Church. Thank you!



CAMP REECE OFFERING – MAY 22

Camp REECE is August 8-12, 2016. They receive no funds from federal, state or local government sources relying totally on donations from the people of Washington County and statewide volunteers. They have grown from a camp serving 8 campers in 1968 to 100 campers today. If you wish to help these campers with all or part of the cost of camp – a campership is \$225. You may donate any amount, large or small, on Sunday, May 22. Simply put your contribution in the donation jar at back of church – small brown envelopes will be available.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Graduations; Weddings; Babies; Planting Season; Summer Vacation; Sunshine; Healing. **Concerns:** Growing season for farmers and gardeners; those contemplating surgery and recovering from illness; those dealing with financial issues. **Serving Our Country:** “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of issues at the April 14 Parish Council meeting:

AmySara submitted a written report and shared that the lock-in was enjoyed by 26 youth. Plans are being made for summer. **Pastor Jason** completed another class in his Course of Study. 7 down, 13 to go. Tentative dates for **VBS 2016** are Tuesday, May 31 through Thursday, June 2. Teen Bibles will be presented to high school seniors on May 1. The first Parents and Preschoolers was attended by about 7 youth plus adults. **Worship in the Park** is set for June 12 at 10 AM; Potluck to follow at 11:30. **Property Committee:** A total building surge protector has been installed at the South Church. THANK YOU KIM YODER for donating your time!! Jason and others are working to eliminate the buzz in the sound system. Tim Elliott is aware the Calls are moving the end of May and that we will need new tenants in the parsonage. **Mission Committee** – sales at April sale were not good. Will try again in May. Kathi received money from HACAP to expand the educational portion of the food pantry. **SPPRC** needs to meet soon to complete Pastor Jason’s annual evaluation. **Adapt to Thrive** – trend is to make church the community hub of Ainsworth. **New Business:** Plans are to purchase **sod and fill dirt** for around the South Church. A professional **pest control** company will begin spraying regularly at the parsonage. **Grants:** If the Parish Council chooses to seek funding from the Riverboat Foundation, they will seek approval from the congregation for a period of 2 years to cover mini and regular grants. All grants or monies being sought for the church and its projects should be brought to Parish Council before final submission. **RAGBRAI:** Wayne Freyenberger will chair a fund raising committee to host a food booth. Possibly serve brownies and/or fruit cobbler with ice cream. **Fall Festival:** Use monies earned at RAGBRAI to host a community wide fall festival in 2016 held in early September. Next meeting May 12 at 7 PM.



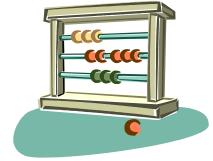
BUDGET REPORT – 3-31-16

	Income	\$6,553.00	Expenses	\$4,011.42
	General Fund	\$18,714.60	Building Fund	\$13,671.52
	Memorial Fund	\$5,593.29	Need/month for budget	\$7,603.00

2016 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,062.00

MARCH AND APRIL ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016
March	421	391
April	329	271



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Refreshments	AV
May 1	Myron Rees, Jason Anderson	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Shalyn Kirk	ACCW & Membership	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
8	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Carson Bean	Karen Megchelsen, Kathi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
15	Dale Holmes, Kenneth Kruse	Steve/Rita Anderson	Gracyn Bean- Humston	Betty Bean, Marcia Wilson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
22	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Lexi Collier	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
29	Myron Rees, Sam Kruse	Betty/Jerry Bean	Kate Hartzler	Jessica Diers, Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
June 5	Dave Kaufman, Steve Anderson	Dan/Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Liz Kaufman, Rita Anderson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 2016

MAY 1 (6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67 (UHM 791)
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29



Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

MAY 22 (1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/TRINITY SUNDAY)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

MAY 8 (7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97 (UMH 816)
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

MAY 29 (2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

MAY 15 (DAY OF PENTECOST)

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

MAY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) *Jason & Christina Collier; 2) Kim Yoder, 3) Dylan Goodwin; 6) Mary Louise Meeks; 7) Myron Rees, Kristen Anderson, Ted Hahn; 8) Chris Hartzler; 9) Stacy Klinzman; 11) Brian Chalupa; 12) Dakota Longbine; 16) Bob Jacobs; 18) *Brian



& Colleen Bean; 19) Sue Frame; 20) James Beemblossom, Craig Edmondson; 21) *Wendell & Karen Arduser; 23) Bill Wilson; Jeremy Collier; 25) Brady Hahn; *Jason & Rachel Longbine; 27) *Kim & Jenny Yoder, Kelly Caldvet; 30) Brittany Anderson, Linda McNeil, Joyce Edmondson, Mindy Rochwick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2016

Sunday, May 1: Adult Bible Study, The Story, Chapter 31, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Senior Sunday including Colthurst Scholarship Announcement, 10:30 AM – informal reception before and after worship in sanctuary

Monday, May 2: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 3: “Son” Seekers, Mike and Mary Lou Koehler, 7 PM

Wednesday, May 4: Parents and Preschoolers, 11:15 AM, Fellowship Hall – MUST pre-register, See Ann or call 657-3020

Thursday, May 5: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; National Day of Prayer Observance, Washington, IA, Pastor Jason speaking at noon; ACC Garage Sale, North Church, 1-5 PM; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 6: ACC Garage Sale, North Church, 9 AM to 3 PM; Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM ACC Sanctuary; Parent’s Night Out, ACC Fellowship Hall, MUST Pre-register, call Ann, Church Office: 657-3020; or Jan: 319-330-6175

Saturday, May 7: ACC Garage Sale, North Church, 9 AM to Noon.

Sunday, May 8: Mother’s Day Observed; Worship with Communion at ACC, 10:30 AM

Monday, May 9: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 12: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; ACCW, 1:30 PM Fellowship Hall; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Friday, May 13: Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sunday, May 15: Day of Pentecost – wear something red to worship; Fogelman Offering; Fruits of the Spirit Sermon Series – Part 1 of 3

Monday, May 16: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 17: “Card” Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; “Son” Seekers, Jim & Penny McCreedy

Wednesday May 18: Staff Meeting, UCC, 8:30 AM; Bachelors Lunch, 11:30 AM, Crawfordsville

Thursday, May 19: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 20: Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sunday, May 22: Fruits of the Spirit Sermon Series – Part 2 of 3; Camp REECE Offering

Monday, May 23: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha; Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 24: Adapt to Thrive, strategic planning series, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday May 25: Parents and Preschoolers, 11:15 AM, Fellowship Hall – MUST pre-register, See Ann or call 657-3020 or 319-330-6175

Thursday, May 26: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 27: Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sunday, May 29: Fruits of the Spirit Sermon Series, Part 3 of 3.

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Observed

Tuesday, May 31: Vacation Bible School, 6:30 to 8 PM, South Church

Wednesday, June 1: Vacation Bible School, 6:30 to 8 PM, South Church,

Thursday, June 2: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; Vacation Bible School, 6:30 to 8 PM, South Church

Friday, June 3: Iowa Annual Conference (June 3 thru June 6); Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM, South Church Sanctuary Parent’s Night Out, 6-8 PM, MUST pre-register, See Ann or call 657-3020 or 319-330-6175

Monday, June 6: Blood Drive, Crawfordsville, 1-7 PM; Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 7: “Son” Seekers, Betty & Jerry Bean, 7 PM

Thursday, June 9: Spirit Sisters Ainsworth Bible Study, 8:30 AM; ACCW, Norma White Home, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall, Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Friday, June 10: Praise Team Rehearsal, 6 PM, South Church Sanctuary; Painting Fundraiser

Saturday, June 11: ACC Garage Sale, 9-Noon, North Church

Sunday, June 12: Worship in the Park, Marr Park, Ainsworth, 10 AM; Potluck following worship, 11:30 AM

Monday, June 13: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

Sunday, June 19: Father’s Day Observed



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church

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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; and Ann: 319.330.0348

Ainsworth Community Church is a United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA) union congregation, together since 1973. Aligned with United Church of Crawfordsville since April 1, 2013.

We are the community church. We hope you will come and join us in one or more of these activities: Morning Worship Service, Youth Fellowship, Bible Studies, Women's Group, and much more.