



Life Under the Dome

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Life Under the Dome Weekly Calendar

July 28th – Aug. 3rd, 2020

Today, Tuesday, July 28 th	7:00 P.M. Executive Council Mtg.
Wednesday, July 29 th	7:00 P.M. Media Team (Fellowship Rm/ZOOM)
Thursday, July 30 th	
Friday, July 31 st	
Saturday, Aug. 1 st	
Sunday, Aug. 2 nd	9:15 A.M. Café Grace Praise & Worship (Bethany Hall) 10:45 A.M. Sanctuary Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Aug. 3 rd	5:15 P.M. Café Grace Team

Please remember our dear friends in prayer

Prayer List: Bill Kite, Ami Lotz (Granddaughter of Brian & Ernestine Geboy), Jeff Bartlett & family, Diane Liles (Sister of Steve Swartz), Aaron Kite, CDC (Corona Virus), Tom Newlon (Brain Cancer), essential and frontline workers, our Church, our Nation, our World, Peace, Terry Van Buskirk (recovering from hip surgery), Laura Orren (daughter of Linda & Aaron Kite), John Barrett, Erma Beck (Mother of Bob Hughes), Dorothy Notestine, Sally Ball, Suzanne Starbuck, Amy Jo Robinson, John Birt (Son in Law of Barb Smith), Rev. Bob Thornton (COVID),



Friends at Logan Acres:

The Homestead: Ed Post, Dick Van Buskirk

The Care Center: Eileen Charles, Retha Lowe, Betty Miller, Lucille Post

Our Friend in Findlay: Jan Powell

Our Friend at Belle Springs: Charlotte Dille

Our Friends at Home: Glendora Allen, Barb Smith, Everetta Titus, Jim & Norma Kipker, Fred & Ruth Meredith

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Rev. Jeff Bartlett upon his going to his eternal reward on Sat., July 25th. A Memorial service is planned for 1:00 P.M., Sat., Aug. 1st at Gender Rd Christian Church in Canal Winchester. It is on the far side of Columbus. Their building is large and will allow for social distancing. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning 10:30 A.M. For those unable to attend in person the service will be live streamed on the Gender Road Christian Church Facebook page or their website.



BOB & DOROTHY NOTESTINE will celebrate **70** years of marriage on Thurs., Aug.6th.

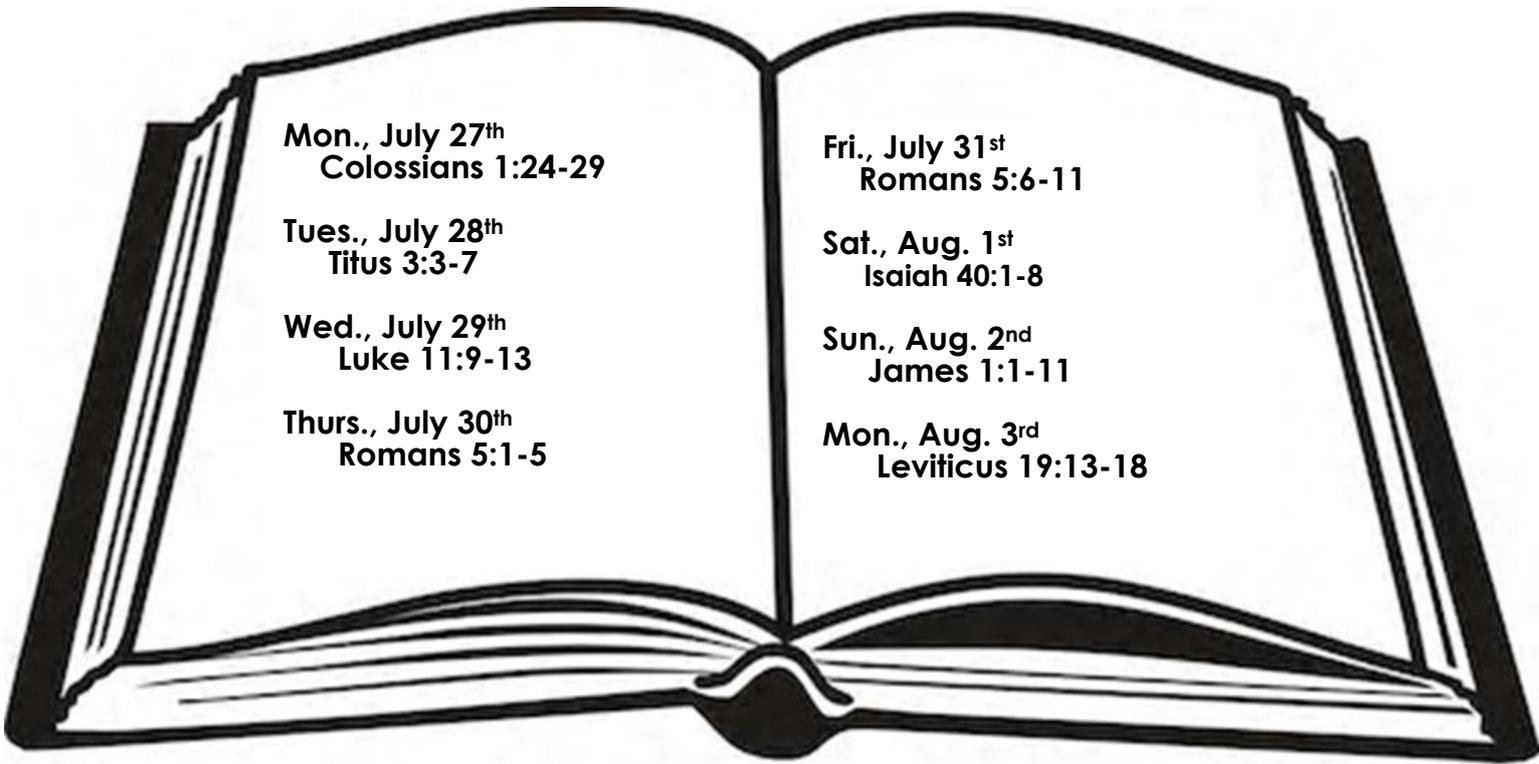


Cards may be sent to:

Bob & Dorothy Notestine
1193 Erie
Bellefontaine Ohio 43311



Daily Bible Readings



Mon., July 27th
Colossians 1:24-29

Tues., July 28th
Titus 3:3-7

Wed., July 29th
Luke 11:9-13

Thurs., July 30th
Romans 5:1-5

Fri., July 31st
Romans 5:6-11

Sat., Aug. 1st
Isaiah 40:1-8

Sun., Aug. 2nd
James 1:1-11

Mon., Aug. 3rd
Leviticus 19:13-18

Stewardship for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Gen Fund \$ 687.00	Dome/Boiler \$ 10.00	Attendance In Person Facebook
Outreach \$ 40.00	Outreach Adopted Family \$ 20.00	Café Grace 19
Capital Imp \$	Camp Christian \$ 10.00	Sanctuary

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A letter from our Outreach Team (The Audacious Ask!)

The First Christian Church of Bellefontaine's Outreach Committee has joined forces with the First Friends Church to adopt a family in need. Unfortunately, due to the sensitive nature of this family's circumstances, we are not able to name the family or to explain the situation, nor can they be mentioned on any social media platform. But this family has a huge change of circumstances that has greatly increased their need of help with basic necessities and bills. But the greatest and most dire need is a vehicle for 15 passengers. This is a very expensive item but the need is essential and immediate.

We have decided to set the audacious goal of raising \$30,000 dollars for this family with the hope of meeting a deadline of August 31, 2020 (but will gratefully accept donations through December.) Obviously, we cannot begin to host enough fund raisers to raise this type of revenue so we are also stepping out in faith and are asking for monetary contributions and donations toward this goal.

If you feel moved to make a contribution or monthly pledge toward this vehicle or the family's needs, please send a check to First Christian Church of Bellefontaine (Make sure it is labeled *Adopted Family*) or donate on-line to tithely.com. The tithely app has an item titled Outreach Adopted Family Project. Most of all, PLEASE pray for this family and that a solution will be found for their transportation issues.

If we do not meet the goal we have set, we will give all donated funds to the family to take care of basic needs and living expenses. Please help us by making donations, passing this word to others you know that might be able to help, but most of all, praying for this anonymous family and their situation.

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Holy Discontent

Scripture Reading — Numbers 32:1-27

"We will arm ourselves for battle and go ahead of the Israelites until we have brought them to their place."
— Numbers 32:17

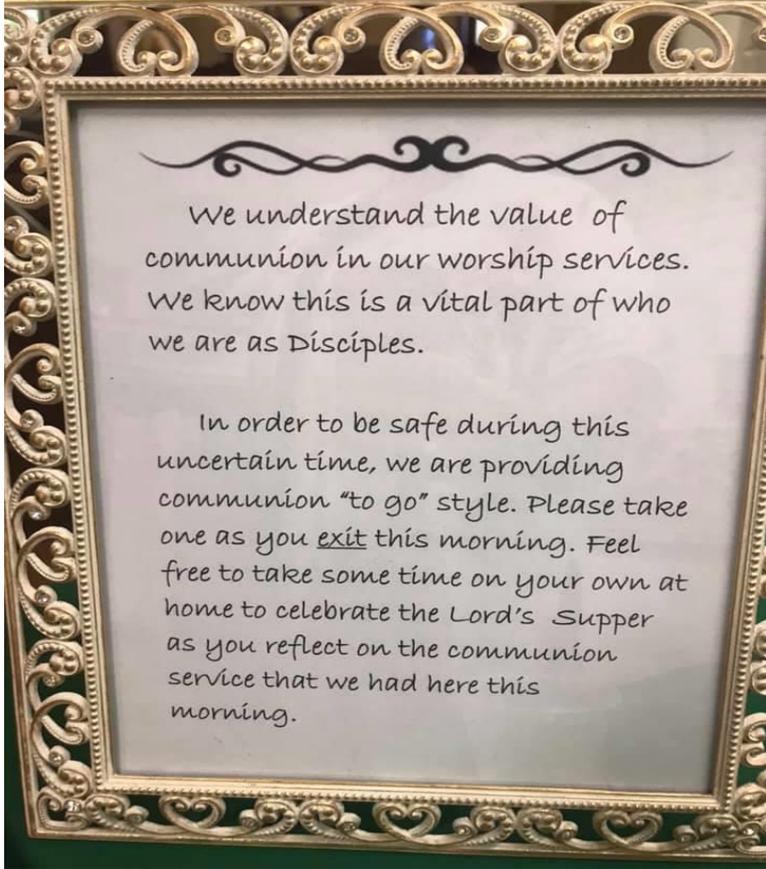
The promised land was just across the Jordan River, but the land on the near side of the -river looked good for grazing. So the tribes of Reuben and Gad petitioned Moses to let them settle in that area. In doing so, they faced the temptation of settling in a place determined by their possessions rather than by the Lord's promise. When Moses challenged them, the tribes of Reuben and Gad agreed to go with the others across the Jordan to conquer the land.

Settling down and being fulfilled merely with the things around us is so tempting. The more we have, the easier it is to focus solely on this life. Rather than keeping our eyes on the promises of God, we tend to see the things around us and be satisfied with them.

Christian faith is marked by a holy discontent with earthly treasures. That's easy when things are difficult. But as Christians, we need to long for Christ and his kingdom even when things are good, because we know Jesus is the greatest treasure.

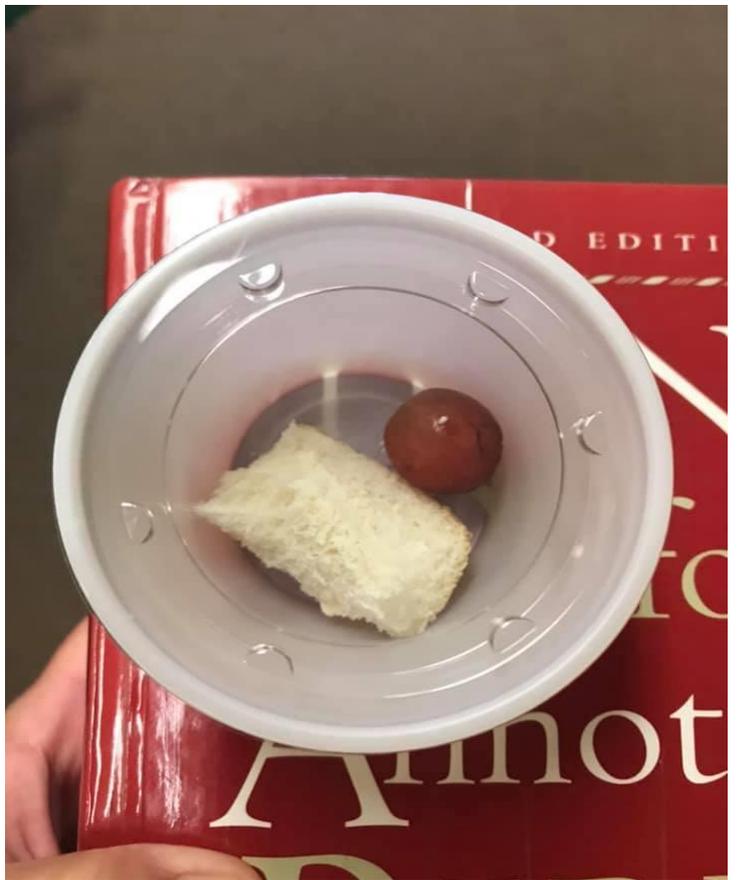
Can we be thankful for what we have while also longing for Christ? Yes, by remembering that Jesus had all the glories of heaven—and yet he emptied himself for us. He gave up the riches of heaven and became poor so that we might be rich in him (Philippians 2:1-11). Praise God!

Father, help me not to love earthly treasures more than you. We worship you for giving us the gift of your Son (John 3:16). In Jesus' name, Amen.



We understand the value of communion in our worship services. We know this is a vital part of who we are as Disciples.

In order to be safe during this uncertain time, we are providing communion "to go" style. Please take one as you exit this morning. Feel free to take some time on your own at home to celebrate the Lord's Supper as you reflect on the communion service that we had here this morning.



These are uncertain times. We are certain that we are Disciples. As Disciples, the Lord's Table is important to us. Due to the pandemic we are cautious Disciples. In the words of Beth Ramsey; "This. Is. Awesome! This is how we adapt and remain faithful." 🍷

What is a parable? According to Merriam Webster a parable is - a usually short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle; also : something (such as a news story or a series of real events) likened to a parable in providing an instructive example or lesson. Jesus used many parables to help us to understand His teachings.

What are 5 characteristics of a parable?

- They are clear, concise, and simple in detail.
- They speak of familiar experience, the experience of everyday life.
- The parables are kingdom-centered; they point to the Kingdom of God.
- The ending of the parable is significant. Often it is surprising, a reversal of what was expected.
- Usually the parable has a single main point...

Examples of Jesus' parables include the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Mashalim from the Old Testament include the parable of the ewe-lamb (told by Nathan in 2 Samuel 12:1-9) and the parable of the woman of Tekoah (in 2 Samuel 14:1-13).

We would like for each of you to write your own parable about what you think the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Think about God's work being done around you. Here are a few questions to help get you thinking.

1. What do you expect to see from God's work?
2. Where do you expect to find it?
3. Have there been times when your expectations have been overturned?

We would like to have these by the end of August. We are thinking we would like to compile these in a pamphlet or booklet. We are excited about this project and look forward to receiving your parables.