

OUR PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Hi folks,

I hope you've been having a great summer. I know I have been. It started with going to Utah to see Martin, and then our Martin Family reunion, and it's continued with Reach Work Camp in Crossville, Tennessee. There were 350 some people there. Probably 280 were High Schoolers and the rest were adults. During our week 30 houses were worked on. I got to go out with the photographers, and go on materials deliveries and construction trash pick-up with the Reach staff. One morning I also got to be with a crew and help paint inside a house. I also did behind the scenes stuff that helped the Reach Work Camp staff. It was a really good week and I'm already looking forward to next year.

I've been enjoying eating my favorite summertime garden produce. Stuff like cucumber salad (with Bell Peppers added in), and fruit salad, green and yellow string beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, and beets. Our blackberries are the best they've been since we planted them three years ago. I think of Psalm 34:8 every time I have some, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; ..." (Yes, I know this is out of context). It's still what comes to my mind though.

The Canna Lilies that I bought at our recent MOPC mission / youth group yard sale have all come up and most of them are blooming. They're around four feet tall, with big dark green leaves, and wonderful bright red flowers. Humming Birds have been coming to them. At Work Camp, I saw some in a person's yard, and they were probably seven feet tall. It would be something if mine would grow like that in the coming years. I like these flowers, along with Tulips, Poppies, Day Lilies, Fire Weed, Ferns, and Hosta, and they all remind me of Matthew 6:28-34 and Luke 12:27-31. "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet, I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." These passages ask me to think about what's really important to me. And I'm reminded to give God first place in every area of my life. I hope your flowers will do the same for you.

I'd like to let you know about a mission opportunity that comes through a minister friend of mine that I've known for a long time. His name is Boyd Edmondson. He's been going to Rwanda and the place and people have captured his heart. So much so that he's started "Rwanda JOY" (www.rwandajoy.org). He's currently investigating what it takes to become an NGO (non-governmental organization) in Rwanda, and hopefully strengthening his team of people in Rwanda who work closely with him. And he has a Go Fund Me account as well (<https://www.gofundme.com/2017-mission-trip-to-rwanda>). He helps poverty stricken kids, young adults and adults with finances for education, housing, and jobs. If you're on Facebook, look him up, and you'll see pictures and you can read updates on his ministry. I've also shared some of his Facebooks posts on our church Facebook pages. Would you consider supporting Boyd with a

donation of \$20.00 or \$40.00 or \$100.00? He's going again for the first half of this August. This would be a wonderful investment in God's Kingdom.

While I was visiting with a church friend in the hospital, I saw a small stone with Jeremiah 17:7 engraved on it. "Blessed is the man who trust in the Lord ..."
That's a great passage for each and every one of us!

Summer time blessings,

Rev. Douglas M. Hileman, Pastor

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Annual Church Picnic Our church picnic will be held Saturday August 12th at Dan and Boni Henry's. There will be swimming, sports and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, paper supplies and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite dish. We will eat at approx. 5:30 p.m.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Koryn Barrett - 345 Lamparter Rd., Quarryville, PA 17566

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group would like to say thank you for supporting us once again to go to Reach. We had an amazing week in Crossville Tennessee. We along with about 400 other campers, fixed up 30 homes. The neighbors were all so grateful for all of us being there. Thanks so much for your continued support.

MISSIONS



This is the latest email Dave Henry received from Pastor Johel in Tamshiyacu. When Dan & Boni left, the foundation posts were in the ground, but that was it. We left \$funds to give to Johnny and his helper to finish the project.

Great! We are so glad to see there is something for the kids to play on outside.

MISSION MUSINGS

At church this morning I saw the group photo of our M.O. 2017 Reach Workcamp team. It brought back many memories of my 14 years of participating in Reach Workcamps. I especially thought of my first year in 1996. Oh my, has it been 21 years already? I remember staying late at work the Saturday before we were heading to Workcamp the following day. Things were very hectic that summer at work and I stayed late trying to get extra work done to help my boss's coming week go well. I remember some anxiety and frustration and wondering if I was doing the right thing taking off work. It was a dreary, rainy day and I put my head on my desk to pray. I remember basically praying, God I do believe you want me to serve you but is this the right time to take a week off work? When I raised my head the sun was shining brightly through the window upon me. I think tears came to my eyes as I thought, well God you have certainly given me the answer. I am not naive enough to believe He always answers that quickly but I know He did that time.

I tell that story to illustrate how God's plans do not always fit neatly with our plans. Even though there were trials and struggles over the years of Workcamp I loved every trip and thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve with Reach Workcamp.

I believe we at M.O. are more mission minded then we have been in all the years I have been part of this family. From local Missions like Solanco Food Bank, New Hope Ministry, Flowing Oil Cafe and many more to national and international missions like Operation Christmas Child, Peru, Columbo's, Glover's and others. I do not say this to pat ourselves on the back or rest on our laurels. I believe God has opportunities for everyone to get involved in helping others and I know when we do we will be glad we did.

We have a smaller church family than 20, 30 or 50 years ago but we see over and over in the Bible how God uses willing hearts to accomplish big things. David was a small boy when he slew Goliath. Jesus took a small boy's meager offering of 5 loaves and 2 fish and fed over 5000 people. These are just two examples of God using His people to accomplish His will.

May each of us be like David and be His children seeking His heart and His will for our lives. How do we do that? As Douglas often says and reminded us with his message this morning, read and study the Bible every day. Another very important part is prayer. Paul says pray without ceasing. We must live our lives in prayer and take everything to God in prayer.

Most of all we must share the gospel, loving and forgiving others as Christ does for each of us. Spread the GOOD NEWS in words and deeds as so many need to hear about salvation and eternal life only Christ can offer!!!

Acts 4:13
Dan Henry
MISSION Committee Chair

REFLECTIONS

by Barry Girvin

Hillbilly

I recently read the book Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. Two things left a big impression on me. One, how much the experiences of youth key how we react to situations in later life. Two, how most of the messes we get into are our own fault because we refuse to take personal responsibility. Thus, the demise of the white working class is the result of their own bad choices.

The author described his troubled youth which included constantly being on guard as family alcoholism and fighting were a way of life. He also described hillbilly “codes” of Kentucky such as the one which motivated him to defend the honor of his mother even though her parade of husbands made his life miserable. Thus, in later life his spur of the moment reactions are to hide, fight, or argue. This comes from the feeling that he was never safe and could not trust anyone except those who gave him a safe haven along the way -his grandmother and grandfather.

Hillbilly “codes” are often associated with Scot-Irish folks who will never tolerate being disrespected – “Them’s fightin’ words”! Scores must be settled as in the famous family feuds like the Hatfields and McCoys.

So, how does the author try to master the insecurities formed as a child and try to have a good marriage? How does he resist punching someone out over a road rage incident? You will have to read the book to find out.

In my case, the pressures of being the oldest child and the scars of my parents’ drinking, fighting, and divorce have left their mark. I have had to cope with feeling that I am always held to a higher standard, and that my insecurities will never allow me to let down my guard and be capable of a loving and trusting relationship. I guess 57 years of marriage to my best friend show that the Lord has shown me the answer – Trust yourself!

THIS- N-THAT



Fun Facts about Sunflowers

- Sunflowers are native to the Americas. They used to be used for medicine, dye, food and oil, and were exported around 1500.
- The giant flower on sunflowers is actually made up of many tiny blooms. The center of the sunflower, where the seeds develop, is made up of tiny blossoms that bees absolutely love. Want to naturally attract bees to your space? Plant some sunflowers.
- Sunflowers typically grow between five and 12 feet tall (not counting cute little dwarf sunflowers.) They can reach that height in as little as six months.
- At the bud stage, sunflowers exhibit a unique trait called heliotropism -- the bud of the sunflower faces the sun at all times throughout the day, starting the day facing east, and ending it facing west.
- The sunflower is the state flower of Kansas and the national flower of Ukraine.
- To protect sunflower seeds from birds, place a mesh bag or nylon stocking over the bloom until the seeds ripen.
- Sunflowers can remove toxins such as lead, arsenic and uranium from contaminated soil. They are a natural decontaminator of soils, and have been used to clean up soil at some of the world's biggest environmental disasters including Chernobyl and Fukushima.
- Not all sunflower petals are yellow. There are more than 60 varieties of sunflowers that live across the world--some of these varieties have striped petals. Some sunflowers also have different interior shades.
- The sunflower is the only flower with the word "flower" in its name.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August birthdays beginning with the 6th

- 7 – Nancy Harnish
- 8 – Abby Landis
- 9 – Chad Ressel
- 11 – Koryn Barrett
- 12 – Sara Kauffman
- 14 – Eva Bishop
- 15 – Chris Pfeiffer, Martin Hileman
- 16 – Lily Keene
- 18 – Katelyn Keene
- 24 – Jani Hileman
- 28 – Eric LeFevre

August anniversaries

- 14 – Caley & Melissa Roark
- 28 – Ray & Valerie Wessner



TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR TO DATE GENERAL FUND AND BENEVOLENCE FINANCES July 31, 2017

	Monthly Budget	YTD Budget	Monthly Received	YTD Received	YTD Expenses
General Fund	13,972.85	86,631.67	14,410.75	80,999.77	75,845.75
Benevolence	615.40	3,815.48	725.00	4,367.00	

The following is the individual weekly breakdown of offerings:

July 2-	General Fund	1,588.35		Benevolence	90.00
July 9 -	General Fund	2,381.00		Benevolence	180.00
July 16-	General Fund	1,515.00		Benevolence	82.00
July 23 -	General Fund	1,488.00		Benevolence	77.00
July 30 -	General Fund	2,176.00		Benevolence	271.00

An additional \$5,262.40 General Fund money and \$25.00 Benevolence money was received by mail (manse rental, etc.).

We had a low balance in the beginning of the month, so I requested \$3,000.00 from the Cemetery Fund as part of their help towards the mowing expense. Then the 5 Sunday month helped to increase the ending balance for the month.

Let's continue to work together in August and remember to make up your finances for weeks that you miss attending church.

Debbie Hoover, Secretary-Treasurer



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8 ROMEO club 9:00 a.m. Trustee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 9	Aug. 10 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 11	Aug. 12 Church picnic At the Henry's Eat at 5:30
Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15 ROMEO club 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19 Clothing giveaway 7:00 – 11:00
Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 22 ROMEO club 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26
Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29 ROMEO club 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sept. 1	Sept. 2