

August 2018

Pittsburg CoB

Matthew 24:32-35NRSV

³²“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Don't you just love the summer time! Green fields, warm days, bright sun occasionally contrasted by storm clouds rolling across the sky. To many, summer is a time to relax and enjoy creation. On the road it is a time to sprout orange barrels - to smooth out the rough places and prepare for a season of travel.

Luke 3:4-6NRSV

⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Put those scriptures together and we see it is a time to prepare for one who is coming. So enjoy the summer, but double down on your prayer and meditation of God's word. Enjoy creation and take every opportunity to share love, hope and peace that others may also know a smooth path.

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Sunday 9:00 am - Sunday School
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship

--- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

- Aug 5 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
The Singing Auctioneer - Dane Bailey
- Sept 2 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Hymn Sing
- Sept 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Church Board
- Sept 9 Skit startup Sunday
- Sept 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Church Council
- Sept 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Study startup
- Oct 7 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Morse Family
- Nov 4 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Faithful Sons
- Dec 2 Sunday 6:00 pm
Concert of the Month
Christmas Concert



**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9 Justin & Rachael Strawser
- 10 Anita Troutwine
- 15 Brody Williams
- 16 Doug & Anna Bevins
- 21 Darwin Rhoades
- 26 Larry Hart
- 28 Kenneth Miller
- 29 John & Andy Strawser
- 29 Noah McCabe

Note:
If we have not listed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Pastor so we can correct the list.

Castine Area Food Bank
Food item for August
Chili Ingredients



Skit about what the disciples learned when people were bringing children to Jesus.



**August concert of the month
The Singing Auctioneer**



**The Pittsburg Church of the Brethren
will present Dane Bailey, the Singing Auctioneer,
on Sunday, August 5, 2018, at 6:00 PM.**

In 1969 Dane originally from Berne, IN was called to the ministry and moved to Winona Lake, IN. In 1975 he started attending Grace Theological Seminary.

Not having been involved in music in college or thinking about music as a ministry, he was surprised when singing opportunities began to come his way, and the rest is history. Today, Dane, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a full time singer and recording artist with a rich history of music and ministry.

As one whom God called to the ministry, Dane comes with a sincere desire to encourage you and to challenge you in your daily walk with the Lord, and to be used however and wherever God leads. Dane's challenge has become one of market place ministry.

He has been further challenged by Matt. 13:3 which says, "Behold, the sower went out and sowed." This has to broaden his vision and to open doors of opportunity for ministry by living his testimony and sharing the Good News when the doors open.

Believing that laughter is medicine from God, Dane recorded an all comedy project, "Laughin' Time" to help heal the spirit.

Dane is a "real, for sure" professional auctioneer.

A growing part of his travels include entertaining and auctioning for a variety of benefit functions. He has helped raise money for churches, missions, fire departments, schools, and many other organizations. He comes to entertain as well as auction keep your event lively and fun.

The public is invited to come and experience Dane's ministry on August 5th. Light refreshments will be served following the concert.



Cheeseman Updates

Serving as clay pots in Southeast Asia

2 Corinthians 4:7

Dear Pitsburg Church of the Brethren,

We have been very aware over the last six months how valuable our prayer team is.

We appreciate your continued prayers as we walk with our students through Bible translation training. Summer classes are half over, and we are thankful to report that most of the students are doing well. Outside of the office, life remains full. We appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

- **Answers to Prayer:** First of all, we have much to be thankful for this month. Our water and electricity are fully functional again, and even more importantly, all hearing tests came back normal for Amara last month! Thank you for praying.
- **Bibles:** Little by little, God keeps opening doors to share the Northern Thai New Testament with friends in our neighborhood. Because Northern Thai is considered a less prestigious language, a translated Bible can be considered offensive if not given in the proper context. Please continue to pray with us for opportunities to strengthen relationships and share the Gospel through both our lifestyle and our words.
- **Connecting with Thai Moms:** Ivy is teaming up with our Thai pastor's wife to lead a homeschooling group for Thai moms. Our pastor's wife met some homeschooling moms who want to learn more about homeschooling, family life, and discipline. She asked Ivy to come alongside and be a part of the on-going discussion. We are excited for the opportunity, but certainly don't feel like experts! The other moms come from a variety of backgrounds, and some have influential places in society (such as a husband serving with the United Nations). Pray with us that Ivy and our pastor's wife can be a positive example of Christ's hope, power, and love.

- **Community:** One of the things we love about our city is the way it's used as a training center for ministry workers. Unfortunately this also means we're constantly saying goodbye to friends. This year has been particularly hard on the girls as they begin to experience more mature friendships. Please pray that they would keep building new friendships even when they know it will hurt to say goodbye. Pray we can help them process their losses and keep bringing them back to the hope we have in Jesus.
- **An Emergency Trip:** Last month Ivy made an emergency trip to America to help one of the new families we supervise return home. The wife was suffering from severe postpartum depression, and needs treatment beyond what we can offer in Thailand. Please pray for healing for this family and for wisdom as we discuss with them the feasibility of their return.
- **Dizziness:** Ever since arriving back in Thailand (after helping our teammate travel to America in May) Ivy has felt constantly off-balance, as if she just got off a boat. Thankfully the swaying sensation has been mild most days, but by each evening she's pretty tired. Please pray for this to pass and not reoccur. We are beginning to suspect she's experiencing Disembarkment Syndrome which could make future international travel challenging.
- **Vacation:** The last six months have been intense, and we have been looking forward to our first real vacation since moving to Thailand. (A visit to the Bridge of the River Kwai and a few days at the beach!) We don't know what God has planned for this time, but we're hoping and praying for a peaceful, healthy week. Please pray that the break will help alleviate Ivy's dizziness and that the train/bus rides wouldn't worsen it.

Thank you for praying with us through these situations. We sometimes feel Satan wants to discourage us, but know that God can take each situation and use it for his own glory. Pray that we would abide in Christ and allow Him to complete His work.

Nate and Ivy Cheeseman

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