

# September 2018

# Pittsburg CoB

Proverbs 1:1-7NRSV

<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:  
<sup>2</sup>For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, <sup>3</sup>for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; <sup>4</sup>to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young - <sup>5</sup>let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

## FROM THE PASTOR:

One of the things my dad taught me is that we can always learn something. Whether young or not so young, we can pick up new information and wisdom if we are open and seeking.

As a new school year begins, I hope we all use our opportunity to learn to blend new information of life with a deeper understanding of Life - our walk with Christ. We can do that by seeking new scriptures and working to understand them in connection with what is happening each day.

I invite you to learn as a group as we begin Bible Study on September 19th at 7 pm. I'm thinking we will pick a new scripture each week and dig into its meaning.

The Williams team invite others to participate in the Pittsburg Players. They would like to move to every other week and allow others to experience the joy. There will be a sign up sheet on the back table.

Remember to pray for our schools!  
Pastor Ken



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Pastor: Ken Oren

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

## - - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

- 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
- Sept 26 Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Bible Study
- Oct 7 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Morse Family
- Nov 4 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Faithful Sons
- Nov 9-10 Friday and Saturday  
Kingdom Building Conference  
with Paul Munday  
at Greenville CoB
- Dec 2 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Christmas Concert

## New Address

Barb Oswalt 937 316 6241  
Treaty City Manor, Room 220  
650 Wagner Ave  
Greenville OH 45331

**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Cynthia Brown
- 4 Lois Stickley
- 5 Jessica Marker
- 6 Craig & Rebecca  
Horner
- 7 Isaac Dues
- 7 Erica Williams
- 9 Molly Dues
- 16 Gilbert Jay
- 24 Steven Marker
- 26 Justin Strawser

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 September  
Crackers

**September concert of the  
month  
Hymn Sing**

The Pittsburg Church of the Brethren will sponsor an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

This event is offered to the public in keeping with the church's monthly Gospel Concert Series.

The public is invited to come and request their favorite hymns be sung by the congregation.

Whether you are a 'singer' or a 'listener', it's an evening of great music and fellowship.

Feel free to come and challenge our pianist and enjoy some of the old hymns that are not necessarily sung in today's services.

Left: Doug fell among the robbers and was rescued by the Good Samaritan



**A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER**

I asked God to take away my habit.  
God said, No.  
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.  
God said, No.  
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary

I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said, No.  
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;  
it isn't granted, it is learned.


I asked God to give me happiness.  
God said, No.  
I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said, No.  
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares  
and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
God said, No.  
You must grow on your own! ,  
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

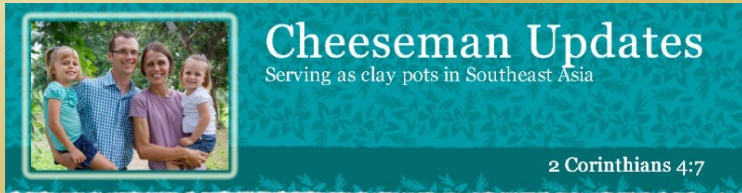
I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.  
God said, No.  
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.  
God said...  
Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.



Submitted by Kim Kessler





**Dear Pittsburg Church of the Brethren,**

Last week we received a six-page report from one of our students who is preparing for Bible translation in a neighboring country. Reading the community report was like reading straight out of the book of Acts.

Over the past decade, individuals have been turning away from spirit worship and become believers in Jesus. Townspeople used to go into debt sacrificing pigs and chickens to ward off evil spirits. Now these new believers are praying and seeing God's protection. Persecution and imprisonment have followed, but so has the conversion of several villages. Many have been healed physically, and others are turning away from drunkenness and domestic violence.

As we celebrate God's work, we are reminded that HE is the one who brings fruit. Our team must depend on HIS guidance in ministry. Rushing toward well-intended goals without God's leading often leads to burnout or disorientation. As we continue to talk with students about potential locations for Bible translation work, pray that we would each be sensitive to God's direction. Please pray for the following:

- When students come to us in discouragement, pray that we would know when to encourage them to press forward and when to encourage them to rest and re-fuel for their family's health.
- Perseverance and strength for our students. Some will face isolation, persecution, or difficult settings for raising and educating their children.
- God's glory to spread. God is patient in reaching his people. He is able to work despite our limitations and weaknesses.

**Prayer Updates**

- In late July, after two months of feeling like she was on a boat, Ivy's swaying sensation completely left. Praise God that the symptoms didn't worsen during our recent travel and that she feels like she's walking on solid ground again!
- Although our students all seem to get along quite well, we kept hearing a theme of loneliness among this year's class. They come from many different countries and are at varying stages of life. Pray we can foster an environment where community can thrive.
- Next month we will apply for our annual visa renewal. While we don't anticipate problems, we know these processes do not always go as expected. Pray that the paperwork goes smoothly, and we get it renewed on time.



**Pictures from life in Thailand**

We were thankful for a peaceful week in southwest Thailand connecting as a family, experiencing a more laid back culture, and enjoying these waterfalls. (Not pictured at the waterfall: the wild food-snatching monkeys and the 8-inch fish that liked to nibble at our toes!)

**PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

We pray that each of us may:  
 be conformed to the image of Christ  
 have a willingness to learn  
 take pride in our efforts  
 develop knowledge skill, ability and character  
 let our light shine  
 seek truth  
 pursue excellence

We pray that parents, teachers, and administrators may:  
 have wisdom  
 be patient and kind  
 communicate clearly  
 maintain an environment conducive to learning  
 be enthusiastic

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

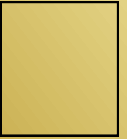
Jeremiah 29:11 <https://www.lasallian.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/BlessingNewSchoolYear.pdf>

**A STUDENT'S PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

[https://www.scsba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Prayers\\_for\\_the\\_start\\_of\\_the\\_school\\_year.pdf](https://www.scsba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Prayers_for_the_start_of_the_school_year.pdf)

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