



The Eagle May 2017



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel with
A Heart for Hamilton County
and the World!!*



Go and Tell!

We sing a Christmas hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain”. This is exactly what the shepherds did after they witnessed baby Jesus lying in a manger. They went and spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. It is no coincidence, in my mind, that these were some of the first words that the women who went to the tomb that first Easter morning heard, “Go and Tell!” We certainly have the good news of the resurrection of Jesus to tell. As Christians, we are called to be missionaries. I know that this can sound intimidating. When we hear the word missionary, most of us probably think about long trips and telling large numbers of people about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There are roughly 7.3 billion people in the world today. Of those 7.3 billion, there are roughly 2.2 billion Christians. That means there are roughly 5.1 billion who are not Christians. It is no wonder we are intimidated and overwhelmed because there are so many people who need to hear the good news of Jesus. Here is the really good news for us as Christians—we don’t have to tell everyone. If we divide those who are not Christians by those who are, that comes up to about two people per Christian. That’s manageable! And guess what? We don’t have to travel thousands of miles to be a missionary.

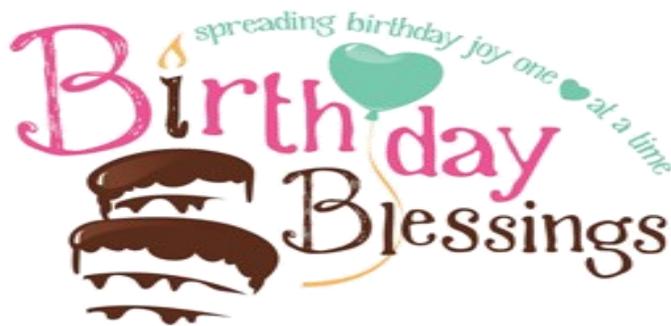
We really need a shift in our mindset in understanding what being a missionary is all about. A member of St. John along with my wife and I attended an initial meeting that is the start of an eighteen month journey that I would like to see our church involved with that will help us be everyday missionaries. I am going to say that every single one of us knows two people that do not know who Jesus is or have fallen away from following Jesus. What’s even more interesting is that we don’t have to go out and find those people. They are our neighbors or the individuals we work with or the students we go to school with or the parents we sit by at our children’s extracurricular activities or the people that we exercise with at the fitness center. The even more exciting news is that because of the empty tomb, Jesus is on the loose already working in the people’s lives that we are around every day.

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Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 1st Barry Finstad
Jerome Pietzsch
- 3rd Kathy Kensing
Jacob Robertson
- 4th Donna Abdou
Micah Stork
- 6th Debora Janisch

- 7th Daniel Bottlinger
Emilie Reeves
Easton Turner
- 8th Forrest Jenson
Thomas White
- 9th Bobby Moore
- 11th Joshua Squyres
- 12th Julia Whitt
- 14th Alyssa Bottlinger
Caleb Wagner
Brian Witzsche

- 16th Devin Peace
- 18th Bill Olsen
- 19th Nic Bottlinger
Louis Donahoo
- 20th Chris Niemann
Luther Smith
- 21st Lucas Robinson
- 23rd Hailey Holden
Hanna Holden
- 25th Kain Kunkel
- 26th Sherri Tomlinson
- 27th Ross McElroy
Kate McNeeley
- 28th Clayton DeLaGarza
- 30th Dennis Schoen

Baptisms

- 2nd Steven Schneider
- 5th Robert Jarvis
- 6th Rita Oldham
- 8th Forrest Jenson
- 12th Devyn Glimore
Jason Roberts
Gary Schoen
Julia Stanley
- 13th Frances Schrank
Gayla Squyres
Bonnie Williams
- 15th Amen Abdou
Kris Zschesche
- 17th Lennon Clark
- 19th Erica Massingill
- 22nd Dixie Gromatzky
Sabrina Sellers

- 25th John Zaruba
- 26th Brody Brown
Clayton Tyson
- 29th Laverne Brown



May 17, 1980
Paul & Susan
Odom
37 years

May 21, 2016
Reagan & Alex
Reich
1 year



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Opening/Breakfast
Sundays 8:30am

Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am

Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am

B.L.A.S.T.
Wednesday 3:30
Pre-K thru 2nd

Pre-Confirmation
Wednesday 3:30
3rd thru 5th

Jr. Confirmation
Wednesday 4:00
6th thru 8th

Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday 5:30

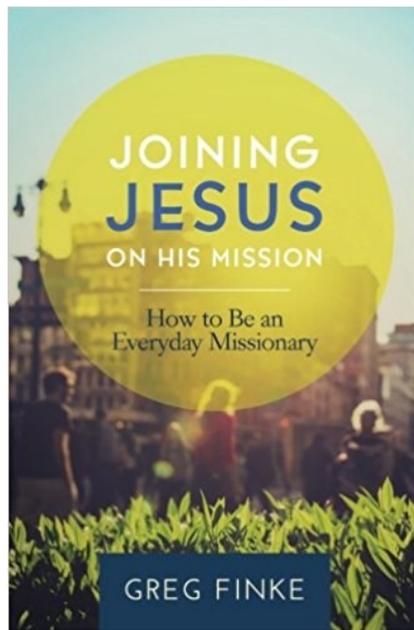
Men's Bible Study
Thursday 6:30a m & pm

Pastor's Article (continued from page 1)

We simply need to be more observant of the needs of the people around us. Believe it or not, our first step is not to necessarily share words about Jesus with them. If that happens, that is good, but more often than not, we need to form a friendship with people and get to know them. Showing interest in learning more about them and their family is showing them Jesus. Be available to talk with them during a time of crisis. Over time, they will become more receptive to hearing about Jesus. Remember, Jesus is already on the loose working in their lives. We are simply joining Him on His mission. We don't have to sweat the big stuff. Jesus already has all of that under His control. We are simply called to distribute the love and compassion of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

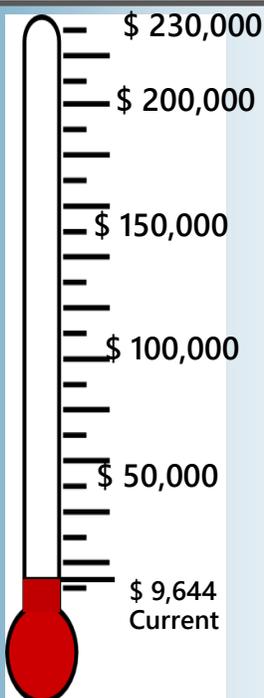
May we continue to be used by God to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

How to Be an Everyday Missionary



In the near future, our small group Bible study that meets on Sunday evenings will start back up and we will be going through a study based on the book *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. In the fall, I will be doing a Sunday morning sermon series based on this book as well. In the meantime, I would encourage anyone and everyone to pick up one of these books and begin reading through it. The books are \$10 each. This book is part of the eighteen month missional emphasis that I am encouraging our congregation to be a part of. We can sit in church on Sunday

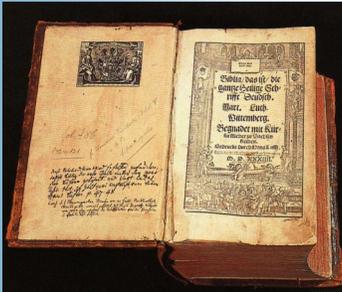
mornings and soak up Jesus' love and forgiveness and that's great. We need it. But there is so much more for our Christian life. We get to join Jesus in His kingdom work as we live out our daily lives. Come on board and let's see what God wants to do through us and St. John.





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Luther Bible

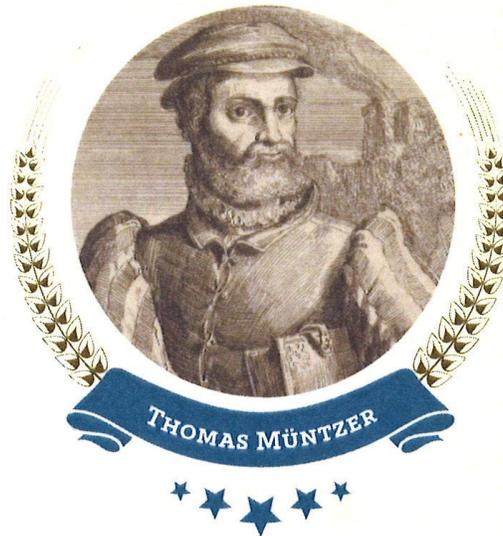


The **Luther Bible** is a German language Bible translation from Hebrew and ancient Greek by Martin Luther. The New Testament was first published in 1522 and the complete Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha, in 1534.

The project absorbed Luther's later years. Thanks to the then recently invented printing press, the result was widely disseminated and contributed significantly to the development of today's modern High German language.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Twisting the Reformation into a violent rebellion



THOMAS MÜNTZER
Born: circa 1485 | Stolberg, Germany

Died: May 27, 1525 | Camp Görmar (near Eisenach), Germany

THOMAS MÜNTZER PRIORITIZED THE CHARISMATIC SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE over Scriptural and ecclesiastical authority and doctrines. He argued that the only authentic Christians were those who had gone through internal turmoil so that they could discover the real life in the Spirit. He orchestrated a movement of the laity, supposedly directly led by the Holy Spirit. Given this Spiritual enlightenment, he argued, it was the obligation of all real Christians forcibly to purge the world of wickedness. Müntzer claimed this should be done through governmental rule, making him the first Protestant to call for a theocracy. He argued, however, that since the governing authorities were not fulfilling their role in establishing divine justice to defeat evil, it was the right of the people to openly revolt. He therefore inspired the Peasants' Revolt, which was a violent rebellion against the governing authorities. For his involvement, Müntzer was captured and beheaded for treason.



REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest by the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred
minds

Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our
aims are one,

Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,

Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other
flows

The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,

It gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in
heart,

And hope to meet again.

Music Notes by:

Gary Gromatzky

Blest be the Tie that Binds

John Fawcett

1772

Orphaned when he was twelve, then forced to work fourteen hours a day in a sweatshop, John Fawcett was ordained a Baptist minister at the age of twenty-five. He began his ministry at a poor church in Wainsgate in northern England. The small congregation could afford to pay him only a minimal salary, partly in potatoes and wool.

After seven years of ministry, Fawcett received a call to the prestigious Carter's Lane Church in London. All his personal belongings were packed onto the wagons outside the church. But as he was saying his farewells, he saw the tears on the faces of his people. As a result he changed his mind and decided to stay.

Not long afterward, he wrote this hymn for the congregation at Wainsgate. He recognized that the bond of love he experienced there was worth more than any material wealth. He and his wife, Mary, ministered in that small church for fifty-four years.

Memorial Given in Memory of Dewayne Polster

GENERAL FUND: Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger

Memorial Given in Memory of Gary Krueger

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Memorial Given in Memory of Imogene Goins

GENERAL FUND: Phyllis Harvey

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Parent News

Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!

Our annual Easter ham fundraiser was a huge success! We sold a record number of 152 hams.

Our classrooms are in need of a few items to help us get through the rest of the year. If you have the opportunity, we would greatly appreciate it if any of the following items could be donated to your child's class.

- Baby Wipes
- Kleenex
- Playdough
- Glue
- Watercolors
- Construction Paper
- Sequins or other variety art supplies
- Washable paints

Important Dates

- **May 19th** – Last Day of School
- **May 21st** - Kinder Graduation and Mighty Lion send-off
- **May 25th** – Last Day of Preschool

A Note from the Director

With just four weeks of school left, we have a number of end of year activities. Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad is planned for the first week of May. We invite you to come enjoy breakfast with your child. Each class will have an end of the year party on the last day of school. Mighty Lions send-off to Kindergarten End of Year Program & Kindergarten Graduation will both be on Sunday, May 21st. Please see the upcoming events section for details. We are still accepting registration packets for the 2017-2018 school year. The registration fee increases to \$100 starting June 1st. Enrollment forms for summer camps have been sent home in your child's folder. If you are interested in your child attending one or more camps, please let me know so I can make sure they are signed up before spots fill up. We are very excited for what the end of year and summer camps have to offer. Please stop by the office or give me a call with any questions you may have!

Blessings,
Tiffani Logan, Director



Upcoming Events

MUFFINS & DONUTS

We would like to invite family to "Muffins with Mom" and "Donuts with Dad"

- Please see remind 101 or the note that was sent home for specific times for each class
- Breakfast will begin at 7:30 and will be provided by the preschool

Last Day of School

- The last day of school will be Friday, May 19th
- The preschool closes on Thursday, May 25th
- It is optional to pay a drop in rate if care is needed through May 25th. Please notify the director by May 15th if arrangements need to be made.

Graduation & Send-off

- Mark your Calendars!
- Graduation Program for Kinder/Bridge will be Sunday, May 21st at 1:00pm in the church sanctuary
 - Mighty Lion send-off program will be Sunday, May 21st at 3:00pm in the FLC.
 - Refreshments will be provided

CLASSROOM NEWS

Little Lambs • Mighty Lions • Kinderoos

Spotlight On...

Our next big thing
is **SUMMER
CAMPS!**

CAMP SCHEDULE

- June 5th – 9th: Camping and Nature Week
- July 10th-14th: Outer Space Week
- July 24th – 28th: STEM Week
- July 31st- August 4th: Ocean & Beach Week
- August 7th – 11th: Dinosaurs

Sign-up and deposit (\$50) DEADLINE for each camp is 4 weeks prior to the camps start date. To guarantee a spot, be sure that you have turned in your child's enrollment form.

Enrolling your child into our Summer Camps will provide them with enriching experiences through out the summer. We are here to keep your child's body and mind active and engaged through hands-on learning activities.

We can not wait to teach and share the love of Christ with your children this summer!

What's Happening This Month

Little Lambs

Some of the fun and learning the Little Lambs had this month included...

- Learning about the true Easter story & that Jesus is Alive
- Exploring facts about Texas and farm animals during cowboy day
- Observing the butterfly life cycle with our real caterpillars
- Discovering through hands-on learning activities such as making butter



Mighty Lions

Learning took place for the Mighty Lions this month when they...

- Learned about the different stages of the butterflies
- Worked hard at practicing their songs for the Easter program
- Used problem solving and fine motor skills in their fishing and ocean dramatic play centers
- Enjoyed taking pictures on the pony, Buttercup, and making real butter



Kinderoos

The Kindergarten adventures included...

- Visiting the Creation Museum
- Learning about healthy food choices, germs, severe weather, and toured the ambulance during the health fair
- Creating a protective box for the egg drop, racing, and hunting for eggs at the Easter party
- Preparing for Graduation, cherishing friendships, and taking time to learn God's word





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Sunday, May 21st

Breakfast—Church Slide Show—Presentations

SENIOR SUNDAY

Abbie Housden
Kyle Krueger
Kameron McKandless
Weston Nolan
Emma Polster
Julia Whitt

Please join us as we celebrate this exciting
time in these young adults' lives.



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