



# Faith Calls



## *Rethinking Church*

The HIV-positive young man was told by a friend to try God. He sat in the pew in front of us. He was confused and perhaps embarrassed. He was unnoticed. No one said hello to him. No one even welcomed him to the house of prayer. He didn't know the affirmation of faith or how to use the hymnal to find it.

How then could this loving and accepting community be so foreign to this young man? Unfortunately, it is a familiar story. According to the Barna Group, 19% of teens have never been to church and 59% who were part of a church in their teens disengaged in their 20's.

The world has changed. The challenge of this generation is to rethink church – how we express our concern for them and what we offer them, how we relate to them and communicate with them about following Jesus. At a deeper level, I wonder if we are being challenged to consider what it means to be a follower of Jesus today- to rethink church.

- What if church was less about Sunday, and more about the other days of the week?
- What if church wasn't just a place we go, but something we do?
- What if church wasn't just a building but thousands of doors, each opening up to a different concept or experience of church?

## *Rethinking “Open”*

In the days following September 11, 2001, United Methodist churches were open for prayer meetings. A pastor in Manhattan spent time out on the sidewalk talking to people about their fear, shock and grief, and offering a word of hope.

*The world is my parish! So I am always open! I am open to talk with a couple with a marriage crisis. I am open to pray with a grandmother with cancer. I am open to go to jail to listen to a troubled child of God. Just knock on the door!*

*Peace, Pastor Brady*

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2009

MAY

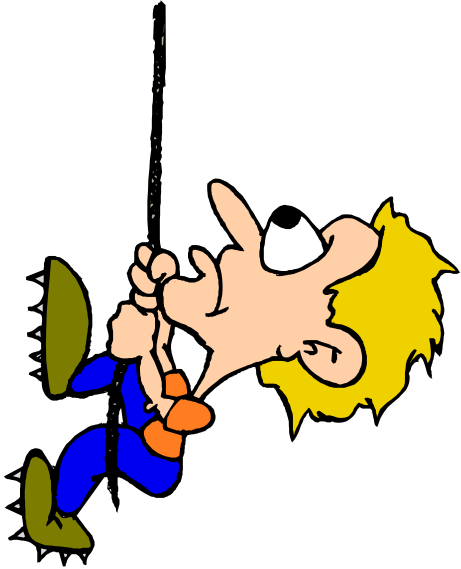
“Centered In Jesus Christ — Reaching Out In Love”

## MYF

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like for Paul and Silas when they were thrown in jail just for preaching the Gospel of Christ? The youth got to experience just a bit of that feeling in April. The event was called "Jailbreak Night". The leaders took the youth to the garage at the church, which is cool and dark. Then they were lead in a Bible study and praise songs. Some of the kids were even put in "shackles" so they could get the sense of that.

### May Schedule

Sunday, May 3 - Indoor Rock Climbing.  
Watch for Flyer  
Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day. No Meeting.  
Be nice to Mom!  
Sunday, May 17 - Regular Meeting  
Sunday, May 24 - Memorial Day Weekend (No Meeting)  
Sunday, May 31 - Regular Meeting



### Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 7 - End-O-Season Party. Watch for Flyer  
Thursday, June 11-Sunday, June 14 - Ichthus Christian Music Festival in Wilmore, KY

Not receiving informative flyers in the mail? Want to? Contact Kris or David Loughley at [Kloughley@aol.com](mailto:Kloughley@aol.com), [Dloughley@aol.com](mailto:Dloughley@aol.com) or at 330-425-3558 with your address and phone number and even your email address!

Questions? Comments? Bored? Contact the leaders any time: David and Kris Loughley 330-425-3558 or [dloughley@aol.com](mailto:dloughley@aol.com) and [kloughley@aol.com](mailto:kloughley@aol.com), Trent and Gerry Springer at 330-296-2906.



## 2009 FINANCIAL UPDATES

Weekly Needs	\$3,952	Total Budget 2009	\$205,500
Worship Offering		2009 Total Needed to Date	\$ 67,184
April 5	\$ 4,571		
April 12	\$ 3,506		
April 19	\$ 2,379		
April 26	\$ 3,150		
Total	\$13,606	2009 Total to Date	\$ 48,642
		Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$ 18,542)
Capital Fund Giving	\$ 170	YTD Capital Fund Giving	\$ 530
Building Fund Giving	\$	YTD Building Fund Giving	\$ 20
Attendance:			
April 5	- 115		
April 12	- 190		
April 19	- 131		
April 26	- 117		
Total Attendance	- 553		
Average Attendance	- 138		

### Oh God, Giver of Life

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

Amen

## Faith Works

**UPDATE!!!! Hearts for Hunger.** There is a great need for travel size personal hygiene products, socks and clothing. **There have been a lot of requests for Bibles, too.** There is also a need for gently used backpacks, tote bags and gym bags. Please place your donated items in the box under the table in the Narthex. Checks are always welcome, too. Questions? Call Lynne Timko at 216.491.7385.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. --*Mother Teresa*

Ladies – are you struggling with an addiction or know someone who is? AA meetings are being held at Faith UMC on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm for *women only*. Jodi can answer your questions. Her number is 216.536.5129. Remember – these meetings are confidential.

### Mulch Madness



It's that time of year again – time to start right! You know - the mulching and backbreaking work that nobody likes to do. The youth group can help you out with your mulching needs! We are kicking off our fundraiser for this year. All of your mulching and weeding needs can be taken care of in one day by the youth group. But hurry, there is a limited number of slots available.

getting your yard ready for summer. That's weeding of your flower beds – that do. The youth group can help you out with your mulching and weeding needs. All of your mulching and weeding needs can be taken care of in one day by the youth group. But hurry, there is a limited number of slots available.

The donations we receive will help offset the cost of activities such as our mid-winter spiritual retreat to Camp Asbury and our summer pilgrimage to Ichthus, a very awesome and moving Christian experience, as well as other various activities. If you are interested, contact Brian Sarver at 216-210-0676 or by e-mail at [bsarver@gmail.com](mailto:bsarver@gmail.com).

### Church Directory

There is a draft directory of church members/regular attenders on the table in the Narthex. Please review it. If the information is correct, place your initials beside your name indicating no changes. If revisions need to be made, please provide them by Sunday, May 17. After May 17, it will be assumed that the directory is complete. Thanks for your help!

## To all you Mean Moms

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them, as my Mean Mom told me: I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to make you go pay for the bubble gum you had taken and tell the clerk, "I stole this yesterday and want to pay for it."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes.  
Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough . . . to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it.

Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won, too.  
And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents,  
You will tell them.

Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world!  
While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast.  
When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches.  
And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was  
different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison.  
She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them.  
She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work.  
We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor,  
do laundry, empty the trash and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie  
awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.  
By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds and had  
eyes in the back of her head. Then, life was really tough!

Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up.  
They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could  
date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced.  
None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's  
property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults.  
We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was.  
I think that is what's wrong with the world today.  
It just doesn't have enough mean moms!



- 3 - Zachary Johnson  
Lisa Straw
- 4 - Roland Sweatt
- 5 - Stephanie Hopkins  
Rich Todd
- 7 - Trinity Stokes
- 8 - Joy Schottke Shaw
- 9 - Jean Damon  
Bradley Kasson
- 10 - Matthew Morrison
- 12 - Sue Clark
- 13 - Don Alberta  
Mike Hanzlik
- 14 - Sean Williams
- 15 - Jacob Johnson  
Taylor Reisddorph
- 16 - Tara Molina
- 21 - Jeremy Hawks  
Trevor Kempf  
Gabi Shainoff
- 22 - Delaney Rush
- 24 - Betty Hendricks
- 25 - Sean Reynolds
- 28 - Basil Blanchard  
Erika Chiudioni  
Billy Zeligson
- 30 - Nancy Hyatt

- 19 - Chris and Leigh Morrison  
Ted and Melissa Chiudioni
- 22 - Tom and Linda Rodman
- 27 - Ken and Laura Powaski
- 31 - Edgar and Bertha Brady

Sorry, Chris – Songs from 1987 are not oldies.





Sun

Mon



Tue

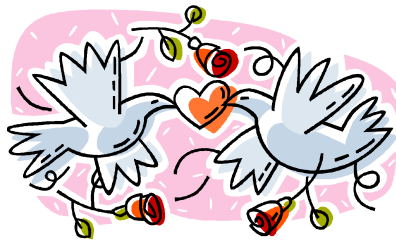
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10  Pennies from Heaven  <b>Mother's Day</b>	11	12  Men's Accountability 7:00 pm	13  Bible study 10:00 am  Voice of Faith 7:00 pm	14  Praise Team 6:30 pm	15	16  Men's Prayer 8:00 am
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*Best wishes to Heather Todd and Steve Rush as they are united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 9.*

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

**Genesis 2:21-24**

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

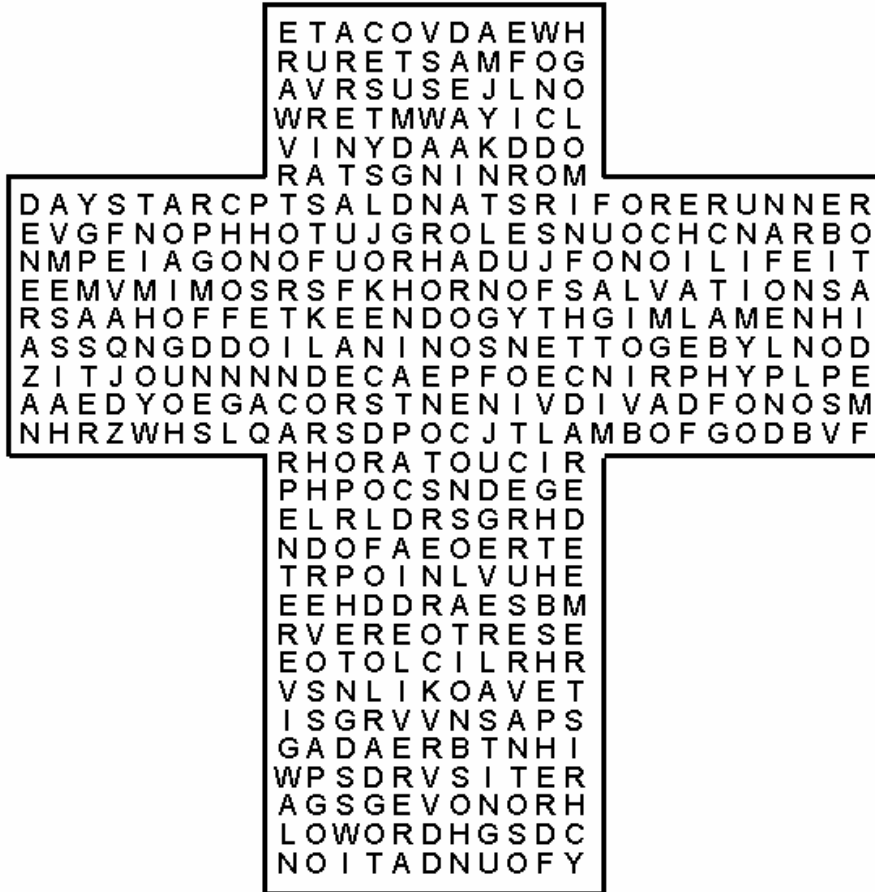
**The Best Is Yet To Be**

On your joyful wedding day,  
You begin a brand new life.  
Friends and family give their gifts  
To joyful husband, blissful wife.  
But the greatest gift you'll ever get,  
A gift from heaven above,  
Is love forever, ending never,  
Everlasting love.  
You'll share life's joy and pleasure;  
You'll have plenty of that, it's true.  
But love is the real treasure  
For your new spouse and you.

And if life hands you challenges,  
As it does to one and all,  
Your love will hold you steady  
And never let you fall.  
Your wedding day is full of joy;  
Tomorrow you cannot see.  
But one thing's sure for the two of you:  
The best is yet to be.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
 Almighty  
 Alpha and Omega  
 Amen  
 Apostle  
 Beloved Son  
 Bishop  
 Branch  
 Bread  
 Captain  
 Carpenter  
 Chosen  
 Christ  
 Consolation  
 Cornerstone  
 Counselor  
 Day Star  
 Deliverer

Door  
 Emmanuel  
 Everlasting  
 Faithful and True  
 First and Last  
 Forerunner  
 Foundation  
 Governor  
 Head  
 High Priest  
 Holy and Just One  
 Horn of Salvation  
 I AM  
 Jesus  
 Judge  
 King  
 King of Kings  
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
 Life  
 Light  
 Lion of Judah  
 Lord  
 Lord of Lords  
 Master  
 Master  
 Mediator  
 Messiah  
 Mighty God  
 Morning Star  
 Nazarene  
 Only Begotten Son  
 Passover  
 Priest  
 Prince of Peace  
 Prophet

Redeemer  
 Resurrection  
 Rock  
 Savior  
 Servant  
 Shepherd  
 Son of David  
 Son of God  
 Son of Man  
 Vine  
 Way  
 Wonderful  
 Word