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FROM PASTOR DAVE



Angels

There is a whole host of Angels here in Warren.

There are angels who pick huge weeds.

There are angels who give generously to the food pantry at FISH.

There are angels who deliver the food to where it is needed.

There are angels who serve on Boards and Committees.

There are angels who gather or donate items to dinner raffles.

There are angels who spend long hours cooking and serving at winter dinners.

There are angels who have fed a Pastor who is often away from home.

There are angels who give their arts and crafts talents to the work of the church.

There are angels who are serving on our Search Committee.

There are angels who keep our electronics working and those who use them creatively.

It has been my blessing to shepherd and serve all these angels.

Pastor Dave

GEORGE WHITEFIELD'S IMPACT on AMERICA

-extracts by Eddie Hyatt.

George Whitefield (1714–1770) was uniquely prepared for his role as the firebrand of the Great Awakening that would bring all the individual flames of revival together into one blazing inferno of Divine Awakening... At Oxford he had come under the tutelage of John and Charles Wesley and had experienced a dramatic conversion that forever changed his life. His gifted preaching ability drew great crowds and quickly launched him into leadership, along with the Wesleys, of the Methodist revival in England. Having eyes that were crossed, his critics poked fun at him calling him Dr. Squintum.

Sensing a Divine call to America, he departed England in August of 1739 with a burden for the colonists and a prayer that they would not live as thirteen scattered colonies, but as “one nation under God.” As he travelled up and down the eastern seaboard, shop-keepers closed their doors, farmers left their plows, and workers threw down their tools to hurry to the place where he was to preach. Crowds of 8-10 thousand were common. At a time when the population of Boston was estimated at 25,000, Whitefield preached to an estimated crowd of 30,000 on the Boston Common. Through his incessant travels he became the best known and most recognized figure in colonial America.

The Awakening Impacts all Segments of Society

Whitefield became a friend of Benjamin Franklin and stayed in his home on at least one of his visits to America. Franklin’s testimony of the power of the revival is particularly significant since he did not profess to be a Christian. In his Autobiography, he tells of the incredible change that came over his hometown of Philadelphia when Whitefield came there on his first of seven visits to America. He writes,

"In 1739 there arrived among us from Ireland the Reverend Mr. Whitfield who made himself remarkable there as an itinerant preacher. He was at first permitted to preach in some of our churches, but the clergy, taking a dislike to him, soon refused him their pulpits, and he was obliged to preach in the fields. The multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons were enormous, and it was a matter of speculation to me, who was one of the number, to observe the extraordinary influence of his oratory on his hearers. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

Franklin admits that he was skeptical of reports of Whitefield’s preaching being heard by crowds of 25,000 and more. While listening to Whitefield preach from the top of the Philadelphia courthouse steps to a huge throng, Franklin, having an enquiring and scientific mind, retired backward to see how far Whitefield’s voice would reach. He then did some calculations and decided that Whitefield’s voice, which he described as “loud and clear,” could be heard by crowds of 30,000 and more.

The Awakening Touches All Sects & Denominations

Everywhere he went the Holy Spirit was poured out in great power. On one occasion after preaching to a huge throng gathered outdoors, Whitfield surveyed the crowd and noted the amazing response. "Look where I would, most were drowned in tears. Some were struck pale as death, others wringing their hands, others lying on the ground, others sinking into the arms of their friends and most lifting up their eyes to heaven and crying out to God."

In Delaware there was such an outpouring of God's Spirit and grace that Whitefield himself was overcome along with many of his audience.

Although a native of England, Whitefield became best known for his ministry in America's First Great Awakening. He loved America and made seven visits to this land. A tireless worker, he travelled incessantly from Georgia to Maine preaching primarily in the open air and raising money for his beloved orphanage, Bethesda, which he had founded in Georgia. He died during his final visit to America at the age of 58, probably of congestive heart failure brought on by fatigue.

The Significance of Whitfield's Contribution

Whitfield's contribution to the First Great Awakening was enormous. More than any other person he, by his incessant travels, helped make the Awakening a national event. It was the first time the scattered colonists of various denominational and theological persuasions had participated together in a single event. Denominational walls were broken down and, for the first time, they began to see themselves as a single people with one Divine destiny—"one nation under God," as Whitfield had prayed.

The preaching of Whitefield, Edwards, Frelinghuysen, the Tennents, and others thus paved the way for nationhood. This is why Harvard professor, William Perry, said, "The Declaration of Independence of 1776 was a result of the evangelical preaching of the evangelists of the Great Awakening."

-From Chapter 5 of the book "**GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE**"

Submitted by Carl Hetzel



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2011

October 3 rd	Christian Ed	7:00pm
October 4 th	Prudential	7:30pm
October 10 th	Missions	7:30pm
October 11 th	Childcare Board	7:30pm
October 17 th	Trustees	7:30pm
October 18 th	Deacons	7:30pm
October 26 th	Labyrinth Walk	7:00pm

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



Should you have a prayer request, please activate the prayer chain by calling any one of the following:

Claudia Rahm: 868-7041, Kathy Newton: 868-1845,
 Elaine Layman: 868-2761, Mary Miller: 868-2144,
 Ruth Schnell: 868-7865, Carol Knight: 868-7106

All requests will be confidential unless otherwise noted.

Prayer Concerns

- ♥ Jo Vaill
- ♥ All our Men & Women in Uniform
- ♥ Henry Rahm
- ♥ Ruth Schnell



Newsletter Deadline for November
is October 19th

Please email your articles to Carol
@ wcongregational@gmail.com

Fall Festival

October 8th & 9th

The Warren Church sponsors the Fried Dough booth at the Warren Fall Festival. This is a popular booth at the festival and raises much needed funds for the church. It also requires a lot of hands to set up and staff the booth for the two days, so we are looking for volunteers to help, even if it's only for an hour. It's a great time of fellowship and family fun, and, sometimes, song. So if you have some time to help set up the booth on Friday afternoon, help man the booth for any period of time on Saturday or Sunday, or help strike the set on Sunday afternoon please contact Gerry Frisbie, Ruth Cheney or Anita Cornish.



The Warren Fire Company Auxiliary sponsors the Country Store at the Fall Festival and is famous for the homemade apple pies and other homemade goods that are sold there. The community is invited to Warren Woods on Wednesday and Thursday evening (October 5 & 6) to help peel the 30 bushels of apples needed to make the pies. Help is also needed during the day on October 6 & 7 to help make and bake the pies. The Auxiliary would also appreciate donations of other home made goods such as home baked breads, jellies, and handcrafted items. Donations can be dropped off at Warren Woods on Friday, October 7th.

October 2011

WCCC Childcare Newsletter



As the month of September began we welcomed many new friends as well as welcomed back returning students! The new school year began with a flurry of activity in the Infant/Toddler, Preschool and School Age programs.

Please join us for the upcoming Warren Fall Festival (October 8+9- @ Warren Woods) The Childcare program will be selling gourmet caramel apples as well as chocolate lollipops all day Saturday and Sunday. We will also have a special free craft for everyone to make and take!!

There is still some limited part time availability in the Infant / Toddler, and School Age programs. There are also 2 morning or 3 morning / week preschool openings on a space available basis! Please call Kelly 868-868-2236 for a tour and more info!

In the month of November there will be a baton twirling program starting for children ages 4-12. Keep a look out for more info!





Lambs of God Junior Choir

It's hard to believe that by the time this newsletter goes out for all to read, the children will have been in school for a month now! Apparently the ol' saying that "time waits for no one" is true, and that's why we can no longer wait for time till we begin junior choir practice. Choir practice will still be held on Monday evenings from 6-7 PM in the parish hall. Our beginning date will be on **October 17th** & we will continue until June of 2012. Any & all children are invited to join in this special choir of our young people. If anyone has a song or songs that they would like to share, please bring them. All will be considered. As for the congregation, if anyone has a special request for this group, please let us know & we will try our best to perform it for you. Our goal again for this year is to have the children sing at least once a month & for those special holidays of Christmas & Easter. Those will include both the junior & senior choirs. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ 860-868-1658 or I can be found at the church Sunday mornings!

Looking forward to seeing all those young smiling faces again this year!



Marie Elena Pecha – Director, Lambs of God Junior Choir



Hammer and a Nail

In mid July we set out to Orland, Maine on a trip through Silver Lake Conference center. We changed our perspective of the world. We stayed at a community named H.O.M.E. which stands for Home workers Organized for More Employment. The acceptance and gratitude towards our group was amazing and not a moment passed by that we did not feel welcomed. Seeing the smiles on their faces as they admired our work was priceless.



Everyday we worked hard where ever work was needed; whether it be demolition or rebuilding or helping in the gardens, we were there. Each job no matter how big or small the job, was equally important and greatly appreciated. At the end of each day there was a lot of pride towards our work knowing how much effort we put into every swing of the hammer and bead of sweat on our brows (and there was definitely a lot of sweat).

There were many experiences that came from this that weren't just work. Some of the best highlights of the day were moments of bonding with the community and our fellow conferees. We laughed A LOT and shared many good, scratch that, great times like making dinner together, playing Twister, climbing Mt. Cadillac and Acadia, having campfires, and looking at the stars. There were many individual moments spent with each other. We wouldn't trade a single moment for any moment for anything. Thank you to everyone that prayed for us while we were out of our comfort zone and thank you to the church for introducing Silver Lake Conference Center to us. We are already looking forward to next year's trip.



At the top of Acadia

Sincerely,

Allie Meeker and Audrey Thorland

“SHARING YOUR FAITH IN JESUS”

We have all heard that each of us is expected to share our faith, to “give ... a reason for the hope that is in you.” Jesus doesn't let us off the hook: “whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words ... of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father” and the Great Commission: “go ye therefore and teach all nations.” What makes this so difficult for us? Someone has even written a book: Sharing Jesus Without Fear !

Perhaps it is because we know that by today's standards, Jesus could be deemed as being:
INTOLERANT – (“no man cometh unto the Father but by me”);
VIOLENT and angry – (“when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out”);
DELUSIONAL – (“I and my Father are one”), and exhibiting
HATE SPEECH – (“hypocrites,” “ye serpents, ye generation of vipers”); and a
SCARE TACTIC preacher of hell (“except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”) who died a
HUMILIATING death on a cross.

That's a hard sell to our culture, or any culture through the centuries. In fact, God made it so by design: “hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” and “we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness.”

Then how is it possible to spread the Gospel message? How is Jesus good news to anyone today? This should be an easy question for us to answer if “in him we live, and move, and have our being.”

But it can be daunting to express our faith effectively in words. That is one reason that your deacons have begun offering tracts for you to use. Pick one that you like or think will be effective. They can even be left in high traffic areas anonymously.

Another approach is to write down your own thoughts based on scriptural truths so that it is clear in your mind. Here are two threads of ideas that you might weave into your own testimony and gospel message:

1) Only God can fill the spiritual vacuum in us. Sin (lust, greed, gluttony, etc.) can even blind us to the only way to fill this void. Those of us who were adults when we became Christians pursued idols (career, wealth, fame, marriage, parenthood, health, science, sports, etc.) as the most important thing in our lives in order to try to satisfy this longing. Some of us had to hit rock bottom ... failure, illness, disappointment, death of a loved one, or desperation before we were willing to try Jesus.

2) In order for someone to seek rescue from a savior, she must see the need for a savior. She is not born with this knowledge of salvation; it must be revealed to her and she must believe in it enough to try it. It is by God's generous design that she must rely on Jesus' sacrificial death to get rid of the sin barrier between God and her. Once she trusts in Jesus as her Savior, He does not disappoint her trust. He has been knocking on the door to her heart waiting for this to happen. She has no guarantee of an easy life but through the Holy Spirit living within her, she will be guided and corrected one small step at a time. She will GROW TO BE MORE LIKE Jesus the more she follows the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This often happens through reading or hearing God's Word, the Bible, and being reminded of, and obeying, what it says to do. The results are the fruits of the Spirit (joy, peace, love, etc.) that are far superior to the poor substitute for pleasure obtained from any sin.

If we do not believe in God's revealed truth that Jesus is the only way to God – with heaven or hell in the balance – then we probably don't have a loving concern to share Jesus with others – certainly not with any pressing need or driven by the ultimate importance to their well-being. God has foretold our future if we reject Jesus, through Whom is God's gift of redemption: “If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema.” [Anathema = the object of a curse calling for death or destruction.] Likewise, woe to us if we preach another path to salvation: “though we, or an angel from heaven ... preach any other gospel ... let him be accursed.” God's wisdom given to Solomon is still true today: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Steve Barbee

Christian Education

Our Sunday School has gotten off to a great start this year. Our children were led by Mr. Hetzel and Bo in our opening services with prayer, and scripture. We were also visited by the Apostles Paul and John to let the children know a little about the exciting life that Jesus led before His resurrection.

We have a new Preschool program led by Miss Jenna (Downs). For the first few weeks our little ones will be learning about God, and creation. They have discovered stars being born, animals, the earth, and how God made them special.

Our school age children are learning about the Lord's Supper. They are led by Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. Lago, and Miss Allie (Meeker). They are learning the importance of this sacrament and what it means to remember Jesus each time we partake in the service of Holy Communion. They have made communion cups to bring home, and have prepared the bread and "wine" (homemade grape juice) for service. We will finish this lesson with the entire congregation as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2, 2011. We have dedicated this day as "wear your Sunday best" day; God gave us his best through his Son, and so we are going to give God our "Sunday Best". This service is an important day in the lives of Christians and our young children throughout the world. I hope you will join us, and others to remember the great sacrifice Jesus made for you.

Some other important dates to remember in the next month are:

October 9th Fall Festival – The K-6 grade Sunday School will meet at Warren Woods for their Sunday School Lesson, there will NOT be any preschool classes held today

October 16th bring a friend day – Bring your neighbor, a relative, or friend to church. Share your faith and church family. You never know who might really need a little encouragement and this could be the thing that helps.

October 26th – Labyrinth walk – Sister Joann from The Wisdom House will present information on the Labyrinth, its origins, and history. We will also have a time to walk the Labyrinth that was given to the congregation by the Confirmation class of 2011. For more information please contact dce.wcongregational@gmail.com

We have childcare on Sunday mornings downstairs in our Parish Hall. Children are always welcome in our meeting house, but if parents would like to attend worship "hands free", childcare is available.

Our caregivers are:

Casey Frisbie – 1st Sunday

Audrey Thorland – 2nd Sunday

Alissa Hetzel – 3rd Sunday

We need help – 4th Sunday

Emmalee Hall – 5th Sunday

Heather Meeker

coffee hour schedule

Month	Board/Committee
October 2011	Prudential Board
November 2011	Childcare Board
December 2011	VOLUNTEERS
January 2012	Choir
February 2012	Trustees & Stewardship
March 2012	Board of Deacons
April 2012	Missions Board
May 2012	Christian Ed Board
June, July & August 2012	Summer – Lemonade & Iced Tea (Volunteers)

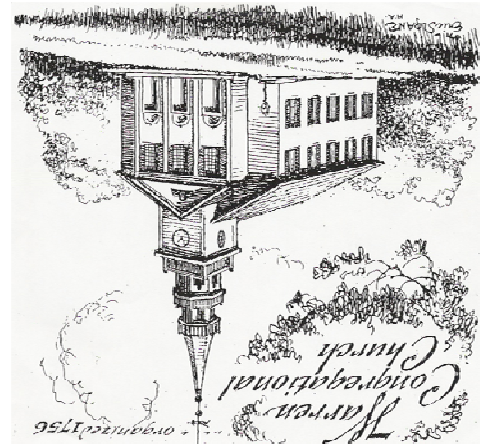
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