New Horizons Presbyterian Church

August Newsletter

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Important Dates in August

WSGB Summer BBQ

August 31



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NEW HORIZONS PC(USA) News 'n Views

Seek ye the Lord, with heart, mind, and soul

Words from the Pastor

Dear friends:

On our recent vacation, I had the opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with relatives. At the same time, Shari reconnected with old friends and met new relatives. Ironically, they were the same people! Let me explain.

One of joys of marriage later in life (as is the case with Shari and me), is that we become acquainted with each other's long-time friends and relatives. This can be good or bad. In the case of Shari and me, it has been good because we like our new acquaintances. On our recent vacation to Indiana and Ohio, our first stop was Indianapolis. We had dinner with some of Shari's friends from the time when she was a pastor in Indiana. They are now my new friends!

Our next stop was Ohio, where I was born. (By the way, do you know what is round at both ends and high in the middle? O-hi-O!) We went there to visit my relatives on my mother's side of the family. First stop was Dayton where my mother grew up. We stopped to visit my cousin Keith and his family. (He and his wife Susan did come to our wedding last summer.) We had dinner at their new house, a fixer-upper, and shared family memories. We also visited the neighborhood where my grandparents lived and my mother grew up. They also had a book with pictures of our great-grandfather with Orville Wright, confirming a family story that they were friends.

Next stop was Columbus, where we stayed at a nice hotel to celebrate our first anniversary. We didn't know anybody there, but we made new friends among the staff who graciously helped us celebrate.



Evelyn Reed Edie Roberts Marion Brewer Lore Bailey Julianna Yamnitz Michele Klous Jennifer Einfeldt Crystal Freeman Brenda Jones Harry and Charity Sherrington Dorothy Alexander Edna Berger Dave Crabtree Linda Spickler Shari Maddox



**Please submit new prayer requests to the Office, church email, or After Hours Mailbox.

Office Hours:Tues, Thurs, Fri8:30am—2pmPastor's Hours:Pastor's Hours:Tues* & Thurs1pm—4pmOffice phone:(314) 427-0841Pastor's cell phone:(314) 779-6940Pastor's email:mark.strothmann@att.net

Our final stop was Dover, near Canton, where my Uncle Buzz lives. (His real name is Irvin, but his nickname in our family is Buzz. I think I am the only member of the family that still calls him Buzz, which gives me a strange feeling!) He moved to Dover a few years ago so that he and his wife could be near their daughter. My aunt died and he stayed there. Shari and I had dinner with him, my cousin Jennie, and her husband Mark. Once again, we shared family memories. I had the opportunity to visit my cousin whom I had not seen in 25 years and Shari was welcomed into the family. It was good to reconnect with friends and relatives. Thank you for the time off.

-Pastor Mark



Moment for Prayer

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty. Creator God: Thank you

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil's nutrients, sunshine's warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow. Creator God: Thank you

In the beginning there was humankind, placed within your garden, made steward, gardener and caretaker of this place of beauty, given responsibilities and the capacity to enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown fruit or have spread and choked the earth. Creator God: Forgive us

West Side General Baptist BBQ

West Side General Baptist Church will be hosting their last Summer BBQ on <u>Friday, August 31st</u> at **11am**. All proceeds from the barbecue will go to Ritenour Rent and Utilities to help school age families. WSGB is located at 3545 Wismer Rd.

Blessing Belleville Banquet

Saturday, August 11, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

The annual Blessing Belleville Banquet is set for Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Banquet Center in Belleville. Ally Dyer, Blessing Belleville Chair, is seeking sponsors to help them achieve their \$10,000 goal. Last year's event raised \$8,400 to support greatly needed family and individual therapeutic support in Belleville and the need is even greater now. Can you help? The banquet will feature dinner, live music and silent auctions. Tickets are \$40 each. To purchase tickets, donate or ask questions, call: (618) 315-9659, or email: blessing.belleville@gmail.com

Annual Police Golf Tournament

Friday, September 14, 2018 @ 8:00 am

The Overland Police Department will host their 27th Annual Police Community Relations Golf Tournament on September 14th, at the Eagle Springs Gold Course. The cost is \$90 per player, or \$360 for a team of 4, and includes green fees, cart, beverages (beer, soda and water), attendance prizes, breakfast, snacks and a BBQ dinner by Miss Piggies Smoke House.

All proceeds will benefit the OPD D.A.R.E. Program, Safety Town and Community Programs here in Overland. Call (314) 428-1221 to register today!

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the September Issue should be submitted to **the office** by <u>August 25, 2018</u>.

Amen.

Prayer for Teachers

We pray for your peace and covering over this day, and for the whole year ahead. We thank you in advance for all that you have in store and ask that you would unfold great blessings and gifts in the coming days, that this would be remembered as a year that God gave greatly. We ask for your wisdom and grace for each teacher as they prepare to lead their class each day. Equip them for every good work you have prepared ahead of time, we ask that your strength would fill them, that you would enable them to do all that they do with a heart of compassion and grace that comes straight from you. Give them ability and effectiveness as they teach, fill them with creativity and passion for this very important role that you have called them to. Give them laughter and fun in every day, but especially in the times when they get tired.

And in the moments when they feel like there's just not enough time to do all they need to do, multiply their hours, and give success to their efforts, for we know that you are able to do much more with a day than we ever could. Remind them that they have the incredible ability to make a difference in the life of a child. Every. Single. Day. And that what they do is so important, because they are a part of building greatness in our world, through the next generation.

Give help when they're weary, give grace when they feel they've reached the limit, give peace when they feel overwhelmed. Empower them by your Spirit with enough energy to match even the most active child in their class. Help them find strength in one another, reminding them that they are a team, and that there is greater power together, rather than alone, to face every struggle and obstacle that may come their way. Remind them, that more than representing a job, or a school, or a district, they represent you, and because of this, your spirit and covering are brought to school every day. And that is a very powerful thing.

Give them a spirit of discernment for every child in their class, that they have the heart to understand each one of them more deeply, and

see them as you see them. Give them a great ability to understand every parent represented too, reminding that you have destined every one of those paths to cross, and you have great purpose in it all. Give them a heart shield to block out any negativity, to see through the outside to the inner fears involved, to let go of what needs to fall away, and to hold on to what needs to be held on to. Give wisdom to embrace encouragement along the way and to give encouragement where it is needed. Instill in us all, teachers and parents, a heart of learning this year, because we're never too old to learn new things. Give us all fresh perspective to see life through the eyes of a child, because sometimes important things become blurred and unclear as we grow up.

Surround their families and personal lives in your care and protection, providing abundantly for every need that they have. Help them to release every concern and anxiety into your hand, believing that you are able – to do anything. Love through them, shine on them, pour out your blessing and favor over them, throughout the year. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

I can do all things through hris who strengthensme.

Room at the Inn Golf Tournament

Monday, September 24, 2018

Room at the Inn will be hosting their 5th Annual Golf Tournament on September 24th, at the Lake Forest Golf and Country Club. Registration begins at 10am, with boxed lunches and shotgun starting at 11am. The cost is \$200 per person or \$750 for a team of 4. Call (314) 209-9181, or Visit: www.RoomStl.org/events

Scripture for Students of All Ages

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

Matthew 6:34

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it's own."

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight"

Philippians 1:6

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Joshua 1:9

"...Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Philippians 2:3-4

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Prayer for Students

Lord, we pray for the protection of our students and all students around the world. We ask that you would guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus. That you would wrap them up in Your love, And deliver them from all evil.

Lord, we pray that you would give these students great enthusiasm for their studies. May you inspire them each and everyday. May each seminar and class bring fresh inspiration to their work. May each moment be filled with the energy they need for their tasks.

Lord, we pray that these students would know the hope to which they are called. That their life would be transformed by revelation from Heaven. That You would inspire their direction And gently lead them into their destiny.

> May they come to know Your goodness and love, To walk in Your freedom and grace All the days of their life.

> > Amen.



August Birthdays

Charity Sherrington	08/01
Don Parson	08/15
Jan Reithmaier	08/19
Terri Fletcher	08/27



August Anniversaries

Bill & Deanna Rhinesmith 0





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