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# Connexions Newsletter

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### CONNECT TO CHRIST

#### Sunday Services:

Traditional Worship	8:00 am
Connection Time	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Contemporary Worship, Pre-School and Junior Worship	10:30 am

# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 - 6:30PM

**Four Mile Run**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# Connexions

Christ Community Serving Others

## GO BEYOND

### Connecting to Serving

#### God's Calling or Spiritual Gifts: Which Comes First?

By Mike Mack

God told Moses to appear before Pharaoh. Moses argued and protested over and over, and finally pleaded, "O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words" (Exodus 4:10). In other words, "God, that's not my spiritual gift."

I love God's response: "Who makes mouths? Who makes people so they can speak or not speak, hear or not hear, see or not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and do as I have told you. I will help you speak well, and I will tell you what to say" (vv. 11, 12). In other words, "Go and obey. I'll provide the gifts to do what I've called you to do!"

I've read and studied all the "gifts" passages in the New Testament and I see several threads weaved through all of them:

1. God calls us; spiritual gifts are meaningless outside of his calling on our lives (Ephesians 4:1; Romans 12:1-2).

2. God gives us spiritual gifts so that we can serve others (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:12; 1 Corinthians 12:7).

3. Spiritual gifts are always discussed within the context of unity, humility, and partnership within Christ's body (Romans 12:3-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-27; Ephesians 4:2-6, 16; 1 Peter 4:8).

4. The environment where spiritual gifts operate is in Christian community. The context of every spiritual gifts passage is how Christ's body works together in community.

The purpose of spiritual gifts is to build up Christ's body, the church, so that he will receive all the glory (Ephesians 4:12; 1 Peter 4:11).

As far as I know, spiritual gifts tests are a very recent invention. For thousands of years, Christ followers have discovered their gifts in community as God called people to serve.

Gifts are discovered, understood, and then used — all in authentic community where we encourage one another, speak the truth in love, spur one another on to love and good deeds, teach and admonish one another, accept one another, carry each others' burdens, pray for each other, and live in harmony with one another.

Going Beyond,

Mike

#### GO BEYOND CHALLENGES:

If you are serving in a ministry as a leader or a part of the team — where do you need to Go Beyond?

Do you know your spiritual gifts or gifts?

Do you need to start serving?

Do you need to serve more? (you are only serving in one area)

How are you serving outside of the body of Christ?

Are you serving with Joy, Mystery, Wonder and Power?

## GO BEYOND

### Mighty To Save

Dr. Kent Brantly, a U.S. medical missionary who contracted the Ebola virus last summer in Liberia, credits a "mighty God" — and lots of prayers — for his survival. After recovering from the disease, Brantly returned to the North Carolina headquarters of Samaritan's Purse, the group he'd been working with in Africa.

He spoke about Deuteronomy 6, saying it's important to remind others of God's acts. "I will never grow tired of talking of this," Brantly said. "I'm going to keep telling my story so I can remember what God has done in my life."

Then Brantly offered this challenge: "Never think you're just a normal person. If you're pursuing God's calling in your life, he will use you. Even if it's a challenging calling, even if you find yourself in difficult circumstances, he will give you what you need to be faithful to him, even if it's a whole army of people praying for you. Share your story over and over and over so you can remember we serve a mighty God."

(Copied)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Feb. 7:** 6:30 pm *Women's Group*
- Saturday, Feb. 9:** 4:00 pm *Winter Care Kit Packing*
- Sunday, Feb. 10:** 11:30 am *Children's Ministry Team Meeting*
- Sunday, Feb. 17:** 5:45 pm *Family Swim*
- Thursday, Feb. 21:** 7:00 pm *Prayer Night*

## CONNECT TO SERVING

**2019 VOLUNTEERS:** If you have volunteered to serve in 2019 please check the upstairs bulletin to see February's schedule. We will be transitioning to an online scheduling program called *Planning Center*. Check your email for instructions on how to get started. Please call the Church Office with questions or concerns.



**WINTER CARE KIT DRIVE:** As you know, January and February can be a very harsh time with weather. Together, with Robbie from the Rescue Mission of Youngstown, we have come up with a list of items that the homeless would need. These items are listed below and most of which can be found at the Dollar Tree for one dollar each. As a church, we will be trying to get 50 of each item. Please have all final donations to the church by Friday Feb. 8th. Donation boxes can be found in the Lobby. These items will be packed Feb. 9 from 4:00 pm– 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact *Morgan Kraynek* with questions.

Still Needed: Antibiotic Ointment 35, Band-Aids 30, Deodorant 11, Gloves 44, Granola Bars 2, Lip Balm 10, Soap 3, Water Bottles 44, Hand Sanitizers 47, Floss 49, Lotion 44, Conditioner 41, Mouthwash 46, Scarves 39

## Elkhorn Valley Camp

### **WINTER RETREATS:**

- **Making Memories:** March 28-30  
Scrapbook or do paper crafts. Meals, snacks, giveaways, make-n-takes and Wi-Fi are all included in the registration fee.  
*A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due by March 21st.*

Registration forms and more information can be found on each Welcome Center and online at:  
[www.elkhornvalley.com](http://www.elkhornvalley.com)

## CONNECT TO COMMUNITY



**HUBBARD COMMUNITY GROUP:** Weekly meetings are being held Monday nights at 7:00 at the Vestals Home (3860 Liberty Ave SE, Hubbard). The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 4th. Please contact *Shirley Vestal* if you have any questions.

**WOMEN'S GROUP:** Our next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 pm at the home of *Nancy Kimpton*, 1803 N. Newton Falls Road, North Jackson. All women are welcome! Please contact *Stacey Mills* if you have any questions (330-533-1123).

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be held Sunday Feb. 10 at 11:30 am in the Café.

### **THIRD THURSDAY PRAYER NIGHT:**

Join us Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 pm in the conference room in the Upper Building to pray for our church, community and country. We also get together every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:25 am in the Upper Building auditorium. *Everyone is welcome!*

## CHILDREN & TEENS

**OUTBREAK:** Every Wednesday from 6:00pm- 8:00 pm in the Upper Building. Outbreak Sponsors lead middle school and high school students in a time of learning, discussion and fun.

**FAMILY SWIM:** Family Swim has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 17th from 5:45-8:00 pm at the Hubbard Community Pool, 200 Hall Avenue Hubbard, Ohio. This event is FREE and open to all ages. In fact, the Hubbard Pool has an accessible lift for people with mobility issues. Adults may swim too or just join us and sit on benches around the pool to fellowship and encourage the others participants. We will also plan to stop by Jib Jab Hot Dog Shoppe after the swim party. More details to follow.

**DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE:** Save the Date! Our annual dance will be Saturday March 9. Invitations will be available starting Feb. 3. Contact *Jeania Bebech* with any questions.

If you have a special talent (hairstyling, manicurist, decorating, entertainment, etc.) and you would like to assist with the annual Daddy Daughter Dance, please see *Jeania* at church, call her at 330-507-4239, or email her at [Marym895@aol.com](mailto:Marym895@aol.com).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Ashman, Jean Bass, Family of William Bebech, Bob Beckett, Carl Beckett, George Beil, Alexis Bezilla, Joseph Billey, Karen Billey, Barb Caspary, Priscilla Cole, Kelly Connor, Bobby Czopur, Ceil Czopur, Debbie Dilks, Hazel Donelson, Charles Eckley, Kay Eckrote, Debbie F., Barbara Frederick, Craig Freudenrich, Donna Glover, Laura Haines, Tim Hanick, Leona Hasen, Diane Heckrow, Bob Hillman, Jill Hoover, Karen Ita, Art King, Jerry Klicka, Michael Kline, Cyndi Loar, Ashley Loutzenhiser, Margie Ludt, Jim Maher, Annette Mahood, Nelson Malone, Henry Marshall, Gabriel Mathews, Mo McGuffin, Terry Metsals, Diane Miller, Tina Miller, Charles Monk, Brooklyn Moore, Sharyn Moore, Zoe Morales, Joyce Moser, Ron Moser, Pam Mozzillo, Ron Nicholson, Kristen Osiniak, Amy Parkinson, Tommy Peachock, Shirley Pospishil, Hope Robinson, Tom Riebe, Angela Schaper, Christine Schultz, Drew Schultz, Ron Shasteen, Ethel Sheesley, Danny Shoemaker, Linda Shoemaker, Cara Smeltzer, Gwen Smith, Danny Stanley, Mary Stefanik, Janice Summers, Cindy Sweeney, Bill Taylor, Ella Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Thomas, Shirley Vestal, Ron Volpe, Michael Weir, Helen Williot, Judy Yohman, Cherly, Amanda, Antonette, Linda, Val, Kathy, Alice, Karen, Harper, Judy, Tony, Dan

### Retirement Home Residents:

Inn at Christine Valley: Hope Fairbanks - room 215  
 Personal Touch Retirement Home: George Olinger

**Military:** Austin Beckett, Daniel Beckett, Dustin Beckett, Travis Beckett, Jordan Cranor, Jason Donelson, Mike Eaglen, Heather Kirk, Jordan Mack, Michael Moy, Kodey Paden, Mark Porter, Michael Scott, Jeffrey Shaffer, Ronnie Shaffer, Stefan Yuhas

**\*\*Please update the office by calling, emailing or filling out a Connexion Card if someone can be removed from the prayer list.**

## CONNECT TO SERVING ~ February 10, 2019

**Connection Time:**  
 Don Barone

**8:00 am Greeters:**  
 Bill & Effie Lewis

**10:30 am Greeters:**  
 Ann Garris & Carey Silvestri

**Communion:** Pete Fabian Jr., Dan Bitner, Kurt Blackburn, Matt Fabian, Carl Hensely, Glenn Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Tom Kelley, Josh Spalding, Dave Summers

**Ushers:** Cooper Smith  
 Josh Morrissey

**Nursery:**  
**SS** – Jenifer Bitner  
**Worship** – Chris Spalding

**Youth Worship:**  
**Pre & K**– Stacey Mills  
**Grades 1-5** - Kim Cameron

**Tech Team:**  
**Computer:**  
**8:00 am** - Josh Garris  
**10:30 am** - Jenna Silvestri  
**Sound:** Sam Spalding

**Lock up:** Rob Bodnar  
 Ted Cox

### ATTENDANCE Feb. 3, 2019

#### Sunday School

Attendance..... 78

#### Worship

8:00 AM ..... 26  
 10:30 AM ..... 117  
 Nursery ..... 2  
 Pre-School Worship ..... 10  
 Junior Worship..... 14

**Total ..... 169**

### CHURCH STAFF

Mike Smith  
 Senior Minister

Brian Morrissey  
 Associate Minister

Rachael Ray  
 Administrative Assistant

Joann Gurd  
 Custodian

## SAVE THE DATE

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP:** Join us Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 pm, in the Lower Building for our second Night of Worship featuring our praise band! You wont want to miss it!

**ONLINE GIVING:** We offer online giving to make the process a little easier for you. While there are several ways to give electronically, including automatic withdrawal from checking and savings accounts, debit cards and credit cards, we strongly discourage the use of credit cards. Thank you for your faithfulness; may God bless you. [www.fourmileruncc.com](http://www.fourmileruncc.com)

“...the borrower is servant to the lender.”  
 Proverbs 22:7

### How to sign up for online giving:

- 1 - go to our website [www.fourmileruncc.com](http://www.fourmileruncc.com)
- 2 - click on the menu (3 bars in upper right corner)
- 3 - click on the tab “Give”
- 4 - click on “My Online Giving” to set up your online giving account or to give without an account.

**WINTER INFORMATION:** During the winter there are more falls and more illness that affect our members. Please help us by contacting the church office or one of our staff members so that we can effectively minister to you in your time of need. Also, with winter weather there are events, classes, groups, etc. that get cancelled. Please contact the church office if you have a cancellation so that we can properly inform those individuals who call seeking information.



We extend our condolences to family and friends on the passing of *Jim Raymond* on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Briarfield Manor. Please keep the family and friends of *Mr. Raymond* in your prayers during this difficult time.