



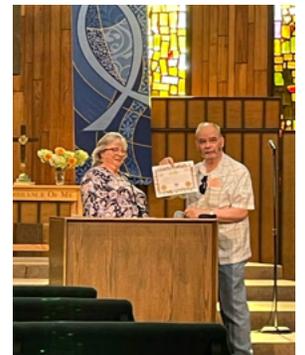
GOOD NEWS! September, 2023

August Highlights

At Mt. Washington Baptist Church, August was a month of serving, supporting, and sending. We seek to live out the exhortation found in 1 Peter 4:10: *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”*

Racetrack Ministry – On Monday, August 14, under Rev. Jim Cagle’s leadership, a team of ten MWBC people, serving food donated by a number of additional church members, provided dinner for about 40 workers at Belterra between in-house and take-out orders. It was a great experience for all who participated!

Special Recognitions – We recognized **Holly McIntosh** for her 25 years of service to the MWBC Day Care (see article on page 2) and congratulated **Louann Bartholomew** on finally getting out of the third grade as she recently retired from teaching at Miami Valley Christian Academy!



Encouraging Blood

Donations – During our Sunday, August 20, worship service, Liz Root provided a powerful testimony about the life-saving impact of donated blood on her and her newborn baby’s life. It’s easy to donate blood through either the Red Cross or Hoxworth, with locations on Five Mile in Anderson and all over town. Donating blood saves lives locally and takes less than an hour! Visit hoxworth.org or call 513-451-0910 to make an appointment.

Ordination of Fred Anderson – On Sunday, August 27, a special service was held to ordain Fred Anderson in the Christian ministry. Fred’s spiritual journey has its roots here at MWBC, his home church, and it is a blessing beyond measure that we can serve as the sending church for Fred’s future ministry in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Congratulations to Fred, his beloved better half Tacie, and his dear family!



Day Care News

Changes are occurring in the Day Care. We will miss Holly McIntosh, who has moved on to start a Day Care center in another church, but we have some exciting news to share. Tammy Caldwell and Cody Taylor, who are already employed in the Day Care, have agreed to step up as working co-directors. That means they will share the duties of director and also remain in the classroom. They began serving in their new roles on August 7 and will be made “official” after all the *i*'s are dotted and the *t*'s are crossed. Together they have 65 years of child care experience and know our Day Care center well, along with the challenges it faces. They work well with the Day Care committee and have already begun to make things happen in the center. They are currently hoping to enroll more children aged three and up, but also have some room for children starting at 18 months. We are very excited for the future! ~ *Day Care Committee*

Sugar Packet Theology

Each morning when I make a cup of coffee, I add some sugar. Well, actually, I add some Truvia*. It comes in little packets like sugar. And it has messages on each packet. Inspirational, motivational, good thoughts, I'm not sure how to categorize them. My most recent purchase revealed a new set of messages. It was a great day! I sorted out and looked at all the sayings.

On the top of the pile was one packet that proclaimed, "assume positive intent." That really struck me. Sometimes I expect the worst. Other times I think of the track record with a relationship and feel that things are bound to have problems along the way. And, that engineering background of mine



pushes through occasionally and takes me down a problem-solving road that actually avoids a situation. None of these are a great way to deal with life.

Assume positive intent. The company behind the commercial wants to offer us opportunities. Our neighbor cares about making things look nice so they can be enjoyed. News shows, and even social media, are full of things that are well meant. And we can choose carefully what we watch or where we scroll, and limit screen time.

Assume positive intent. We have choices. Make some that allow you to reflect on the good in others. Instead of insisting the world is getting worse and worse, what if you adopted

the attitude the world is getting better and better?

Assume positive intent. Now you try it. Think of three positive things you have done today. You flossed your teeth? You ate a piece of fruit? You prayed for someone? Fill in three blanks with what is going on in your life.

Here's mine. Assume positive intent.

- * I think you'll see a benefit in this article.
- * My dogs love me more because of that extra biscuit I gave them.
- * My great-nephews adore me since I'm sending them a giant batch of new Pokémon cards.

Oh, come on. Try it. Three positive things a day. Color outside the lines, the boundaries you normally set for yourself. Start now to change your life just a little at a time. Live in a way that at the end of earthly existence you can shout, "What a ride!"

And be grateful that we don't have to live our lives by sugar packet theology, but by the treasure we call the Holy Bible, by the power of God, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the ever-growing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable
—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things. – Philipians 4:8*

*In the interim,
Pastor Karen Johnson*

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church
(in-person and streaming live on Facebook)

Wednesday Evening Service

6:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
(streaming live on Facebook)

Coming Up in September . . .

- * **Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.** – Rev. Jim resumes his teaching in our **Virtual Bible Study** on Wednesday evenings, presented live on Facebook. This month he'll be taking a look at the book of Philippians.
- * **Sunday, September 3** – The **Chancel Choir** resumes its Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- * **Sunday, September 17** – The "Shower the People" team, walking in honor of Ken Atchison and in memory of Betty Burck, will participate in the Cincinnati **Walk to Defeat ALS**. See Darby Atchison for more info or to donate to this important fundraiser.

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- * **Tuesday, October 3, 3:00 p.m.** – ABCUSA presents another virtual **Everyday ABC Conversation** event, "AI (Artificial Intelligence)" with presenters Rev. Meriah Tigner and Joshua King.
To live is to experience change. Each day technology evolves and we are invited to respond With curiosity or fear. Join us for a conversation at the intersection of faith and artificial intelligence.
Go to abc-usa.org for more details and to register.
- * **Sunday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.** – The **Third Quarter Business Meeting** will be held immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Notes of Gratitude

Dear church family, What a blessing to be a part of such a loving and supportive community of Christ followers. Thank you **so much** for the generous gift towards my Masters in Counseling. The Lord is using these conversations to bring about healing and relationship with Him. Your love and support mean the world to Tacie and me! ~Fred Anderson

Thank you for celebrating my graduation accomplishment and your generosity with the Amazon gift card. It brings great comfort to worship with my church family on Sunday mornings and to see all those familiar faces on the Facebook feed! I especially look forward to attending service in person this coming September and getting that Mount Washington Baptist Church greeting of hugs, handshakes, and smiles when I am back in Ohio/Northern Kentucky visiting family. See you soon! ~Shannon Ely

Thank you so much for the scholarship! We really appreciate it. ~Megan Rollyson

Thank you so much for the Study Bible! Recently I got myself into a tough situation with breaking my leg and was having a hard time. . . . And on my way home from the hospital, I saw your package. It was the blessing I didn't know I needed. ~Uriah Paige

Music

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 3! This is the day we will begin Chancel Choir rehearsals at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We welcome all singers/people who wish to praise the Lord with music. Our philosophy reminds me of the hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," written by Isaac Watts, who is considered the father of English hymnody. The words include the phrases, "I sing the mighty power of God," "I sing the goodness of the Lord," and "I seek the wisdom of God," and we seek to follow these words as we offer to Him our joy at His goodness and creation. Come join us on September 3 at 9 a.m. It promises to be a time of joy, fun work, and praise, because we believe we should give our best to God and have fun as we fellowship together! If you have any questions, call or email me at 513-319-2521 or 5cagles@msn.com. See you on the 3rd! ~ Rev. Jim Cagle, Minister of Music

Missions

World Mission Offering 2023 – Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, promoted in American Baptist churches each September and October, thousands of churches and individuals come together to support ministries that God is using to transform the world. WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world – when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastor care, enable IM to address crises when they arise, and so much more.

Through the World Mission Offering, we are invited to take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing globally to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." ~ *Excerpted from internationalministries.org*

Watch your bulletins for more information, or visit internationalministries.org to donate directly.

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