

# Church of the Open Bible



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## Is Your Vision Clear?

**W**hat a lesson we can learn from this one... A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly.



Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly, I wonder who taught her this..." The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of our minds and the window through which we look.

-Submitted by Grace Whaley, 10-1-09

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*Spin Some Coins For Camp In The Vortex!*

(It will accept "paper coins" too!) ☺

*We're Raising Funds for  
The Youth Treasury. Thanks*

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**WELCOME** - *"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised."* Such is the proclamation of Psalm 113:3. Welcome to this house of worship where we shall indeed praise God with gratitude, love and thanksgiving. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to anyone or the pastor. We hope that we reflect the Love of God to everyone.

**DISTANT READERS** of the mail out printed copy, you may notice Oct. 4 on one copy & it jumps to Oct. 25 on the next. I've attended two conferences & then at the last minute had to make a business trip out of town – so as it worked out, I missed two weeks. The church folks got "mini" copies in those weeks.

*Rex, I am back in Prague, We were in the mountains this weekend and had 2 feet of snow and cold temp, It is suppose to warm up here this week, Michal and I are going to a hockey game this Thursday and I don't know what else we will be doing the rest of the time, But I am sure things are planned, His grandfather seems to be doing better. Thank God for answered prayers, More later.*

Frank Roper, 10-19-09 em

**OUR SYMPATHY** to Arlene Szekely in the loss of her friend, Lucinda Yutzy (67) on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. She suffered with cancer.

**BUD JONES** seems to be making good progress. His face and eye redness from the shingles is virtually gone. He can walk with a walker and has climbed stairs in therapy. He had a "home day" 10-17 because of his good recovery. Keep them in prayer.

### ***WHAT'S OUR LASTING MARK?***

**JENNIFER WETZEL** very recently toured Greece. Here is a very brief excerpt from her letter: *"My favorite place was Kusadasi. There, we took a Biblical Ephesus tour and got to see the excavations and ruins from ancient Ephesus. It was awe-inspiring to see the amphitheater where Paul spoke to Christians living in Ephesus. My favorite part though was seeing the ictus\* [sign of the fish] carved into different spots in the ruins. It gave me chills to see the symbol that believers*



*used still stand out prominently today. It makes me wonder what we do today that can be a lasting mark for future generations.” - Jennifer Wetzel, 10-18-09*

\*The Greek word for fish is "ixthus" or "ichthus." The Christian fish symbol that many Christians place on their cars is known as the "ixthus." Five Greek letters form the word "ixthus," and those letters inside the fish form an acrostic, which is a message that Christians clearly identified with. The first letter represented the word Jesus. The second letter represented the word Christ, the next two, God Son, and the final letter represented the word Savior. This adds up to "Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Savior."



**TURN CLOCKS BACK** one hour next Sat. nite (Nov. 1).

**Ladies – Remembering Your Secret Pals?**

**100 YEARS OLD!!** Louise Lapp (widow of former pastor Clarence Lapp) will be 100 November 6<sup>th</sup>. You can send her a card: [Please contact me for her address – I don't put personal home addresses on the Internet / Rex]

**SKIP REED ENTERED CUYAHOGA HOSPITAL** 10-19 having surgery on his ulcerated foot and removed some bone that had been broken earlier. They are saying he would be in the hospital until last Friday.

**THANKS S.S. ATTENDEES;** today's SS offering goes into the "Coins for Camp" jug today – used to help our campers with tuition next summer! This is the last day – thanks for your support!

**WE WILL OBSERVE** the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Mary Ellen Jones & Nancy Koston are the deaconesses preparing our communion service next week.

**PLEASE LET PASTOR CAIN KNOW** anytime there's an address or email change, phone # change, etc. so he can keep a running update in the church directory. Note - I can print an update directory for you anytime or I can send it to you on line. One was printed for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks.

**PRAY FOR:** Gwyn Studebaker (by Rx), Bud Jones, Rebecca Schroth, Skip Reed, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Karel (Michal Sitttek's g-father), INS inspection approval of ABC campuses, Ralph Childs, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Pastor Don Ward, Ken Cramer, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed+3 children, Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Carol Reed, Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler

**Military:** Rodger Schuld, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay–Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

**OCTOBER 2009 (Coins For Camp month)**

25 Last Sunday for Coins for Camp / S.S. offering to go to youth today – thanks!

**NOVEMBER 2009**

01 Communion / TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

06 Louise Lapp's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (widow of Pastor Clarence Lapp)

26 Thanksgiving

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.**  
**WORSHIP 10:45A.M.**

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

585 Sing and Smile And Pray

310 More About Jesus

Prayer / Offering

Message: "Ghouls or Gospel?"

Key Texts: Rom 14:1-8; 15:7; Matt 5:16

245 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling