



# The Messenger

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## April 2019

## Trust

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There is a place in my home where I can go to be with God. Some say it is a good idea to pray at specific times each day, but we can reach out to God any time or place and He will be available. When life is difficult He is there and when there is joy He is there.

There is also a place in my house with a scripture verse displayed saying "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. Thinking of the friend who gave it to me increases it's sustaining power. We know that we all have our valleys to go through but during those times if we reach out to help someone else He in turn will strengthen and help us. This has proven to be so true. And with each victory our self image soars. We must see ourselves as God sees us.

The following are some real helpers reflecting God's love and how He wants us to feel about ourselves.

- I know God created me, and He loves me unconditionally.
- I am not a failure because I am not perfect.
- I have right standing with God through Jesus Christ.
- I like myself. I do not like everything I do, and I want to change but I refuse to reject myself.
- God has a good plan for my life. I am going to fulfill my destiny and be all I can for His glory.
- "I am nothing, and yet I am everything. In myself I am nothing, and yet in Jesus, I am everything I need to be." — Joyce Meyer

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy and Loving kindness endures forever. Psalm 118:1

We know that God answers prayer. I'll quote from David Jeremiah's recent book titled "Overcomer". There is humor in it but leaves us with a valuable message:

"A mother had a sick child but could not get a Dr. appointment until the next day. The Dr. gave her the name of an over the counter drug to get her thought the night. When she came out of the drugstore she realized she had locked her keys in the car. She called her daughter to explain why she was taking so long. Daughter told her about using a clothes hanger. She got one from the store but though she tried and tried could not open the lock. Finally it occurred to her to pray. She told God she did not know what to do and to please send someone to help her. Just then a car pulled up and a man got out. He looked rough, had not shaved and sguess he was homeless. She said "Sir, will you help me?" He took the hnage and quickly opened it. She said "What a good many you are." She even hugged him. He replied "I'm no good man, I just got out of prison." As he walked away she lifted her hands to heaven saying "Thank you Lord for you sent me a professional."—Thanks Dr. Jeremiah

Jesus is our source of power. And we all have work to do. We have assignments to undertake each day, weather it's teaching three year olds, building houses for the poor, visiting the sick, or pursuing careers as onto the Lord. Every day is meaningful for Christ followers, and He strengthens us with His power so we can fulfill the assignments He has given us. —Overcomer

And a verse from a song "Just Be Held" shared with my by a special lady:

Lift your hands, lift your eyes

In the storm is where you'll find ME

And where you are, I'll hold your heart

I'll hold your heart

Come to me, find your rest

In the arms of the God who won't let you go.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

## April Birthdays

Pastor Kizzee	05
Dan Rayle	07
Sierra Long	08
Rev. Flack	08
Lily Szczepanski	16
Isaac Szczepanski	16
Debby Kimmey	16
Barb Coon	18
Jylian Purtee	24
Carl Commons	25

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, or know of someone's not listed, please email or call the church to let us know!

## Mission Moments

Are you familiar with:

### CHANGE LIVES FOR CHRIST

Christian Literature for Africa, CLA is an inter-denominational, non-profit organization that provides Bibles and Christian literature to 44 countries in Africa. Through CLA you can have the opportunity to take the Gospel to this vast continent through the printed page.

You can help collect used and new Bibles and books for CLA to send to trusted partners in Africa who distribute them to individuals, churches, Bible colleges and libraries.

CLA also provides, or helps provide, Risograph digital printers across the continent. These unique printers allow Af-

rican church leaders to print their own materials at costs affordable to the people of Africa. CLA was blessed to provide, through a very wonderful donor, the funds for three new Risograph machines. The printers are being used in South Sudan, Southern Ethiopia and in Eritrea for which we thank the Lord.

Location:

- 13248 Wooster Rd. Mount Vernon, OH 43050 (Call Bob Hebetts at: 740-485-4248 first)

Bob & Donna Hebetts, Mount Vernon Directors

For more information go to: [www.ncodistrict.com](http://www.ncodistrict.com) and click NMI.

## TEEN MINISTRY:

Parknaz Teen Night is **Saturday, April 13 from 6:00-9:30 p.m.** We will be watching the movie Aquaman. Bring a friend and a **nut-free** snack, pizza and drinks will be provided.



The Regional Quiz will be held on May 9-10 at MVNU.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY:



The Kizzee family will be hosting an 85th Birthday Party for Pastor Kizzee on Saturday, April 6 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at their home located at 25390 Brittany Circle in Westlake. No gifts please. If you are unable to attend, please consider mailing a card.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

### Children's Quizzing

Congratulations to Junior Rivera and Stephen Murphy for qualifying for the Regional Children's Quiz to be held on **May 18 at MVNU.** Great job boys!



### The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Marcella is working to really make this a community event. There will be 1000 eggs!!! That being said, we will really need donations, volunteers and for you to invite your family, friends and neighbors.



Weather permitting we will be outside! Please bring in donations of small stuffed animals, prizes, Easter baskets and coloring books. Bags of 50 empty eggs will be made available in the foyer for you to take home, fill with **nut-free** candy and return!

Please sign up at the O.T. to volunteer. See Pastor Marcella with any questions.

## Easter Celebration Services

Join us for the following

Holy Week Services and Events:

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

**Good Friday:** Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at LaCentre Conference Facility

located at 25777 Detroit Road in Westlake\*

*\*please note this is a different location than the past two years!*



**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers: please come early to help set up and hide eggs. Please see Pastor Marcella for details



**Resurrection Sunday:**

April 21

Family Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.

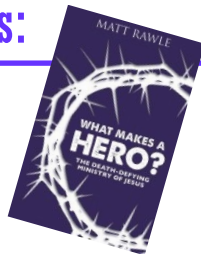


## Wednesday Nights:

**6:30 p.m.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

5th-12th graders will continue to meet with Elizabeth Ruple. They will continue the study: What Makes a Hero until April 17. Then they will continue the study they started before Lent!



**ADULT PRAYER &**

**BIBLE STUDY:**

The adults will continue the study:

What Makes a Hero through Wednesday, April 17. If you are interested in leading Bible study at the end of April and into May, please see Bill St. John.

## Child Care Center Events:



On Friday, April 19 the Child Care Center will close at 12:00 p.m. in recognition of Good Friday.

All families are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 10:00 a.m. If weather permits, the hunt itself we take place outside!



Spring Pictures are coming this month. Watch the board outside the Administration Office for details!





If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Szczepanski or Pastor Marcella in the Child

**PRAISE TEAM:** meets in the sanctuary.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study Potluck	1	2	3  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	4  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	5	6 Senior Breakfast <b>9:00 a.m.</b> NCO Kid's Got Talent <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Pastor Kizzee's Bday Party 
7 <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Finance Com Mtg	8	9	10  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	11  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	12	13  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Teen Night 
14 <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>Palm Sunday</b>	15	16	17  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	18  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	19 CCC Closes at Noon <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Good Fri- day Service <i>LaCentre</i>	20  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Easter Egg Hunt 
21 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Family Breakfast <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Easter Celebra- tion Service 	22	23	24  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	25  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	26	27
28 <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>4:00 p.m.</b> NYI Convention	29	30	1  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	2  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	3	4 Senior Breakfast