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The Church-Yesterday/Today

By Frances Cooney

What an interesting endeavor it is to read and study the Church's very early beginnings. Early Christians had to be so dedicated and believing that they put their lives on the line to pursue a mission that often led to much suffering and often death. That willing sacrifice has continued through the years. It was a divine enabling that has kept Christianity alive.

It is amazing that Jesus' teaching has endured for 2,000 years or so. Many ideas, persons, beliefs, and more have come and gone. Then we realize Christianity and the church have survived that long and even escalated in power and truth. Amazing! Additionally, the church spread very, very quickly the first 150 years, a very short time considering what they accomplished.

There was a man by the name of Patrick Glynn. This man was a former atheist turned Christian. When asked what caused him to change, his answer was "I noticed early Christians were such nice people. I noticed their kindness to the poor and downtrodden and their acts of charity." (A Case for Faith by Lee Stroble) A wonderful read!

What a revelation...these people (Christians) were not just taking care of themselves, they were also caring for others. This testimony reminds us that people are aware of our words, actions, etc. We must keep in mind that if we want a part in winning souls, they must see Christ in us.

Today, we know we must stay in the word, pray and serve that the church will not fall away. As Pastor Lain has written and spoken "The church is desperate for renewal and resurgence". We are told to pray, pray, pray. The history of the world includes times of great progress and peace, however, there have been extremely chaotic times, as we well know. Presently our challenges are great. How good to know that God's word is as powerful and complete as ever. To know that God is in the current pandemic and its variants, economic conditions, a war threatening to eradicate a country & more. We need the church so we can stay grounded in hope and faith (God's Spirit).

Fortunately we are not expected to be perfect. If our faith tries to weaken we have many encouraging words from scripture. An example: Jesus asks "Why are you so troubled?" It is amazing and almost beyond comprehending how He can lift us up.

Happy June!!! So good to have sunshine, flowers and of course some rain.

Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 1

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church

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SIGNIFICANT JUNE DATES:

03: PreK Graduation



9-11: NYI Field BLAST

12: Finance Committee Meeting

14: Flag Day

June 14

14: Church Board Meeting

19: Fathers Day

27-7/1: Teen Camp



June Birthdays

Spencer Bishoop	03
Junior Rivera	05
Nancy Lain	05
Vicky Arndt	05
Lynn Ward	10
Abby Wisneski	22
Scott Kimmey	26

Anniversarie

Lucy & Marty Adams	10
Joanne & Andy Murphy	13
Brianna & Bill St. John	15

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." – Voltaire

We celebrated Staff Appreciation Week in May and can't thank our families enough for their kind donations. THANK YOU to our incredible staff! Their dedication to early childhood has created a nurturing learning environment that can't be matched!

As we go into another month, we're getting ready for warmer weather! Families are stocking up on sunscreen and teachers are ready to use it! PreK prepares for Graduation on June 3. We are so proud of the Graduates and look forward to spending their last days, weeks, months with them as they move on to Kindergarten this Fall.

We said goodbye to Miss Abbey (PreK) in May and are searching for a part time Assistant PreK Teacher. (Referrals are always welcome!) Welcome back Miss Alex (Substitute), who will be helping in PreK until our search is over. And we are thrilled to welcome Miss Callie to the Toddler classroom!

Hello June... we're ready for you!!!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl or Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643.

TEEN CAR WASH

Teens, join us at 4:00 p.m. on June 24 in the church parking lot for a Car Wash. Snacks will be provided. If you have sponges, buckets, etc.. Please bring them. Please RSVP to Joanne Murphy by June 10th if you are able to participate. Adults are welcome to help and/or come have your car washed! Your support of our Teens is greatly appreciated! (This is tentative, please contact the office before heading to the church!)

Primary Camp (completed 1st-3rd graders), Come to Life, is July 23-25. The cost is \$125 if registered by June 21. **Preteen Camp** (completed 4th-6th graders), Connect, is July 26-30. The cost is \$175 if registered before July 1. Both camps are held at Pleasant Valley

Ranch in Perrysville, Ohio. Go to: https://www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp to learn more and to register.

Teen Camp (for completed 7th-12th grades), Relentless, is June 27- July 1. The Cost is \$235. Registration closes on June 13. The camp is located at Camp Cotubic in Bellfountaine, Ohio. Go to:https://www.ncodistrict.org/teencamp for more information and registration.