



THE HAPPENING

October 2015

What's Happening

Special events

- Oct 3 Family Movie Night
- Oct 4 Annual Congregation Mtg. @ 10:00 AM
- Oct 11 Installation Service
Pastor Craig Pinley
- Oct 17 Harvest Happening



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Minister's Column by Rev. Craig Pinley

Twenty-five years ago, I parlayed a slew of cardboard into traveling money for the first full-time ministry position I ever had.

The cardboard had a picture on the front and statistics on the back – baseball, football, basketball, and hockey cards I had collected as a boy. Along with the ones I had started collecting back in 1970, my neighbors' parents had given me a few boxes of their sons' cards. One of those boxes had a 1967 Nolan Ryan rookie baseball card in it.

That card itself was worth \$350 and a card collector I knew was willing to take the Ryan rookie and all of my other pre-1980 cards off my hands for a sum of \$1,100. That cash allowed me to drive my boxy Toyota from Chicago to Walnut Creek, CA for my youth internship at Hillside Covenant Church.

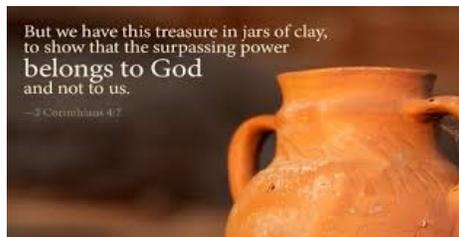
I've accumulated a lot of other things since then, but most of my sports cards are gone now – I gave quite a few full sets to teens I had coached in baseball as graduation gifts. But I smile when I think about my childhood hobby. I never started it to earn money; I just liked organizing the cards and chewing the pink gum inside. Who knew that those cardboard cards would attain such value?

The Apostle Paul used different words to describe this same insight about his life. Paul had been a staunch persecutor of Christians and then had his world turned upside down on the road to Damascus; he met Jesus and though he was blind to Jesus, he'd eventually gained sight about who this savior was. Paul's whole-hearted response to Jesus was based on his knowledge that even his flawed past wasn't too fallible for Jesus to bring tremendous value to his ministry.

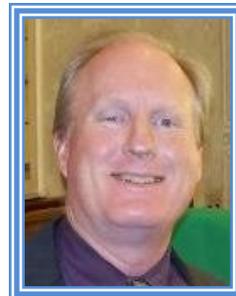
He writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, **"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."**

This is good news to me. On my best days in ministry, I'd like to think I'm a treasure to people, but make no mistake – I'm housed in a clay jar – I'm very human. I'm going to make my share of mistakes and I'm not going to please everyone I minister to (in fact, you may even get challenged more than you'll be comfortable with). Yet over time, who knows, maybe I'll increase in value like my childhood baseball cards did, even as my edges get a little more worn.

My last seven years in Paxton, IL, taught me this lesson most vividly. Paxton Covenant Church was a rich ministry experience with some very lovable people, many of whom had suffered a great deal of pain in their lives. During my ministry there, a child of the church passed away and two board members died in separate vehicle accidents. Some long-time saints in the church were laid to rest as well, the most recent a 95-year-old home-bound woman I had visited nearly every other week for seven years after she suffered a stroke. Treasures in jars of clay, all of them.



Redeemer Church has its share of treasures too. It only took me one weekend in August to pick that up. My hope is that you'll allow me the privilege of getting to know you and I will do my best to listen and learn in the coming months. Hopefully, my initial sermon series will help you get to know me too.



President of the Congregation

It is an exciting time at Redeemer Church and you are invited to join in the many areas of life at Redeemer. Over the 18 months we have experienced Pastor Kim retiring (after 18 years), Pastor Jim leading us as our interim pastor, the Pastoral Search Committee working to discover God's next pastor for Redeemer and the Call of Pastor Craig Pinley to be our next pastor.



Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th following a combined service which will start at 10:00 AM. The budget will be discussed and voted on for approval for the 2015/2016 fiscal year and yearly reports given by the Boards at Redeemer. Elections of those nominated to replace empty positions will complete the meeting. Please plan to join us for this important meeting that sets the direction of Redeemer Church.



October 11th will be an exciting day at Redeemer Church as Pastor Craig Pinley will be installed as our next Senior Pastor. This service will be at 10:00 AM combined in the Sanctuary where Garth McGrath, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Conference – Evangelical Covenant Church will be present to perform this ceremony. The installation of Pastor Craig includes a Charge to the Congregation that we affirm him as our pastor and to support him in God's work at Redeemer. I invite you to join in this new journey at Redeemer, to profess your support in God's plan and to welcome Pastor Craig into God's family at Redeemer. Following the service you are all invited to a carry-in meal in the Family Life Center where we can all celebrate this moving time of our church.

This year, the Redeemer Leadership Team will be having scheduled Town Hall meetings to better communicate what is going on at Redeemer. The team wants to make sure that everyone has every opportunity to be involved in the life of the church and provide input on the business of the church. Consistory meetings, where the business of the church is completed, is held on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM and these meetings are open to everyone to attend.

In Christ.

Sam

Happy moments – praise God.
 Difficult moments – seek God.
 Quiet moments – worship God.
 Painful moments – trust God.

HARVEST HAPPENING

36th Annual
Saturday,
October 17th

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings



Featuring Bob
Evans® rolls

*Includes a drink and
homemade dessert*

Adults: \$10.00 – Children (10 & Under): \$4.00

Serving from 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Carry outs available



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Tickets at the door. Or reserve tickets online before noon
Friday for \$9.00 by visiting www.Redeemer-Church.org.



We
Believe in
Prayer



The Evangelical Covenant Church



REMEMBER OUR SHUT IN'S

Redeemer Church has a number of members who are either confined to their homes or residing in Care Centers. Please remember them with a card or call. Remember, if you send a card please be sure to add "Redeemer Church" after your name!

Norma Gammell
Heartland of Woodridge
3801 Woodridge Blvd Apt B-402
Fairfield, OH 45014

Evelyn Warner
c/o Andrew Lampl
130 Farmington Drive
Hamilton, OH 45013

Charles Caldwell
Ohio Veterans Home
3416 Columbus Ave
Sandusky, OH 44870



Serving in Worship

Liturgists

- Oct 4 Brent Clark
- Oct 11 Dan Childs
- Oct 18 Bill Hyatt
- Oct 25 Amy Dermen

Prayer Intercessors

- Oct 4 Joan Riley & Linda Hoover
- Oct 11 Nancy Henry & Faye Muddell
- Oct 18 Gary & Carolyn Maschmeyer
- Oct 25 Mary Van Lieu & Lori Lohrer

Flower Chart

- Oct 4 still available
- Oct 11 still available
- Oct 18 still available
- Oct 25 still available

Ushers

1st Service

- Oct 4 Jim & Pam Miller, David & Lorrie Newmister
- Oct 11 Dewayne & Sharon Grammel and Richard & Joan Riley
- Oct 18 Larry & Charlotte Kachner and Duane & Claudia Cantrell
- Oct 25 Carol Moore, Karl Oakley, Faye Muddell, Bill Grubbs

2nd Service

- Oct 4 Ann Williams & Carol Hahn
- Oct 11 Lee Skorupa & Jenny Zellars
- Oct 18 Duane & Claudia Cantrell
- Oct 25 Don & Judy Miller

Community Corner

KROGER

Redeemer Church has been approved as a Nonprofit Organization in the new Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your Kroger Plus card.

Redeemer's NPO # is 80053.

It's Renewal Time!

Please go online to your Kroger account and choose Redeemer as your non-profit choice. Remember, this is easy and free money to Redeemer. It doesn't affect your account or discounts from Kroger. Kroger requires an annual renewal of rewards partners.

Thank You Thoughts

Where do I begin,

It is trials like these that God's people shine the most. The love and support Sherri and I received has carried (with God's gentle hand) us thru a terrible ordeal. My wonderful Redeemer family & other friends have filled my heart. Sherri & I are truly loved.

God bless,

Barb & Sherri Robinette

P.S. Sherri loved every one of you!



Birthday list

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| Oct 01 Brent Clark | Oct 15 Keegan Girton |
| Oct 02 David Grissom | Oct 23 Joey Wolpert |
| Oct 04 Glenna Carroll | Oct 24 Mary Oakley |
| Oct 04 Mark Schaffner | Oct 25 Lee Skorupa |
| Oct 06 Lisa Wolpert | Oct 29 Duane Cantrell |
| Oct 09 Gary Shuppert | Oct 31 Larry Clevenger |
| Oct 10 Nathan Khuleberg | |
| Oct 11 Bill Stiehl | |
| Oct 12 Samantha Freeman | |
| Oct 13 Bonnie Johnson | |
| Oct 13 Kayleigh Davis | |
| Oct 15 Butch Dawson | |