



The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

July 2020

Hope4You

I'm at Tim Hortons as I write. Kaitlyn is hanging out with her closest friend who has recently reconnected. They hadn't seen each other in years.

They went to school together through 3rd grade, then went their separate ways. It's amazing to hear them giggle together. They like the same music. Not just the style but the same bands, songs, videos. They both have math as their favorite subject. They are both shy. They have the same apps. They cry at the same things, feel the same way about almost everything. It's like they are the same person.

This is how it is with Jesus and us. We take on Jesus attributes. We share in His nature. We become more and more like Him. His likes become our likes and the things He hates we grow to hate.

Jesus and us.

Best friends.

Do you ever picture Him this way?

He does.

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:15.

Pastor Brian



Fun Days parade is on Saturday, July 18th at 11:00 am. We will have a tent set up in front of the church to pass out water, ice pops and the remaining VBS bags. It would be great to have lots of people there! If you can make it, meet at 10:30 to greet people and represent Jesus and our church in the community! For questions, see Brenda Reese.

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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen

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Just a reminder our mission for Heartbeats of Newark will continue through the month of July. This is what we normally do in May as the baby bottle campaign. If you want to donate please take an envelope from the fellowship table. Checks can be made to Heartbeats and left in the offering. You may also donate through their website at heartbeats.org.



"Our July and August mini-mission has changed. We have collected school supplies in the past for the Pre-School and the Elementary School, but due to changes in both programs because of the covid virus we have a new mission opportunity. We will be assembling some **"Gospel Gift Bags"** for our members to give to out to homeless people and people asking for money at traffic intersections. We have all had that desire to help, but either haven't had cash or wondered if there was something more we could do. Here is an opportunity to share Jesus as well as meeting some immediate needs for food and hygiene. We have put together Ziploc bags with booklets containing the Gospel of John along with the plan of salvation, as well as snacks, toilet items and a \$5.00 McDonald's gift card. Our mini-mission will be collecting money to purchase these items, so you can include a note in the memo of your check or put your donation in an envelope labeled for this mission. We will start with a small goal and see how many of these bags we can put together. There will be a box of the finished bags in the Fellowship area - take one to keep in your car to give at the next opportunity God gives! For questions, please see Howard or any member of the Board of Christian Education."



Graduation Recognition

July 12, 2020 – 9:30 am

Abigail King – Home School Graduate

Jackson Knerr graduated from Northridge High School. He maintained a 4.0 GPA thru high school and was on the superintendents list. He's a member of the National Honor society. He played varsity soccer all 4 yrs. and was captain sophomore, junior and senior year. He made first team LCL for soccer. He played basketball all 4 years. This year he received the Licking County League Scholar Athlete award for Northridge. He received the Ross Meyer scholarship from Northridge athletic boosters. This scholarship is awarded to a male student-athlete for excellence in the areas of athletics, extracurricular activities and community service. Jackson will attend OSU studying civil engineering in the fall.

Please join us as we celebrate Jackson's Graduation
Saturday, July 25 from 1:30 – 5:30
McPeck Lodge 3447 Raccoon Valley Granville

Hunter Lewis Nickell graduated with honors from Johnstown-Monroe High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, a three year Academic Letter recipient, participated in College Credit Plus and was a 2019 delegate to the American Legion Buckeye Boys State. Hunter was a three year letter winner on the JHS football team. His Junior year, he was a starting Offensive Guard on the Division V State Runner Up team, Honorable Mention All-Region and recipient of the Don Jakeway Award for exhibiting the team motto of Be Tough, Try Hard, Have Fun and TEAM. During his senior year, he was a Co-Captain, starting Offensive Guard and starting Middle Linebacker, leading the team in tackles for most of the season with an average of almost 10 tackles per game. He was named Honorable Mention All LCL, Honorable Mention All Advocate, Honorable Mention All-District, First Team All-Region and Utility Player of the Year. He was also one of 55 football players in the state to receive a scholarship from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association. He has also received scholarships from the American Legion Post 256, Johnstown Community Sportsman Club and the Don Jakeway Scholarship from the Columbus Foundation. Hunter will be attending Otterbein University in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. He has received the Presidential Scholarship and Weiss Engineering Scholarship from the university. Hunter would like to thank all of you for your love and support over the past 18 years.

Join us for a celebration honoring Hunter Nickell
Saturday, July 18th 2 – 6 pm
Hartford Fairgrounds – Babcock Building 14028 Fairgrounds Rd, Croton

Barbara Potts - Ohio State University Doctor of Nursing Practice

Veronica Reese - Animal Behavior College ABC Certified Veterinarian Assistant



ABC LEARNING ADVENTURES

Below is the letter that was mailed to our Preschool families in regard to the upcoming school year.

Hello Families.

It is with a heavy heart that I come to you today with an update on ABC Learning Adventures Preschool. The ABC Preschool Board has voted to close the Preschool for the upcoming school year. I am so sorry to bring you this news as I was so hopeful that with the onset and continuing effects of Covid 19 evolving and changing daily that we would be able to open as originally planned. We will have to reassess in 2021 whether we will be able to move forward with another school year slated for 2021-2022. I do not have any concrete answers to share with you at this time.

As all of you know, the uncertainty of the Pandemic has been the catalyst in so many decisions pertaining to so many things in our lives. We, as a staff and Board had to weigh very carefully the heavy weight of whether to open the Preschool in terms based solely on whether we felt it would be 100% safe for our children to participate in the program. We have been diligent in following the various regulations and restrictions set forth by the State to date. In continuing efforts by the State to keep children and staff safe, there has been an extensive list of protocols in which we would have to adhere in order to move forward with opening. This decision to close was made in a time frame concurrent to when we received updates from the State and when we could all be present for an important Board Meeting to discuss the given updates and mandates from the State.

One of the biggest challenges we faced was that we could only have nine children in a given space at a time without a divider. Our space at the preschool is dynamic, fun, and welcoming when the children can utilize the entire space. This would not be the case with the room divided in two with a canvas room divider. The children would not have been allowed to cross to the other side and vice versa and the semantics of that alone was a key element in our decision.

Other State mandates would have meant a lot would change in the way we would be able to nurture, comfort, care for and offer your children the warmth and love so associated with ABC Learning Adventures Preschool.

I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity and tremendous honor to teach your children. On behalf of the teachers and myself, we are heartsick over the loss of not being able to share the school year with your children and your amazing families. We are ever grateful for all of you - for entrusting your children to our care and for the support, love, participation and contributions that you poured into the Preschool, helping to make the Preschool a beacon of love and learning and a fun place for your children.

I hold fast to the belief that God has great plans for every one of your children, for all of our Preschool families, and for the Preschool itself. Jeremiah 29:11 is one of my favorite Scripture Verses. It says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Faith is stepping out saying, "I trust you, God and I give you it ALL!" I trust God to bring about beauty from ashes whether it comes to the Pandemic, the many things happening in our country and around the world, or to His plan for the Preschool. I choose to "wait for the Lord; to be strong and to take heart..." Psalm 27:14.

With regard to Registration Fees, we will be issuing refunds in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience as we get them out to you.

Know that I send my best regards for your safety, your health, and for peace about the decision. I will miss all of you next year.

Much love and in peace,
Leann Lindsay, Director