

# The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

October 2021

## Dear church family,

There was a man named Dorian Gray who sold his soul to retain eternal youth. In the only novel written by Oscar Wilde, Gray stumbles upon an artist who, in return for Dorian's soul, will paint a portrait of him. The portrait will grow older and older while Gray himself remains young and full of life.

As Dorian goes through life, he grows darker and darker in his morals and actions, showing regard for no one but himself. The expression on the portrait changes from deed to deed, showing disgust or scorn as Gray delves ever deeper into his now soulless dark side.

Gray hides the painting in the attic but sneaks up to view it from time to time. The portrait soon shows an old man, while Gray's appearance remains as it was on the day the painting was created.

All is vanity Solomon declared in despair as he looked around at his wealth and popularity. It meant nothing.

TV, the internet, magazines, movies - they all present a false image of what the ideal male or female should look like. Every year \$382 billion is spent on makeup and \$16.5 billion on cosmetic surgery, chasing that never aging portrait.

There is a better way to maintain eternal youth. Oh we will appear older and very much feel older. But one day we will be given new, glorified bodies that won't age or hurt. It is free.

It comes only through the grace of God the Father upon faith in Jesus the Son.

One day ole Dorian Gray decides to live a better life. But he finds it impossible. The portrait keeps aging. The expression keeps mocking him. He had sold his soul.

Dorian decides the only way to change is to destroy the painting. He grabs a knife, creeps up the stairs, uncovers the portrait, and stabs it in the heart.

His servants hear a scream. They climb to the attic to find an old man dead on the floor with a knife through his heart. Next to it is a portrait of a young Dorian Gray, looking as youthful as ever.

Seek Him while He may be found.  
(Isaiah 65:6).

Now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Jesus loves you. Always remember that.

Pastor Brian

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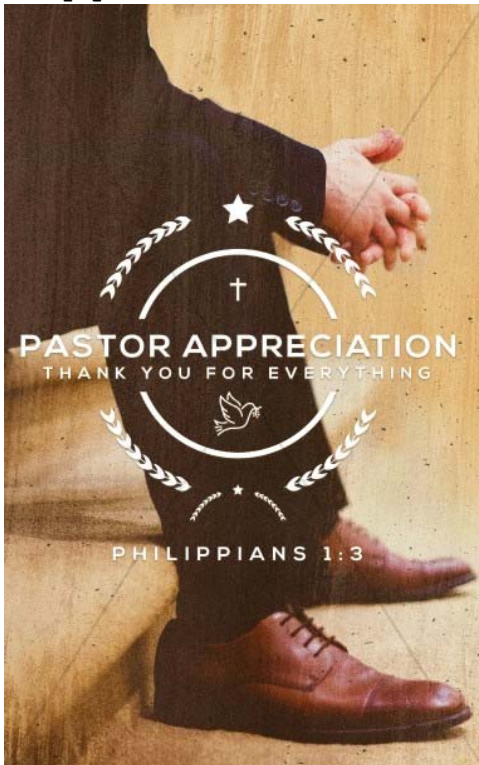
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God   
 makes everything  
**beautiful**  
 in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11  
**Happy Fall!**  
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**October is Pastor  
 Appreciation Month**



Thank you Pastor Brian,  
 Barbí & Kaitlyn!



October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Church Family Meeting**

Right after church

**Potluck following —**

*Be watching for details*



**Fourth QUARTER MISSION  
 2021**

**Vertical 196 is a ministry of Licking  
 County Jail Ministries**

- \*Laundry & Shower Facilities
- \*Socks/Coats/Shoes
- \*Hygiene Supplies
- \*Haircuts
- \*Job Training Resources
- \*Wi-Fi Internet Access
- \*Benefit Resources
- \*Bibles & Church Connections

**The hours at Vertical 196**

**10 am -2 pm**

**Lunch is Served 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**196 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Newark, Ohio 44060**

**GOAL: \$1000.00**



**OCTOBER Mini Mission**

Center for New Beginnings Women's Shelter

We will be collecting

Hats & Gloves for Women, Teens and Kids!

