

Mike's Musings

This has been a labor intensive week intellectually speaking. I've been gathering materials for my new sermon series, "It's About God" and for my new Sunday School series on "Life Views" – a Biblical approach to contemporary issues. Added to that, I've been researching the issue of world hunger in preparation for our Harvest Home service on September 7th. Thankfully, I've got a few weeks before I need to begin research for my Grace Group.

In the midst of all this, it dawned on me just how much time and energy is given to the study of God's Word here at Burry's. It's not just something pastors do. There are hours of study invested by Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Junior & Toddler Church facilitators, Youth Leaders, Vacation Bible School instructors, Bible Club leaders – I'm sure I've missed someone, but you get the idea. We spend a lot of time and dedicate a lot of our programming efforts to "getting the Word out." Praise God for servants who faithfully teach the B-I-B-L-E.

Why do we do this? For some it might be "because we've always done it." I know that's a problem in some churches today – no sense of purpose. When that's the case,

the preaching and teaching can quickly become passionless and – dare I say it? – "boring." It devolves into "sound and fury signifying nothing"; to quote a phrase.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." — 2 Peter 3:18

I pray that is not the case at Burry's. I know we have stated the case that standing on Holy Scripture is foundational (a Core Value) to who we are as a church body.

"We believe the Scriptures to be God speaking to us. We believe biblical integrity is foundational to every aspect of life, that Scripture alone is "the final rule of faith and life."

Of course, this is just another affirmation of what the Apostle Paul declares in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." And like the Apostle John, I rejoice at the evidence that so many in our congregation are faithful to the truth and continue

to walk in it (cf. 3 John 3:2-3). John concludes, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (v.4)

Burry's has a remarkable history of staying true to God's Word over her 173 years of history. I pray that we will continue to lift high the cross of Christ through the Word of Life. I pray we always look to it as our final authority in matters of life and faith. I pray that we might be used of God to make its message clear to a lost and dying generation.

With that goal in mind, I guess all the mental aerobics are worth it. I promise, with God's help, to continue to give my "attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:4) Further, I challenge all of us – together – to "do (our) best to present (ourselves) to God as (those) approved, (workmen) who do not need to be ashamed and who correctly handle the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)

If you agree, maybe you'll join one of our adult Sunday School classes or Grace Groups or Bible Studies this Fall as a means to helping you "grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus." (2 Peter 3:18) Oh, by the way, don't forget to bring your Bible!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Mike

Due to the increasing cost of living, the Deacons and our Missions Committee have compiled a contact list for those who may need financial assistance in the months ahead. This is not an exhaustive list. If you need further assistance, we encourage you to contact the Deacons.

The Deacons are Mike Bernd, Myron Bonzo, and Duane Stuck.

CAST (Churches are Serving Together)

Serves Beaver County; need a referral from a participating church

Mary Jane Verge 724-225-8151

Unionville Methodist Food Pantry

Serves New Sewickley Area

Nancy Liston 724-846-5513

New Castle City Rescue Mission

Serves Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties

Linda Krumpe 724-652-4321

Salvation Army

Serves Zelienople and Butler

Lloyd Hall 724-452-5571

724-333-0963

Zion Lutheran Food Pantry

Distributes 3rd Tuesday.

Serves mostly residents of Lancaster and Jackson Townships,
but will make exceptions for one time needs.

Sandy Milo 724-452-0250

Ellwood Church of God

Serves Ellwood City Metro Area

AngelFood \$25/box (4th Saturday) and Small Food Pantry

Ed Crawford 724-758-7970

BIBLE Club starts on October 1st! Please use the 2 invitations on the newsletter insert to invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, and your pet tarantula! (Pastor Tom says it's OK!) But please don't let Jethro Avis see the tarantula. He's afraid of spiders. And if you haven't met Jethro, just grab a friend and come to **BIBLE Club**!

"Walking With Moses & Abraham"

Larry Bell, our speaker at the 2008 Bible Conference, is organizing a trip to the Holy Land for March 15-29, 2009.

A copy of the brochure is available in the office if you are interested.

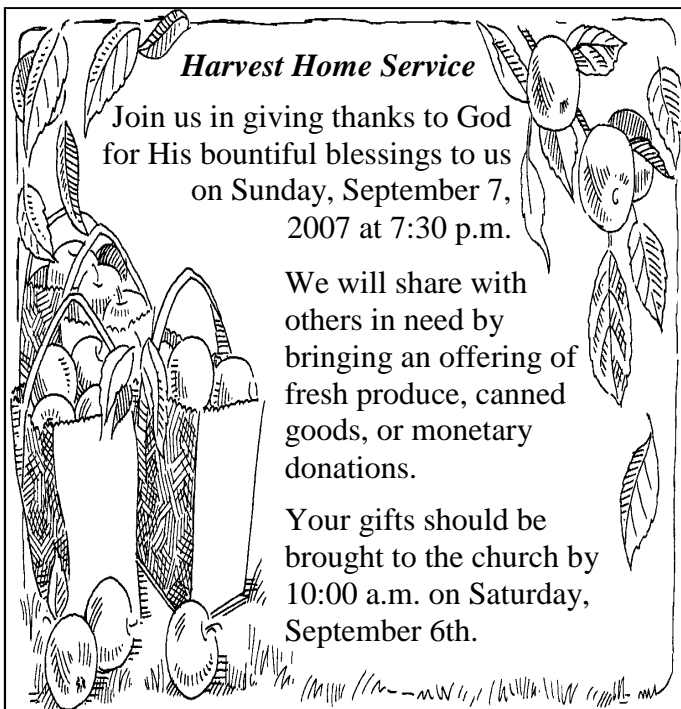


Harvest Home Service

Join us in giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessings to us on Sunday, September 7, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

We will share with others in need by bringing an offering of fresh produce, canned goods, or monetary donations.

Your gifts should be brought to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 6th.



Check Out

Fall Sunday School at Burry's

The **Adult Bible Class** meets in the Sanctuary and will be studying "The New Testament Community" after finishing a series on James.

The **Guiding Light Class** is currently studying the Book of Romans. This class convenes in the Education Building.

Chuck Horstman leads a class on Evangelism Training in the library.

Pastor Mike's class, meeting downstairs in the "Sunday School Opening" hall, is beginning a new study on "Life Views". They will discuss contemporary issues in light of Biblical truth.



Inquirer's Class



An Inquirer's Class will be held Friday evening, September 26, and Saturday morning, September 27, for those interested in learning more about Burry's Church.

Everyone is welcome!

Please contact the office or Pastor Mike to reserve your place in the class.

Moms in Touch

With school starting, it's that time of year to join Moms in Touch International (MITI).

The purpose of MITI is to encourage moms and others to meet and pray regularly for your children and the school they attend. Our vision

is that every school in the world be covered in prayer and that they be guided by biblical values and high moral standards.

The Zelenople MITI group meets once weekly for one hour to pray specifically for each member's child, other children at their school, as well as teachers, administrators, staff, school concerns, and MITI during the MITI hour. If you are interested in joining a local MITI group, please contact Jody Eldridge at 724-452-4295 or Sue Collier at 724-452-0414.



Recipe Corner

by Linda Rahn

Cucumber Appetizer

8 oz pkg. cream cheese	2 tbsp. mayonnaise
Good Seasons Italian Salad Dressing Mix	
Garnet cucumber	Dill Weed
Party Rye Bread	

Mix cheese, mayonnaise, and dressing mix. Spread on rye. Place slice of cucumber on it and sprinkle with dill weed. ENJOY!

People in the Pew: 2008 Confirmation Class by Pastor Tom

Our newest members at Burry's Church by means of confirmation are Emily Bernd, Brody Concelman, Lauren Dubovi, and Lane Ward. They do not have much in common except for their faith and love for the Lord and that they all are bright, gifted young people.

Emily Bernd is a student at Seneca Valley. She enjoys hiking and camping. One of her favorite foods is taco salad. After high school, she would like to pursue a career working with animals. Here at Burry's, she volunteers in the nursery and plans to help with toddler church and Bible Club. Her confirmation verse is Galatians 6:9-10.

Brody Concelman attends New Brighton. He is a soccer player and loves the game. For fun, Brody explores the woods around his house with his quad. He enjoys eating venison. When he finishes school, Brody would like to train to be a pyro-technician and work for a company like Zambelli Fireworks, Intl. In Newcastle. He likes to volunteer to help in the EOC booth at events like the Big Knob Fair and Horse Trading Days. His confirmation verse is Isaiah 40:30-31.

Lane Ward is a student at Freedom. He likes to eat tacos and enjoys sports. He hopes to be involved as a helper with Bible Club and with summer VBS. After high school he thinks he will pursue a career in engineering. Lane's confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9.

Lauren Dubovi also attends Freedom. When she has free time, she enjoys riding her neighbor's horses and spending time outdoors. Her favorite food is extra cheese pizza. She enjoys taking care of small children and sees herself being helpful as a volunteer at VBS, Bible Club and doing child care for events like the Valentines dinner. Her confirmation verse is Colossians 3:17.

These vibrant, talented young people are a great addition to our grace-driven family. We thank the Lord for them. Like the Apostle Paul we should not stop praying for them. *"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."* Ephesians 1:16-19.



E. Bernd, B. Concelman, L. Dubovi, L. Ward

10 Things you Rarely Hear in Church

1. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew."
2. "I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time."
3. "Personally, I enjoy witnessing much more than golf."
4. "I've decided to give the church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evang"
5. "I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School cl"
6. Forget the denominational minimum salary. Let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do."
7. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."
8. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early."
9. "Pastor, we'd like to send you to the Bible seminar in the Bahamas."
10. "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!"



- Author Unknown: Taken from the Faith United Methodist Church Newsletter in Delmont, PA

SYATP 2008

It's tough being a Christian student today, isn't it? You have to make a lot of choices about who you are— and who you aren't. You have to try to follow God in a world that misunderstands Christianity and tolerates its principles less and less all the time.

What if you made a connection with God as a young person?
What if you declared, "Speak to me God, I am listening."
What if you never let any of God's words be forgotten in your own life?

See You At the Pole is a great place to connect with God, connect with other believers, and connect with your campus in the name of Christ. SYATP connects believers together at the beginning of the school year, so you can stand strong together throughout the year. SYATP is all about prayer. Its about coming together and laying aside all of the labels and groups for one day, to simply connect with God in prayer and connect with fellow Christians in unity around the flag pole— whether jocks, preps, geeks, Methodists, Catholics, Baptists, sophomores, or seniors.

Join your generation on Wednesday, September 24 @ 7:00 am. Gather at your school flagpole, pray for your school, friends, families, and world.

For more info about the event, go to: www.SYATP.com

Fall Fest



ETC. YOUTH MINISTRY

**Fall
Kick-Off
September 6
5:00-9:00 PM**

Wow, it's hard to believe that the school year has already started! I'm sure that you all have mixed opinions as to whether that is good or bad, but there is good news! The E.T.C. Youth Ministry will be hosting the 2008-2009 school year kick-off on Saturday, September 6 @ 5:00pm. We will be having an AMAZING RACE SCAVENGER HUNT, prizes, a campfire, and of course...scrumptious food! Everyone is welcome, so please feel free to invite as many friends as you want.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Karen and I would like to invite the congregation to attend our wedding at Burry's Church on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 @ 3:33 pm, and to our dessert reception on Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Educational Building after the worship service.



St. John's "Burry's" Church Youth Ministry

ETC CALENDAR

Sept. 6 5:00-9:00 pm
ETC Fall Fest Kick-Off

Sunday, Sept. 7
9:30 am *Sunday School*
10:30 am *Worship*
6:30 pm *E.T.C. Youth Group*

Sunday, Sept. 14
9:30 am *Sunday School*
10:30 am *Worship*
6:30 pm *E.T.C. Youth Group*

Sept. 20 3:33 pm
Chuck & Karen's Wedding

Sunday, Sept. 21
9:30 am *Sunday School*
10:30 am *Worship*
Noon *Chuck & Karen's
Wedding Reception
@ Burry's Church*
6:30 pm *E.T.C. Youth Group*

Sunday, Sept. 21
9:30 am *Sunday School*
10:30 am *Worship*
6:30 pm *E.T.C. Youth Group*

**Wednesday, Sept. 24
7:00 am**
*See You At The Pole Event
@ Your School Flagpole*

Sunday, Sept. 28
9:30 am *Sunday School*
10:30 am *Worship*
6:30 pm *E.T.C. Youth Group*

DAILY DEVOS
Let Chuck know if you would like to be added to the daily devotional e-mail list. We send them out each Monday.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Robin Kaufman	1
Dale Bonzo	2
Deloris Housholder	2
Sydney Bable	3
Ryan Kaufman	5
Erla Bernd	6
Aaron Harley	6
Tom McBride	6
Carol Tuma	7
Duane Stuck	8
Susan Farnsworth	9
Richard Housholder	10
David Yeck	10
Sandy Cook	11
Donald Goehring	11
Elisa Pusateri	11
Ethel Winich	12
Olivia Bernd	13
Gladys Young	13
Zachariah Bonzo	14
Donald Shaffer	14

Ron & Martha Stauffer	1
David & Sandy Cook	6
John & Linda Garlitz	7
Tom & Ana Smith	8
Dale & Amy Foeks	10
Ralph & Judy Young	11
Tom & Joanne Weil	13
Gale & Joy Zahn	15
Clair & Eileen Bernd	17
Craig & Dawn Shaffer	17
Tim & Alice Weil	17
Richard & Deloris Housholder	22
Russell & Lillian Poland	27

Dale Kryder	17
Kasee Riley	17
Stephanie Horstman	18
Hunter Farnsworth	19
Timmy Sheets	19
Tyler Emerick	20
Madison Snavelly	20
Landen Young	21
Leyasa Young	21
Joan Fichter	22
Melanie Harley	22
Lynn Wilde	22
Leroy Young	22
Ralph Young	22
Christine Riley	23
Kay Allen	24
Lauren Dubovi	26
Carol Stumpf	26
Trinity Vojtko	27
John Pusateri	28
Brody Concelman	29
Zelda Graham	29




My thanks and God's blessing to Pastor Mike and Elder, Mike Pflug, for coming to Trinity Oaks on July 27 to give me Communion.

It was an impressive service and much appreciated.

Laura Pflug


Owen Michael Harvey was born to John & Rachel (Szallai) Harvey on Friday, August 15, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Owen weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz, and was 19" long at birth. Mom, Dad, and baby are all doing well.

Praise the Lord!



Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the many cards we received for our anniversary.

Laurin & Eileen Bonzo



July Box Score Averages

Sunday School	113	General	\$2,738.40
Worship	206	Benevolence ..	\$1,131.88

