

The Shoreline

A Monthly Newsletter of

LifeWater
community church



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Pastor Doug's Office Hours*:
Monday: 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m.—9 p.m.
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Thursday: Office closed
Friday: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

(*If no one is in the office during office hours,
Pastor Doug is at an appointment with
someone off-site.)

Sunday Services:

Worship Service: 10 a.m.—Sanctuary

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
*Helping each 'family' find
and fully follow Christ*

Pastor's Point:

August 2014

“What is Your Mission?”

Do you know what the mission of LifeWater is? I can almost hear you wrestling for a bulletin to take a peek at our mission statement. Our mission statement is “To help each person find and fully follow Christ.” The second question is: Have you found Christ? I would suggest that many of you who are reading this article have found Christ. So my third question is: Are you fully following Christ? Do you even know what that means?

A follower of Christ is simply another term for a disciple of Christ. In the Greek, a disciple means “learner or pupil.” But there is a breakdown in our language from Greek to English. When we think of a pupil we think of information. We live in an information world. If we want to know something we can get on the Internet and get thousands of hits on the subject we are looking for. But Paul shares with us that being a pupil is more than just gaining information. In Romans 2:13 he says, “For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.”

Paul is telling us here that it is not enough to know where something is or what something says in the Bible. What matters most is whether or not we live it out...Do we obey it? Here is where we are different from Greek culture. In Greek culture they had a deep desire to gain knowledge because they connected knowledge to power. In our culture we sometimes seek knowledge but we rarely do anything with it. It reminds me of a company that spent 3.2 million dollars to do a study of how it should grow. When the leaders got the report back they didn’t like the conclusions and so they just threw it away.

There are some who seek to know about God by reading the Bible but most don’t. There are some who seek to know where a specific truth is in the Bible but most don’t. There are some who apply the Bible to their lives and obey it but most don’t. There are some who seek to live out the truth that has been revealed in the Bible but most don’t. Which one are you? Are you the “few” or are you the “most”? What is your mission, spiritually? I want to challenge you as you continue to implement the 5, 5, 5 discipline this summer that you strive to be the “few” not the “most.” Live out the truth you are reading and learning about. Obey it and let it change you.

Growing together,
Pastor Doug

“The LifeWater Community Church leadership is committed to helping each person who calls LWCC their church take the next step in their commitment to Christ.”

We are in a series for the next few months to consider what we mean when we make that statement. This month we’ll consider the role of “spiritual disciplines” in the process of taking the next step with Jesus. The following quote from Ruth Haley Barton explains the function of these disciplines well:

While we cannot transform ourselves into the image of Christ, we *can* create the conditions in which spiritual transformation can take place. This is where spiritual practices come in. Spiritual practices are not ways to make brownie points with God or to prove our spiritual superiority to others. They are not a self-help program by which we take control of our journey and change ourselves. Rather, spiritual disciplines are concrete activities that we engage in in order to make ourselves available for the work that only God can do.

This is what Paul is referring to when he appeals to the Christians in Rome to “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1). He is saying that we can be intentional about creating the conditions for transformation by engaging in disciplines that help us surrender ourselves to God—not just in theory but in reality. As Richard Foster describes it, “[Spiritual] disciplines are the main way we offer our bodies up to God as a living sacrifice. We are doing what we can do with our bodies, our minds, our hearts. God then takes this simple offering of ourselves and does with it what we cannot do, producing within us deeply ingrained habits of love and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (*Renovare Perspective*, April 1999)

We are all familiar with disciplines like prayer, reading the Bible and joining together in worship on Sunday morning, but there are many others. None of us engages all of them, but it is good to try a number of them to see if they might not be very meaningful in your walk with Christ. An excellent book on the topic is Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster. He categorizes a dozen into three groups: the inward disciplines of Meditation, Prayer, Fasting & Study (scripture); the outward disciplines Simplicity, Solitude, Submission and Service; and the corporate disciplines of Confession, Worship, Guidance and Celebration.

I have numerous books on this topic. The Spiritual Disciplines Handbook gives ideas on how to practice any of over forty different disciplines. I would encourage you to try one or two of the ones I listed above or another which might be more meaningful for you. Let me know if you have any questions or I can help you incorporate any of these disciplines into your spiritual journey.

God bless you in your walk with Christ,

Stephen

Submitted by Stephen Lane, Regional Finance Director of the Missionary Church Central Region Office and member of LWCC

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- Local and Overseas Missions

Deep End Ministries: Small Groups

Becky Lane, Deaconess

As we consider Jesus' last instructions to us (recorded in Matthew 28:18-20) to make disciples and to teach them to obey His Word, this will be a greater focus of our small groups as they start back up in the fall. We hope to do this by taking the message from Sunday and allowing the Lord to transform not only our minds, but also our hearts and our behavior. September 14th will be our small group kick-off, and we hope and pray that everyone who calls LifeWater "home" will join one of these life-changing groups.

Important: Small group leaders will be meeting on August 24th in the café right after the morning service. This will be in preparation for our kick-off on September 14th.

FOR THE RECORD: June

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total giving:	\$11,972	\$12,516
Weekly average:	\$ 2,394	\$ 2,503
Weekly budget:	\$ 2,598	
Year-to-date giving:	\$76,305	\$63,685
Year-to-date budget:	\$67,550	
Special Project (as of 7/25/14)	\$571.00	
Average attendance per service:	90	81

Joining the Team: If you have been attending LifeWater and would like to know more about the church, about your involvement opportunities, and discover your spiritual gifts, please see Pastor Doug. Those who have expressed interest will be kept informed about the next class date. The class will be scheduled for sometime in the fall.



LifeWater Anniversary Celebration and Potluck

Don't miss the exciting anniversary celebration of LifeWater on Sunday, September 14th. God has done some amazing things over the last 10 years but the story of LWCC actually began 52 years ago! Join us as we celebrate and tell the story of what God has been doing over the years to make LifeWater what we are today.



Men's Golf Outing at the Donald Ross Golf Course



Men's Ministry is planning a golf outing!

Where: Donald Ross Golf Course, 7102 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 Phone: (260) 745-7093

Dates: August 30* and September 27. (*change of date)

Time: There will be a men's meeting at the golf course at 2 p.m., followed by a 3:00 p.m. tee time.

Cost: \$15.00 for nine holes of golf

Sign up: At the info table in the church lobby

Questions: See Jeremy Gordley or contact him at 435-9227.

24/7 Life Ministries

Carol Nealley, Deaconess



Church BBQ and Baptism Service: Our annual church BBQ and baptism service will be held at Stillwater Camp in Yoder, Indiana on Sunday, August 17th beginning at 10 a.m. We will start with our worship service, followed by the BBQ and baptism service. The main course, Pastor Harold's famous BBQ chicken, will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share with our meal. Also, please bring your own lawn chairs for the service. A couple of volunteers are needed to help with the set up of the tables before the service as well as help with the tear down and clean up after the service. We will also need four volunteers to bring coolers of water or soda.

(We have four large coolers with wheels to loan out if you need them.) If you are interested in bringing beverages or helping with set up, tear down, and clean up, please contact Carol Nealley at 438-5134. Maps and directions to Stillwater Camp will be available on the information table beginning August 3rd. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Doug.

LifeWater Family Directory: The updated church directory will soon be available in digital format in the secure members' section of the church website at www.lifewatercc.org. A printed version will be available by September. If any changes need to be made to your directory information prior to printing, please inform Stacy Thompson at stacyleigh@frontier.com.

Meal Ministry: The Voorhees meal ministry is in the process of being updated. If anyone would like to provide a meal for them, please contact Michelle Voorhees at 436-4090 to schedule the meal.

Congratulations to Brian and Kati (Beutler) Quigley on the birth of their son, **Thomas Michael Quigley IV**. Thomas was born on July 25th at 2:45 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long. The Quigleys current live in North Carolina.



Thomas Michael Quigley IV

Happy Birthday to...

- Carole Brace** Aug. 4
- Tiffany Lane** Aug. 5
- Dan Knee** Aug. 10
- Brian Quigley** Aug. 12
- Brittney Keairnes** Aug. 19
- Becky Bunn** Aug. 21
- Rich Brown**
- Matthew Baker** Aug. 30
- Harold Graham** Aug. 31

Charis Corner: Stories of Grace in a Broken World
By Kari Mahara

"I didn't make a mistake," God says.

My eyes widen. My mouth drops open. I'm ready to argue. I'm ready to spell it out for Him. "You're wrong," I whisper. Though the words escape my lips, we both recognize what they are—a lie.

His words open my eyes. Bathe my world in a new light. A sunrise erases the pain from my past—transforming the dark deeds to pastel perfection.

I never made the right friends. I was never good enough to be "popular." What friends I did have hurt me with their lies and rejection.

But you learned how to be a good friend. These trials made you trustworthy, loyal, and free of idle drama.

I married so young, inexperienced with the world and its responsibilities.

You both entered your marriage pure and righteous. Your commitment to each other has never faltered. Every difficult circumstance has made your marriage stronger and your love more devoted.

But twins, God? Seriously?

You already know my answer.

I grow silent. I do know the answer. My greatest blessing so far. How do I argue with that? Why would I want to? But I can't stop myself.

My next question is a whisper. *And this new dream? This isn't a mistake?*

I know the plans I have for you—plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I work all things for your good. Because you love me. I will never leave you, nor forsake you. I will take hold of your hand. You are mine. Now, go! I will help you.

I don't make mistakes.

- Jeremiah 29:11
- Romans 8:28
- Joshua 1:5b
- Isaiah 42:6, 43:1
- Exodus 6:12

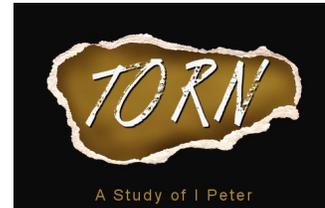
2014 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
September newsletter:
info due August 20
(distribution on August 31)

Please send updates and information to
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or place in the marked tray in the
church office.

UPCOMING SERMON MESSAGES:

We continue our sermon series, *Torn*. "Crushed, overwhelmed, devastated, discouraged..." these were all feelings experienced by the early followers of Christ. They suffered, were threatened on all sides and lost all hope. This type of pain and anguish can tempt even the most spiritually mature person to surrender, to give in, or turn back. It is against this backdrop that Peter writes his first letter to these suffering Christians. This compelling and practical letter's purpose was to stimulate their faith, to assure them of the reliability of God's word and encourage them to stand firm in God's grace. Join us as we continue this exciting sermon series!

- August 3:** "Torn: The Cost" (I Peter 3:13-22)
- August 10:** "Torn: Attitude is Everything" (I Peter 4:1-6)
- August 17:** "Torn: The End is Near" (I Peter 4:7-11)
(Reminder: Service will be at Stillwater Camp)
- August 24:** "Torn: Suffering" (I Peter 4:12-19)
- August 31:** "Torn: The Role of an Elder" (I Peter 5:1-4)



To listen to the current *and* previous sermon series, go to the LifeWater website at www.lifewatercc.org and click on the *Services* link. Then go to the date of the sermon you wish to hear.

Remember in Prayer:

Health Issues:

- **Tim and Tracy White:** current battles they are facing
- **Margot Ullman:** cancer treatment
- **Michelle, Ally, and Alex Vorhees:** Lyme Disease
- **Steve Witte,** father of Chasity Marks: his high risk surgery has been delayed until August 25th due to needing surgery on his toe
- **Carole Brace's father:** terminal cancer and spiritual needs
- **Ronnette Armstrong:** recovering from surgery



Other:

- **Our missionaries:** Dr. Katherine Welch, and Rich and Judy Witmer. Please also remember retired minister Reynold Jean Baptiste still serving in Haiti.
- **Kids Crossing Daycare and Preschool**
- Follow up on your **Person of Interest**

The first Monday of every month we will have a prayer meeting in the Café from 7 – 8 p.m. August's prayer meeting date is: **August 4**

The elders also pray **every Saturday evening at 6 p.m.** in the Café for the Sunday service. Anyone is welcome to join this special prayer time.

Children's Ministry and Kids Crossing Daycare Update

Tracey Brown, Director of Children's Ministries



VBS Update: With the help of Child Evangelism Fellowship, we had a great time at VBS, held the week of July 21st. We had some of our biggest crowds ever this year with an average of 13 children participating in the program each day. What is more significant, however, are the four responses to the Gospel message we have seen. These kids were so excited to receive their own Bible and to do the "homework" given to them by the CEF staff! We spent more time after VBS talking about God's word and learning how to find the "addresses" of the verses they have been learning. It was a wonderful week of VBS!

Children's Workers Needed: We are again in need of volunteers in the nursery and Sunday school! There is a need in every age group, so if you love kids, have a heart for sharing God's word, and can commit to just one Sunday each month, please talk to me or to Becky Lane. Because the 1st-5th grade class has grown, and will continue to with the incoming 1st graders, there may be a need to split this age group, making the need for more volunteers even greater.

Family Movie Night: All families and friends of LifeWater and Kids Crossing are invited to attend a family movie night on **Saturday, August 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** We will be watching the movie, "Despicable Me" outside on the church lawn, so please bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray! Please contact Kari Mahara at karenmahara@msn.com or (260) 229-7221 if you plan to attend.



The Zone is LifeWater's youth group for Middle School and High School students. They meet at the church on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise stated below).

August topics:

- August 6: Cedar Point Trip: Meet at the church at 9 a.m.; home by 10 p.m. Cost is \$50
- August 13: No youth group
- *August 20: Meeting at the church: *Faith: The God Who Loves*
- *August 27: Meeting at the church: *Faith: Ultimate Satisfaction*

** new 6th graders invited*

Missions and Outreach Ministries



Dr. Katherine Welch,
Rich and Judy Witmer

Thailand— *Dr. Katherine Welch*

Requests:

- Continue to pray for the new full-time Thai staff person, Prae. This is the third month she has been with Relentless as Project Manager. She has been enjoying her work and has an ever-present thirst to learn.
- Pray for Dr. Katherine's travels to Bangkok, Thailand from August 18-22 and Qatar from August 25-28.
- Pray for Dr. Katherine's trip back to the States in September. She will be in the US from September 10-29. Pray that God will provide a car for her to borrow for a few weeks.
- Relentless by the numbers:
 - 5 countries traveled (Bulgaria, Greece, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand)*
 - 28 Cambodian medical students involved in Relentless trainings*
 - 57 Assistant staff participated in Relentless training sessions*
 - 300+ health professionals participated in Relentless workshops*
 - UNCOUNTABLE beneficiaries served directly and indirectly!*

Bulgaria— *Rich and Judy Witmer*

- Please continue praying for Rich and Judy in their ongoing ministry in Bulgaria.
- Please pray for income for their support. As of June 30, God has provided 100% of their support. However, the projected shortfall until the end of 2014 for pledged support is \$10,500. Pray that God will provide mission support to continue their ministry. He is faithful!



Operation Christmas Child *Patti Quintano*

In August we are collecting school supplies for our shoe boxes. This is one of the most important items we collect all year long. Children in many of the impoverished areas shoes boxes are distributed will sometimes be unable to attend school because they do not have the required supplies. In some areas, for some reason, pencils are required but not easily acquired...it can be harder for a family to find a pencil to buy than to pay the school tuition, as crazy as that seems. We like to be able to include pencils and a pencil sharpener in each shoe box, so as those back-to-school sales are winding up and items get marked down, please keep OCC in mind and pick up these items for our shoe box kids! Items to look for (in addition to pencils and pencil sharpeners) would include thin notebooks or loose paper, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, calculators, activity books, crayons, and coloring books. These stories from Uganda illustrate the importance of such little things:

SOROTI region is one of the places severely affected by the KONI rebels during the war that saw many innocent children, mothers and fathers dead. It left many of the kids as care takers for their young siblings. One of the children there was a primary Seven candidate and happened to be one of the beneficiaries of the Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. In his box was packed a calculator which was so essential in his national examinations but had no capacity to get one. He was so overjoyed and wondered how God answers prayers. He had never thought of something as big as this in his entire life. He now has hope that if God can answer his prayer, he will do even the bigger things he's wanted to be in his life. May God bless Operation Christmas Child so much for reaching out to these war affected children because they really need hope for life. May God bless you so much!

And another

Betty, 10 years old, was visiting her cousin's sister for a week and then she was invited to the distribution by her cousin's sister. When she received a gift box that day, she was touched and we could see tears flow from her eyes which was a sign how this gift was special to her. When our volunteers asked her why she was crying she said she could not believe all the items in the box belong to her. She shared a story of how she missed school for a week because she did not have a pencil to use.

Missions and Outreach Ministries (continued)

Fall Festival



This year's Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.** Join us as we reach out to our church neighbors with fun, food and fellowship! Sign up sheets for

volunteers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. The areas to volunteer include setting up and tearing down, food prep and serving, face painting, kid's festival rides, etc. Please join us for a fun way to reach out to those living around our church neighborhood. Pray about families you can invite to our fall festival this year.



Johnny Appleseed Festival -Volunteer-

As you might recall, the South Side Optimist Club made a generous donation last year to our church, helping us purchase our children's playset. In turn, a few of us helped them out at their booth during the Johnny Appleseed Festival. (The Festival is where they make their money to donate to children's charities and projects.) They were very appreciative of our return support. They then AGAIN made another generous donation for our fence around the playset. My sons and I will be helping them again at their booth for the festival. If anyone is interested in helping, I know they would be most appreciative. If anyone needs more info, please contact me. The dates for the Johnny Appleseed Festival this year are Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21.

Tim White

Shepherd's Closet

Susan Welch

The supplier that provides items for our Shepherd's Closet paper ministry is rarely able to provide the items listed below. Please consider grabbing a few of these items during your next grocery shopping trip to add to this ministry. You can place your items in the labeled bin in the church café. Thank you!!

*We still have an urgent need for: **shampoo, liquid dish soap, and disposable razors.** Other items also needed are:*

- Conditioner
- Plastic wrap
- Facial tissues
- Foil
- Hand/body lotion
- Deodorant

August 2014 Calendar—LWCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 OCC item for August: School Supplies					1	2 6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café) 6:30 p.m.—Family outdoor movie, "Despicable Me" (Church lawn)
3 8:45 a.m. —Adult Bible Study (Café) 10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)	4 7 p.m.—Special all-church prayer service (Café)	5	6 Youth Group—Cedar Point trip. Meet at the church at 9 a.m.; home at 10 p.m. Cost is \$50	7 7 p.m.—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)	8	9 6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)
10 8:45 a.m. —Adult Bible Study (Café) 10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)	11	12 7 p.m.—Church Board meeting (Café)	13 NO YOUTH GROUP	14 7 p.m.—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)	15	16 2 p.m. Men's Meeting / 3 p.m. Men's Golf Outing — Donald Ross Golf Course 6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)
17 10 a.m.—Morning service / BBQ / Baptism service at Stillwater Camp 	18	19	20 7 p.m. – Youth Group meeting at church (new 6th graders invited) NEWSLETTER INFO SUBMISSION DEADLINE	21 7 p.m.—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)	22	23 11 a.m.-2 p.m.—Fall Festival (church lawn)  6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)
24 8:45 a.m. —Adult Bible Study (Café) 10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m.—Small Group leaders' meeting (Café)	25	26	27 7 p.m. – Youth Group meeting at church (new 6th graders invited)	28 7 p.m.—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)	29	30 2 p.m. Men's Meeting / 3 p.m. Men's Golf Outing — Donald Ross Golf Course 6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)
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	Sept. 1—Church office / Kids Crossing closed for holiday		Sept. 8 — All-church prayer meeting, 7 p.m.		Sept. 14—LWCC's anniversary celebration and potluck	
	Sept. 14—Small Group kickoff		Sept. 16—Church Board Meeting, 7 p.m.		Sept. 27—Men's Golf Outing, 3 p.m.	