

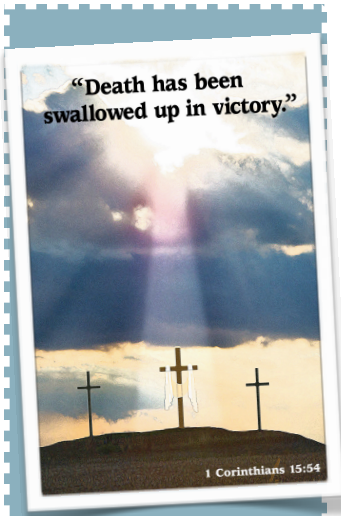
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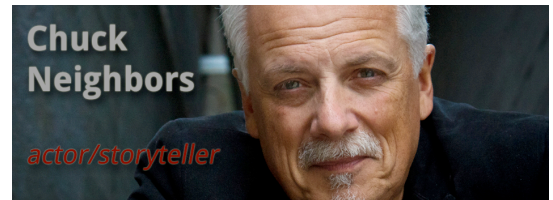
✧ Bring a friend on Friendship Sabbath ✧



*Jesus is the Way,
the Truth
and the Life.*



Jesus was the master storyteller. He used parables to capture the attention and imagination of his audience. If Jesus were here sharing those parables today he might update them to capture the attention and imagination of our current culture. And that's what actor/storyteller extraordinaire Chuck Neighbors will be doing in Toledo First Church on Sabbath May 19 @ 11am.



Chuck Neighbors

actor/storyteller

You will hear The Parable of the Talents set in a psychiatrist's office from a patient who is struggling with life after losing his job. The Parable of the Prodigal Son from the "other son's" point of view as he communicates his feelings toward his wayward brother. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard from a disgruntled employee trying to come to terms with the boss's apparent favoritism. The Parable of the Good Samaritan from the victim's perspective, as he discovers what it means to "love your neighbor as yourself." The Parable of the Sower and the Seeds from a grandfather sharing the sorrow and joys of the differing paths his children have chosen. In the same way the original parables encouraged the faith of listeners over 2000 years ago—this retelling will encourage your faith as well! Plan now to invite a friend and bring them to Friendship Sabbath @ Toledo First. —Pastor Mike Fortune ##

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.

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Feb/Mar @ Toledo First

We had a busy winter! The photo of Pastor Mike & Jackie and their children, Joshua and Lydia, was taken at the International Food Fest just prior to their surprise 5th anniversary & appreciation celebration.

Yes, it's been 5 years since they came to Toledo First and we hope they stay a long time! Mount Vernon Academy band and choir lead us in worship FEB 18 and that evening we hosted the Valentines for Toledo

concert to benefit SAIL (School for Autistically Impaired Learners). Dr. Marion Boss and David Putano from SAIL are shown in the middle photo. Local recording artist, Sheri LaFontaine, was the featured singer. The

final photo shows some of the children in the children's choir under the direction of Sharon VanWyk. *Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for sharing your photos! ##*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	APRIL	APRIL 21	MAY 19	MAY 22	MAY 29 & 31
	10	Battle Creek	Friendship	Church	Graduations
	Town	Academy Band	Sabbath w/	Business	JMLC, 29th
	Hall	4pm	guest, Chuck	Meeting,	TJA, 31st
	Meeting,	Connections	Neighbors	7 pm	both at 7pm
	7pm	5pm			



The next date for Connections is April 21. You are invited to this second service at 5pm. ##

When are church dinners?

The schedule for April and May is:

April 21 - Friendship Dinner

May 5 & 19 - Fellowship Potluck

Eat 'n Greet will be on the fourth Sabbaths: April 28 and May 26. ##

Pathfinders make plans for spring and summer

During April Pathfinders will have a guest teacher for marching, drilling and fire building in preparation for the Pathfinder Fair scheduled for May 5 and 6, The Columbia Union Camporee in late summer will be at Ohio's Camp Mohaven this year so travel will be easier and less time-consuming. Pathfinders need to let leader Linda Bilby know by May 1st whether they will be going to the Camporee in August. Pathfinders meet

on Wednesdays, 6:30pm at church. ##

Learning Center to graduate 15!

Graduation is coming up on May 29 at 7pm. We have about 15 graduates, some of whom will be attending Toledo Junior Academy next year. We are always excited about that! We recently renewed our 2 star rating which makes this our 5th straight year of quality. This year we got together with other Seventh-day Adventist administrators and have been in contact with some of them. We are happy to

be a part of networking SDA child care administrators.

The warm weather has the children eager to get outside and play, so we have been spending some additional time on the playground these sunny spring days. — Tanya Purcell, JMLC Director ##

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You are invited to Mother's Day Tea

Come for a relaxing afternoon with friends on May 12 as you enjoy your favorite tea and delicacies. Our speaker, Thelma Dobson, will recount an inspirational story of the journey of daughter and mother from early childhood through adult years. Now as roles gracefully exchange, their bond remains strong and secure. This is a message of hope in amazing possibilities achieved through God's love and grace. Give yourself a special treat at Mother's Day Tea. ##

Truth is Jesus?



Ephesians 4:21 (NIV) says, "Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus." That's the text the entire week of Camp Meeting 2012 is built around. Meetings and classes feature grace-based Ohio speakers/presenters!

Bring your Bibles for worship, work clothing for service projects, suits for swimming, etc. Early Morning Walks with Jeba Moses gets your heart pumping. Soul Café with Lori Farr will help campers begin their day in the word of God with new friends. Pick up your favorite drink and muffin and join the small groups around the tables to engage in an interactive study group to deepen your understanding and love of God. Joint worship for all ages in the Cafeteria precedes morning classes. Campers can enjoy afternoon family-friendly classes and presentations Cradle Roll through Teens. Afternoon Activities/Outings for ALL ages – swimming, bowling, Camp Mohaven Day, and area outreach service projects. Women's Tea at the Gallagher Center Thursday, June 14 and much, much more! Worship every morning and evening. Sunday night (opening night) – special showing of *Forks over Knives*. On Friday night, join us for a free meal* and countdown to Sabbath Our Lord's Delight.

Saturday June 16 concludes the week-long spiritual feast with more intergenerational worship, a free meal* to registered guests, an afternoon sacred talent show called Ohio Has Gifts featuring the spiritual gifts of people from across Ohio Adventist churches, an evening watermelon feed, an update on Adventist Health Study, a Camp Meeting recap in pictures, more worship featuring a youth production of Esther: Queen of Persia and a community concert. Don't miss it!

*online registration required @ www.ohioadventist.org ##

Manhood at Mohaven?

Guys 18 and up! Let's get together for a non-churchy weekend full of Jesus-centered fun and work. My friend Pastor Kevin will be there with some of his friends and I want to bring a bunch of guys from NW Ohio as well. Who is interested? You do not have to be a member of Toledo First to participate. Please do not let money be an issue. If you want to go, we can make it happen.



Please RSVP with me (mike4tune@gmail.com / 419.386.8918) before April 18 so I can know how to plan. We could really use your help on SUN MAY 20 as together with manly men from all over Ohio we'll be building one of two new bath houses @ Camp Mohaven. If you do, your accommodations on SAT night are free and food only costs \$10/person for the entire weekend! Here are more details.

Lodging

FRIDAY NIGHT

Oak Lodge – \$30 / room – double occupancy

Sycamore - \$? / room – double occupancy

Cabin – \$5.00 / night /person – group

Camper - \$5 / night hookup

Contact Dave Robinson for more info
campmohavenman@gmail.com or 740.599.6111
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We were happy to welcome new members in March. All of them have been worshipping with us for a long time and we are happy they are now “official” members of our church family. Deb Britenbaker and Glen Good, Jr. joined us on March 10. They are shown here at the fellowship potluck following



worship with a “welcome cake” baked by Jo Ann Arthur.

Lurna Holness, shown below with Pastor Mike and Donna



Schuster who presented Lurna with a welcome basket, joined by transfer from St. James, Jamaica.

She has been in the states for several years, and decided recently to add her name to our Toledo First family. Welcome Lurna, Debbie and Glen. —Dee Caulder ##

Second Scrapbooking Fundraiser set for July 1

Our first Scrapbooking Fundraiser (for the school building fund) event was small but now we have \$150 towards prizes for our next Scrapbooking event! Being held during the summer we hope to attract more parents of TJA and



JMLC students who want to preserve the growing years of their children in memory albums. We thank Kendra Bills of *In Bloom* for contributing two flower arrangements for prizes this year and Nicole Warner, LMT, for being on hand to give massages to the attendees. Linda Bilby hosted the fundraiser with Pat and Jean Kline who prepared the evening meal. Our thanks to all who took part in this ministry. Remember to save the date—July 1! —Dee Caulder ##

Things are happening at Toledo Junior Academy

Wow, it’s hard to believe that in approximately 45 days another school year will be over. Where has the time gone? Thank you to those who supported the last movie night where we showed *Dolphin Tale*. It’s always great to see our school and church families coming together in fellowship.

Upcoming Events:
April 2-9 Spring Break

April 13-14 Elementary Music Fest (students in grades 5-8 travel to Mount Vernon). Everyone is invited to come and support our students as they share their singing and video skills this year.

Graduating Kindergarteners this year include:

1. Milana Kellerbauer
2. Darius Jones
3. George Soldner
4. Jonah Miligan
5. Ian Reynolds
6. Aiden Lewis

Graduating 8th graders include:

1. Danielle Dariano
2. Vanessa VanWyk
3. Alex Peppard

We look forward to seeing you there May 31 for the ceremony. ##

Have you seen the new stove?

We have a new flat-top stove replacing the old one in our church kitchen. Many thanks to Glendon Cross for picking up the stove from the store, removing the old one, cleaning under it!, installing the new one, and taking the old one away! —Donna Schuster ##

Camp Mohaven is a world of fun!

If you have kids or grandkids of camp age (6 - 17), you’ll want to investigate Camp Mohaven. Cub Camp for 6 - 9 year olds begins June 17 for one week. Following in succession are Junior Camp 1, Horse Camp, Junior Camp 2, Ski Camp then Teen Camp. Register online at summeratmohaven.org or get more information at youth@ohioadventist.org. ##

Calendar of Events...

April & May 2012

Birthdays

April 2 Mary Ann Bagaoisan
April 3 Tom Sandy
April 6 Tiffany Kidd
April 8 Robert Ostrander
April 9 Kimiko Kawakami
April 11 Kelly Gustrowsky
April 18 Greg Justice
April 20 Tyler Leibengood
April 22 Arden Brion
April 24 Taryn Landeros
April 25 Loni Orlet
April 26 Ray Riley
April 27 Lewis Simpson Jr.
April 28 Don Marsh



Birthdays

May 1 Austin Jessop
May 3 Gary Gooden
May 8 Lori Marsh
May 11 Kelly Maxwell
May 12 Linda Ostrander
May 14 Tina Polzin
May 15 Eric Polzin
May 18 Linda Bilby
May 22 Derrick Polzin
May 25 Raymond Kawakami
May 26 Janell Ashley
May 27 Cindy Leibengood
May 30 Sharon Crosby
Julie Larimore



Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11am each week
Kid Connect @ 11am each week

APR 7 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Communion; Baptism
APR 14 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Elementary Music Festival & Academy Days at Mount Vernon Academy
APR 21 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Friendship Dinner hosted by Carla & team; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Battle Creek Academy Band concert @ 4pm; Connections @ 5pm; MVA Alumni in Mount Vernon
APR 28 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

Sundays

Christ the Word Church rents our church morning & evening on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month; Morning only other weeks.
APR 8 - Easter

Mondays

APR 2 - TJA Spring Break all week
APR 16 - TJA students serve lunch at Cherry St, Mission

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

APR 10 - Town Hall Meeting, 7pm

Wednesdays - Soup for You @ 6pm; Book Discussion & Pathfinders @ 6:30

Thursdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

APR 13 - Elementary Music Festival and Academy Days begin

APR 20 - MVA Alumni begins

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Kid Connect @ 11am each week

MAY 5 Pastor Mike away; Gina Helbly speaks; Fellowship Potluck; Pathfinder Fair in Mount Vernon
MAY 12 Pastor Mike speaks; Mother's Day Tea
MAY 19 Chuck Neighbors, storyteller will be our speaker; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Ohio Men's Gathering at Camp Mohaven
MAY 26 Pastor Mike speaks; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

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MAY 5 - Pathfinder Fair

Mondays

MAY 14 - TJA students serve lunch at Cherry St. Mission
MAY 28 - Memorial Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

MAY 22 - Church Business Meeting, 7pm

MAY 29 - JMLC Graduation

Wednesdays - Soup for You @ 6pm; Book Discussion & Pathfinders @ 6:30

Thursdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

MAY 31 - TJA Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduations

Fridays - Worship Practice .p@ 5:30pm

