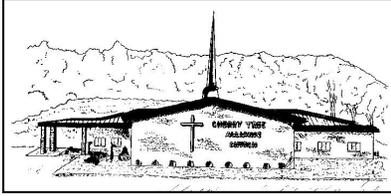


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Loving God, Loving You

July 23, 2017 • 10:00 AM

GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for July: \$15,491
(Amount needed monthly: \$21,587)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$719

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

10:00 AM Worship Service: 116
10:00 AM Children's Classes: 28
Total 10:00 AM Attendance: 144



SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Ladies' & Men's
Bible Studies
(every other Sunday)

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Youth Group Activities
as scheduled

Today's Message -

Hurting, Yet Holy

A Message from I Peter 1:15-16

Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

Please turn off all pagers, cell phones and other electronic devices, or switch to silent alert.

I THINK I CAN!

Remember the children's story about the little engine that could? With a steep mountain to climb, the small locomotive was outmatched and undone, but possessed of an undaunted determination and indomitable will, the tiny engine achieved the seemingly impossible.

All the way to the top, the engine huffed in perfect rhythm,

*I think I can,
I think I can,
I think I can!*

It's an encouraging story of what we can accomplish when we really set our minds to a task. But what if we are faced with a truly insurmountable challenge? The Lord Jesus, who is sinless and without fault, commands, *Be perfect* (Matthew 5.48).

The Apostle Peter, truly a sinner and filled with fault, calls us to, *Be holy, because our God is holy* (I Peter 1.16).

Do we give up without making an effort?
Do we give it a try...only to prove that we are inadequate?

I think I can...NOT!
Or is there another option?

Our Lord who called us to perfection also said,
You can do nothing apart from me.

Is that the secret?
Is holiness achieved by resigning ourselves to the One who is holy?
Is holiness the work of his own Holy Spirit?

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

**LOVING GOD,
LOVING YOU!**

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE July 23, 2017

Call to Worship

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Forever
In the Hands of God
10,000 Reasons*

Friendship Greeting

Tithes & Offerings
VBS - Operation Arctic video

Pastoral Prayer
(Kids are dismissed to Children's Church)

Message:
Hurting, Yet Holy

Revelation Song

Benediction



Prayer of the Day

If you are wrestling with something today that feels insurmountable, whether a struggle with an area of temptation that holds you captive or with a life situation for which you feel you have no more endurance... call out to our Heavenly Father for His great peace and strength. You may be hurting, but through the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are also made holy.

THIS WEEK

July 21-30	Mahaffey Family Camp
Tues.	8:30 AM Seniors' Breakfast at Eat'n Park
Wed.	6:00 PM Youth Group, Coopers Rock
Thurs.	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Eat'n Park
Fri.	10:00 AM Salvation Army Volunteer Day

COMING EVENTS

July 2	9:00 AM Youth Group, Ohiopele Bike Trip
July 3	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Eat'n Park
	6:00 PM VBS Volunteer Meeting

Missionary of the Week

Please pray for our missionaries of the week, Stephen and Yire Woerner (and son Hason) Alliance international workers serving in Japan. They ask for prayer in the following areas:

"Please pray for the Bible study and Chiba Gospel Hour on July 23rd, Sunday, that the Holy Spirit would touch those non believers' hearts and that Gospel Message would penetrate their hearts and that we'd know how to follow up with them!"

Please pray for the summer bible camp at our church (7/27-29), that through songs/messages of Jesus and fun times, kids will be touched by the Holy Spirit and to know in their hearts that they are God's beloved and to commit themselves to Jesus! The youngest attending is 6 months old and the oldest is two high-school seniors. Including the teachers, 24 people are registered.

Please pray for the strength in summer days, as it is hot and HUMID here in Japan!"



Meals Ministry Team

We are hoping to launch a Meals Ministry Team by finding several individuals or families who will commit to providing a meal when a need arises (family with new baby, someone home from hospital after surgery, etc.).

If you would be interested in being a member of this group, please sign up on the church bulletin board. Becky Bavetz has graciously agreed to coordinate this program.

Sunday Evening Men's & Women's Bible Study

Men's Small Group, we will be meeting at The Gathering Place at the Old Grange (located at 994 Flatwoods Road in Vanderbilt, PA 15486) on Sunday, **July 30th** at 5:00 PM to assist with a painting project.



Ladies, our next Bible study will be held Sunday, **August 13th** at 6:00 PM. Babysitting will be provided. Join us for a time of study & fellowship! Also, it is time to consider options for the fall study. If you have a desire to use a certain book or study guide or are drawn to a particular general topic or book of the Bible, please contact Bethany Ruth.



WANTED: Volunteers to operate the media projection on Sunday mornings. Would be needed once every 4-6 weeks. Please contact the church office if interested.

Operation Christmas Child Comes to Cherry Tree Alliance!

Operation Christmas Child asked us to become a local collection site for their shoeboxes the week of November 13th-20th. We will be looking for volunteers to staff the collection area in the Fellowship Hall for two hours each day of the week. Hours are still to be determined, but we will be choosing some daytime and some evening hours to accommodate as many people as we can. While this event is still a few months away, we wanted to begin collecting names of our church family who would be potentially interested in volunteering. Please contact Andrea in the church office or Debbie Wotring if you are interested.



Building Project Fundraising Committee

We have made progress on our large building maintenance projects: replacing the heating and air conditioning units and upgrading the sanctuary sound system. We are hoping to form a Building Project Fundraising Committee to work in conjunction with the Fellowship Team on arranging & promoting special events to help collect the funds needed for these projects. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please speak with Pastor David or e-mail him at **contact church office for Pastor David's e-mail address**.

HURTING, YET HOLY

*...just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
1 Peter 1.15-16 (NIV)*

Abstract: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commanded, *Be perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect* (Matthew 5.48). In the Old Testament, God instructed his people, *Be holy, because I am holy* (multiple places, including Leviticus 20.7). Peter asks the same, from believers who are severely persecuted. Is this fair?

Your notes and comments:

More purity give me, more strength to o'ercome;
More freedom from earth-stains, more longings for home;
More fit for the kingdom, more used would I be;
More blessed and holy—more, Savior, like Thee.
Philip P. Bliss, "More Holiness Give Me"



Please note: an unidentified person was observed checking for unlocked vehicles last Sunday during worship service. Please be sure to lock your vehicle during service and avoid leaving valuables in plain view.

**LAST CALL- PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFO TODAY!
2017 Directories**

We are in the process of updating our records before we print our 2017 directories. We would greatly appreciate your stopping by the church bulletin board and reviewing the contact information we have on file for your family. If you'd like to add or change info, please grab a pen from one of the clipboards and cross out or write in the updated info. Thanks so much!



**Vacation Bible School:
Operation Arctic
August 7th - 11th
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

You can register your kids in one of two ways:

1. Fill out the VBS registration form at the VBS display in the foyer.
2. Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/vbs-registration-page

We are strongly urging families to pre-register this year so we can get an accurate count on the number who will be attending VBS. **If you register by TODAY, your child will receive a special Operation Arctic keepsake on our final evening together at VBS!**

There is a list in the foyer of needed snack & craft items. If you would like to donate some of these things, please check out the list and write your name beside the item(s) you plan to purchase. Please bring donations to the church by NEXT Sunday, July 30th.

Thank you so much for helping to make our 2017 VBS program possible!

Mandatory VBS Meeting for Volunteers: If you signed up to help during the week of VBS, we are asking that you PLEASE attend this very important meeting on Thursday, **August 3rd** at 6:00 PM. We will be going over everything you should know including the theme for VBS in greater detail, our mission project, our expectations, what area you are assigned to, your responsibilities for the week, the schedule, VBS policies, and more! We will also be spending some time in prayer for VBS.

Please note that no childcare will be provided for the meeting.

Hot outside, isn't it?! Need to cool off?! **Help us decorate for Operation Arctic!** Please join us **Sunday, August 6th** starting at 1:00 PM.

Please note: Andrea Taylor will be using vacation time and will be out of the office on Monday, **July 24th**. Thank you!



Salvation Army Volunteer Day

Our next day to volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will be Friday, **July 28th** from 10:00 AM - noon. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can attend. If you would like to help out by donating

food items, please place them in the collection bin in the foyer.

Supplies needed are cans of kidney beans and jarred sauce (typically use Prego brand but will accept all kinds of tomato sauce).

If you have any questions, please see Kent Sholtz.

Covered Dish Dinner for John & Lori Chuma

John & Lori Chuma, our brother and sister in Christ, are in the process of selling their home and preparing to move. As most of you know, we have prayed for Lori for her health concerns. The Chumas face significant medical expenses that are not covered by insurance, and we would like to bless them with a gift to help with these costs. Any donations to the Benevolent Fund this month will be designated for John and Lori. You may contribute to this gift by using an offering envelope (from your set or the pew) and marking your gift toward the Benevolent Fund. Next Sunday, **July 30th** we will host a covered dish dinner following the Morning Worship service to encourage and pray for our friends. Feel free to bring a card or write a note of encouragement. **Please sign up TODAY on the bulletin board if you can attend.**



**Scholarship Information for
High School Seniors & College Students -
Now Available!**

We will be awarding scholarships this year at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Check out the scholarship info available on the church literature table for details. Please note that high school seniors AND students currently enrolled in college (regardless of semester) are eligible to apply or reapply. Scholarships are provided by CTAC's "Student Fund / CMA Scholarship Fund."

The deadline to apply is **next Sunday, July 30th**.

The Worship Team is hoping to add some additional singers, either as regulars or in rotation for filling in. If you are interested in auditioning, please speak with John Donato or e-mail him at **contact church office for John's e-mail address**.

