CHERRY TREE
ALLIANCE CHURCH

September 20, 2020 • 8:45 & 11:00 AM

Today's Message -
Avoiding Vain Philosophies
A Message from Colossians 2.8
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

11:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
September 20, 2020

(8:45 AM Service
is abbreviated)

Outdoor Worship Service at Hutchinson Park

Call to Worship

Only A God Like You
Awake My Soul
Word of God Speak

Announcements

Message
Avoiding Vain Philosophies

Praise & Petition

Trust & Obey

Benediction

NO FOOLIN'!

Fool me once, shame on you.
Fool me twice, shame on me.

Do you know that proverb?
If someone tricks me once,
shame on him for his deception,
but if he pulls the same trick
and I fall for it again,
shame on me for not being
wiser to his ruse!

I feel that way about
many of the "tricks"
of this world's philosophies.
They aren't new, really.
For centuries, mankind has
ignored God's truth in favor
of systems and "isms" and
theories that are patently false
and unsatisfying…yet we "fall"
for the same old flawed
and deficient reasoning
again and again.
Shame on us!

Let God be true
and every man a liar!
(Romans 3.4)
That's how Paul sees it,
and I'm in agreement.

When Paul cites something
that is grounded in God's Word
and has been proven
in human experience, he says,
This is a trustworthy statement.
(e.g., I Timothy 4.9)
If it's from the Lord, we don't
have to question its reliability.
God does not mislead us!
Let's put our trust in him!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD!

LOVING YOU!

AVOIDING VAIN PHILOSOPHIES

See to it that no one takes you captive
through hollow and deceptive philosophy,
which depends on human tradition and the basic principles
of this world rather than on Christ.
Colossians 2.8 (NIV)

Abstract: There are plenty of "isms" in this world – ways that *seem right* to us but in truth will *lead to death* (Prov. 14.12). We must turn from such ways and seek the path of God's choosing. He leads us into truth and righteousness, into purity and holiness, and ultimately into peace and everlasting joy.

Your notes and comments:

We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.
O Word of God Incarnate, William W. How

We welcome you to our Annual Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic!

Please note that following the service, we will proceed to the picnic. We will have a traditional buffet, and also bagged lunches, pre-packed so you can "grab and go" if you are not comfortable with the buffet line. We thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord & fellowship with our brothers & sisters in Christ in the great outdoors! As we protect one another from the spread of COVID-19, we request that you observe social distancing as much as possible and use the hand sanitizers available at the buffet tables.

Congratulations to the following couples in our church family who were married on Saturday, September 12th:

Kelsey Dillon & Ryan Kubiak
Mallory Mansberry & Brian Perkins

We rejoice in God's goodness to these couples and wish them the very best!

Brite

Start Date: **October 7th**
Online Registration Is Open!

We are starting a new virtual program, Brite (made by the creators of AWANA), to run October through December on Wednesday evenings. Brite is for students grades Pre-K through 5th. In this curriculum, you will build a foundation of spiritual resilience by engaging kids in the stories of the Bible, what they teach us about God, and how to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

During the fall, we'll be planning some special events for our kids so they are still able to meet in person with one another.

Online registration is now open at www.cherrytreealliance.org/brite.

AWANA 2021 - Watch for more details!

Bible Quiz Practice

Quizzing practices are held at the church on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM. We will be studying the gospel of Matthew. All children from 2nd to 12th grade are eligible to join. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Mitchell.

Special Prayer Events in Washington, D.C.

The Return: The National and Global Day of Prayer & Repentance will take place this year on Saturday, **September 26th**. *The Return* is a movement, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose – the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity, in prayer, and repentance. A live event will be held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. A simulcast of the event will also be available. If you are interested in attending live or in hosting a viewing of the simulcast, please register at www.thereturn.org.

Also on Saturday, **September 26th**, Franklin Graham will be hosting the **Washington 2020 Prayer March**. Please meet at the Lincoln Memorial at noon, followed by the march across the National Mall, using a route that passes landmarks such as the White House and the U.S. Capitol. Find out more & RSVP to attend at www.prayermarch2020.com.

Update for Our Blessed Confidant / Secret Sister Ministry

Ladies involved in our Blessed Confidant Ministry: we thank you for your patience over these months as COVID has prevented our regular closing party / sister reveal for so long! Due to these still uncertain times, we would like to have our Blessed Confidant reveal and new sister assignment by MAIL!

If you are currently in the Secret Sister program, please mail a final letter or card to your current sister, revealing your identity to them, and sharing some final words of affirmation & encouragement for them. If you do not have your sister's address, please contact Andrea in the church office. Please send your card by October 4th.

If you would like to join in our next "round" of sisterhood, please fill out the blue form located in our foyer at our post office (you may also request this form via e-mail or regular mail). Please note, we had originally asked for these forms in March; therefore, if you filled one out in March, we are asking you to fill it out again. We wanted to start with fresh papers in case some ladies no longer wanted to participate, their contact info had changed, prayer needs were different, etc. Please fill out this form by October 4th. New Blessed Confidant assignments will be mailed to you by October 15th.

Capacity - Meeting Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM
Please reach out to Joshua Mitchell with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

Moms in Prayer

Our Moms in Prayer group is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 PM. These gatherings are typically outside & the ladies maintain 6 feet of distance. You are also welcome to call in to the meeting if you would prefer.

If you would like to pray with these ladies for the special children in your life (whether your own children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or other kids that hold a special place in your heart!), please private message Teresa Berenbrok on Facebook or ask the church office for Teresa's number. Please be sure to check with Teresa prior to attending the meeting as the location varies.

Financial Summary
August 2020

Operating Fund

August Income:	**$26,616**	(budget: $25,688)
August Expenses:	**$25,068**	(budget: $24,541)
Monthly Gain/Loss:	**$1,548**	
Year-to-Date Income:	**$189,859**	(budget: $205,505)
Year-to-Date Expenses:	**$147,667**	(budget: $207,205)
Year-to-Date Net Gain/Loss:	**$42,192**	

Please note: Payroll & several utility bills paid after 05/08/20 were taken from Payroll Savings (where the CARES Act loan was deposited) rather than Operating. The Operating figures do not represent another **$40,800** paid from Payroll Savings in May through August.

Great Commission Income

Total Goal for 2020: $30,000

August Income:	**$1,883**	(goal: $2,500)
2020 Income:	**$13,219**	(goal: $20,000)

Building Fund

August Income: **$4,088** August Expenses: **$11,178**

A more detailed finance summary is available by request via e-mail and is posted on our bulletin board if you would like to view it.

New Church Sign - Donations Welcome

At our annual congregational meeting, we approved the purchase of a new LED church sign for the price of $22,356. If you feel led to help with the purchase of this sign, please mark your gifts "Building Fund" either online or with your offering envelopes / envelopes from the pew. Thank you!

Enough of This!

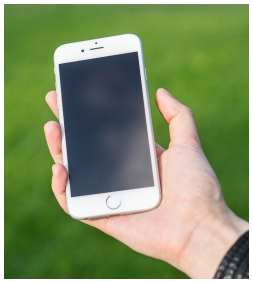
IT'S TIME TO REFRESH OUR FELLOWSHIP!

For months we haven't enjoyed "normal" church worship, but that doesn't mean we should stop connecting and caring. *Through September, we're asking you to do two things….*

"WALL" US!

Bring or send your notes of praise to attach to the Wall of Praise on the church platform. Share a verse of scripture that has been meaningful during this time, tell us about a specific blessing God has given, or just express your gratitude for the Lord's provision of health and strength. Cards for writing your praises are available on the podium next to the wall. Add a note every week if you want! If you're watching online, comment your praise, and we'll add it to the board for you. *Each Sunday we will add to this "big, beautiful wall" as we share stories of God's grace!*

CALL US!



Actually, by "us" we mean your church family! Think of somebody you haven't seen in a while, or someone you're concerned about, and just give them a call. Catch up on how they're doing and perhaps share a prayer over the phone. *Let them know you just wanted to hear their voice again!* If you learn of a need the church family should know about, please pass that on to us, but the real purpose of the call is simply to convey, we love you and we miss you!

This is a great opportunity to practice
Loving God! Loving You!
Our Wall of Praise declares our love of our Lord.
Our telephone calls express our love of one another.

Please Join Us in This Expression of Love!

Prayer of the Day

Today we recognize the special prayer emphasis titled *Bless Our Schools Sunday.* In today's bulletin, you will find an insert that details ways you can pray for your children throughout their school year. While the title of "Mom" is included on the insert, we challenge everyone to pray for the kids in your life... whether your own children, your nieces & nephews, grandkids, or young friends. Please take time today to pray for our local schools...for the students, instructors, staff, & administration. Pray for opportunities for our brothers & sisters in Christ to be a beacon of God's light to their classmates or fellow staff members in a school year that looks so different from normal. May this unprecedented time yield ample occasions for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Building a Brotherhood - Men's Small Group

Our men's small group is studying the book of Mark and *No More Christian Nice Guy* by Paul Coughlin. We are planning to meet Sunday, **October 18th** at the church at 6:00 PM. We will meet in areas where proper social distancing can be maintained, and please feel free to wear a mask if you desire. The key here is bringing faithful men together to really study how we can be better for Christ. Please contact Bryson Taylor with any questions.

Copies of the **2020 Church Photo Directory** are now available in the foyer with a suggested donation of $4.

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international worker of the week, Maritza Cumba, who serves in Panama. She asks for prayer in the following areas of her ministry: *"**Praise:** We would think that being in the middle of a World Emergency that made us isolate and be sheltered in our homes, we would not have many things to tell, but on the contrary the work multiplied. Trips, events, retreats, camps were canceled, but new opportunities were opened on a virtual level. Many new things happened… **Prayer Requests:** 1. For the trainings as a Mission Mobilizer that I will be participating in these months. 2. For the opportunity to be part of a Preaching School in this Region of the Interior of the Country. 3. For the commitment to participate in a Virtual Missionary Tour in the months of October and November. 4. For God's provision to cover the Doctorate (a program Maritza was just accepted into). 5. For Cindy Paola, my spiritual daughter from Bogotá who continues her studies in Colombia to be a missionary. 6. A study in the United States already showed that in the midst of this confinement: 35% of people attend the services of their Local Church. 18% connect to the services of other churches. 32% no longer attend and of this percentage 50% of young people, who are the millennial generation, no longer connect or relate to the Church, so we must pray for direction in the ministry."*

We're coming together for commUNITY!

We are all fully aware of the different kind of day we are in. Socially and culturally, many things have come together at a specific point in time causing different responses and reactions to spill into our conversations and even into our streets. In such moments we have a decision to make. Will we remain as we are and deal with the reactions as they come, or will we unite and come together in a common heart and spirit not to get our way but to make a way for everyone in our community to grow and flourish?

Growth in a community is affected by organizations, politics and business but those individual affects are driven by relationships. We will not become a better community by only having better organizations, policies and procedures. We will become a better community by having better relationships with one another. For that reason, we are inviting you and your church to be a part of a community event called Faith & Blue Community BBQ. This special gathering will take place Saturday, October 10 from 1-4pm at Bailey Park in Uniontown, PA. The event will consist of food, games, laughs, a k9 demonstration and most importantly, conversations with one another.

We understand that not one event will set our community up for success. We do however believe that one-on-one connections with our neighbors will move us closer to our unified goals. We hope you and your congregation will plan to be a part of this year's Faith & Blue Community gathering.

Sincerely,

Sheriff James Custer, Fayette County Sheriff
Mayor Bill Gerke, Uniontown City Mayor
Chief Jason Cox, Uniontown Police Dept.
Rev. Vince Winfrey, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Rev. Jason Lamer, Faith Assembly

Kids Ministry

Jr. Kids Church is currently a combined class for ages 5-11 in our Fellowship Hall. Jr. Kids Church will last for the entire church service, starting at 10:00 AM. We are also offering a class for 3-4 year olds in Room 300 led by Tammy McCracken.

Please note: we will NOT be having Jr. Kids Church today, September 20th due to the annual outdoor worship service & church picnic.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to join our CTAC Kids Facebook page, where we share updates & challenges with our kids. Coming soon - check out our CTAC Online Jr. Kids Church, posted at 3:00 PM on Sundays.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Genovese.

Online Giving

Visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly. With this program, you can choose the fund you would like your donation to go towards & set up a one-time or reoccurring gift from your home computer or mobile device. It is fast, easy, & secure.

We thank you for supporting our church during these challenging times!

GIVING
Operating Fund Giving for September: $10,830
(Amount needed monthly: $25,688)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: $362

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
8:45 AM Worship Service: 37
10:00 AM Worship Service: 78
10:00 AM Children's Church: 19
Estimated Livestream Views: 144

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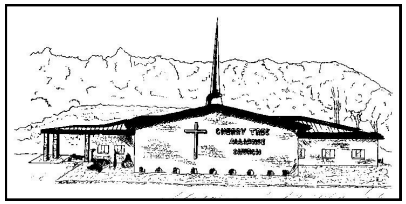
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