

ADRIAN INITIATIVE UPDATE

Over the last 4 months, Pastor Nate has had more than 40 meetings with people who live and work in Adrian. The more we learn, the more we are convinced of the need for a church planting effort focused on helping people grow personally, connect relationally, and engage missionally in Christ. While there is a great number of churches in Adrian, as one pastor of a large church in town said, "Even if every church loaded it's services to capacity, we still would only be scratching the surface." And considering that less than 40% of the almost 40,000 people in and around the city of Adrian are affiliated with any kind of church, he's right. Adrian has been hit hard in the past decade. It's a small town with its fair share of city-sized issues. There is diversity and division. There are bright spots and real educational and economic challenges. It's a community in redefinition. Some are pessimistic, others optimistic. It's filled with people who have tried church at one time or another and likely know a thing or two about Jesus. But for many, to say they have a church home or are experiencing life in Christ...well that's a stretch.

So what's next? The Hamblin's have secured a buyer for their home and are in the process of purchasing a home in Adrian. The focus this summer will be meeting people--developing relational routines and immersing into the community. Later in the fall, some informal gatherings may begin. And as people start to gather, the strategy and vision for moving forward will begin to form. Whatever we do, we want to work hard at *being* the church in Adrian, before we get too focused on simply *having* church services in Adrian.

Pastor Nate will be sharing more about Adrian--what we're learning and the approach we're taking--in the Heritage Connecting Community on May 10 in the chapel, and in the message on Sunday, May 31 entitled "Living Responsively."

APPRECIATION MEAL

If you volunteered in any way with our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry this year, we would like to express our thanks through a

Volunteer Appreciation Meal on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Come to enjoy a home cooked meal while we review the year and look forward to next fall! Childcare is provided.



NEW YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

A new Connecting Community, which will meet in room 302 next to the library, will begin on Sunday, May 17th. The Preserve will be for college age students and young adults who are clinging to God and seeking to find all they need in Christ. The class will begin by exploring several life-relevant topics including making choices, finances, temptations, relationships, and more. Jaret and Kelly McDermott as well as Tyler and Cathie Quillet are excited to pour into the lives of this group of young adults. Be sure to encourage your college students returning home this month to check The Preserve out this summer!

TRI-STATE CO-OP

Crossroads has taken the lead to pull like-minded congregations together into a Tri-State Church Planting Cooperative composed of Crossroads, Archbold Evangelical Church, Solid Rock Church in West Unity, Sonlight in Angola, IN, King's Cross in Defiance, and Crossroads Napoleon. These congregations will cooperate to fund, resource and develop leaders who can lead planting initiatives in the tri-state area. The co-op has been identified as an official Fellowship of Evangelical Churches initiative, which allows any church within FEC to support the co-op financially. The co-op will be supporting plants in: Deshler, OH and Reading, Waldron, and Adrian, MI.

SUNDAYS IN MAY

- May 3** Work For Jesus (Pastor Nate Hamblin)
- May 10** Work to Contribute (Pastor Tyler Quillet)
- May 17** Work is Satisfying: (Pastor Nate Hamblin)
- May 24** Youth Sunday (Pastor Matt Strader)
- May 31** Adrian Initiative Highlights (Pastor Nate Hamblin)

COUNSELING TRAINING

Another gospel-centered counseling training will be offered Saturday, May 16th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the dining room. This training is mainly for those who have participated in previous trainings, but those who are interested in learning more about what gospel-centered counseling is are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 13th to Sid Siebert at 419-335-3686 ext. 14 or ssiebert@crossroadswauseon.org.

BASQUE INITIATIVE 20K MATCH

A generous donor has offered a \$20,000 matching gift to encourage people to give to the Basque Initiative this month! The team is looking for around \$4,000 per month to close out their team's funding. That is only about 23% of the total amount needed. From now until May 15th, every first time amount that is given will be matched, dollar for dollar. If you start a new monthly gift, the first 12 months of your commitment will be matched. If you're interested in participating in this matching challenge, simply go to www.fecministries.org and click "Give Now" at the top of the screen, or send a check with a note to FEC Ministries, 1420 Kerrway Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

CAMP WORK PROJECTS

If you are interested in spending one day or several days serving at Miracle Camp in May, SEE BELOW! They need YOU to get this huge project accomplished! Specific details are below.

Major project: installing a 7' x 10' concrete culvert which will allow campers to pass safely from one side of the road to another

WEEK ONE

5/11/15

Digging, moving excavated material, drive dump trucks

5/12/15

Install 300' of tunnel drain tile

5/13/15

Placement of precast box culvert sections

5/14/15

Backfill, compact with 4 walk-behind compactors

5/15/15

Prep ramps leading down to tunnel, Pour retaining wall footers

WEEK TWO

5/18/15 to 5/22/15

Form and pour retaining walls and sidewalk

If you would like to sign up or would like more information, contact Dave Nixon (from West Unity) at 419-392-6749 or gravel10.dn@gmail.com

LADIES AID COUPONS

The Ladies Aid group plans to begin cutting coupons once again for anyone in the body who would like to

make use of them. Pre-clipped coupons will be available each Sunday on the table just outside the Dining Room. If you subscribe to a newspaper but do not plan to use the coupons, they would very much appreciate if you would donate them. Please contact Katee Crawford at (419) 270-0261 if you have coupons to donate.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

VBS IN THE PARK

VBS in the Park planning is well under way! Before you begin to plan out your summer vacations, be sure to mark off **July 19-23, 2105** to ensure that your children (completed grades K-5) won't miss out and that you are able to help serve during this fun week of ministry! If you are interested in volunteering, speak with Audrey Fricke or visit the lobby display for details.

SUMMER CAMP TRANSPORTATION

If your child is registered to attend Miracle Camp this summer and you would like to take advantage of group transportation, please sign up your child on the bulletin board in the office lobby. If you are willing to drive one of the church vans on the week your child is attending, please speak with Tyler Quillet.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Crossroads is blessed with the opportunity to serve over 200 kids of all ages each week. But this requires a large number of committed volunteers. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist with any of the children's ministry needs listed below:

- Grade K-1 Sunday School teacher beginning May 7th. Call Audrey to come observe if considering this.
- Grade 2-3 Sunday School teacher beginning July (2 month intervals in rotation with another couple).
- 10:45 Nursery Volunteers Needed - hold babies, read books to toddlers, play puzzles and catch them on small play gym slide, etc. Will be on rotating schedule once a month or bi-monthly as able to serve the children of Crossroads.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

The end of the school year is almost here!! On Sunday, June 7th, all children will be promoted to their new Sunday school classes based on the grade they will enter this fall. Junior High and Senior High students will also be promoted to participate in any summer youth activities.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the Crossroads church again for our WHS Senior Day! It was a huge success once again!

- Terri Westfall and Wauseon High School

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

CROWDER CONCERT

Crowder will be in concert Thursday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. at Archbold Evangelical Church! General Admission for the concert is \$25. Early entry and post show meet and greet tickets are available for \$40 as well as discounts for groups of ten or more (\$18 each). Tickets purchased the day of the concert are \$25. Call (419) 445-5661 for tickets or visit www.itickets.com. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

BLACK SWAMP BENEFIT

Because of your faithful generosity and support for the Black Swamp Benefit in the past, we have raised over \$1.5 million for Mennonite Central Committee and Sunshine Communities. The funds raised have helped with relief efforts abroad as well as the ongoing needs at Sunshine Communities. We hope that you will participate once again in this year's Black Swamp Benefit Family Festival on June 19 and 20 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon. From quilts, crafts, shopping, and food, to inflatables and pony rides, there is something for everyone!

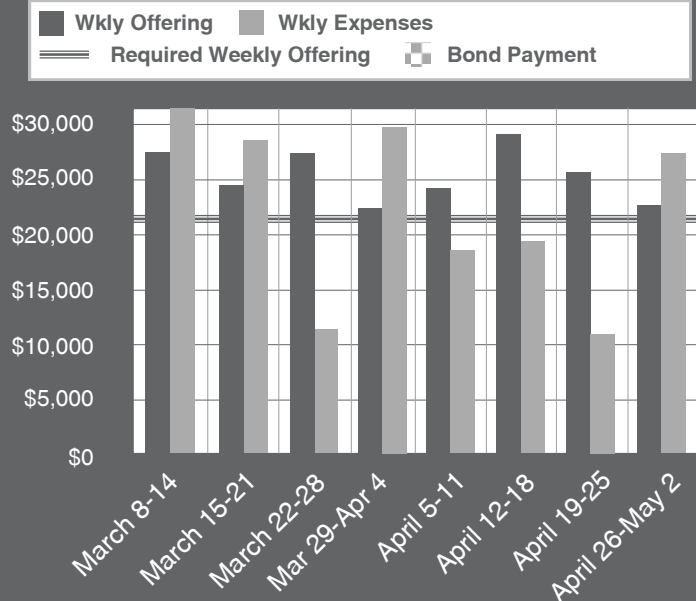
RELAY FOR LIFE BOOK SALE

The Relay For Life Used Book Sale needs donations of clean used books, DVDs, CDs, board games, and jigsaw puzzles. Bring your donated items to the collection box in the Crossroads office lobby. For pick-up call 419-337-4394. The book sale will be June 4 - 6 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

BLACK SWAMP MANCINO'S FUNDRAISER

On Monday, May 4th, bring your co-workers, friends, neighbors, and family to lunch or dinner at Samuel Mancino's in Archbold. 10% of the proceeds from the day's total sales will be donated to Black Swamp, benefiting Sunshine Communities and Mennonite Central Committee. Come and eat between 11:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to take part in this event and eat some delicious food!

FINANCIAL UPDATE



How'd we do? The numbers below represent monthly receipts (offerings/deposits) compared to our monthly expenses.

	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	Avg Offering
FEB:	\$72,235.05	\$108,714.61	(\$36,479.56)	\$19,225.86
MAR:	\$114,859.83	\$104,836.01	\$10,023.82	\$24,129.75
APR:	\$99,352.06	\$81,149.35	\$18,202.71	\$25,398.19

CPC TRAINING SEMINAR

CPC Spring Training Seminar is scheduled for May 7, 8, 11 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bryan CPC. Especially needed are volunteer counselors, nurses and receptionists in all 4 locations (Bryan, Defiance, Napoleon and Wauseon), and Hotline workers. This four morning seminar costs only \$10 which covers the cost of the manual. Call 419-636-5692 for information or to register.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPEAKING EVENT

Over 2,000 people are trafficked in Ohio annually. More than half are children and Toledo Ohio is first in the nation, per capita for the number of traffickers and victims. The Daughter Project is located in Toledo and operates Ohio's first licensed recovery home for adolescent girls who have been rescued from sex traffickers. To learn more, all ladies and girls are invited to First Christian Church in Wauseon on Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. to hear from Jeff Wilbarger, head of The Daughter Project.

***Any submissions for the June *Link* should be turned into the office by Wed, May 28th, 2015.**

2 Alex Oberhaus Elizabeth Reber	8 Logan Foster Grant Knierim Kevin Kreiner	16 Ed Meier	Sharon McCarley Candy Sherman Shelby Swartz	Matt Gerig Kevin Hardy Owen Jagodzinski
3 Kevin Bell Winter Fricke Courtney Meyer	9 Blake Kuntz	17 Ed Krauss Chase Murry Beth Nafziger	23 Kyra Blosser	Tina Jones Darrah Kate Shaw
4 Richard Batdorf Michael Christman	10 Ron Burget Hallie Woodard	19 Jesse Carter Justin Knierim	24 Courtney Starkweather	29 Mika McConkey Amy Nulph
5 Emily Franklin Betty Grieser	11 Dave Heckerman Greg Quillet Mark Rupp	20 Amy Seibel Carter Uribes	25 Darrin Fenicle Zack Garrow Landon Munger	30 Kylee Vershum
6 Terry Johnson	13 Doug Evans Becky Wagner	21 Ruth Ann Kast Cliff Macklin Melissa Mann	26 Janna Mennetti Joshua Wilson Jacob Wilson	31 Elizabeth Shannon Emalee Stewart
7 Jude Boyers Tamera Schmunk Gloria Thompson	15 Robert Brazier Marel Harris Marvin Rittenhouse	22 Dave Armstrong Craig Hazel Megan Hazel	27 Isaac Ballmer Luke Boyers Eli Hamblin Mike Murry	
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ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years * 50 years or MORE

May 3	Jim & Tamera Schmunk
May 5	Jeff & Karen Luginbill Jarred & Linde Zeigler
May 6	Mike & Robin Knierim^
May 8	Mike & Diana Burkholder Michael & Peggy Christman Jeff & Sid Siebert
May 9	Kevin & Deb Micham
May 12	Roger & Fawn Hartman^
May 15	Bill & Kelly Hitchcock
May 16	Doug & Wanda Nafziger^
May 18	Matt & Lanita Boyers^
May 20	John & Beth Nafziger
May 25	Tyler & Cathie Quillet Ryan & Jackie Yackee
May 27	Mick & Katelyn Britenriker
May 29	Chuck & Sharon Riegsecker*
May 31	Lawrence & Leisa Onweller^ Levi & Rachel Stuckey

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