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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR PETER PEER

“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

I was looking through a speller one day a number of years ago. It's a book that gives the spelling and proper division of words. This is what preachers do when they are looking for alliterations. I noticed that words that begin with “p” are perfectly pleasing, persuasive, picturesque, and profoundly pleasant. The “d” words on the other hand are generally drab, depressing, daunting, difficult, distressing, and decidedly disagreeable. This may seem like a pile of pointless palaver, but I do have a pressing point. You see there is a “d” word that is a pearl near the very top of pleasing words. It is the first word of David's pronouncement: Delight—what a beautiful word! It means to take joy in something.

Notice that in this verse the word delight is a command. It is something we are commanded to do. Furthermore, it is a command which brings blessings when obeyed: “He shall give you the desires of your heart.” One of the many benefits of delighting in the Lord is the powerful purifying effect it has on the desires of your heart.

Joseph Exell said of this verse, “In what better object can the soul delight? In uncertain riches? In fleeting pleasure? In dying friendship? The joy of the Lord is our strength both in sorrow and service. God delights in the good, and what is more reasonable than that they should rejoice in him.” Let us all aspire this year to greater heights of delight in our God.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

Time is moving fast, and we are making plans for YCON 2025. Our theme will be “VERTICAL FOCUS” from Colossians 3:2, “Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” YCON is open to all students in grades 6-12. We will be following a “day-program” like last year. Students who attend must secure their own lodging with family, friends, or church chaperones. The cost for YCON is set at \$100 which includes: breakfast, lunch, YCON T-shirt, and all activities. A picnic at Scioto Park on July 4 is being planned, as well as a canoe/kayak trip on the beautiful Scioto River. We are looking forward to a great time of fun, fellowship, worship, and Bible teaching. Make plans to join us Friday, July 4 - Tuesday, July 8, 2025.



If you're interested in helping as a counselor in 2025, please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – PASTOR IKE GRAHAM

Christian Climber will be leading 1st through 5th graders on an adventure to “Climb Up!” There will be nursery for infants (0-2) and a pre-school division. If you are able to help with Children's Conference, Christian Climber is looking for assistance with games, songs, crafts and Bible lessons. Special appearances each day by the Enchanter will amaze and astound! If you are able and willing to help Christian Climber, please contact him at ikeg327@gmail.com or call 330-749-0545.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

One of our NET 24 team members shared some of her highlights with us from the trip and we are passing them along to you.

“One highlight that stood out to me during our travels was going to Vermont for the first time. I have never been up to the New England Colonies before. I greatly enjoyed getting to know some of the other team members as well those I had never met before. Getting to the church was an encouragement as well. Some other highlights that stood out to me were the places we traveled for outreach. The nursing home, Teen and Adult Challenge, and the Homeless shelter were great opportunities for the team to talk to others about what God has done. One lady in particular I met was from the homeless shelter. I had a good conversation with her. She is from China and had to leave due to issues over there. She ended up in Vermont and got married but her situation became difficult and she went to the shelter. She is a Christian and was greatly encouraged by our songs that she was able to understand through a translation app on her phone. It is amazing that she could use technology to understand the message that we were sharing. I pray that everyone we met was able to receive the seed we were sowing and that God will continue to grow and water that seed in their lives. We pray that they will one day come to a belief and knowledge of God and what he has done for them through Jesus Christ.”

Every trip we have new experiences and connect with new people. It is a learning and stretching time for all the participants. Thanks for your prayers as we are already talking about NET 25. We have our first application in hand and we are praying for more soon. Our young people have more and more things competing for their time. Pray that they will be able to make the needed adjustments in order to join us for NET 25. God Bless!

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LISTIE GBC – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

We recently hosted my brother-in-law, Pastor Nathan Bramlet, and his family for our annual Homecoming Revival Week. Each year in October, we celebrate the church anniversary. This year we celebrated 132 years of consecutive service. The history of the church goes back further than 1892, but services were not regular in early years. We praise God for His faithfulness and for His many blessings. We had several visitors from the community during the week.

We have had a few young kids from the community attending Sunday School. They have been a great addition to the primary class. It is a great joy to watch the Lord work in young lives.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR ROBERT MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers.

We had Pastor Jeff Eno at our church on October 6 to share from the pulpit and do his magic and special music. He spoke on the theme for the 2025 National Conference, “Aspire to Something Higher.” We had a carry-in dinner following the morning service and almost everyone stayed for the meal and fellowship.

Pastor Ron Welsh has set up a table with Jewish material to assist in informing our congregation concerning Jewish matters and events currently in the world. Additionally, he provides periodic updates so they can pray more effectively and be more accurately informed of what is happening. I am now in chapter eight of Revelation and the series is going very well.

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