

Welcome To the New StoneBridge

New! I like new things and you probably do too. Have you heard about the new invention that will allow human thoughts to control a computer and the new device that trains you to smile? I would like one of each how about you? Then, there is the Canadian company offering something new, "The Piglet Bank", for about \$4,000. The actual piggy bank is made from a real piglet. If you don't believe me then check it out for yourself (TheCheeky.com). A more familiar and less strange "newness" is the unique new car smell and the feel of new clothes. And before 2011 gets too old, have you stuck with your New Year's resolution?

For me, I am experiencing my share of newness. I have a new home to live in, a new office, a new state to live in, and a wonderful new church family and staff to be around on a weekly basis. With everything have come new responsibilities as Senior Pastor, and adjusting to the Findlay, Ohio area and weather. Since my arrival this past August there has been a lot of other "new things" encountered along the way-most every day. The move has been great, but being a part of the new StoneBridge has been even greater. In all of our hearts and minds the new StoneBridge should always remain-well, the new StoneBridge. As Christian believers and regular attendees at StoneBridge we should always possess the power of "newness."

Remember when someone tells you something and you think "that is old news?" Well, here is some old news but it will always have the power of "newness." *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new* (2 Corinthians 5:17). I know you have heard this before but becoming new in Christ will never become old. We need newness in Christ all the time. Allow me to say that we have a fresh start as a new steward every day and the miracle of being a "new creation" can make all the difference in the world for surviving some situations we experience. There is nothing better than being a "new creation."

Secondly, let me direct your attention to something new in the future. *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind"* (Isaiah 65:17). I like that promise and the newness it clearly implies. How could it get any better? Just observing the conditions of nature and daily societal actions that exist on this planet surely makes the reality of a new earth sound pretty nice. We will have to wait for the "new heavens and a new earth," but I assure you that to enjoy the splendor of heavenly living with the God of the universe will be a reality. We cannot improve on "new heavens and a new earth."

A fellow Christian once stated something like, "and through endless ages as the redeemed walk in the light of the Lord, they will praise Him for His unspeakable Gift, Immanuel," God with us"--- forever and forever. God with us in the flesh! Now that is one more "something" that will really be new. We'll be forever with God. But until then-until the promises come true-there is work to be done, preparations to make and God's business to attend too.

Christian fellowship and stewardship in all its forms will be welcomed at the New StoneBridge until the world as we know it ends. So, I remind you about the old news of being new in Christ and direct your attention to the creation of a new heaven and earth to encourage and inspire. Our attention on those two "somethings" will sharpen our spiritual focus, set our forward direction, deepen our spiritual commitment, and strengthen our faith in the promise of eternal life with Christ. As I said at the beginning, I like new and always will. How about you?

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Pastor Randy & Charlina Reed



Women's *ministry*

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION will meet Thurs., May 5 at noon with lunch. Our program theme will be "Prayer and Fasting" with Ruth Steinacker. For more information contact Beckie Harp at 419.424.5622.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION-Spring Convention: Sat., May 14 at Salem Church of God in Clayton, Ohio. Reservations are to be in by May 5. Cost \$10 plus cost of gas for van. Contact Beckie Harp for more information.

DAYTRIPPIN' All women of the church are invited to go to lunch at "Touches from the Heart" Glandorf, OH on Wed., May 18. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am. The cost will be for your lunch and shared cost of gas for the van. Sign up on the Women's bulletin board or call Lisa Loader at 419.387.7129.

LADIES NIGHT OUT-Mon. May 23 at 6:30 pm. Meet at Red Lobster. Bring a friend. Contact Marcene Wallace at marcy4355@aol.com or 419.422.8269.

SALAD LUNCHEON-Wed., May 25 at 11am-1pm. For more information contact: Connie McClelland at 419.525.3040.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION-"Ladies Game Night" Fri., May 27 at 7pm at the church. Come on out for lots of fun and laughs. For more information, contact Beckie Harp.

There are 20 women from Western Ohio CWC that will be going on a Mission Trip to Hope Hill Children's Home in Kentucky in June, we need LOTS of BEADS for 45 girls to make bracelets. Any size except seed beads will work. Thanks!

Student *ministry*

JR. HIGH PULSE

SERIES: BOSSY BOSSES

May 4-What if I'm smarter than they are?
(Romans 13:1-7)

May 11-What if they ask me to do something wrong?
(Acts 5:17-42)

May 18-When is it my turn? (Joshua 1:1-9)

May 25-Celebration of year!

Small Groups: May 8 & 22

SR. HIGH IMPACT

SERIES: THE NEW COVENANT

May 1-The Road (Luke 24:13-53) (Small Group)

May 8-Church (Acts 2)

SERIES: UPRISING

May 15-Humble Courage (Small Group)

May 22-A Generous Heart

May 29-Perseverance (Small Group Party)

April 29-DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

♦Jr. High 6-8pm

♦Sr. High 8-10 pm

May 20 & 21-30 Hour Famine (Jr. & Sr. High)

YOUNG ADULTS (18-24)

We meet every Wednesday night at a restaurant (8:30-10 pm). See Pastor Nate for details.



Senior *ministry* Actioneers meeting will be in the evening at 5:30 pm on Thurs., May 19. We have invited some of our friends from Church of God congregations in NW Ohio to join us in this meeting. Paul and Janet Flores will present a program of Christian music. They will give an excellent program that you won't want to miss. The meal will be furnished. We hope to meet in the Great Room. Please notice the time change. Anyone 50 or older is welcome. Contact Marie Jernigan if you are interested at djernigan@woh.rr.com or 419.422.7102.



Happy Mothers Day



Formational Prayer-Healing Care Group for men will begin

on Wed., June 1 at 6:30 pm in the chapel. If you are interested contact Pastor Ruth Steinacker at 419.422.6862 x209.



Memorial Day

Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives