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From the Chairman:

Construction Season

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 (NIV). The entire parable is found in Matthew 7:24-27, at the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount. What exactly does this mean? How can we put this knowledge into use in our lives, right here, right now? To me, it is much more than a story about building a physical house, but rather an allegory on how we should order our spiritual lives to be able to withstand the trials of our earthly life. One example that immediately comes to mind is my reaction to the unfolding events of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. I watched the TV at work as the replay of the first plane crashing into the World Trade Center was airing and then watched live as the second plane crashed into the second tower. As I remember, my first reaction to these unfolding events was praying something to the effect, "Lord, I don't know what to make of these events, but I acknowledge You are in control. I pray that You will be glorified in my response." It seems to me that I was acknowledging to the Lord that my house was built on the rock.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul reminds us that if we are in Christ, we are new creatures, the old has gone; the new has come. It seems to me that the process of building our house on the rock starts the moment we accept the Lord's gift of Salvation. At that point, Jesus becomes our Savior, 'building our house on the rock' is the process of allowing Him to be Lord of our lives.

Building our house on the rock implies a secure foundation – *"The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it's foundation was on the rock."* Matthew 7:25 (NIV). What should our foundation be? Practically speaking, in building construction a structure is connected into something solid beneath the surface. After some thought, meditation, and prayer I think there are at least three parts that our foundation should be constructed of: first, building our house on the rock implies a working knowledge of the Word of God. Remember the Growth Through Study talk (it's the first talk on Saturday morning). I cannot overemphasize the importance of continuing to grow in the Lord's Word. How can we hold fast to promises we don't know?

Second, we need to understand that our walk with the Lord is a journey. In the

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HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #31, May 15-18
Normandy UMC
Women's Walk #55, July 24-27
Christ UMC
Women's Walk #56, August 14-17

Chrysalis Youth Walks

Girl's Flight #36, July 11-13
Greene Street UMC, Piqua
Boy's Flight #36, July 25-27
Greene Street UMC, Piqua
Girl's Flight #24, July 11-13
St. Andrews UMC, Findlay

Kairos

Lebanon Correctional, Sept. 11-14

Kairos Closing,
Sunday, Sept. 14, 5:00 PM
All invited!

GATHERINGS

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Enon UMC	1 st Mon	7:30
Christ UMC	3 rd Fri	7:00
Wilmington UMC	2 nd Tues	7:00
Sidney 1st UMC	2 nd Tues	7:00
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

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marvelous allegory, "Hinds Feet In High Places" by Hannah Hurnard, the heroine, Much Afraid, learns about the joy in the journey of walking with the Good Shepherd. Building your house on the rock is a process of walking closer and closer with the Lord until we are finally 'face to face'.

Finally, we need to continually remember that we are works in progress. *"Not that I have already attained this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for*

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I n Recognition

No one can go back and make a
brand new start, my
friend,
But anyone can start from here
and make a brand new
end.

Written by
Carleen Ball WW #49
Passed away 3/31/03

Musicians Needed

Candlelights:

The musician provides a set of communion music and leads the community in singing "Love, Love, Love".

Closings:

First a communion set, then "Bind Us Together", and "Let Your Light Shine" to close. This is typically done by one or two people and a guitar.

4th Day Speaker:

Worship also needs people who are interested in giving a 4th Day talk at one of our Gatherings. To be a 4th Day Speaker it has to be at least a year since you took your walk.

If you would like to volunteer to help, we need to hear from you. Please call **Andy Manvell, Worship Chair (937) 848-4611** (leave message) or email Andy at andy@manvell.org.

We have lots of opportunities for you to share your talents, and God will bless you for your service.

Team for Men's Walk #31	At Normandy UMC May 15-18
Joe Garvey ATL	Walt Ferris ALD Changing Our World
Jim Krupal ATL	Dennis Kaminski ALD Priorities
Michael Prior ATL	Larry McSwegin LD Perseverance
Stephen Puderbaugh ATL	Michael McSwegin AMD
Dick Russell ATL	Robert Westfall MD
John Stiles ATL	Jim DuBro LOG
Mark Trimble ATL	Kirk Lehneis LOG
Dwight Coder TL Body of Christ	Todd Lohse LOG
Jeff Dondero TL Discipleship	Norm Miller PS
Jim Kear TL Fourth Days	Steve Utz PS
Tim Macy TL Life in Piety	Palmer Jason SD Means of Grace
Glenn Sweigart TL No talk	Mamie Johnson ASD Sanctifying Grace
John Wissinger TL Priesthood of All Believers	Randy Daniel ASD Justifying Grace
Brian Wood TL Christian Action	David Ladd ASD Prevenient Grace
Howard Creek ALD Growth Through Study	Dave Tackett ASD Obstacles to Grace



From the SD's Study

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

This affirmation is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the Resurrection, we would only have some nice ethical principles taught by an itinerant first century rabbi whose name would likely not even be known today. Jesus was so much more. He triumphed over sin, hatred, evil, and death. Jesus went to hell for us and disarmed the principalities and powers that are opposed to God. He triumphed over them all. THIS is good news (gospel) indeed for all the world.

The Easter message should be a living reality for us daily as we walk with the Lord; not merely an annual springtime celebration. But in the busyness and stress of everyday living it is often easy for us to forget the grace in which we live. We ARE an Easter people...but that's difficult to remember sometimes when we live in a Good Friday world.

That's why we need the fellowship of other Christians, the regular communal worship in our church home, time spent with the scriptures and in prayer. We constantly must re-hear the Easter message and reaffirm our commitment to the risen Christ as the Lord of our lives. In this ongoing process of spiritual maturation we have the help of the Holy Spirit as we grow ever closer to Christ. What a blessing! What a joy! What a way of living! Praise the Lord!

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:5-6

De Colores!

Dave Tackett

Pilgrims for MW #31

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| Paul Aleshire | Englewood |
| Gary Appleton | Kettering |
| Mark Beachler | Dayton |
| Jay Buinicky | Dayton |
| Cliff Cerbus | Tipp City |
| Anthony Crane | Vandalia |
| David Day | Germantown |
| Darryl Erkins | Cincinnati |
| Marion Ford | Dayton |
| Kevin Forte' | Cincinnati |
| John Frazier | Huber Heights |
| Jay Hawkins | Dayton |
| DeWayne Heck | Arcanum |
| Steven Hensley | Dayton |
| Arthur Hill | Cincinnati |
| Geoff Hodges | Loveland |
| Joseph Hurr | Centerville |
| Rick Jobst | Dayton |
| John Johnson | Trotwood |
| Dan Klawonn | Vandalia |
| Kerry Kline | Miamisburg |
| Dennis Kouts | Union |
| Todd Kraner | Centerville |
| Jerry Lohse | Clinton, Iowa |
| Marc McKinney | Tipp City |
| Dean McMorrine | Jamestown |
| Nathan Messer | Dayton |
| Jerry Rodenfels | Xenia |
| Jack Roseberry | Dayton |
| Scott Schierling | Bellbrook |
| Jeffery Snider | Oakwood |
| Gary Trice | Beavercreek |

Next Steps Retreat



Friday, June 13, 7:00 PM
 through
 Sunday, June 15, 11:00 AM
 Greene Street UMC
 415 W. Greene St
 Piqua, OH 45356
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 E-mail: grsth@westnet.com
 "Rejoice and be glad..."



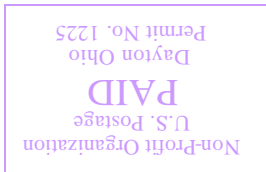
Looking for an opportunity to serve?

Kitchen manager needed for Sunday breakfasts.
 Contact Ken Wilson 436-7835

Next Steps is for for anyone who has attended a Boy's, Girl's, Young Men's or Young Women's Chrysalis Weekend at any Chrysalis community; or if you've attended a Walk to Emmaus. Yes, it is co-ed. The cost is \$30 per person (\$15 non-refundable registration fee to be mailed with the application).

Contact Jerry and Elizabeth

ChrysalisnextStepsRetreat@hotmail.com



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which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Philippi-
 ans 3:12 (NIV). In the past few newsletter
 articles, I have considered this. Building our
 house on the rock is the journey, not the
 destination.

This list is certainly not theologi-
 cally complete or exhaustive, but rather my
 perception of what I need to be doing – sadly,
 many times I do not live up to even these
 meager expectations. This is the preparation
 I need to make for the storms of life – not if
 the storms appear, but when they appear.

When we make a continual effort
 to build our house on the rock, we can stand
 firm in the belief of God's promise (some may
 prefer to call this 'name it and claim it' time),
 "to never leave us or forsake us." Joshua
 1:5 – whether it's in the aftermath of 9/11 or
 being wheeled into the operating room for a
 heart angioplasty...

De Colores!
 Joe Amend

De Colores!

**Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature,
 the old things passed away; behold, new things have
 come.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

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