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"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Col. 3:2

So many circumstances, situations, and problems bombard you every day, trying to stress you out. When you hear of a new situation happening, what do you do first? Have you ever thought about it much? Do you think that you need to lecture a person to change him/her? True good change comes to anyone by the Holy Spirit, not us. Are you open to what the Holy Spirit wants you to do when He speaks to you? Are you listening to Him? One of the things we know He wants for us to do is to pray for the person that's He's put on our hearts. You know what I mean. A person's name or face keeps on coming into your mind. When you're driving, washing laundry, or dishes, or splitting wood. You wonder, "Why am I thinking of this name again, and again, and again?" God probably wants you to pray for them. If you don't know what to pray, pray in the Spirit, or pray that God will meet the current needs in their life, whether it be spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, or financially. God knows them and exactly what they need. If the person on your mind doesn't attend church regularly, invite them to Busti Federated. They might just be waiting for you to ask them.

It becomes easier to hear God's voice as you strive to listen intently. Ask Him to speak to you, especially if you haven't heard God for a while. It's a good thing to determine in your heart, ahead of time, that you'll do whatever He asks you to do. You are the only one that God has planned to do certain things. Have you thought about that? When He does speak to you with a direction, be sure to obey. It may be scary, but the outcome will be great!

If you haven't heard from God in a long time, He's probably waiting for you to do what He asked of you a long time ago. Growing closer to God takes work. There'll be a lot of obedience asked of you. We serve a big God, He's all Powerful, but He needs us to work with Him to serve others, that they may know God better. I have a friend that says," People need to see Jesus with skin on." That's you and me, friend. So much can be accomplished when we listen.

Thank God for what He's doing in your life. Good things don't just happen. God is behind so much that we don't realize. Have we thanked Him for answers to prayer? Are we "prayed up" and "praised up"? He's done many things that we haven't given Him credit for. Try not to float through life without purpose. Fervently pray that God will lead you to fulfill what He's designed for you to accomplish in your lifetime. He'll show you how if you ask Him. Focus on what's spiritually important today. Love each other, and pray for each other; it's important beyond words.

Focus on God. He'll love it because He loves you and wants a deeper relationship with you. Have a blessed day,

Carol O'Brien

## **Around the Church**

## Mark Your Calendars

# S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

September 13th 4:00 - 6:30pm Cost: Donation

#### **Church Rummage Sale**

September 19th-21st

#### **Harvest Dinner**

Saturday, October 19th

# S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7th 9:00am - Noon Mix and Match Christmas Cookies \$4.00 per dozen or \$10.00 for 3 dozen

#### **Wreaths Across America**

Saturday, December 14th
Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown
Ceremony begins at noon
The cost is \$15.00 to sponsor a wreath
More information will follow

### The Daily Bread Is Now Available

Sanctuary Roof Fund: \$9,601.10

If you would like to submit an article, information or event to be placed in the Newsletter please have into the church office by the 15th of the month

## September Birthdays

David Crandall Jr.	8th
Becky Hohman	9th
Sue Allshouse	16th
Joanne Lucas	20th
Nancy Jordan	28th
Dee Gould	28th

#### **Anniversaries**

Jon & Karen Putnam	2nd
Manny & Kitty Boutureira	11th
John & Deb Siggins	23rd

# October Birthdays

Onnolee Samuelson	5th
Manny Boutureira	5th
Jean Robbins	11th
Jane Chapman	18th
Donna Swartzentruber	25th
Colton Hanson	30th

#### **Anniversaries**

Cale & Audrey Ash	16th
Randy & Candy Sargent	22nd
Hart & Nancy Jordan	27th

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### **How To Submit A Prayer Request**

Complete a prayer card - They are located in the back of each pew as well as the foyer outside the sanctuary. Then place the card in either the prayer box located on the communion table or in the prayer box located in the foyer

Email - bustifederatedchurch@gmail.com

Contact Pastor Lee - 716-720-0115

Text CJ Kelley - 716-499-1810 or call 716-708-6920

Website - www.bustifederatedchurch.org/pray and complete the request form and it will be sent to the church

### **Lifting Each Other Up In Prayer**

Pray for our Nation & Military

Cpl Collin Hanson Cadet Clayton Hanson Tyler Davis

Pray for our community and first responders

Pray for those that are looking for jobs & seeking career guidance

Pray for those that are facing difficult life decisions

Pray for those that have lost loved ones

Pray for those fighting with addiction

Pray for community outreach programs: Love INC, UCAN, St. Susan Center, Blue Star Mothers

Pray for all those that are travelling

Pray for all of the unspoken requests and special needs

Pray for those who have a chronic illness:
Katie Lewis, Kay Calendar, Carol O'Brien, Jason Gould,
Kitty & Manny Boutureira, Carol Abbott, Bill Allshouse,
Terry Lata, Dee Gould, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom)
Charlie Hannah, Cancer treatment

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Romans 12:12

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful

Colossians 4:2

Sherry Core, Radiation Treatments
Jonathan Gibbs (Pastor Lee & Carol's nephew)
is improving

Don Ray, continued rehab from stroke, pray for guidance

Healing of family members and guidance Linda Fegley, Recovering from hit and run accident

Tim and Rose Ruth
Chick Morrison, Arthritis Pain
Lillian Gustafson's friend Pat is moving to Lockport

Ellen Emehizer, Small Cell Stage 4 Lung Cancer Jean Brown & family as she has a short time left to live Barb Hanson, guidance as a new school

year approaches
Bill Lucas, at home recovering from knee surgery
and infection ongoing physical therapy

Collin Hanson, upcoming tests and training Clayton Hanson, starting 3rd year at West Point Ardeval Family, passing of Anneli & husband & young daughter

Anna's friend Joanne as she travels on vacation and for managing her job when she returns Boyd Matteson, Bladder Cancer Jerry Phillips, Healing for Arthritis Cale Ash, beginning a new job Caryl Bergstue, health concerns All of those affected by violence Shirl Streib's daughter Renea, health issues and depression Marilyn McElhinny, very ill, praying

for God's comfort

Sue Allshouse, knee pain caused by Arthritis Grace's cousin Nancy, complications from back surgery

# Outreach Focus

# **Operation Christmas Child**

Why are we starting so early??

- If you are looking to purchase school supplies for your box now is the perfect time with all of the back to school sales.
- Box Collection begins on November 18th. Time flies so there's no reason to wait. You could even choose to fill a box now and one later.

The goal this year is to pack and ship 50 shoe boxes. It was also decided to use OCC boxes this year and the boy/girl age tag is already in each box. If you don't want to use one of these boxes you can still use a shoe box of your choosing.

We are also asking for a donation of \$10 per box to cover the cost of the shipping and boxes If you don't have the time or desire to pack a box of your own you can make a donation to the church and we will pack on for you. A donation of \$20 would cover filling the box.

Watch over the next several months for more info and inspirational stories from Samaritan's Purse



Packing A Shoe Box

#### Please Do Not Include the Following Items

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

#### What Should I Pack?

One **Wow** Item
Like a Doll or Small Ball or Stuffed Animal

Personal Care Items
Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Washcloth
Bar Soap (packaged or in container)
Band-Aids, Reusable plastic cup or water bottle

Crafts & Activities
Pencils, Small Manual Pencil Sharpener
Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers
Coloring pads and books, Picture Book
Notebooks, Glue Sticks (Non-Liquid)
Playdough, Stickers, Jump Rope

A Personal Letter or Picture
You may enclose a note to the child and a
photo of yourself, your family, or group.
If you include your name and an address,
the child may be able to write back.

### Beware of the Trojan Horse

According to Ancient Mythology, the Greeks besieged the city of Troy for ten years without success. After the death of the warrior Achilles, many wanted to give up the fight. But the king of Ithaca, Odysseus, came up with a plan to get the Greek army into Troy. Odysseus built an immense wooden horse. He and his warriors hid inside it. After leaving the horse at the gates of Troy, the Greek army sailed away. The Trojans thinking the Greeks had given up and had left the horse as a gift brought it inside the gates. That night, while the Trojans were sleeping, the Greek ships quietly returned. The soldiers in the horse slipped out and opened the city gates. The Greek army quietly entered Troy and started fires all over the city. The Trojans awoke to find their city in flames. As they tried to flee, they were killed by the waiting Greeks. The story of the Trojan horse and the fall of Troy have come to represent the subversion of anything from within including what is what is happening to churches today.

Take a moment to think about the world we live in. We are faced with immorality all around us. There is sexual immorality running rampant and is commonplace in our society. We are in a minority today if we believe that sex outside of marriage is wrong or speak out about homosexuality. There are crude, vulgar, and immoral around us daily.

#### Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. I truly believe the Word of God is living, staying relevant to each generation as we apply it to today.

The things we see should bother us. We should hurt to our very soul when we see the things taking place around us that are violating the holy nature of God. We are living in a time where church is on the verge of being defeated by the Trojan horses that have been allowed into our gates. Paul warned the Ephesians that savage wolves would arise among them and lead them astray. Perhaps in the very midst of the church today false teachers and immoral people are leading people astray and causing them to fall. We need to watch out and be on our guard for the Trojan Horse.

Take a moment to think about what type of church, you are a part of. Or what about on an individual level, what type of Christian are you?

Are you bothered by the immorality that surrounds us? Do you stand up against what is evil? Are you lukewarm or apathetic? Are you bold or are you compromising?

We need to be constantly asking ourselves what type of church are we, or what type of Christian are we?

A day is coming when the Lord will separate the sheep from the goats. He will tell those that have denied Him to depart because He never knew them. Is it more important for you to receive the world's applause or God's approval?

CJ Kelley



The Busti Apple Festival is the direct successor to the Busti Pioneer Crafts Festival, the original craft festival of southwestern New York. It is held on the last Sunday in September. It runs 11 am to 5 pm on the grounds of the sponsoring Busti Historical Society, next to the historic Busti Gristmill and museum. There is an admission fee. Parking is free on the adjoining Busti Volunteer Fire Department grounds.

#### **Major features:**

- Demonstrations-Pioneer and 19th century life and survival skills
- Crafts-Sale of hand made handicraft items-private vendors.
- Farmers' market-Sales of locally grown produce-private vendors.
- Ready to eat and take home foods-seasonal and down home.

The demonstrations include a wide variety such as spinning and weaving, quilting, flax breaking, candle making, log hewing, and soap making. The craft booths number well over 100. The farmers' market includes apples, pumpkins, honey, maple products, and vegetables. The foods include over 600 of the famous pies, cider, the authentically made apple butter, beef on kummelweck, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, funnel cakes, baked goods and more.

Other features include the live one room school demonstration, a Civil War reenactment, music and dance demonstrations, antique and model engines, mill tours, grain milling and much more. Specific demonstrations and other details are subject to annual change. The Busti Apple Festival is held rain or shine and is handicapped accessible. The original Busti Pioneer Crafts Festival was held September 16 and 17, 1972, patterned after a festival first held May 22, 1965 in Madison County. The first Busti Apple Festival was held in 1975.





# Hazeltine Public Library Busti Fire Department

are sponsoring

# THE Red Cross Disaster Recovery Program



Red Cross is bringing Citizen Preparedness to this area

In one hour you can learn how to prepare and how to recover from natural and man made disasters

FREE and OPEN to all
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
6:30 PM
Busti Fire Hall Meeting Room

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

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