



CONNECTED STORIES

CABC ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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make Him better known.

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we love and serve one another, our
neighbors and the world.



KNOW



LOVE



SERVE

Pastor Todd



by Pastor Todd, Senior Pastor

James describes the importance of a thorough “look in the mirror” as we follow Christ and His Word (James 1:22-25).

Conversations around Staff, Elder, and Deacon meeting tables (and occasionally in the combined DES meetings) pushed us to examine the foundation God has established in this Body. Our mission remains the same, “To know Christ and to make Him better known,” but it was helpful to consider what is unique to CABC. A few key items began to surface:

- A clear commitment to Scripture and the saving work of Christ
- A sense of family, with the desire to reach across generational lines
- A consistent, compassionate (and generous) response to the needs of those around us

The statement produced from these conversations is as follows:

The CABC family will draw others to the saving knowledge of Christ by living like Him in the way we love and serve one another, our neighbors, and the world.

We have simplified this to the three words – Know, Love, Serve.

Focused on these three words and the concepts stirred up in leadership conversations, some amazingly creative people have been at work. Many connected on design, construction, and painting to bring the sanctuary remodel to completion. The project went so well that the new look ideas spilled out into the foyer and down the hall.

Closing the sanctuary during this project required a major shift to the Pulse room for everyone in one service Sunday mornings. The staff did a remarkable job working together to make this possible. The experience of everyone together was energizing and as we prepared to move back into our “new space,” we saw the clear benefit of staying connected in one service. This one service provided opportunities for more church family moments with children spending time in worship each week.

Another creative idea, the children’s Christmas Play, bubbled up out of this family concept. Staff and parents combined for the production details and our children did an excellent job of telling the story of Jesus’ birth.

Other examples of this vision focus exist with ongoing ministry through Preschool, AWANA and VBS, Pulse Hometown Mission Week, Men’s Ministries and Women’s ministries, School of Christian Living, etc.

With James’ call to look intently into the mirror of God’s Word also comes the warning not to walk away, forgetting what we saw. With this in mind, each ministry team is working to compile feedback from events. We want to learn from those who participated. Look for the “Polish and Praise” forms and be a part of developing more effective ministry.

This concept of continued evaluation has allowed for creative thinking that includes the decision to change or even stop some former events. It is clear that God has uniquely gifted CABC for ministry in our community. I look forward to the coming year of serving with you – striving to know Him and represent Him, that others might be drawn to Him.



Pastor Bob

by Pastor Bob Coddington, Associate Pastor

I've been notified it is "Annual Report" time—and out of the crevices of my mind came a curious fact about how a member came to be a part of CABC. We all have a story to tell and this is just one.

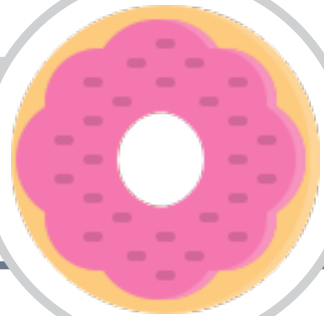
On a Saturday night, all was calm as a man bedded down for the night. But come Sunday morning, all that would change! He expected to get up, eat breakfast, let the dog out, and then head off to the church he had attended for some time. All was well until the dog came in from outside...at first whiff, he could tell the dog had encountered a skunk and lost the battle to the odor of that animal! Somehow the dog didn't hear that a dog can whip a skunk any time, but the battle just isn't worth it!

Well, the clean-up began and by the time all was complete, the man was late for the church he usually attended. What to do? Wanting to be faithful to the Lord, he remembered CABC and came for the first time to see what this church was all about. He felt so much at home that he kept on coming, joined the church and brought donuts faithfully for several years, becoming a very active member of the church.

"God's ways are as mysterious as the pathway of the wind." Ecc 11:5 (a) TLB.

We know him as "Skippy", Paul Scipioni. God leads each one on a path to find Him as we seek His face while it may be found. Thank you, Lord, for each one you have led to be a part of the ministry at CABC. Amen.

P.S. If you don't share your story, God doesn't get the glory!



Elders

by Herman Crawford, Moderating Elder

As the Moderating Elder, it is my privilege to present the annual report from the Elder Board to you. When I came back on the Board in February of this year, I thought it would be good to remind the Board what it means to be an Elder. My daughter gave me a book by Jeramie Rinne entitled "Church Elders." As we move through the year I plan to present parts of this book to the Board as a reminder of what we, as a Board of Elders, are to be for the Body. It is serious business. Rinne writes: "I love elders for another reason: they are God's plan for leading his Churches. God has always provided shepherds for his people. He gave Moses, Samuel, and the judges to Israel. He raised up Israel's par excellence shepherd, King David. And yet, all these men, including David failed in one way or another. The kings after David increasingly led God's flock into idolatry and injustice. And so the prophets began to speak of a coming shepherd, a new 'David' (for example Isaiah 9:1-7; Ezekiel 34:20-24). God made good on his promise by sending Jesus, the Son of David, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep and rose again. But it did not stop there. Jesus gave apostles and then elders to tend his flock as under-shepherds until he returns (Ephesians 4:7-13; 1 Peter 5:1-4). Elders are Jesus' assistants for shepherding his churches." As I said, leadership and eldership in God's Church is serious business.

The Elder Board welcomed some new faces this past February. Brian Reigart and I are returning after a short time off and we were joined by two first timers on the Board: Pastor Josh and Troy Johnson. In addition to the above mentioned individuals, the Board consists of Pastor Todd, Pastor Bob, Terry Hess and Jim St Ledger.

In addition to the Elder Board, each Elder is also represented on another ministry committee within the Church, i.e., Missions, Finance, Staff Relations, etc. So that is another meeting for each of us during the month. With these meetings and other Church activities within the Church, a month can be fairly busy. And these are volunteer positions (except for Pastor Todd). So pray for the Board as we seek God's direction and favor for CABC.

It seems that the biggest problem for the Elder Board for the past six months has been trying to fill the Custodian position. We were so fortunate to have Harold Wood and Paul Zearfoss handle this for us for a long while and we were pretty spoiled; they did a wonderful job. But times and things change and it became necessary to look for a replacement. While CABC has been without a full time custodian for the past six months or so, thanks to so many of you, the Church building continues to be cleaned and made ready for all the many activities that take place each week. Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a part of this effort. Our staff has been doing double duty so many times. Doing their normal job for which they were hired and still doing custodial work. They still have this "We love CABC" attitude and we, as a Body, are really blessed to have them. Hopefully the vacant position will be filled soon and they (and the volunteer custodians) can get back to their normal routines. Thanks to all.

One of the things that Scripture tells us an Elder should be capable of doing is "teaching." The School of Christian Living (SOCL) team recently added a Sunday morning adult education class entitled "Foundations." This is a series of video sermons (abbreviated to about 15 minutes per sermon) and is being facilitated by a different Elder each Sunday. This seems like such a good fit! I hope that it is something that continues in the future. Elders leading spiritually by meeting with the Body and looking/discussing what God has to say in His Word about certain teachings/subjects. I would encourage you to join us in the second hour of teaching (10:30 – 11:30 each Sunday morning).

Thanks for being a part of and worshipping at CABC. One of the things that I like to do is to try and meet new folks each Sunday. If you have an opportunity, I encourage you to do the same. Doesn't matter if they have been coming for months (or years). If you haven't met them, you should. They are part of your Christian family, your brother and sister in Christ. Especially, look for those that you feel might be visiting for the first time. Welcome them to worship and try to answer any questions they may have. Who knows what brought them to Church? Your welcome might be what they need to make life changing decisions.

Worship Ministry

Songs sung
the most:

"Hope Has a Name"
"Raise a Hallelujah"
"Rescuer"

30+ volunteers that serve on Sunday worship teams! **THANK YOU** for your talent and commitment to music at CAB!



by Laura Enslen, Worship Director

We celebrated our new Sanctuary and dedicated the space on Sunday October 28, 2018. The facelift of the sanctuary, as well as updating our lighting and sound and expanding the stage, has provided an updated look and allowed us to creatively plan for our Sunday Services. We look forward to continuing to provide a service of worship that is connecting, uplifting and points us always to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you to all who gave time, energy and talents to this project. We would not have been able to come in on time and under budget without your efforts! At the start of summer 2018, we went to one service on a Sunday morning and continued this through the rest of this fiscal year. For worship in song, it has been so uniting to sing our praises as one body together on Sunday morning. Hebrews 10:24 reminds us, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

Our volunteers in Music Ministry are talented and dedicated and are committed to serving the Lord with their instruments and voices. I'm so appreciative of the faithfulness of this group of people. Each Sunday morning (for many, multiple Sundays a month) they arrive early, review the songs, and together we prepare our hearts for worship and connection as a body. "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service." (1 Timothy 1:12)

Spotlight on the youth ministry worship: I had the opportunity this school year to lead worship with the youth once a month during their Wednesday night meeting. The Lord had work to do on our hearts and this ministry has grown in just a short nine months! I went in with the idea that we were providing an opportunity for the youth to worship in music. As each month approached, more teens were excited about being scheduled to serve on worship team and would quite literally "bug" me on what songs we were doing and who was singing/playing on the worship team. A shift happened in my heart around Christmas time and I began to submit to the Lord and notice the heart for worship He was giving the teens. They started selecting songs alongside of me as well as leading out in some of them, too! We culminated the year with a Celebration in Song with seven youth leading worship! I am so excited about the future leadership these teens have and what the Lord will do in this next year through them. It's a privilege to support them in this area of ministry on a Wednesday night.

Spotlight on the children in worship: I've had the opportunity to experience the children's love for singing this year as a part of the Children's Ministry Christmas Play and in teaching Preschool Music one Friday a month. We have also had the children join us for worship each Sunday during service, and they have encouraged our worship in music. Many of them are future worship leaders and encourage each other to praise His name in song!

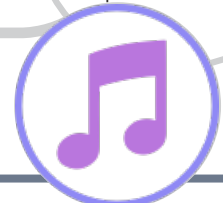


Choirs sang
12 times this
year (adult,
children and small
groups)

150+
songs sung this
year and 200+ in
Sunday worship
service.



**17 new
songs** this year.
Favorites include
"Raise a Hallelujah",
"Living Hope", and
"Hope Has a Name"



Media

Ps

235

graphic files created (bulletin covers, posters, announcement images, website banner)*

by Laura Courtney, Multimedia Director

This past CABC fiscal year has been (in my personal opinion and experience) incredible! Discounting the fact that I technically quit my job as the Administrative Assistant of CABC to have a baby last April, being invited back to work at CABC as the Multimedia Director has been one of the biggest blessing for me (again, discounting the totally adorable baby girl whom I get to metaphorically eat up every day). So, I want to take a moment to just say a sincere thank you and that I am so happy to be on staff at CABC again!

As this role has changed a bit in the last year, a lot of my responsibility involves working to help connect and engage with our community, both geographically and religiously. God did not save us so that we could keep His word and love bottled up inside us for our own good. He calls us to share the Good News and to shine His light for all to see. And let me tell you, that Good News and light has reached more people than you realize. You'll see on this page just a few numbers representing the number of individuals touched by events, celebrations and messages shared by CABC on social media and our website. But what we cannot see is how an image, caption, video or message planted a seed in someone's heart. How an event at CABC impacted a local family who doesn't know God, but maybe got a better understanding of his love by meeting the friendly faces of our church family. We don't know the true impact of all that we do here at CABC in a year. But we can continue to strive to **know**, **love** and **serve** that we might enable others, and ourselves, to see His amazing work here in our local community and around the world.

*since start date of August 27, 2018

515.75

hours of "work" and loving every minute of it!*



Top 5 website pages:

- #1: our staff
- #2: blog
- #3: calendar
- #4: adults
- #5: messages

Most engaging Facebook post:

390 engagements (reactions, comments, shares, post clicks)

Feb 22, 2018

Follow along with us on social media for more!



Please keep our D.R. Mission Team in prayers the next few weeks as they step forward in faith, making themselves available to be the hands and feet of God in the D.R. Prayers for safe travels and health for each member of the team, and for peace and comfort for their families here at home. You can follow along with updates from the team here and on our website at www.christabc.org/dr-mission-trip-2019/

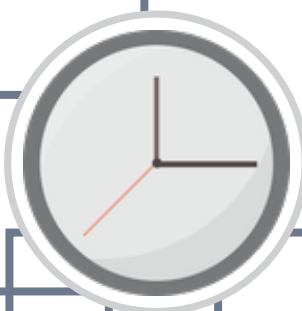
Small Groups

by Pete Hobbs

Our family has been involved in a home group since Fall of 2018, led by Josh and Deb Trojak. We recently ended a study on marriage, a subject that brought up a lot of discussion and thoughts on the importance of marriage to God and to each other. This group shared a lot of honesty, personal thoughts, laughter, and some really good cooking! What I appreciated the most about the experience were the moments of trust, the giving, and that some good friendships were started.

My wife and I will be married for 20 years next year. We found the study to be relevant and useful, but we also found other things for which we hoped. These groups are vital to the interpersonal connectedness of people, something not easily captured in a corporate setting on a Sunday morning. Home groups like this open us up and call us to action to participate in that sense of community that the church is meant to cultivate.

With home groups, there is a continuing and personal commitment to accountability and giving. The success of this group came down to two of the gifts we have to give: friendship and time. We have a group where all of its participants are willing to offer these. Each of us had a busy schedule, kids with schedules, and other places we could have been. But on those Friday nights, we decided to be together, even when it came down to commitment for commitments' sake, to share in the love of God and the gift of friendship. I'm thankful for that, for Josh's leadership, for CABC, and for those in the future who will join us.



Highway Kids



24
children
participated
in Christmas
play



John
& Mary:
new frog
mascots

by Jess Slenker, Children's Ministry Director

This year has been awesome for Children's Ministry. It's so difficult to try to pick just one story to share. I've seen so much spiritual growth in children and in volunteers! I have seen God move in amazing ways. This year was not perfect by any means. There are always days that volunteers call out sick, children misbehave, and heartache happens to those we love. It is in those times that we see God the strongest. This year's theme for Children's Ministry is God is Good! He really is! Not everyone has the opportunity to see all aspects of Children's Ministry because there are so many different parts. I am so blessed that I get to see how they all connect and move together to serve one purpose. That purpose is that we would know God, love God, and serve to share His love. I see many church families making connections with each other and coming together to support and love each other through tough times. I also see them celebrate together and encourage one another. It's not just the adults in the families but the children as well. What is being learned at CABC is going outside these walls into the schools and onto the playground. I've heard multiple stories of our Highway Kids sharing Jesus with friends at school and then extending the invitation to attend an event at CABC. I know that at least two of those accepted invitations resulted in the decision of salvation. I am overwhelmingly proud of every single child who has walked through our doors. I am eternally grateful to our faithful volunteers who have loved the children and not only taught the Word of God but lived it and demonstrated it. I am so blessed to serve alongside of each and every one of you and I am humbled that God has placed me here to do His work. Thank you, God, you are so Good!



96+
Kids
75+
volunteers

8
accepted Christ
5 baptized at CABC
2 baptized at
home churches
Immeasurable
spiritual growth



7
traveled to
Baltimore
to pack
OCC boxes

Awana



CABC, Preschool, & Awana
donated 175 OCC boxes

\$2,469.62
collected in
offering for
Batey 35
8 accepted
Christ



Pulse

the pulse
youth@lacs

38

Wednesday
night youth
groups

45+ youth
impacted

2019
Dessert Auction

Total Raised:
\$9,068.28

Youth Pastor Maimed
on Roller Skates:
0



by Pastor Josh Trojak, Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults & Discipleship

Our youth ministry year summed up in a story...? There are countless stories and memories that show how God has worked in and through the youth we have had this year. Watching the youth of CABC grow is always a joy. The one I will highlight is one of our juniors this year, Kayla Moul. She attended our VSB mission trip in 2017 and was a good part of the team, but it was clear she was staying on the edges. In 2018 she stepped out of her comfort zone and took charge of the large group times at the two VBS programs we led in Erie County. The kids loved her, and she had a definite impact on their lives. This desire to serve has taken her to the Operation Christmas Child distribution center to volunteer, serve the A2J ministry to 5-6 graders in our church, and cross the ocean to serve with our Dominican Republic mission team this year. Her heart for Jesus is evident and growing. It is lives like Kayla's and many others that give me hope not only for the church of the future, but for the impact they can have today.



COUNTLESS
LIVES
CHANGED!



4
youth
graduated

Home Town
Mission Trip (2018)

14 teens
17 adults
6 local
ministries
served



2018 VBS Mission Trip

9 Teens, 4 Adults participated
2 churches served
50+ Kids in Erie Co impacted by VBS



3 retreats
22 youth
participated



38+ adult volunteers helped
make youth events this year possible!

Property

by Jon Slenker

Many church members have given generously of their time and sweat equity to take care of and improve our church building and grounds this year.

The sanctuary remodel was a large project. It entailed many hours and a lot of hard work by those that love our church. Everyone involved had input on the design features and were consulted along the way to make changes as necessary. Although the hours seemed long at times, and it appeared that the job would never end, we all pulled together and worked very hard to accomplish what you see today. I should point out that we were able to accomplish everything that needed to be done to complete the sanctuary just in time for the celebration of the life of Jean Abbey. The fact that we were able to complete the sanctuary just in time for this celebration shows that God was guiding us each step of the way.

We also held an all-church workday this May. We had several tasks that we were looking to accomplish as a priority. Once again, with the help of those that love our church, and God of course, we accomplished not only that list of priorities, but a total of more than 26 different tasks. Some of those tasks completed were not thought of until we had already started the workday!

These two examples show exactly how God works together with his people to accomplish some things that just seem too large to ever be completed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these two specific events, and for you all for your love of God's house!



Fellowship



by Pastor Josh Trojak

It has been a joy to watch the interactions grow during this year's Wednesday night meals. I could give the numbers that continued to rise as the year went on, but instead let me paint a picture.

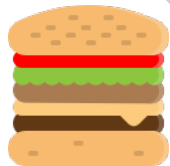
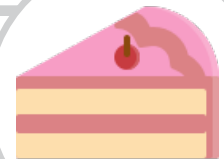
Imagine the gym, full of kids and youth laughing, running, and eating a meal across the table from their friends.

Imagine couples coming from home and work to sit down together over a meal they didn't have to cook.

Imagine people jumping in to help set up extra tables--because we ran out of seats.

Imagine having to pick up more food that morning because the latest RSVP count said we would have more people joining.

If you were one of the many people who shared in this great time of food and fellowship, you don't have to imagine. There has been great growth and value in our Wednesday night programming, and I have loved seeing brothers and sisters in Christ breaking bread (or cake) together. Thanks to all the many volunteers who cooked, provided meals, set up, cleaned up and ate at one of our Family Meals. I am already looking forward to starting again in the fall!



School of Christian Living



by Brian Reigart, SoCL Chair

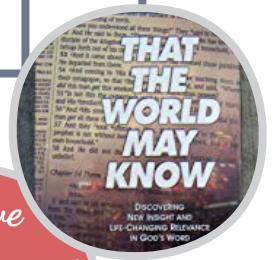
During the 25 years Mary and I have been attending CABC, we have regularly participated in CABC's School of Christian Living. Through those years, we've always gotten a lot out of the classes. We've met new people, made new friends, learned more about old friends, and not to mention increased our biblical knowledge and strengthened our faith.

In the past year, I have been asked to lead CABC's SOCL. Now, it is a daunting assignment to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Lynn Eib and Don and Jean Abbey. Fortunately, I can say it's been a blessing because there has been a wonderful group of servants who are committed to making SOCL a benefit to all who have taken advantage of it.

Through the fall, winter and spring quarters, we have offered classes in a Family Life Track and a Bible study track. The Family Life track has included "Guarding Your Child's Heart", "Engage/Connect", and "The Five Love Languages". The Bible study track has been through the book of Nehemiah and "That The World May Know". Segments included the following: Promised Land, Prophets and Kings, Life and Ministry of the Messiah, Death and Resurrection of the Messiah, and The Early Church. In recent weeks we have offered a "Foundations" class using Andy Stanley's "Christian: It's Not What You Think."

I know all who have been part of these classes have benefitted. There are more great options planned for summer and fall.

Now all we need to make CABC's School of Christian Living a complete success is YOU!



CABC Preschool

\$3,670

raised for
St. Jude at our
Trike-a-thon...
That's a record!



Thanks to Porter's Fire Department for
another year of fire safety training!



by Crystal Johnson, CABC Preschool Teacher

Year #8 of CABC Preschool was nothing less than fun and excitement as we sped through yet another year of learning! This year we had record numbers with a total of 32 children. Our afternoon 4 year old class had its largest enrollment with 11 children and our Friday Friends class which is an optional class for 4 year olds also topped its enrollment this year with a full class of 12 kiddos! Of those 32 children: eight of them attend or have a family member that attends CABC worship services, nine of them have older brothers or sisters that have graduated from CABC Preschool in previous years, seven of them have mommies that are involved in MOPs and four of them come to AWANA on Wednesday evenings!



19
students
graduated

As the school year came to a close, we were busy with parent-teacher conferences, Kindergarten screenings, evaluation completions and making sure that the children learned everything they needed. However, I was blessed with a story that a parent shared with me that I'd like to share with you. A little girl from one of my classes was sitting in the car with her mother talking to one of her mommy's friends through the blue tooth in the vehicle. This precious little girl asked the mom's friend, "Did you know that Jesus died on the cross for us, so we can go to Heaven one day? All you have to do is believe that Jesus is God's son. I believe, do you?" The little girl's mommy asked her if she learned that in Sunday school or at AWANA and she replied, "Miss Crystal told us!"



I have taught them to cut, and write their names, colors, numbers and shapes and so much more. But just how valuable are those lessons if you don't have Jesus? Those are the best, most important lessons that I can ever teach to anyone! Thirty-two isn't just the number of kiddos we had enrolled in CABC Preschool this year. It's also the number of children that heard about Christ's birth, the number of children that learned the real reason we have Easter and the number of children that learned that God's love is immeasurable!



New events included "Donuts with Dudes" and "Muffins with Moms" for kiddos to invite family members in for a special snack.



4-year-olds visit the Walk-Le Holstein Farm. Thank you to Leroy and Brenda Walker for having us!

Men's Ministry

by Michael Freeman, Men's Ministry Chair

I have been actively involved in Men's Ministry at CABC, in a variety of capacities, for over a decade now. Even before then, while I was still dating my wife, I attended Promise Keepers meetings at Terry Hess's house when I would visit Bethanie on weekends home from college. When we came back to CABC, Promise Keepers had become Mighty Men. Our first Sunday back at CABC, while trying to decide if the church my wife grew up in would be the church our children would also grow up in, Pastor Eib was giving his one of his last messages. During that message, he announced, that Mighty Men would have a group starting in the winter for the first time. (Up until then, if you didn't start in the Fall, you had to wait until the next year to join.) I knew my tendencies for procrastination and that, if I didn't get involved right away, I would continue to find excuses to postpone joining a men's group. (Time always seems in short supply but excuses are plentiful.)

So, the very next week, I showed up to a house of a man I had never met before (way outside of my comfort zone) and since then, you could say I've been hooked.

I knew that I didn't want to just attend a church on Sunday morning, put in my weekly hour and a half and go home. I needed relationships, accountability, people that would force me back into God's word and give Godly wisdom and guidance as I was fumbling my way through being a husband and a father. I needed men who had already been where I was headed and could point out the pitfalls or men who would provide a loving word when I stumbled... again. I also needed men who were trying to figure it all out right alongside of me. Men who were trying to raise kids in this world of too overbooked schedules and cell phones and social media. That is exactly what I have found in Men's Ministry... mentors and co-conspirators.

Men's Ministry has changed since those early days of Mighty Men. I attended many more home groups. I began to lead a group with Dr. Hirsh who always stretched not only my knowledge of the Bible but also encouraged faithful and regular application of its principals. He led, not by claiming he had overcome sin but by laying his life bare for us to see both his struggles and to celebrate his victories.

Then, the time came, sooner than I would have planned on my own, for me to lead my own group. Within a few years, Mighty Men was transformed into The King's Table. We still meet and share a fellowship meal, during which the men swap stories about their favorite baseball team or football player. You know what? Even though I rarely have a clue what the heck they are talking about, I still look forward to those conversations every month. There is power in watching Christian men laugh and smile in fellowship with one another. I love these men for the impact they have had on me. It is far deeper than I am sure many of them know. I smile and watch their interactions and thank God that I get to be a part of a church family that actually enjoys spending time together.

Through the Men's Ministry, I have met men who have become friends and friends who have become brothers. We have driven deeply into scripture together. We have heard the Pulse walls ring with the sound of men singing a cappella hymns of praise and worship. (The acoustics in that space are quite forgiving.) We have witnessed men pray in earnest for loved ones to come to know the Lord... for Him to bring healing... and for Him to offer forgiveness. Over the years, we have grieved and mourned together. We have lost powerful voices and watched new ones rise up. I have also gotten to watch these same men, who mean so much to me, begin to pour into the lives of our youth. They take such care to include them and make them feel welcome. My own son and his friends have started attending our meetings. The teens don't always say much but they are always watching, always listening... often questioning.

There is a new Men's Ministry steering committee this year, and though I am not sure what new directions we may take, it is my sincerest hope that we will continue to grow together as the body of the church, focused on knowing God through his word, striving to love others like Christ would love them, and serving out of the depth of gratitude for everything that God has done in our own lives.

PS. If you are waiting for an invitation to participate in a group like this, consider this your alter call at the end of the message. We weren't designed with the capabilities to live this life on our own. We were designed to rely on God and one another for the strength and wisdom to represent Christ well. There is always room at our table... plenty of food, fellowship, and lessons to be learned.

Women's Ministry



"...helped me to form connections and know how to pray."

"I'm believing that the items we packed and sent will bring glory to God in ways we may not know this side of Heaven!"

by Bethanie Freeman, Women's Ministry Chair

This past August, the Women's Ministry Team, consisting of Deb Trojak, CC Crawford, Heidi Bortner, and myself, created a plan for the year to include a bible study, a retreat, a ladies tea, a clothing swap, caroling, ladies night out, and a variety of service projects. As the year progressed, plans changed and God brought opportunities to light that we could've never even known about in that planning meeting. I am continually amazed at how God orchestrates beauty, love, and service out of imperfect plans and chaotic schedules.

"I enjoyed hearing the interactions of all who were there."

Our plan was simple: To bring women together in fellowship, to grow in Christ, and to serve others in love.

His plan was simple too: To teach us how to trust Him in all circumstances.

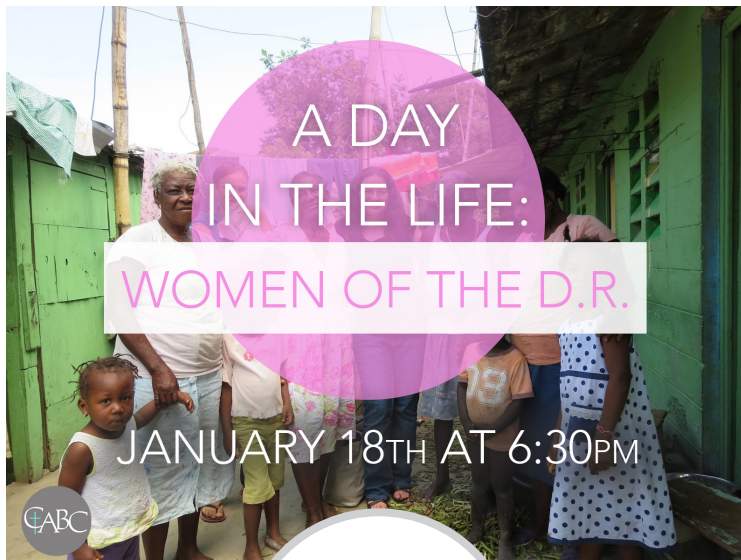
"I just want to always be mindful of what I can do to help those in need and to fully appreciate my life."

The Women's Ministry Team would like to welcome Kristine Gardner to the team and to thank Heidi Bortner for her years of service. As I move forward into other areas of service here at CABC, I am grateful for the last 6 years serving as the head of Women's Ministry and look forward to seeing where God continues to lead the women of CABC in this coming year.

The quotes you see here are from women who participated in the first "Day in the Life of DR Women" event we hosted.



"It opened my eyes to all of those blessings and to recognize they come from the hand of God."



"My main takeaway was that I am enough to make a difference to someone else."

"...a great way to have people understand a little bit more about the mission field."

"How they have to do their laundry, made me very thankful for how I wash mine."

"I was really surprised by what they consider delicacies. Salami would not be my choice for that!"

Missions



4 local
ministries
served

Savenit Polo - The School at Batey 35



by Mark Schumacher, Missions Committee Chair

Significant events this year within the areas we support included: the passing of Wesley Forde (servant in Uganda with spouse Jacqui Forde), revitalized contact with Native America ministry work in Anadarko, Oklahoma – involving Camp Arrowhawk, Redstone Baptist and Riverside Children's School – and a visit to Pennsylvania from Savenit Polo – our school administrator at Batey 35 School in the Dominican Republic – in December 2018. Polo has been a tremendous asset to us, as his active presence in this ministry has allowed us to keep abreast of the weekly activities at the school. In addition, his knowledge and selfless giving of time and energy has helped to promote potential improvements and special initiatives that support the staff at the school, as well as keeping our interests and requests active.

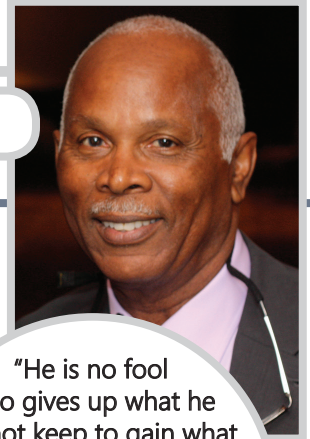
These three ministry updates give us a picture of what has and can take place through the work, dedication and openness to God's plan in the lives of the missionaries we support both locally and across our globe. We are excited to be able to share the experiences of those we remain in close contact with throughout the year. Your Missions Committee thanks you for the trust you place in us as we work to share the life, prayer support and funds from CABC with these dear souls who have given their lives to serving the Lord and sharing His message of salvation with those who need to know.

We will work hard to share their experiences with you in the coming year!



3 USA
ministries
served

The late Wesley Forde - Windows of Hope



"He is no fool
who gives up what he
cannot keep to gain what
he cannot lose."

Wesley's life embodied this
principle as he understood,
like the acclaimed
missionary Jim
Elliott.

Riverside Indian School - Anadarko, Oklahoma



We had our
community VBS
with **17 little ones** coming
to know Christ as their
Savior. Our outreach to the
Riverside Indian School this
fall resulted in **23 youths**
coming to Christ.

Letting you
know that the
last day that the kids
came, **5 more youths**
came to profess
Christ as savior.

Updates from Pastor Ken & Brenda Sullivan



4
international
ministries
served

Nehemiah Mission



5 vehicle repairs, 5 wheelchair ramps, roof repairs, painting & home appliances

Moved families, driven individuals to doctor offices & hospitals, & picked up items at stores



by Joni Ray, Nehemiah Missions Chair

Every year as we minister to those in need, we have heart-touching stories; we touch others' lives, but truly, they touch our lives more. Everyone needs help at one time or another. It can be as simple as going to the store to pick up some medicine, moving a piece of furniture, or jumping a dead battery. We of Nehemiah Mission do these and many other tasks to help those around us. We need to keep our eyes open to see those opportunities God has put in our path.

One day I was waiting to pick up my family's take-out dinner of fried chicken and a lemon meringue pie that my daughter enjoys. I saw a vehicle sitting at a convenience store with a sign in the window that had one word written on it, "Homeless." It more than touched my heart. I got that Holy Spirit knot in my stomach when I read the sign. I had a decision to make: go past and ignore the sign or give a gift certificate or money? How much should I give? All that I have on me? Or do I invite them into my home? What would that be like? I had so many questions that my mind was actually spinning.

I walked into the convenience store to pick up my order. The Holy Spirit was still saying, "Don't just walk away, approach and talk to them." I asked the waitress checking me out if she knew anything about this vehicle and she said that the people had been there for the last couple of weeks. The store had sent some food over to help. I picked up my family's dinner, knowing I was not going to be hungry and that I would be sleeping in my own bed that night. I was still questioning what to do. I put the food in my vehicle and tried to decide what to give...cash, all my cash, a gift card, all my gift cards? I went to their car window and stated that I had a gift card they could use to buy food or other items in the store. I still had to TALK with them... ALL of this is well out of my personal comfort zone. I invited them to come to church on Sunday, giving them the name and phone number. God does help you through this; He comforts you. I also went home and just prayed for them. I could not get them out of my head and appreciated my family even more that night. I gave them my number and stayed in touch with them. I spent many winter nights awake, praying for their safety and for them to find a home.

None of us ever knows what we will be facing from our own choices or life-things that just happen. We need to listen to what God has asked us to do and thank Him for our blessings and being able to bless others.



Written cards, made phone calls, visited and PRAYED!



300 Thanksgiving boxes delivered to local families



23 Christmas gifts & dinners for families in need.



Cooked all-church Thanksgiving meal, Easter breakfast, Wednesday night dinner once a month, funeral meals and now selling Sunday breakfast

Finance



by Jeff Seibert, Treasurer

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation for all those who faithfully serve our church in the finance ministry. This includes our church tellers (Don Abbey, Steph Smith, Deb Seibert, Phyllis Luckenbaugh, Jeanette Kessler, Fred Wolfe, Linda & Jack Diamond), Financial Secretary (Bev Hess), Bookkeeper (Don Abbey and his mentor Fred Wolfe) and members of the Finance Committee (Don Abbey, Bev Hess, Andy Berryman and Josh Trojak). I am confident the books and records of the church are in great shape and accurately reflect the financial status of the church. To confirm this and as a matter of good practice and to comply with our Articles of Incorporation, our records are being audited by the team of Fred Wolfe and Mike Enslin.

Following is the 11 month, year to date, May 31, 2019 financial report broken down and presented by the various funds as they are accounted for in the books and records of the church. Please note that this does not include the giving or expenses for the month of June. The period ending June 30 was not complete at the time of the preparation of this report.

General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Giving	\$309,958	\$349,409	-\$ 39,451
Expenses	\$325,517	\$357,434	-\$ 31,917
Net income / loss	-\$ 15,559	-\$ 8,025	-\$ 7,534

Note: Staff salaries are under budget \$34,585

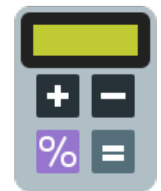
Mission Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Giving	\$ 56,355	\$ 62,040	-\$ 5,685
Disbursements	\$ 61,853	\$ 61,967	-\$ 114
Net income / loss	-\$ 5,498	\$ 73	-\$ 5,571

Building Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Giving	\$ 21,469	\$ 24,530	-\$ 3,061
Expenses	\$ 19,495	\$ 24,530	-\$ 5,035
Net income / loss	\$ 1,974	\$ 0	\$ 1,974

Notes: Dream funds (stage and interior improvements) were accounted for through the building fund. Dream funds were paid for out of cash. The mortgage loan has been paid down \$21,127. The remaining balance is \$49,267.

Helping Hand Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Giving	\$ 12,020	\$ 9,900	\$ 2,120
Disbursements	\$ 12,665	\$ 9,900	\$ 2,765
Net income / loss	-\$ 645	\$ 0	-\$ 645

Nehemiah Mission	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Giving	\$ 7,333	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,333
Expenses	\$ 9,436	\$ 6,850	\$ 2,586
Net income / loss	-\$ 2,103	-\$ 1,850	-\$ 253



CABC Preschool	Actual	Budget	Variance to Budget
Tuition	\$ 31,963	\$ 32,400	-\$ 437
Expenses	\$ 28,530	\$ 31,705	-\$ 3,175
Net income / loss	\$ 3,433	\$ 695	\$ 2,738



Below is a summary of the General and Missions Fund budget for our fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 for 2018 -2019 and 2019 -2020.

2019-2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Summary (Income and Expense)

Projected Income	2018-2019 Actual as of 5/31/19	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Budget	Budget Variance
Plate and Envelopes	\$309,168	\$383,747	\$361,244	-\$ 22,503
Missions Giving	\$ 56,356	\$ 65,666	\$ 63,752	-\$ 1,914
Sunday School Offering	\$ 399	\$ 420	\$ 420	\$ 0
Facility Rental	\$ 100	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 0
Interest	\$ 292	\$ 480	\$ 480	\$ 0
Total Projected Income	\$366,315	\$450,913	\$426,496	-\$ 24,417
Projected Expense	2018-2019 Actual as of 5/31/19	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Budget	Budget Variance
Administrative	\$ 15,307	\$ 14,820	\$ 11,271	-\$ 3,549
Children's Ministry	\$ 10,539	\$ 11,780	\$ 11,750	-\$ 30
Family Life Ministry	\$ 1,527	\$ 750	\$ 690	-\$ 60
Leadership & Discipleship	\$ 1,777	\$ 2,996	\$ 2,860	-\$ 136
Youth Ministry	\$ 5,265	\$ 7,450	\$ 7,750	\$ 300
Worship Committee	\$ 5,041	\$ 3,631	\$ 3,611	-\$ 20
Mission Committee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
Property Committee	\$ 35,734	\$ 38,622	\$ 38,148	-\$ 474
Service Committee	\$ 2,361	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,882	\$ 0
Finance Committee	\$ 15,038	\$ 13,190	\$ 14,000	\$ 810
Mission Outreach	\$ 61,854	\$ 65,666	\$ 63,752	-\$ 1,914
Staff Ministry (salaries)	\$231,928	\$297,000	\$281,296	-\$ 5,704
Total Projected Expenses	\$387,371	\$458,787	\$438,010	-\$ 20,777

You will note that our budget contemplates expenses exceeding income by \$11,504. Note also that giving would have to increase around \$36,000 over last year to meet our projected expenses. Although we are not comfortable presenting a budget that projects we will lose money, the elders wanted to put forth a realistic budget and challenge the congregation to increase giving to meet our expenses. While cutting expenses was considered, leadership prefers to focus on growing income through church growth initiatives as well as biblical teaching on stewardship.

I encourage you to attend our annual meeting on June 30. The budget will be presented and we will entertain questions and discuss income growth plans.



Staff Relations

by Bethanie Freeman, SR Chair

SR Committee: Keith Bortner, Pastor Bob Coddington, Wes Hallman, Allison Hann, Mary Reigart

Our church has been so very blessed
Of this you may not know,
With amazing staff called on by God
To lead us as we grow.

For starters, we have Pastor Todd
A kind and humble man,
Who preaches, counsels, mentors, prays
And is skilled at emptying a trash can.

Moving on to "Marvel"ous Pastor Josh,
We know the youth approve,
Retreats, mission's trips, the pulse, and more
His servant's heart keeps him on the move.

Pastor Bob is like no other,
His gentleness and his love,
His heart seeks out the lost and alone
A picture of his Father above.

Next comes our dear Ms. Jess,
With unmatched energy.
She longs for every child to choose
Where they'll spend eternity.

Christina serves our church with joy
A smile upon her face,
A million tasks upon her desk
That she handles with utmost grace.

Giving praise unto our God
Is Laura's heart no doubt.
Choir, specials, hymns of love
Is what worship is about.

L. C. works hard to keep us current
With updates, posts, and tweets.
Her quick and quiet wit
Helps keep us on our feet.

Don is the newest on the team,
Staff relationships he celebrates,
Combining fervent prayer with his skill,
He works to keep our numbers straight,

Ms. Crystal is so full of life,
Teachings skills and ABC's.
She prepares the preschoolers with love,
Every parent and family agrees.

The love of Christ is very clear,
When Ms. Vicky is around.
She serves the Lord in all she does.
None better could be found.

Staff Relations has it easy,
For you see, we are so blessed.
Our job is to support with love.
It's God who does the rest.



Covenant Renewal

Member	Joined	Member	Joined	Member	Joined
1. Donald Abbey	1998	51. Beverly Hess	1993	101. Dan Shearer	1995
2. Maryann Bair	2012	52. Terry Hess	1993	102. Sherri Shearer	1995
3. Tony Bair	2015	53. Christina Hice	2018	103. Donna Sheridan	2005
4. Judy Bakk	2011	54. Jeffrey Hice	2018	104. Larry Sheridan	2005
5. Vicky Bange	2017	55. Richard Hisey	2015	105. Karen Shifflet	2002
6. Robin Barton*	2019	56. Shawnee Hoff	1996	106. Amanda Siegrist	2012
7. Joseph Becker	2003	57. Terry Hoff	1996	107. Joshua Siegrist	2012
8. Mike Becker	2018	58. Connie Inners	1997	108. Jessica Slenker	2013
9. Sara Becker	2018	59. Daniel Inners	1997	109. Jon Slenker	2013
10. Vicki Becker	2003	60. Crystal Johnson	2011	110. Dean Smith	2005
11. Patricia Bentzel	2005	61. Troy Johnson	2011	111. Stephanie Smith	2005
12. Craig Bortner	2014	62. Mark Johnston	1998	112. Jim St. Ledger	2003
13. Heidi Bortner	2017	63. Rochelle Johnston	1998	113. Lisa St. Ledger	2003
14. Jennifer Bortner	2014	64. Delores Kessler	1995	114. Casey Thomas	1998
15. Keith Bortner	2017	65. Jeanette Kessler	2001	115. Chris Thomas	2011
16. Ruth Bortner	2003	66. Randy Kessler	2001	116. Debra Trojak	2016
17. Kathryn Briner	1999	67. Willis Kessler	1995	117. Joshua Trojak	2016
18. Debby Brogan	2016	68. Barbara Kindig	1996	118. Pam Vincent*	2019
19. Devon Brogan	2016	69. Pamela Kress	2007	119. Bethany Walters	2018
20. Laura Buffington	2001	70. Brian Kuhn	2007	120. Damian Walters	2018
21. Randy Buffington	2008	71. Laurie Kuhn	2004	121. Carol Wildasin	2013
22. Ron Bynaker	2016	72. Maria LeVeck	2015	122. Lori Witmer	1997
23. Sarah Bynaker	2016	73. Linda Lighty	1998	123. Todd Witmer	1997
24. Rebecca Cahill	2015	74. Robert Lighty	1998	124. Deb Wolfe	1996
25. Connie Chronister	2017	75. Jessica Lippy	2015	125. Fred Wolfe	1996
26. Ronald E. Chronister	2017	76. Tom Lippy	2015	126. Donna Zearfoss	2014
27. Janet Coddington	2011	77. Bryan Luckenbaugh	2003	127. Paul Zearfoss, Jr.	2014
28. Robert Coddington	2011	78. Phyllis Luckenbaugh	1994	128. Linda Zeigler	2005
29. Ethan Courtney	2017	79. Sharon Luckenbaugh	2003		
30. Laura Courtney	2017	80. Lee Miller	2015		
31. Caroline Crawford	2015	81. Sally Miller	2015		
32. Herman Crawford	1994	82. Steven Miller	2015		
33. Ruth Crawford	1994	83. Larry Moul	1998		
34. Terri Cress	2011	84. Susan Moul	1998		
35. Barb DeCello	2004	85. Beverly Mummert	2015		
36. Jack Diamond	1997	86. Larry Mummert	2015		
37. Linda Diamond	1987	87. Amy Myers	2017		
38. Ethel Donner	1994	88. Barry Myers	2016		
39. Carole Downing	2017	89. Melissa Myers	2016		
40. Laura Enslen	2011	90. Charles Oberholzer, Jr.	2007		
41. Michael Enslen	2011	91. James Prowell	2013		
42. Bethanie Freeman	2017	92. Terri Prowell	2013		
43. Michael Freeman	2017	93. Joni Ray	2015		
44. Anthony Gist	2014	94. Brian Reigart	1995		
45. Mel Gist	2018	95. Mary Reigart	1995		
46. Gregory Gross	2013	96. Barbara Schumacher	1994		
47. Wes Hallman	2016	97. Mark Schumacher	1994		
48. Allison Hann	2016	98. Paul Scipioni	2013		
49. Willy Hann	2016	99. Deborah Seibert	1994		
50. Bonnie Hare*	2019	100. Jeffrey Seibert	1994		

Additional membership information
for fiscal year 2018-2019

*New Members

Robin Barton
Bonnie Hare
Pam Vincent

Dedicated

Alexandria Courtney

Baptised

Kora Gardner
Mark Johnston
Gabriel Myers
Lainey Potts
Judson Trojak

Deceased

Jean Abbey
Bill Deibler
Frank DeCello

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