

MAIDEN LANE ... *a Life-Changing Place*

COMMUNITY *Connection*

We always begin a new year with a sense of “starting over” or “new beginnings.” A month into 2012, and we’re well on our way to providing even more new opportunities to grow in Christ. First, make sure you’re using your **Compass Points** each week to keep you on track and deepen your study of Sunday morning’s message.

Also, on Sunday mornings, **beginning February 12**, there are two new electives starting during the 9 a.m. teaching hour. First, the Adore Him class (**Room 200**) is beginning a **9 week study on The Pursuit of Holiness** by Jerry Bridges. Intrigued? Here’s some text from the inside cover that will spur you to consider participating:

“What does holiness look like? For starters, it doesn't look anything like perfection. And it doesn't necessarily look like victory. Mostly, it consists of effort, prayer, grace, and obedience. ‘Scripture speaks of both a holiness we have in Christ before God, and a holiness we are to strive after,’ writes the author. We can ignore neither Christ's role nor our own if we are to successfully pursue holiness.”

Another teaching option is **joining Pastor Tod Huston (Room 203) for a 6 week study on “Windows of Worship.”** Have you ever tried to give someone a definition of worship? Is it just some songs and a sermon on Sunday? Is our view of worship limited to what we see and do inside these four walls or are we missing a larger perspective of our relationship with God? We’ll seek to answer the question “does our worship stop when the worship service ends?” and we’ll also journey together towards a deeper understanding of God’s design and goal for our worship.

Young adults, make plans to join Matt & Stephanie Artis in their home (**4267 Helena Drive**) for an in-depth look at **the book of James, beginning Tuesday, January 24, from 7-9 pm.**

Also, don’t forget that the Wednesday night Women’s Bible study “James: Mercy Triumphs” began January 18 (Room 207, top of the stairs), and MoMEntum still has room for you on Wednesday evenings for “A Man and His Relationship with Career, Church and Community” (meets in the Chapel).

And for those of you really new to the fellowship, we’re offering a **Newcomers Class on Sunday, January 29, from 4-6:30 pm in the Welcome Center.** Those attending are also invited to a luncheon to meet the staff on Sunday, February 5, right after worship. This will be in the Fireside Room.

To indicate your interest for the Sunday electives and the Newcomers class, please call the church office at 323-9747 and let Gayle know, mark your Welcome Tab on Sunday morning, or sign up in the Narthex.

Pastor Joy

CHILDREN’S *Ministry*

On Wednesday, May 30, 2012, the children of Maiden Lane will be sharing their faith through a musical that starts at 7pm. All three groups—Seekers and Singers I, Seekers and Singers II, and the Bridge—will be working together to present God’s Word to our church family.

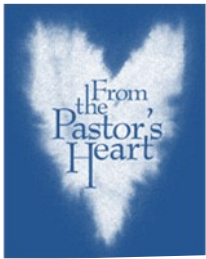
Since we have such a large number of children involved in our Wednesday night ministries, we are holding auditions this year for the roles. There are 27 speaking parts, 2-non speaking roles, stage hands, and 10 solo/ensemble parts. If you have a child age 4-6th grade, who is interested in a speaking role, a solo or ensemble, or dancing in the musical, please fill out the form in the narthex or at <http://maiden-lane-children-s-ministry.posterous.com/gearing-up-for-2012> and return to a Wednesday night leader on or before the night of tryouts. Your child can try out for a solo, acting, and dancing. Your child must try out in order to receive a speaking role, solo, or dance. The doors will shut at 5:35 sharp and no other children will be allowed in after that, so please be prompt. All auditions will be held in room 210.

Here is the schedule for tryouts:
Wednesday, **January 25th - 5:30-7:00 - solo and ensemble tryouts in room 210.** The song "He Wants Everyone" was handed out to interested children starting on January 4th. Please make sure your child knows the first verse and the chorus.
Wednesday, **February 1st - 5:30-7:00 - acting auditions in room 210.** The children trying out have four speaking parts from which they will choose one to memorize. These parts were handed out beginning on January 4th
Wednesday, **February 8th - 5:30-7:00 - dance auditions in room 210.** Children interested in dancing during the musical will come at 5:30 to learn a short dance. At 6:15, the children will tryout in groups of 3-5. There is no prior material to learn before this audition.


The casting list will be posted on Sunday, February 11th and rehearsals will start on February 15th for select groups. All rehearsals for solos/ensembles, actors, and dancers will be from 5:30-7 on Wednesday nights (not every part will have to be there every Wednesday).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Patty at prose@maidenlane.org.

Pastor Patty



We have entered a new year, 2012, and it's a year to be bold and adventure into new territory. Don't be afraid to try something new, perhaps even something you said, "I'll never try that."

I've decided to try something new that probably doesn't seem bold to most of you, but it was for me because I have been overheard to say, "I'll never try that." My bold new adventure for 2012 is to journey into the social networking world called facebook. 

I must say that it is an intriguing and interesting world that will take me some time to learn how to navigate in, but I have some great teachers, and 95% of them are far younger than me. In the short time I've been exploring this strange, new world I've reached some early conclusions about the strengths and weaknesses of this medium of communication technology.

It's a great place to stay connected with old friends and family members who live at a distance that impedes regular face-to-face communication. It allows you to touch base on a regular basis, learn what's happening in their lives and know much better how to pray for them.

It's also a great place to post thought-provoking quotes and short, encouraging messages. In fact I've already discovered that this is one of the primary ways I will use facebook. On Friday or Saturday I will post a short overview of the upcoming message on Sunday and do a short follow-up on Monday. I will post quotes that have challenged and encouraged me because others also will be challenged and encouraged by them. I will occasionally post a sports comment, being a big sports fan, especially if the Mountaineers score 70 points again. Don't expect any posts from my favorite eatery on the goodness of the food I'm eating.

However, there are a couple of things that I can already see that are weaknesses of facebook. First, it can become, if you allow it, a terrible time-waster. A word of caution to all of you facebookers out there is be careful not to allow it to consume too much of your time. It can't replace your time alone with God, His Word and prayer and it can't replace the face-to-face time you need with your immediate family and close friends.

Second, facebook is a terrible venue to express your personal grievances with other people. Nothing but trouble will come of that because interpersonal conflicts and differences require face-to-face communication to be resolved in healthy and holy ways, and that should be our goal as God's dearly loved people. Be careful what you post, because once you post it there's no taking it back. Faster than the speed of sound it will enter cyberspace and soon be known by all. So perhaps we need to add a new verse to the Sunday School song many of us learned long ago. "Oh be careful little fingers what you post and send on facebook. For the Father up above is looking down in love. So be careful little fingers what you post and send on facebook."



Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Mark

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, (and that includes facebook) do it all for the glory of God. ~1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

WORSHIP Notes

As I begin this new year I want to take a moment to look back on my first months here with you at Maiden Lane. I am so grateful to God for the love and support I have felt personally for my ministry among you and for the love expressed to my family as well. I am especially thankful for all those who help with the Living Christmas Tree. I could have never done it without the gifts and heart of so many.

Now that we are this side of the Tree I want to share with you some areas of focus for the coming months. We are setting aside a Saturday afternoon to begin some work to improve our worship band skills

We will be looking at ways to improve not only individually but as an ensemble. This will be the first of what I hope will be ongoing training to help equip existing players and to bring additional players on board. I hope also to schedule a similar training session for worship team singers.

I am passionate about helping people grow in all things related to worship. To that end I am excited for the opportunity beginning in February to teach a six week elective on worship. ***Windows of Worship*** will seek to help us expand our understanding and practice of worship. We will also dig into the greater implications of worship for our life and world.

Pastor Tod

YOUTH *Ministries*

After a month of hearing the word “Guardrails”, it is time to move on to our next series. This new series entitled, “Picture Perfect” will be led by Pastor Missy and present its own challenges to our teens.

It seems all of us have an image in our mind of what the “perfect family” looks like and many of us wonder if our family struggles are unique. The truth is none of our families are perfect. Unfortunately, it seems a lot easier to point out flaws in our family than to see the potential good. We cannot lose sight of the fact that God has put us exactly *as we are*, exactly *where we are*, exactly *when we are*, for a reason.

Starting in February, will spend three Wednesdays in a row exploring God’s concept of family and what purpose He may be calling us to, inside our unique family structure. Oh, teens, if you’re reading this... you may end up being surprised at what you find when you look hard enough... there’s a lot of good, even a lot of great, in the people God has determined to be your family!

Please pray for our youth as they begin to examine themselves and who God has called them to be. Also, please continue to pray for our youth workers, who are working with these youth in small groups.

Thanks again for all your support, *Pastor Tim*

ENON News

It is truly wonderful to see God working in the lives of His servants. As we enter a new year, we have many opportunities for you to be involved. In the Spring, we will be offering Upward Soccer to the church and community. This ministry to children is one that will be far reaching. We also have our next family bowling day on January 29th, which is also children’s worship Sunday. If your children aren’t involved in our new Wednesday Night W2 ministry (Worship and the Word) then they are missing out on some tremendous growth opportunities. Our children are beginning practice now for a musical to be presented at a date to be determined. The next quarterly men’s breakfast is hosted by our church this time and will be on March 3rd at 8:30 AM. On the 4th of March, the CWC group is hosting their annual dinner and auction day in the fellowship hall. You don’t want to miss it. April 8th is our Community Sunrise Service at Settler’s Park at 7:00 AM. Don’t forget to mark all these dates on your calendars!

Pastor Dan

MEMBERSHIP/ MINISTRY BOARD

News

The Membership and Ministry Boards have planned several events for the year.

- New Grief Share group forming to begin on February 2. Call Pastor Dan if interested.
- Marriage Enrichment Weekend March 16-17
- Men’s Retreat with guest, Todd Braschler. “Fight Like a Man” April 20-21
- Cincinnati Red’s Game and Faith Day Concert April 28th
- Family Campout June 1-3 (Tentative)
- All Church Picnic June 24 at the Union Club Park on Saint Paris Pike.
- Outdoor Movie Night in the Maiden Lane Parking Lot on the giant screen. July 13

In addition to these activities, the Energizers have completed their brochure and activities planning for the year. Brochures are available in the Welcome Center on the information board. The big event of the year is our annual bus trip. This year we will be traveling to Savannah, GA for a 5 night, 6 day excursion. The cost is \$600 including lodging, meals, a charter bus and all entertainment. Payments are \$75 per month. See Betty McDaniel or Vicki Kelley to sign up.

Pastor Dan



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Regular services	2 Women's Study	3	4 LCT Debrief Worship Band Practice
5 Newcomers Luncheon	6 Youth Gym Time	7 Men's Basketball Enon CWC	8 Regular services	9 Women's Study Game Day EMOT meeting	10	11 Outreach House
12	13 Youth Gym Time Handbells Board Meetings	14 Men's Basketball	15 Regular services	16 Women's Study	17	18 Citi-Wide Women's Conference
19	20 Youth Gym Time Handbells Church Council	21 Men's Basketball	22 Regular services	23 Women's Study Golden Agers	24	25 Outreach House
26	27 Youth Gym Time Handbells	28 Men's Basketball	29 Regular services			

SLDG = Spiritual Leadership Development Group
 EMOT = Enon Ministry Oversight Team
 KH = Kids Hope