



# THE CLARION

December 2010

Our Purpose: To Love the Lord, love one another, and make disciples for Jesus Christ!

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## From the Pastors Desk

Here we are at the end of another year, where did the time go? I remember as a child waiting on Christmas, the time seemed to stand still. Now with each passing year the time seems to somehow just fly by so quickly. I am guilty of trying to cram so much into a day that I become frustrated when things fail to get done. But then God reminds me that he has given each of us a number of days. Each new day is a gift from him.

In this Christmas season we should stop for a moment and give thanks for God's love. The scripture proclaims ***That God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever would believe on him would not perish but have everlasting life.*** This is the Christmas message; this is the babe in the manger that was born to present God's love to us in a way that would forever change our lives!

I would like to pray for you personally just now. As you read this prayer today receive the blessing that God has intended for your renewal and joy.

*Dear God,*

*I pray for the person that holds this letter in their hand. Lord in your strength and great grace reach down and bless your child in a new and fresh way. Let burdens roll off their backs and let hope be restored. Where there is little faith build great faith in Jesus name. Lord let faith and salvation arise in our hearts like springs of living water. Let us slow down and count the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Give us a desire to serve you with a new fresh commitment everyday throughout this New Year, in Jesus name I pray. Amen.*

In this New Year let us break bread together in his name, see you next Sunday.

God Bless,  
Pastor Sturman Moore

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# Spotlight on Missions

Our purpose is to educate and provide opportunities for our congregation to support local and global missions.

## Haiti Missions Trip

Our Missions trip to Haiti is still planned for January 3-10, 2011 with 15 people going from several churches. The following individuals from our church will be going: Pastor Moore, Sandy Black, Angie Black, Anjela Poole, and Aimee Hayes. Please be in prayer for these individuals and the trip. After they return home we hope to have an exciting report on their experiences. Thanks to all who have made this trip possible!

## Operation Christmas Child

Praise the Lord!! We collected over 1066 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year here at our church. This includes shoeboxes donated from various area churches as well as our own. Thank you to all of you who gave so generously. We would also like to thank our youth and adults who donated their time and energy to help with this project. Please continue to pray that the children receiving these boxes and their families will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. God bless you and yours as well this Christmas.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Our church may be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross in either late December (after Christmas) or sometime in January. Details for the drive are still in the works so look for more information to come in the church bulletin, bulletin boards, and local newspaper.

## Missionary Updates

### Murphys

Jerry and Sherri celebrated with the 18 students who graduated in vocational areas and primary from the El Sembrador school in Honduras. Seven students were to graduate from high school. At the final Wednesday evening service, fourteen boys went forward; some to receive Christ, some to seek help during their vacation time and some to seek forgiveness. After graduation almost all the boys left to go home. Many of the boys had formed strong friendships during the year and experienced an emotional time as they left. Please pray for all the students that they find a church, stay strong and look to God for help. The staff has been planning for the next school year which begins the first of February. The Murphys write, "You all were a part of everything that happened above and in each update that you read during the year. Without your faithfulness we wouldn't be here. We ask you to join us in prayer for what God has for us next year. We praise Him that through all our difficulties and joys. He is there with us!" Check out their website at [www.escuelaelsembrador.org](http://www.escuelaelsembrador.org).

### Orellanas

Kim, Guido and daughters are still here in the States and hope to return to Ecuador by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have consistently traveled to speak in churches, home groups and mission conferences every weekend since August. They've put lots of miles on their borrowed car and met many new people along the way. They are also trying to do preschool, home-school, gymnastics and bible studies during the weekdays which keeps them all busy. With only two months to go, they are over half way through their six-month furlough. They continue to have a full schedule of travel

every weekend up to Christmas. In their time here so far, they have begun to lay the groundwork for six work/evangelism teams for the coming year as well as seen several individuals who have begun the process to serve short-term on the mission field. However they are not yet able to buy tickets or even consider packing until they have raised the necessary support to serve on the field. They are in need of raising \$1,400 in monthly support for the next five years. Please pray that God will provide the needed funds, health, and safe travel. For more info, check out their new website at [www.camppallatanga.info](http://www.camppallatanga.info).

### Eldhos

Check out the Eldho's letter to us posted on the Missions Bulletin Board. They are native missionaries serving in India.

### Missions Letter-writing/Prayer Project

If you are willing to write a letter and pray for one of our missionary families (Murphys or Orellanas) for one month out of the year, please pick up a postal or an email address label and sign your name on the sheet located on the Missions bookcase in the foyer between the old and the new sanctuaries. Our missionary families tell us that they love to hear from us and especially about what the Lord is doing here at Cambridge Christ UMC! If you have any questions, contact Jenny Christ or Becky Kellum.

*\*Please continue to pray for God's blessing on these missionaries and those they serve. And don't forget to check out the Missions bulletin board in the foyer between the old and new sanctuaries for cards, pictures, and the latest info about all of these mission workers!!!!*

## CUMC Youth Update

- Food drive huge success – 40 bags of groceries for Thanksgiving Baskets, collected – sorted – assisted with basket preparation.
- Assisted with decorating church for Christmas.
- Assisted with collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes every night of collection.
- Youth Retreat and Lay Speaker Training a success. Levi Angel and Jesse Secrest completed basic training. Levi Angel and Garret Ripley played guitars for praise and worship. Youth at Retreat prepared and led Sunday morning worship service.
- Youth attended funeral home calling hours to support their peers twice in Nov.
- Christmas Party – Dec. 28 – 5pm till 10am Dec. 29
- December Schedule:
  - 12/5/10 – 4:00 – 5:45 pm
  - 12/12/10 – 4:00 – 5:45 pm
  - 12/19/10 – 4:00 – 5:45 pm
  - 12/26/10 – No Youth Group
  - 1/02/10 – No Youth Group

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Dec 5	Pastor Sturman Moore
Dec 12	Children's Program
Dec 19	Adult Cantata
Dec 26	No Evening Service

# Holy Health

**2 Thessalonians 2:15a, 16, 17** *“So then, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold onto the truth you were taught. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and encouragement and well-founded hope through grace, comforts and encourages our hearts and strengthens us in every good deed and word .”*

Every year I tell myself I am going to be more prepared for the holiday rush so that I can truly enjoy the **“reason for the season”**. I thought I was doing pretty good for Thanksgiving, (a Martha) getting the house in order and decorated, the food preparation strategically planned over several days, and arrangements made for loved ones to be present on that day of the feast! Things went off pretty well without a hitch, as they say, so I was prepared to plunge right into the Christmas season. What I didn't prepare so well for was the flood of emotions that often accompanies special holidays.

If only I would put into practice the very thing I tell my cancer patients. Grief or sadness is a normal, healthy response to an unplanned event, experience, anticipated or actual loss. It can present itself in several different ways only to retaliate in a totally different emotion. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross best describes the five stages of grief that people can experience in times of uncertainty... denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Kubler-Ross claims these steps do not necessarily come in the order noted above, nor are all the steps experienced by everyone. But each person will always experience at least two. We may question “Why me? It's not fair!” or attempt to bargain “Lord, if you will just... I will do... for you.” The important thing is to recognize our feelings or situation and share your thoughts with someone who can help you put it into perspective. And naturally, rest and caring for yourself is important.

We have heard some powerful testimonies and sharing of difficult situations recently at Christ Church. It is truly amazing how the Holy Spirit has been working! It gives me peace to know whatever the concern or need, my church family will be there for me and my family. And I have been thankful for the reminder of my responsibility as a Christian to exemplify that same love to others that I would want for myself. Our church family will listen and help us through those stages of grief to the glory of Christ. Taking one day at a time, meeting one need at a time is really what it is about. A cancer patient shared her philosophy, “Don't divide your life into weeks, months, or years. Rather divide your day into moments. Then live each moment as if it were one full life.”

I'm doing much better now. I have “talked it out with God”, released my tears, and set some new goals and priorities for myself. I want to live this moment, this **“reason for the season”** by holding onto the love and truth I have been taught. I feel so blessed to be a part of the Body of Christ! All my blessings of Thanksgiving can carry me on to the promise of a coming King and Savior. There will always be some things I can't control or change, but Our Heavenly Father will never change His gift of Christ, or the encouragement, hope, and strength I need to continue on in my faith. I want to be more like Mary and simply sit at Jesus feet, knowing there will be no greater place of comfort and peace. I pray that you will meet me there. Have a holy, joyful Christmas season!

Health in Christ,  
Sandy Black, RN

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# Happy Anniversary!

December 4     *Clint & Carmaleta McGaha*  
December 6     *Eric & Karie McCauley*  
December 15    *Stan & Teena Vigus*

December 20    *Russell & Ruth Anne Booth*  
December 26    *Pete & Becky Kellum*  
December 31    *Wally & Nancy Faykus*

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# Happy Birthday!!

Dec 1     *Timmy Booth*  
Dec 2     *Dustin Ball*  
Dec 3     *Sawyer Leppla*  
            *Brittany Bolasky*  
Dec 4     *Larry Lincicome*  
Dec 5     *Jared Nicholson*  
            *Marianna Williamson*  
Dec 6     *Ivan Parrish*  
Dec 7     *Nancy Jewell*  
Dec 8     *Craig Morris*  
            *Lucille Offutt*  
Dec 9     *Jorden Parrish*  
            *Jessica Shade*  
Dec 10    *Jeff Dyer*  
Dec 11    *Kenneth Harrison*  
            *Tim Leppla*  
Dec 12    *Michelle DeLong*  
            *Cole Pennington*  
Dec 13    *Sephrenia Parrish*  
Dec 14    *Zachery Hayes*  
            *Victoria Bates*  
Dec 15    *Kathy Jones*  
            *Julie Smith*  
Dec 16    *Gavie Danik*  
            *Marsha Upperman*

Dec 17    *Heath Hayes*  
            *Andrew Orahoske*  
Dec 18    *Dixie Heddleson*  
Dec 20    *Shirley Barnes*  
            *Jerry Blattner*  
            *Louise Gordon*  
Dec 21    *Mary Hannon*  
            *Gary Parrish*  
Dec 23    *Tina Tittle*  
Dec 24    *Jawann Singer*  
Dec 26    *Larry Christ*  
            *Betty Pethtel*  
Dec 27    *Kayla Brothers*  
Dec 28    *Pete Kellum*  
Dec 29    *Heidi Bradley*  
            *Margaret Dosch*  
Dec 30    *Jean Atkinson*  
            *Nikki Killiany*  
            *Billie Ripley*

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## The Shepherd's Guide

Gary Parrish: Need a great gift idea **Design Wood Crafts**: Crosses, Trivet's wildlife designs. ~ 740-381-5032

Lee and Kelly Adams: **Fresh Cut Christmas Trees for Sale**: Frazier Fur, White & Scotch Pine and Blue Spruce Available. Just past Byesville Meadowbrook Schools on St. Rt. 821 Hours: 9am – 9pm Mon thru Sun.

Jacob Dalton Moore: **Mowing, Gardening, Cleaning and other odd jobs**. ~ 630-7355

Lisa Zaleski and Carolyn Walton: **Mary Kay Representative** and **Touch of Romance** - Floral arrangements and decorating for weddings, receptions, parties and more. References available. 432-8669 (Lisa) or 679-2613 (Carolyn).

Jerry Wolfrom: "**The Wills Creek Chronicles**" by the Cambridge Writers Workshop. Some 55 fictional short stories by local authors. Retail \$9.95. CUMC members \$7. Some proceeds back to the church. 439-5370.

Terri Sestina: **Uppercase Living** ~ Personalize your home with decorative expressions  
270-498-3832, terrirebekah@yahoo.com, <http://terrisestina.uppercaseliving.net>

John Moore: **Handyman** ~ 630-7355 Honest and Reasonable

Trudy Gibson: **Glamour Manor** ~ 432-6155 Hairstyling by appointment

Mike Warne Jr: **Auto detailing**: washing, waxing & detailing ~ 432-4514

Joyce Bates: **Notary Public** ~ 432-9605

Cindy Scheffer: **Heaven Scent Confections** ~ baking by order only ~ 439-2062 leave message.  
Raisin, Red Raspberry & Apricot filled cookies, Brownies, Pie and many other items at Holidays.

Vickie Lyons: **Avon Representative** ~ Call Vickie @ 432-4661, 439-1554 or 260-9404 if you would like to see a brochure. Twenty-one percent of all profits will be donated to the building fund.

Amanda Cox: **Nothing But Chocolate** ~ Specialize in handmade chocolates including Buckeyes, Gourmet Apples and Gourmet Pretzel Rods. 439-5754 [www.nothingbutchocolate.com](http://www.nothingbutchocolate.com)

Aaron Todd: **Vocal Lessons** ~ call Aaron @ 439-9700 if you are interested in taking vocal music lessons.

Penny Warne: **Penny-Mama's Daycare** ~ 432-4514 Twenty+ years of loving your kids while you are at work.

Dale Huston: **Self Defense ~ Kachido Aikijitsu** ~ Classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ The Fieldhouse in Zanesville. Self Defense classes for Children ages 7-12 from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Adult classes ages 13 & up from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. For more information call: 740-704-7409 or visit the school's My Space page: [myspace.com/martialartsschoolofki](http://myspace.com/martialartsschoolofki)

Kim Conrad: **Tupperware Representative** ~ Call Kim @ 432-3408 or 630-5714 for your Tupperware needs.

If you would like you name added to our list, please contact the church office at 439-4579.

All articles for the Clarion are due no later than the last Monday of the month.