



# THE LIGHT



Vestaburg Church of Christ

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## Loving Our Community

### OUR VISION

To be a church that  
Seeks the  
Heart of God  
While  
Serving in the  
Heart of the Community

### OUR MISSION

Worship the Lord  
Evangelize the Lost  
Disciple the Saints  
Fellowship the Family  
Serve the Savior



### Lugnuts Game

August 19  
7 pm

Sign - up sheet in the  
church foyer

### Leadership Team

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### STATISTICS

#### JUNE 2022

Worship Assembly

Average: 57

Total Giving: \$7,599.91

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

We are living at a time when accusations of all kinds are as prevalent as ants at a summer picnic. With that in mind I am sharing a portion of an article written by Natasha Crain.

"If there's something pretty much everyone does agree on right now, it's that we need to love one another. Given the importance of love in Christianity, one might think this is an area where the secular world and Christians can align. Unfortunately, however, that's often not the case.

As I explain in chapter 10 of *Talking with Your Kids about Jesus*, the key to understanding why is in Matthew 22:36-40. A Pharisee asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

If Jesus says that one commandment is the greatest, we need to listen closely; it implies that any other commandments should be obeyed within that context. In this case, he's telling us that what it means to love others depends on what it means to first love God. This is why Christians so often clash with culture on what love is—we have different objectives. Christians (should) strive to love others given God's standards. The secular world strives to love others given self-defined standards.

If someone shames you for not being "loving," remember that Godly love is wanting for others what God wants for them—even when that's not what they want for themselves."

My thoughts: If "they'll know we are Christians by our love" that love needs to be shown to those who criticize us and toward those who are living by "self-defined standards."

Henry

## OUTREACH NEWS

Our Missionaries in Mexico that we support are serving while still in the pandemic. Continue to be in prayers for Benito and Ruth Solis, as well as others with Central Mexico Evangelism, as they serve amidst COVID in Mexico. Also be in prayer for Craig and Rhonda Gates with Christ's Mission in the Yucatan as they serve. Praise that they were able to get a newer vehicle for travel while in Mexico. Please be in prayer for Rhonda as she continues treatment for cancer.

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE



*<sup>1</sup>Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? <sup>2</sup>Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. <sup>3</sup>Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup>You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

*Philippians 2:1-5 NLT*

# PRAYER LIST



## ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

### Sunday Service

Morning Assembly 9:30 AM

Bible Study 11:00 AM

### CARE & SHARE CORNER

The Care & Share is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3:30pm. Contact person, Dee Holley at 517-290-0811.

### Check Us Out!

Vestaburg Church of Christ's

Facebook Page



**Prayer:** Woody Lapham (pacemaker), Remy Beatty (hospital), Sue Belyou (test), Barbara Skrivin (stroke), Tim Schiffler (brain bleed)

**Ongoing:** Clyde Thatcher, Mary Ann Keeney (liver transplant recovery), Bob Austin, Brenda Knickerbocker, Darlene Frost, Joyce Hatinger

**Cancer:** Nina Stauffer, Shaun Eddy, Kathleen Perkins, Musa Knickerbocker, Rhonda Gates, Mary Tubbs, Dee Holley, Jenny Mosier, Elizabeth Foshaug, Chris Steele, Brian Cardwell

**Grief Recovery:** Virginia Stratton and Tim Theusch families

**Also Be In Prayer For:** New Members, The Lost, Our Youth, Missions, Staff & Leadership, Our shut-Ins, Absent Members.

**Praises:**

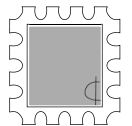
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