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## PROVERBS 4:1

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain  
insight,

## PROVERBS 20:7

The righteous man walks in his  
integrity; his children are blessed  
after him.

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# Why We Don't Have Revival

Article submitted by  
Pastor Luke Johnston

## **Why We Don't Have Revival** **By: Leonard Ravenhill**

In an old town in Ireland they'll show you with reverence a place where four young men met night after night after night praying for revival. In Wales, there's a place in the hills where three or four young men only 18 or 19 years old met and prayed night after night. They wouldn't let God go; they would not take no for an answer. As far as humanly possible they prayed a revival into birth. If you're thinking of revival at your church without any inconvenience, forget it. Revival costs a lot.

I can give you one simple reason why we don't have revival in America. Because we're content to live without it. We're not seeking God - we're seeking miracles, we're seeking big crusades, we're seeking blessings. In Numbers 11, Moses said to God, "You're asking me to carry a burden I can't handle. Do something or kill me!" Do you love America enough to say, "God, send revival or kill me"? Do you think it's time we changed Patrick Henry's prayer from, "Give me liberty or give me death," to "Give me revival or let me die"?

In the 30th chapter of Genesis, Rachael goes to Jacob and throws herself down in despair. She says, "Give me children or else I die." Are you willing to throw yourself down before God to seek the spiritual birth of spiritual children in our country?

People say, "I'm filled with the Holy Spirit." If the coming of the Spirit didn't revolutionize your prayer life, you'd better check on it. I'm not so sure you got what God wanted you to get.

We've said that prayer changes things. No! Prayer doesn't change things. Prayer changes people and they change things. We all want Gabriel to do the job. God says do it yourself - with My sufficiency and My strength.

We need to get like this woman, Hannah. What did she do? She wept, she was grieved, she said she had a complaint, she fasted - and she prayed.

Jesus, the anointed of God, made prayer His custom. Paul, with his background and intellect, depended on prayer because he said he was weak. David, the king, called himself a poor man and cried to the Lord. Hannah prayed for a son and gave birth to a prophet. The prayers of a handful of young men sparked revival.

There's nothing more transfiguring than prayer.

# Small Beginnings

## Small Beginnings

In 2004, a 17-year old high school senior noticed that the only kids in the band, orchestra and show choir programs in her school were kids who lived in the Fountainhead district of her town. The kids from Jonathan Street never participated in the arts. So, with money she had saved from her job at the Boys & Girls club, she started an outreach program called Hoodhop inc. Every summer for 10 weeks, the kids from each government housing project would meet at the community rec center for free music, art and dance lessons provided by professionals she had recruited with her infectious personality and desire to be a "champion" for these kids. Today 24 of the original 25 kids have graduated from high school (some were the first in their family to graduate); several completed college (one young man is a dental hygienist pursuing a dental degree) and all of them look to this young woman as their "Champion". I know this young woman and she is about to embark on a new job as a principal. She still has that infectious personality that believes in her students and helps them see their greatness as a creation of God. It is her calling. The message of the Gospel is at the heart of her purpose. The methods used to reach the families in her community are relevant and effective.

- Be a consistent presence in your community outside the church building.
- Don't visit new people in their homes; meet them for ice cream (and treat them).
- Make every outreach event very affordable (FREE) and fun.
- Give stuff away. (A lot of kids are hungry or need hygiene supplies; make them giveaways at your outreach events).
- When volunteering, learn kids' names and be genuinely thrilled to see them every time they attend your outreach event.
- Don't expect perfect behavior. Point out the good things you see them do (and they will keep doing it).
- Let them see God in your life by the way you care for them.
- Kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.



HOODHOP inc. Fairgrounds Neighborhood (2011)

By Donna Shetler

## Champions

Individuals who made it out of poverty usually cite one person in their life who made a significant difference for them. This person was their "champion."

## Outreach

Many of the world's greatest movements were started by community outreach projects. Millard and Linda Fuller created a small outreach program they called "partnership housing." The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build decent, affordable houses. The houses would be built at no profit. New homeowners' house payments would be combined with no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fundraising to create "The Fund for Humanity," which would then be used to build more homes. Today we know this outreach program as Habitat for Humanity. Over 29 million people have been helped by this global ministry that started as a community outreach program.

## Biblical Basis

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.  
Proverbs 31:8

Be Somebody's Champion

# Art In The Park

By Donna Shetler

The following slides have been updated. Contact me with any questions about this wonderful outreach program!



## VISION ART IN THE PARK

We are *trusting God* to help us reach our community through an outreach event at Penguin Park.

We are *praying for guidance* as we prepare fun arts and crafts activities for children ages Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

We will be a *consistent presence* at Penguin Park this summer. Our event will run every Wednesday from August 19 through September 30, 2020.

We *believe* the members of the church will surround us with prayer and provide the resources we need to accomplish this outreach event.

We *praise God, in advance*, for the joy He will bring to the children and their families who visit Penguin Park during our event.



# ART IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

We are planning a summer of outreach at Penguin Park

All dates are on Wednesday

Grades K-5 Art will be August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Preschool Art will be September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Thanks for asking!

- There are tasks to do that help us prepare for each week's project. You can pick them up at the church office. Let us know you want to help, and we will have materials in a bag with your name on it.
- We estimate ministry to around 200 children. Your monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.
- Pray for the preparations that include the work to get ready and the young hearts we will minister to.
- Sign up for the *next* training event which will be held later this summer.



# I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING

What about the coronavirus?

The entrances to Penguin Park no longer have trucks barricading the entrance. The maintenance people have been mowing and we hope to hear from KC Parks & Rec soon about the schedule to reopen the park.

Let's keep praying.

Regardless of what the future looks like now, we are planning to be ready for this exciting opportunity.

Then people **everywhere** will know about the Glory of the Lord.

Habakkuk 2:14



Stay tuned for our next  
Art in the Park Training date.  
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Donna Shetler, Director  
Outreach & Children's Ministry

## TRAINING FOR ART-IN-THE-PARK VOLUNTEERS

On May 20, we conducted 1:1 training all day and had a great turn-out of volunteers. We would like to schedule another training day this summer so anyone who couldn't attend in May, can sign up for the next training event. Watch the newsletter for this date.

Our agenda looks like this:

- Understanding how the church is a bridge out of poverty
- Missouri's "left alone" policies about children
- Overview of all the art and craft projects
- How a "kid encourager" and "behind-the-scenes prepper" are the backbones of this event

# Report of Session

By Debbie Blackman  
Clerk of Session

Report of Session Meeting  
May 26, 2020

The Elders and Pastor came together early for a time of prayer for our congregation, our community, our nation, and the world.

Session heard a report from Michelle Jarvis of Edward Jones and our Treasurer Bill Stewart on the status of the Investment Fund. Recent downturns in the market have had an effect, but the fund is balanced which helps minimize the damage. Options for the best management of funds going forward were shared.

The following business was also discussed:

- After analysis of health recommendations and the success of outdoor and streamed services, it was decided those services will continue through July. Choir will resume in August as well. The church offices will open for regular hours June 8, but with the restrictions as outlined in the Clean and Care policy of the church. A copy of that policy is being shared with the congregation, and all those visiting the church are asked to comply with that policy. Open Table will continue on Zoom through June, with in-person meetings resuming in July. Meals will not be served until October. Wednesday noon prayer group will meet in the building with distancing and Clean and Care restrictions in place.
- Previously scheduled use of the building for a Camino gathering in July was approved with adherence to the church Covid-19 policy.
- The use of the building by a Christian homeschool group, Classical Conversations, was discussed and approved. The students and parents will meet once a week for twelve weeks beginning in late August, with another session next winter/ spring. This group will pay facility charges, and their relationship with us will introduce a number of young families to our church.
- Donna Shetler shared plans for the Art in the Park program for late summer. While some grant sources have been affected by the pandemic response, she is pursuing other grant opportunities.
- Session was informed that the church has been approved for a CARES act payroll protection grant after much work by Selina, Bill, and the Pastor.
- Application for an EPC Revitalization Grant has been made and is in process, which will aid in our replanting efforts.

# Report of Session Continued

- The Session and Board of Deacons are in the process of appointing members to the Nominating Committee, and a congregational meeting to elect congregational representatives will be scheduled once church has reopened.
- Building renovations are ongoing, with painting nearing completion and flooring to begin soon.
- A maintenance company has been responsible for cleaning of the church, but Building and Grounds, with the support of the Session, has determined that hiring a Facility Manager would be a more efficient use of church funds and a more effective way to maintain our building. A job description has been developed, and the position will be advertised.
- Measures for keeping our building safe and secure were discussed, including updating of locks and better control of key distribution.

Debra J. Blackman, Clerk of Session



## Saint Luke Joy Church CARE&CLEAN DURING COVID

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." -*

### **Philippians 2: 3-4**

We are a church that cares about each other and wants everyone to feel safe when visiting the church.

We have come up with a CARE&CLEAN policy we are following in our daily work at the office, and when we have visitors, in order to keep everyone free of coronavirus as much as is humanly possible. These things will seem simple and common sense but we want to make sure we are clear with these steps so everyone's health and safety is taken into consideration.

The CDC has determined hand washing, using hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask and social distancing are simple, effective and proven methods to stop the spread of coronavirus.

We are trying to put these policies into place as the church opens slowly.

Please respect these rules and remember you are helping everyone else by your compliance.

- If you are sick or running a fever, don't come to the church.
- Please wash your hands and use the disinfectant upon arrival to the church.
- We wear face masks and social distance so everyone feels safe. We all look silly in face masks but my mask protects you and your mask protects me.

We do not have a full-time cleaning staff to help us maintain all the areas that you might use in the building. Here are some items we are requesting be followed.

- If you sit at a table in the fellowship hall, please wipe down using disinfectant wipes before leaving.
- Please flush the toilets and wash your hands after using the restrooms.
- Report any areas you think are dirty and need immediate attention.

The staff is taking extra measures to make sure doorknobs are cleaned after people enter/exit the building. We also record the names of people we meet with in the building for the purpose of contact tracing.

It has been a blessing that no one in our congregation has been sick due to the coronavirus. We can help each other continue this positive streak by following the CARE&CLEAN DURING COVID movement. God bless you for your commitment in keeping others safe!



# Lock Change

For safety and security reasons there was a recent attempt to account for all the keys to our building. With the number still unaccounted for, we decided it was necessary to change the locks and issue new keys. Selina will be responsible for issuing and tracking location of the keys. There will be a lock box with a key available for those who need a key for special events or outside office hours. The safety and security of church members and our building are critical. Please bear with us as we go through this process. Thank you!"

## Facilities Manager Job Opening

Summary: We are looking for a proactive, efficient Church facilities manager. This person should possess an understanding of proper cleaning methods and can effectively manage, update, and lead projects. The facilities manager will ensure that all publicly accessible areas of the church are clean and ready for other staff members and the congregation to use. You will make minor repairs, change light bulbs, vacuum, sweep, and scrub floors, sanitize surfaces, and restock items, such as toilet paper, paper towels, and other supplies. You may also maintain supply inventory, submit purchase requests, and assist with preparations for events, such as weddings or funerals. To be a successful manager, you should be observant, respectful, motivated, and committed to providing church members, visitors, and staff with a clean, orderly place to worship and congregate. You should have a commitment to a relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to grow in it. You should also be knowledgeable about proper chemical handling and cleaning techniques and have the ability to make basic repairs.

Please contact Pat Schoerade or the office for more information.





*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**

11 Debbie Blackman  
12 Darienne Drydale  
14 Norah Johnston  
16 Amber Quinn  
19 Dalton Green  
20 Jo Ann Tobiason  
21 Matthew Hubbard  
28 Jan Smith

*Happy*  
**ANNIVERSARY**

11 Everett and Sue Fisher  
20 John and Sue Krall

## *Announcements & Reminders*

June 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Every Sunday

- Drive In Church Service Sundays at 10:30am

June 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Every Wednesday

- Afternoons: Bible Study Meeting at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

- Evenings: Zoom Bible Study at 6:00pm

June 2 - General Municipal Election 5am-7pm

