

July 2009

# Johnstown Christian Church

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## The Preacher's Point

### Truly Amazing!

I have only been to ocean twice in my life. The most recent occasion was during Spring Break of this year. We went to Myrtle Beach. It got a little cold in early April. I find it truly amazing to stand upon the shores of the ocean. When I stand there and witness the majestic beauty, the awesome display of God's power literally running up my legs, it overwhelms me. It is my belief that if I were to live close to the ocean I would spend much of my time there. What really fascinates me is that the people who do live close to the ocean seem to be unaware of the amazing privilege they have. They seem to be unaware of the constant witness of God's love and power right before their very eyes.

Recently I was reminded of an awesome privilege that I have right before my eyes every day that I take for granted. If you personally know my family, you know that my oldest son was born with a deformed right arm. When he was less than two hours old I told my wife April that we were going to never use Preston's arm as an excuse

and we were going to have to challenge him to do the same. Life has not been easy for Preston. When Preston began school he would come home daily begging us to home school him so he could get away from people making fun of him. Then something happened. He was old enough to start playing baseball. Preston was able to hit, field, and throw the ball as well, if not better than the kids that were making fun of him in school. It didn't take long to see that God had given Preston an equalizer. That equalizer is athletic talent.

For the past four years Preston has played travel baseball. For the last three years he has been at or near the top of the team in batting average. Just this past weekend he was intentionally walked by the team that seeded number one in the Nations Ohio State Baseball Tournament. It is great to see people watch Preston play baseball for the first time. They are amazed.

That leads me to what I have been missing.

### Truly Amazing! Continued

Because I have never wanted Preston to be treated any differently from every other kid, I have sometimes failed to realize the gift that God has given me in allowing me to watch Him work through my son. My prayer is that one day Preston will be able to see how God has used him to challenge others to get rid of excuses in life and work hard for what they dream of doing.

I am so fortunate to be the parent of three great kids. My hope is that I remember every day to see in them the majestic beauty and the awesome display of God's power in their lives. And that I can become a witness for them that will change their lives not only for today, but for all of eternity. God is GOOD to me.



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Service Times:  
Sunday School - 9:30 AM  
Worship - 10:30 AM

Return Service Requested

Senior Minister - Larry Hiles  
larry@johnstownchristian.org  
Youth Minister - Mike Hill  
mike@johnstownchristian.org

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We're on the web  
www.johnstownchristian.org

## Numbers That Count

June 2009

7th

Attendance: 96

Offering: 1571

14th

Attendance: 65

Offering: 1783

21st

Attendance: 98

Offering: 2414.32

28th

Attendance: 95

Offering: 1024

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Hey guys we are going to have our monthly prayer breakfast on the **11th** of July at 7:00 A.M. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship & prayer. If you have never attended one of our prayer breakfasts, please let Larry know that you are planning on being here.

### Church Picnic

Make your plans now to stay after church on the 9th of August for our summer picnic. There will be hamburgers & hotdogs provided. You will need to bring a covered dish. We will have a corn-hole tournament and other yard games.

### Fall Bible Study

This year we are going to have a mid-week Bible Study at the church called The Summit. This will take place on Wednesdays at 7PM at the church. The Elementary youth will also meet at this time. Mark your calendars now for The Summit beginning September 9th.



**Take Me Out To The Ballgame!!!**

**Saturday July 18th**

**7:05 P.M.**

**Leave at 5:00 P.M.**

## A Life Changing Experience

We are going to partner together with the Westerville Christian Church to bring a life changing exhibit to our area. This exhibit is called *Step Into Africa*. People passing through this exhibit will get a glimpse of what

life is like for children growing up in Africa with the Aids pandemic that is killing millions of people on that continent.

How can you help? We want to encourage everyone in our congregation to attend the event.

Also, we would like to send volunteers from our congregation to help make this event possible. Volunteers will work in four hour shifts. For more information contact Larry, or go to the website listed below.



September 25-29th  
Westerville Christian Church

[www.worldvisionexperience.org/westerville](http://www.worldvisionexperience.org/westerville)



**August 23rd**

**Johnstown Christian Church**  
**INVITE YOUR YOUTH GROUP!**  
Email Mike Hill for Ticket info

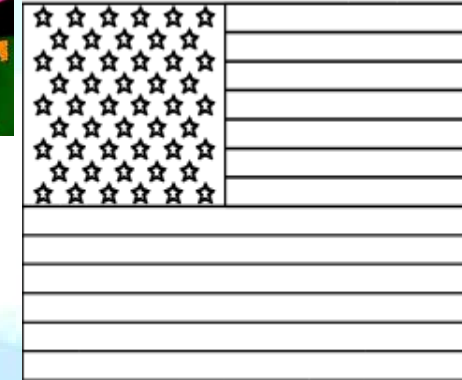
### Welcoming

**The Biggest Little Youth Group**  
**in the World**  
**Kids Imitating Christ**

Featuring



4th of July



### Color the Flag

**RED** - Valor. Those who lost their lives  
**WHITE** - Innocence & Purity  
**BLUE** - Perseverance & Justice

Dates to know:

**July 7th** - VBS Session 4 - 10-12  
**July 14th** - VBS Session 5 - 10-12  
**July 14th** - VBS Closing Family Time 6-7:30pm  
**July 25th** - Jr/Sr. High Paintball  
**August 23rd** - Back to School Concert with Biggest Little Youth Group and Kids Imitating Christ  
**September 19th** - PointFest @ Cedar Point with Family Force 5, Toby Mac & Brandon Heath.

We are studying through the book of Daniel and learning how a regular teenager can rise to greatness through faith & obedience to God. Regardless of outside circumstance Daniel's commitment to God Almighty never wavered. He depended on God for life saving miracles to the smallest provisions and survived tests from choosing what to eat to the Den of Lions.



### Quick Facts

- 606 B.C.
- Time of Ezekiel, Ezra & Jeremiah
- King Nebuchadnezzar invades Judah and enslaves Israelites
- Forces Daniel to serve the King
- Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego walk in fire
- Daniel escapes the Lions Den

**Join us in Sunday school at 9:30!**

**July 25th - 12pm-4pm**  
Cost \$10 (includes free air refills)

500 Free Paintballs to person who brings the most friends!

**B&G Paintball**  
**Johnstown**

