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Tower Tidings

First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland



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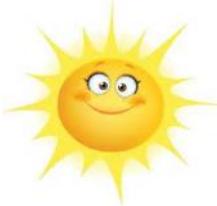
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Paul J. H. Schoemaker's book, *Brilliant Mistakes: Finding Success at the Far Side of Failure* (Wharton Digital Press, 2012) is premised upon the belief that we learn from attempting new things and accepting the notion that not everything will be successful. "Mistakes are our portals of discovery." It's not our failures that we use to measure our progress but noticing anomalies in the midst of our failures and learning from them is the essence of 'brilliant mistakes.' The willingness to attempt is more important than the fear of failure.

IBM founder Tom Watson famously observed, "If you want to succeed faster, make more mistakes." In most companies, brilliant mistake may already have been made, but the brilliant part lies dormant because there is little appetite or capacity to mine the mistake. Since the tuition was paid, why not extract the lesson?

Ironically, it was the University of Chicago – that bulwark of rational economic thinking propelled by Milton Friedman and other Nobel Laureates in economics – that launched the first academic center among business schools to study our less rational side. Schoemaker was a faculty member at the business school's Center for Decision Research, who spent twelve years researching why experienced executives could be blinded by their mental frames and examine the virtues of throwing perceived wisdom out the window at times. His work led to the field of behavioral economics. The principles that underlie it – such as the idea that humans are error-prone, that consumers do not always behave rationally, or that markets are not always efficient – have gained wide attraction and infiltrated popular thought.

In 2002, the Nobel Prize in economics was awarded to Daniel Kahneman, a psychologist who by then had joined Princeton University. Popular books drawing on the field now fill bookstore shelves, with such titles as *Freakonomics*, *Predictably Irrational*, and *Nudge*. The field is also embraced by politicians, including the Obama administration as it explores new approaches to healthcare, education and other thorny policy issues. His conclusion emphasizes the following key messages:

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"Driven to encourage and support people in their search for deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ"

Dr. Kregg Franklin Burris, Senior Pastor

- ⇒ It is important to embrace the learning potential of mistakes – first, by overcoming the shame and fear that lead us to overlook the covert messages they carry about how we make decisions.
- ⇒ To learn from a mistake, it's critical to separate the decision process – the part that you own – from the outcomes, which are usually influenced by multiple factors.
- ⇒ There is a difference between silly errors and brilliant mistakes, and it all hinges on the relative costs and benefits of what is at stake. Designing for, and learning from, a mistake can make it "brilliant."
- ⇒ In some cases, it's advisable to allow room for mistakes to be made. Well-designed mistakes can further human progress by opening new portals of discovery.

Within our understanding within the realm of spirituality, any attempt at new things can be both an exciting new step of faith or a fearful exercise in upsetting the status quo. Jesus challenges the way things have always been in such statements as, "You have not because you ask not." I've yet to find the quote in Scripture, "Leave well enough alone." The nature of the Gospel is to attempt great things for God so that we might be able to achieve greater things for God.

Over the coming Summer we will be trying some new and different ways of worshiping as we introduce our Summer Worship Series "*Together in Worship*." June, July and August will unite the church together with a single worship hour starting at 10 am. There will be different weekly and monthly themes. Our diversity will be celebrated by exploring different worship styles and experiencing new worship elements. In addition, there will be some new changes in our Christian Education department presented to us by Dr. Mary Jo Odom Dull, our new Christian Education Director. Dr. Schoemaker's book, *Brilliant Mistakes*, serves to remind us that not everything will prove to be successful, but our exercise of faith will prayerfully yield perhaps a few 'brilliant mistakes' that will permit us to love and learn from each other as we grow more dependence upon the Spirit of God.

"TOGETHER IN WORSHIP"

**Combined Services at 10 AM Sundays
June 11 through September 4—(13 Sundays)**

At a very creative meeting Tuesday, May 15 among members of the Worship and Fine Arts Cluster, Staff and interested friends, plans were made to make the Sunday 10 AM combined worship services during the summer spiritually uplifting, innovative, and with broad opportunities for personal interaction and involvement. All of the creative talents of the church family will be involved over the summer including the Staff, Chancel and Bell Choirs, the Praise Team and Band, Youth and Children.

Each Sunday morning the 10 AM service will be preceded by a **9:30 AM Gathering Time in the Courtyard** at which coffee, tea, bagels, donuts, and/or other tasty delights will be available until 9:55 AM, stopping then to enable you to go into the Sanctuary for the service. An enhanced **Coffee Hour in the Courtyard** will follow each Sunday service.

Each Sunday will have a theme designed to offer some diversity in the focus of the service. The theme for the first four Sundays in the **"Together in Worship"** season are as follows:

Sunday, June 11—10 am ~ Together In Worship

A day to get used to the new starting time, and some innovations to the general format of the service.

Sunday, June 18—10 am ~ Father's Day—"Wacky-Tacky-Tie/Scarf" Day

Wear your most outrageous neck tie or scarf. Tacky Ties will be available if you don't have one.

Sunday, June 25—10 am ~ Favorite Sport Team

Wear your favorite team sports wear, picnic after service and hopefully celebrate another CAVS Championship title.

Sunday, July 2—10 am ~ Red, White and Blue

Dress in your best red, white and/or blue outfits to celebrate the birth of our nation. Special patriotic music will be featured.

Lots of other themes are being considered for the balance of the summer. Prepare to be surprised and gratified each Sunday by innovations that will enhance your worship experience. Start your Sunday each week, **"TOGETHER IN WORSHIP!"**

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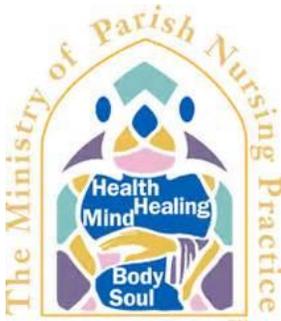
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A Little Spiritual Nourishment



by Nurse Debbie

From my membership to the Church Health Center (formerly the Parish Nurse organization), I receive the most wonderful publication called *The Church Health Reader*. It is filled with selections to explore the human/Christian church responses and behaviors associated with our health.

The issue for this quarter focuses on caring. Caring for ourselves, our loved ones, our congregation and our community. The articles under the heading, *The Nature of Care: Claiming the Church's Voice in the Culture of Caring*, have given me many topics to explore.

My attention was particularly drawn to an article called *Prayers for Medical Procedures* (no surprise here!). This article focuses on nutritional fasting for medical tests and procedures and how to fill the void with spiritual nourishment. For Christians, fasting is a familiar, long standing practice. But, when accompanied with the additional stress or of a medical intervention and the thoughts of the possible outcome, this becomes not only a time of missing a few routine meals, but added concerns about our well being. As time allows, consider adding this prayer plan to your day.

The prayer plan is suggested to assist with calming and keeping centered with God.

- * Morning: pray to welcome the new day and to ask God to open your heart to the surroundings of a new day.
- * Mid-morning: pray for spiritual "food" to replace your lack of physical nutrition.
- * Mid-day: try prayer while taking a short walk or walking on a labyrinth.
- * Mid-afternoon: give thanks for medical care to help keep your body clear of disease and illness.
- * Late afternoon: choose a quiet place for prayer, such as a chapel or your church sanctuary.
- * Early evening: rejoice by singing your favorite spiritual music, or reciting scripture or a poem.
- * Before bed: a prayer for being released from your cleansing obligation and hope that all goes well for the medical procedure that you are facing.

A prayer plan, along with the loving support of family and friends will go a long way to providing the spiritual support that awaits you for a good outcome.

Walk/Run for Hunger



What an awesome day we had for the Walk/Run Hunger event! Our team raised over \$2K for the Hunger Network! A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated either by donating or walking with the FBC team.



During the month of June, we are igniting God's vision for our lives. We will be exploring and learning ways to move towards being God-confident (focusing on what God wants for our lives) in comparison to being self-conscious (worrying about what others might be thinking about us) - Samuel 16:7

When a person becomes God—confident, at least 5 things happen:

- I remember to base my self-image first and foremost on how God looks at me (I am loved, valued, cherished, and forgiven; and have a purpose in life).
- I ask God how I may best serve Christ's purposes today and meet the needs of those God brings into my life.
- I stop procrastinating, because I know I have important work to do, and this is due to God's calling and will for my life.
- I work hard to offer my best to God.
- I make a conscious decision to trust God to do good things through me.

Bible Reading for the Month of June:

Week of June 4

God has a plan for my life—We will explore God's will and love for you—

Genesis 1:26-30; Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 6:10-10; Matthew 6:31-34

Week of June 11

What would you attempt if you believe you would never fail—We will explore belief in God's abilities—

Psalms 23; Psalms 27

Week of June 18

I can do all things through Christ—We will explore personal strength in Christ—**John 15; Philippians 4:13**

Week of June 25

God has the final say—I am who God says I am—**Proverbs 16**

Heroes Headquarters Monthly Challenge

Look: in the mirror and say I am who God says I am (daily).

Ask: 3 people about 3 things that are great about you. Write the 3 things down and ask God about these skills/character traits.

Enjoy: The person God created you to be.

We are demonstrating God-confident on Sunday Morning

I am who God says I am—Wearing Mismatch Clothes— **June 11**

I am already adored—Wear Bright Colors or of your Favorite Team — **June 25**

Bible Study—Family Bible Study Night—Wednesday, June 7 ~ 6:30—7:30 pm

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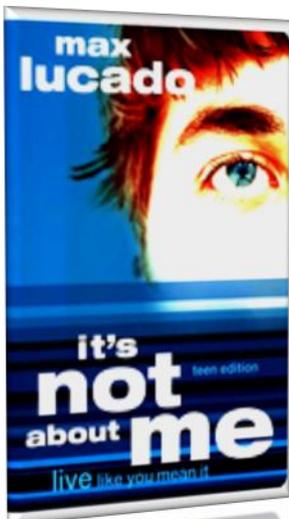
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A special thanks to the Staybridge Suite Hotel for their furniture donation. The Youth department raise money and helped families. Many time people say "Favor is not Fair" We, the youth department here at FBC, believe St. Luke 2:52, *Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.* The favor of Christ Jesus is indeed FAIR. Thanks be to Christ Jesus.

Due to our huge B.A.M. Hotel liquidation sale in the month of May, our Talent Show has been move to end of the Summer, "FBC Back to School Talent Show". We will have surrounding communities and youth ministries participating...more details forthcoming.

In the month of June, Dr. MJ is encouraging our youth to have fun in our boldness.

Therefore our youth will wear MISMATCH Clothes—**June 11—I Am Who God Says I Am**
Wear Bright Colors or of your Favorite Sport Team—**June 25—I Am Adored, God Loves Me**



~ We're starting our new discipleship book this month ~
"It's Not About Me" by Max Lucado

Listen to me. Look at me. Love me. It's all about me. I earned my success. I shouldn't have to deal with this pain. It's all about me.

Since day one we've been demanding our own way, and we're still constantly bombarded with messages telling us to "Look out for #1." It sounds reasonable. But what happens when we just end up feeling unsatisfied and empty?

Best-selling author Max Lucado takes the biggest lie we've all believed (the one that says *It's all about me*) and shows us truth that will bump us squarely off the center of the world. Wouldn't it be nice to live the life you were born to live? The one that makes sense? "The 'God-centered' life works and it rescues us from a life that doesn't. Max's book assures us. Discover God's plans for your life and read some pretty amazing stories of real-life teens who made the shift from "me-centered" living to "God-centered" living.

When my successes, my struggles, my message, my salvation, even my body, are not about me but about Him, life take on a "holy" different meaning. Live life like you mean it. Your discovery starts here.

Famous FBC Women's Retreat



The annual Women's Retreat at Koinonia on May 12 & 13 was a wonderful success. Women of all ages shared Friday evening for a potluck dinner after a beautiful drive through eastern Lake County. We experienced wonderful weather, good Christian fellowship, humor, and opportunities for learning.

Music, creative endeavors, and enjoying nature, filled our time. As always, we deepened old friendships and made new friends. We had small groups composed of music, writing poetry, hiking, learning about sewing, laughter, and reconnecting with God, others and ourselves. If you missed it this year, there is always next year! Just ask us about the retreat and plan on joining us in 2018!

H.E.L.P.

To our Happy Ending Lyric Players family: Join us as we celebrate the end of our 41st season! If you've been involved in a HELP production, you are welcome to join us as we get ready to begin our next season of excellent theatre at

First Baptist Church!

Please bring a dish to share and we look forward to seeing you!

Saturday, June 17—3-7 pm
57 Church St.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

RSVP to Kelley Pernicone
kpernicone@gmail.com by June 12
so we can make sure to have enough burgers and dogs!

June Birthdays!

- 2nd Jean Britton
- 2nd Carol DeFlorentis
- 4th John Carrier
- 9th Meredith Shelley
- 14th Frances Leanza
- 16th Sandra Bronoff
- 19th Claude Kennard
- 22nd Laura Preston
- 27th William Schuemann
- 29th Delesia Robinson
- 29th Cheryl Spahr
- 30th Frank Marino

Happy Birthday

Christian One-liners

*When you get to your wit's end,
you'll find God lives there.*

*God promises a safe landing,
not a calm passage.*

submitted by Joan Mihelich

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