

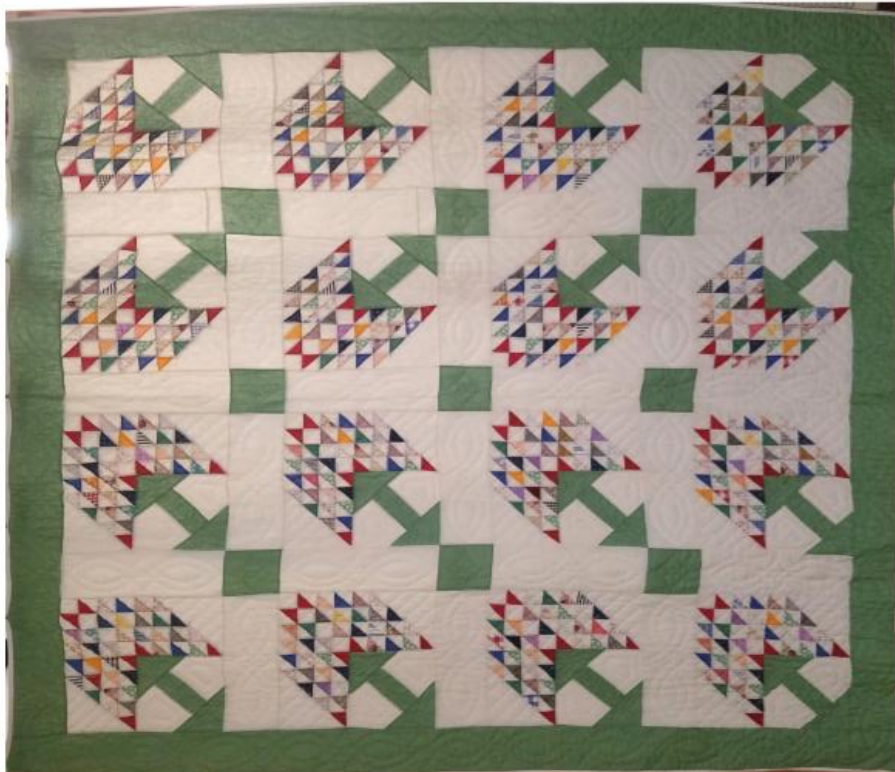
# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JULY 2019



## 2019 Quilt Show

Friday, July 26, 3-8 pm, Free Admission  
First Presbyterian Church, Newark

### *Tree of Life Quilt Raffle*

*Hand Quilted by Donna Kinney*

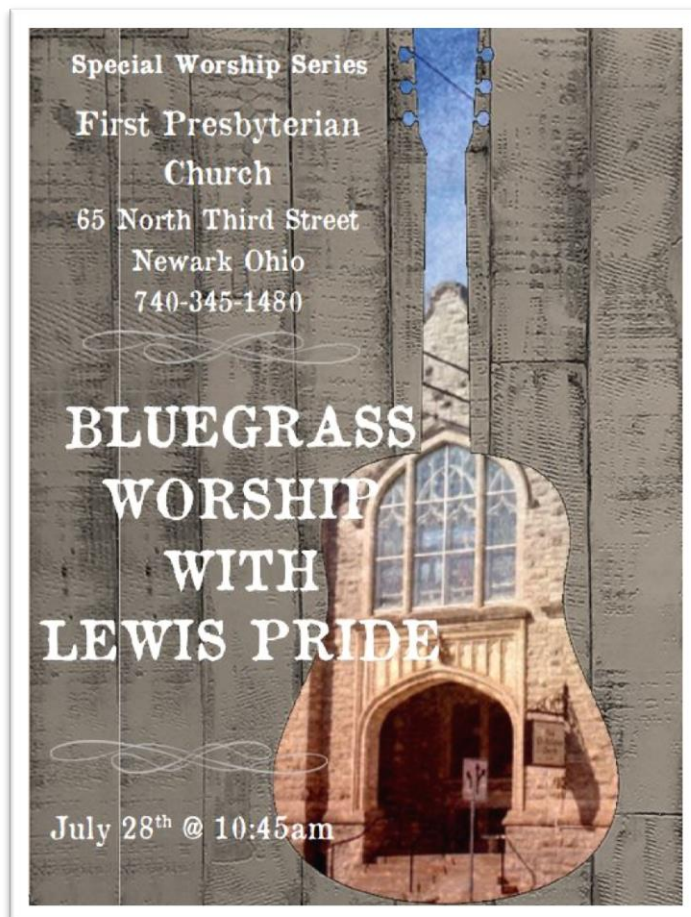
*Donated by John & Trish Denune*

Drawing — July 26, 2019 at 7:45pm  
\$5 per raffle ticket, Available at the door



**Special Services** - We look forward to some special services this summer. Elder Linda Smith will be preaching July 7<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Russ Clark is preaching July 21<sup>st</sup>. Lewis Pride will be back with their Bluegrass band on July 28<sup>th</sup>. September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have another multi-church picnic at Rotary Park.

**Summer Music** - The choir is taking it's usual summer break. Over the summer, we like to have special music that takes the place of the choir. This can be any kind of music. Solo singers, groups of singers, instrumental music or anything else you can come up with is awesome. There is a sign-up sheet outside the music room or see Carolyn Durr, Rev. Steve for details.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



We are sending a special thank you to Ann Howard for graciously having spring wreaths made for the church. Her generosity has brightened up the back of the sanctuary these past few months.



Also, you may have noticed some beautiful, blue, handmade ceramic goblets on the communion table these last few weeks. Thank you to Alina Hare for her very special and thoughtful gift for the service to our Lord.

### Upcoming Events:

- Linda Smith is preaching July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Next Communion: July 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- Rev. Russ Clark is preaching July 21<sup>st</sup>

The Worship Committee is looking for some suggestions/ideas, and volunteers to expand the committee members.

Summer music is being planned and we would like your suggestions for musicians - perhaps some of you with musical talent would even like to volunteer to sing a song or know a poem that has



touched your heart and would be willing to read it or have it read during a service.

We would also appreciate your ideas for favorite hymns that you would like to have included in our worship service. Several members have already mentioned their favorites and these have been included in recent services.

Volunteers would be appreciated, if you have interest in any of the following:

- One volunteer to help setup for communion and /or cleanup communion items after service. Set-up is between 8:30 to 9:00 AM and cleanup takes ~30 minutes immediately after the service.
- One volunteer to light/extinguish candles on the communion table for a one or a few Sundays in a month; immediately before and after Sunday service.
- Periodically someone to clean out the wax from the brass candle tops (followers) and lightly polish them.
- One volunteer to help change out the paraments on the lectern and communion table after service Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- In December, at least one volunteer before the Christmas Eve candlelight service to prepare the candles/holders.

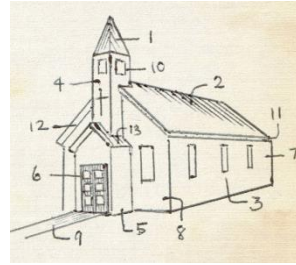
Please contact Carolyn Durr if you are willing and able to volunteer, the task(s) of interest, and the date(s) you find convenient and any suggestions you may have for music and worship services.

Work email: [Carolyn.Durr@dnvgl.com](mailto:Carolyn.Durr@dnvgl.com)

Work phone: 614-761-6930 (9:00 to 5:00 M-F)

Home phone: 740-366-2189 (leave message or call after 7:00 PM)

## SERMONS



**Summer Sermon Series: What is a Church?** What is a Church? It seems like a simple question, but it really isn't. The dictionary says that a church is a building used for worship. The New Testament says that a church is so much more than that. Westminster Confession of Faith, says that the church comprises the "whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be, gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof." That sounds like a lot more than a building. The church is God's people gathered together under Christ. Come this summer as we explore what a church really is.

### July Sermons

July 7 – Elder Linda Smith Preaching

July 14 – What is a Church?

July 21 – Rev Russ Clark Preaching

July 28 - What is a Church?



### Gluten Free Communion Available

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They are in the communion cup trays.



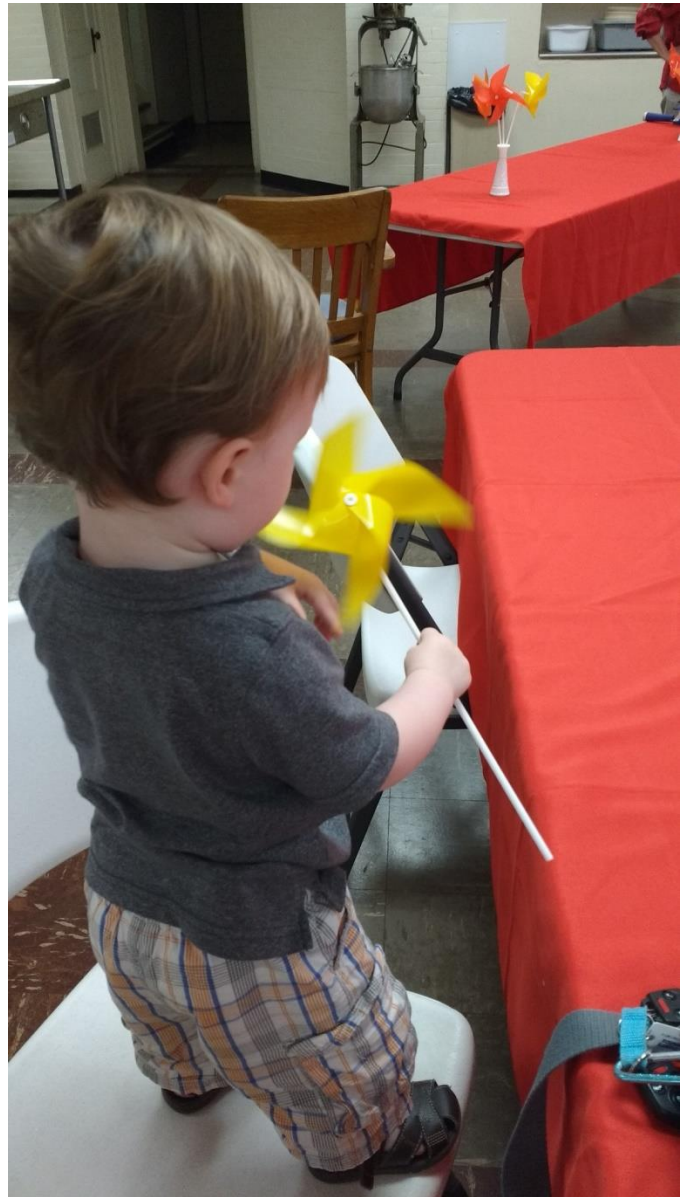
**Coffee Hour** - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary, if you would like to bring the snacks. Please remember NO PEANUTS.



*Peanut Free  
Worship, Sunday  
School & Coffee Hour*

## CHURCH LIFE

### **Pentecost** **Wear Red to the Party** **June 9, 2019**



Thirty-one attended the Pentecost Potluck, June 9. Rose Novell ran a 'guess how many' game. A gorgeous red potted flower and a Dairy Queen coupon went home with Louise Whitis! Karen Birtcher created Pentecost word search puzzles, one version for the big kids and one for the littles. Additional shout outs to Louise, Jo Deweese, Lois and Dan Spangler, Sarah Bowles and Emily Hare for clean-up and Sheri Bogardus and Gary Collins for set up. Did we mention the Holy Spirit tongues of fire pinwheels!?!





### Birthdays

Nancy Johnson 7/3  
Ashley Cain 7/4  
Lora Hollingshead 7/4  
Lauren Montgomery 7/4  
Rick Crist 7/5  
Bob Blamer 7/6  
Carol Denison 7/6  
Kim Frick 7/7  
Matt Drake 7/9  
Kaiah Wahl 7/9  
Dan Spangler 7/11  
Andrea Bardsley 7/12  
Bob Parkinson 7/14  
Lovona Parkhill 7/16  
Jay Hartman 7/19  
Elizabeth Messer 7/19  
Carol Floyd 7/21  
Sue Kiely 7/21  
Sandy Noland 7/21  
Ariel McCullough 7/22  
Mike Ashcraft 7/23  
Dick Birtcher 7/24  
Miles Drake 7/24  
Patty Denune 7/27  
Mick Kiely 7/28  
Dick Doyle 7/29  
Wendy Hartman 7/29

### Anniversaries

Matt and Shannon Drake 7/15  
Wayne and Joyce Carlyle 7/23  
Lee and Phyllis Walker 7/23  
Dwight and Rose Gibson 7/24  
Jordan and Lora Hollingshead 7/31



**Downtown Newark Association (DNA)**

**Final Friday**

**July 26, 2019 5-8pm**

This month the Final Friday will feature an amazing display of artists, crafters, musicians and vendors...all happening on the square and in the alleys. There will be Historic Jail Tours and self-guided tours as well as an Architectural Treasure Hunt. And each month there is a new art show opening at the Licking County Arts from 6-8pm. And to top it all off, our own First Presbyterian Church Quilt Show. Come on down for lots of entertainment!!!

Our TLC (Talking-Listening-Caring) Tent and Popcorn Cart will be set up again for the Downtown Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday. We will be set up close to the Popcorn Cart and to relieve the thirst it builds, we will have small bottles of cold water. We can invite folks to come into the tent, sit down, chat or ask a question. If you are a good listener, love to talk to folks and/or pray for folks, please consider joining in this outreach to Newark. We'll also distribute information on upcoming events at the church, including Alpha.

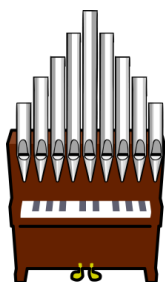
Don't feel pressured to pray, we'll have someone there who is comfortable doing that. We've

found that people just like to sit down and share their cares and burdens. We have a few comfortable chairs provided. Please pray and consider whether you would be able to participate in this way of sharing the love of God with others.

The Popcorn Cart run by Dick Birtcher and Ron Noland could always use some friendly faces to greet the kids, big and small, old and young; prep the popcorn or give breaks.

We can always use help with transport, setup and teardown of the tent, equipment and popcorn cart. The Final Fridays run from 5-8pm from May through September. Please contact Sandy Noland at [rsjoland@windstream.net](mailto:rsjoland@windstream.net) or 740-323-0169 or Kim Dershem at [kdershem@windstream.net](mailto:kdershem@windstream.net) or 740-345-6624 if you would like to give this a try.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE



**Organist Auditions** – We have been looking for a new organist for some time. The church has pursued many different strategies as we hunted for a new organist. We have placed ads on job boards, in want ads, on organist websites, on church job networks, at music stores... We have hunted leads

at colleges, through musical friends and colleagues... People from all over our church, from the denomination and musicians all over Newark were helping us look. We really have tried all avenues.

**Choir Director Needed** - The Church is in need of a new Choir Director. A full job description is available on the church's website. Please share this with anyone who might be interested.

**Church Organist Needed** - The Church is in need of a new Organist. If you know of anyone that may have an interest in filling this role please share this with them and have them contact the church office.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Good Morning Bible Study** began again on March 7 and is from 10:00 am to noon in the Library. In July we will be studying the book of Ruth. No book to buy, just bring your Bible for some good Bible study and fellowship. Please join us!

## Adult Sunday School

**Sunday School Hour -Bible Character Study**  
starting June 30<sup>th</sup>

The Adult Sunday School class will be looking at various people in the Bible this summer. They all have their own story, their own faith journey. God used them all, regardless of who they were, where they came from, or the choices they made.

Beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> we'll consider some of the "Bad Girls of the Bible" (Rahab, Jezebel, Delilah, the woman at the well, etc.) and some of the 12 Apostles, a different person each week. If you miss a week, you won't get behind because each week we'll be learning about a different person.



We'll probably see a bit of ourselves in many of these people. Please, come and join us in the Journey Room at 9:15 Sunday mornings.





## Annual Downtown Presbyterian Churches Vacation Bible School

Mon – Friday- July 15-19

5:30-8:00pm

Free dinner for the whole family 5:30-6:00pm

Games, Music, Lessons and Crafts 6:00-8:15 pm

Held at First Presbyterian Church

65 North Third Street

Newark, OH 43055

Registration Form is online at [www.1stpresnewark.com](http://www.1stpresnewark.com)

Email your completed registration form to: [firstpresofc@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresofc@gmail.com)

**Be a Part of the VBS Fun!** We need volunteers to do all sorts of different jobs. Please see Ed Jobes or Rev. Steve if you would like to volunteer. We have a very fun VBS planned and we will be working with folks from 2nd Presbyterian.

**Share VBS with Others!** – Did you know that every year VBS was advertised online, in the newspaper, at downtown events, in businesses around town, on huge signs in front of the church and still every kid that came had some connection to the church? That means they were invited by one of you. Invite your neighbors, your grandchildren, your friends or your co-workers that have kids. All the information they need is on our church website and there are postcards in the bulletin for you to use as invitations. These are the people we will reach at VBS. Who knows, maybe this year a kid you invited to VBS will find the Lord!

## ALPHA

### The Next Alpha! Are You Ready?

Inviting someone to Alpha can sound like a scary thing to do. What if I say the wrong thing? What if they say no? What if they begin to avoid me?



BUT – what if they are interested? What if they have been waiting for an opportunity to ask questions and explore the Christian faith in a comfortable, relaxed environment? What if God has placed you in someone's life to help them find Jesus???? WOW, just WOW!!!!

This summer is a wonderful time to start thinking and praying about who to invite to Alpha. Later this month we will provide a tool to help you get started on the adventure of inviting someone to Alpha. This will be an option to use and adapt to your personality and those you want to invite.

The first step is prayer. Please begin praying now and asking God who you can invite to come with you to Alpha this fall. Even if you have already attended Alpha, please consider coming again, but this time, bring someone with you.

The next step is to check out the tool (it will be available online at the church's website and also on the sign-up table in the Sanctuary) and use/adapt it as you begin to invite those God has brought to mind.

Alpha begins Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Look-Up Center. Please see Peggy Lieb or Kim Dershem if you have questions.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**Prayer Chain Updates** – Please send all requests to Tracee Barr at [hippieluv12@yahoo.com](mailto:hippieluv12@yahoo.com). Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church for the bulletin.



Should you care to send a card to the John Minihan Family in the loss of John's Mother, here is the address:

**Rev. and Mrs. John Minihan**  
**21 Bayberry Dr.**  
**Huntington, WV 25701**

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH



### Monthly OCC Purchase Suggestions

**January**-Christmas toys on sale

**February**- Valentine stuffed animals or small toys

**March**-washcloths and soap

**April**- Easter stuffed animals or small toys

**May**-Nail clippers, combs and band aids

**June**-small summer toys

**July**-School Supplies, including scissors, notepads, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil box or pouch, protractors, crayons, markers, pens

**August**-School Supplies as above

**September**- socks or footies

**October**- Bandanas and toothbrushes

**November**-OCC Shipping Money

**Every month**-shipping money, shoeboxes wrapped, plastic shoeboxes.



**The following stories are a result of Operation Christmas Child and Samaritan's Purse.**

### *Children's Heart Project*



## *Transforming Families*

When children are born with heart defects in places that cannot provide the surgery they need, Samaritan's Purse brings them to hospitals in North America through our Children's Heart Project. While we provide lifesaving medical care, God also gives us life-changing opportunities to share the Gospel through Christian host families.

That was the case with a mother and child from Mongolia who recently were at our headquarters in North Carolina. Dolgor and her 8-yr-old son Erdembayar (along with their translator, Zaya) visited our office to say thanks before returning home. Erdembayar used to be so weak that he frequently needed to take naps, but since surgery he has become a healthy, energetic little boy.

As Dolgor watched her son's health transformed, she was deeply touched by the testimonies she heard from their host family and others. Our translator used a Mongolian version of the "The Greatest Journey" lessons to teach her about God's plan of salvation. For the first time in her life, Dolgor heard the Gospel, trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior, and was baptized at the home of her host family. Erdembayar also prayed to receive Christ in repentance and faith.

Dolgor told us that when she gets home to Mongolia, she wants to share her new faith with her family and get rid of the Buddhist idols in her home. Pray that she and her son will continue to grow in faith.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of Samaritan's Purse as we work to save lives, relieve suffering and share the hope of the Gospel. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely,  
Franklin Graham

Also in the Middle East there was a little girl that we will call Selda. Her family fled from fighting in their homeland and are living as refugees. They settled in a place where Samaritan's Purse is working with local believers to provide relief to



families in need. Selda received a shoebox gift from OCC at a local church and enrolled in The Greatest Journey course. We praise God that 37 of the 40 children in her class came to faith in Jesus Christ. Selda then had the joy of leading her mother and father to faith in Jesus. That angered some in her extended family and they came and challenged her. Selda courageously asked to share the Gospel with them and the Lord used her bold witness to lead them all to Christ. Even as the militants came and threatened her family, they repented and accepted Jesus after they heard her testimony. In the midst of so much danger, 52 individuals have come to saving faith through one brave little girl who completed The Greatest Journey.



### **Bottles for Life Campaign**

Thank you for participating in the Bottles for Life Campaign for 2019. If you haven't yet returned your bottle, please do so as soon as possible.



The bottles will be delivered to Heartbeats for counting and we will share the total soon.



### **Candlewick Commons**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Candlewick Commons outreach on June 13 for the 21 neighbors who signed up for the meal. Ann Robinson was able to come and share her musical talent with the residents including a time of singing hymns and familiar old songs. Everyone enjoyed this time of fellowship and food.



Of course, this cannot happen without great folks baking, cooking, transporting, serving and cleaning up. So thanks and blessings to all of you! Our next outreach is September 12th. I hope you will think about coming to visit these fine neighbors.

## **Second Mile Mission Giving**

We bring to focus this month, missionaries Rick & Laura Leatherwood. Please enjoy the following letter from them, and remember to mark your love offerings as "2nd Mile Missions". Blessings to all who give!

Greetings to all those at 1st Pres. Newark, Ohio, from Lahore, Pakistan. After serving in the Philippines, Mongolia, Jordan, Iraq, Liberia, and Ethiopia, I think we have arrived at our final destination. I'll be 71 in September and Laura 69 in October. But like the water turned into wine at the wedding of Cana, it looks like God has saved the best for last, as this is by far the hardest mission field we have served on. Pakistan has a population of just over 200 million people, about 98% are Muslim and just 2% are Christians.

For the last 13 years we have been teaching orality, which is communicating the word of God orally through the stories in the Bible.

We teach at one of the largest Bible schools in the country. We also teach in churches, and for the last year we have taught a youth group of Gypsies. Imagine a group of 25 young people, mostly 15 and up and a few of their parents, faithfully going through a discipleship program every week for an entire year! Definitely this has been one of the highlights of our career as we witnessed the change in these people's lives. At the very beginning a year ago we saw a hunger in these young people and their desire and dedication toward learning the word of God. Discipleship is work and it takes time, and these young Gypsies paid the price and have tasted the goodness of God and the powers of the age to come. Heb. 6:5

We also met three times a week for five months with a dozen pastors. They too were amazed at learning correct doctrine through studying the stories and the power in the Word they heard to change them too, 1 Thess. 2:13. These pastors were a great joy to teach as they had the experience necessary to talk in small groups and receive new spiritual truths from the stories. Oddly enough it was the Bible college students who had the hardest time accepting storytelling as a legitimate means of communicating the word of God. But towards the end of the semester they too began to see the effectiveness of the word of God communicated through the Scripture's stories. And like Jesus telling the woman

at the well the water He has to give is like a spring of living water welling up to eternal life, Laura and I too found we can continue to drink of this living water and find new things in the Scriptures we had never seen before.

One of the biggest stumbling blocks for Pakistanis is Genesis 2:24, "And for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two will become one flesh." In Pakistan the mother wants to hold onto the son rather than prepare him to leave and come out from under her control. Pakistani culture is such that a son's first love and duty is toward his mother instead of his wife. Furthermore Pakistani families live together physically. So one son after another will bring his wife into his father's house as he marries, and they will have one room to themselves. But the rest of the house is common to all, including the kitchen, AND the mother rules the roost, and unfortunately typically interferes in the marriage of her son as she becomes the boss of his wife and tells her what to do which naturally creates tremendous tension, unhappiness and dysfunction in the family. Imagine three sons and their wives living in the same house with their parents and with all their children so that 18 or more people are sharing the same building. But one of the most famous idioms in Pakistan is, "Heaven begins at the foot of the mother." This situation is a mess but unfortunately very common, and a lot of it is caused by a misunderstanding of Gen. 2:24.

So Laura and I became something of marriage counselors this past year, helping young newlyweds find their way to peace and love without causing more problems. It turns out much of the problem can be overcome if the son will simply come to his mother, put his arm around her and reassure her of his love, but let her know he and his wife want to follow the word of God and make their own decisions, and she must not interfere in their relationship and their family. We saw two marriages completely healed and it was wonderful. As we dealt with this issue in the pastor's discipleship class we had met with for five months, we found a number of the pastors were very intimidated by this verse and not willing to deal with the problem in Pakistani families. As we taught on it at the Bible college, the whole room got really, really quiet as the students saw quite clearly their culture was at odds with the word of God. But many of the students as well as the pastors were willing to acknowledge this problem. Who and what was going to be number one? God and His word, or Pakistani culture?

In addition to teaching I have also had our book of 100 Stories of God translated into Urdu, as well as an eight minute mission video, and I even had one full length movie called RISEN dubbed into Urdu. You may have seen this in the USA when it came out in 2016.

We have also been financially supporting and ministering to 18 orphan girls whom my translator and his wife take care of. If you look in my book Glory in Mongolia you will see the pictures of 12 orphan boys whom we took custody of, and as they were literally plucked out of the underground sewer where they lived, we nick named them the Dirty Dozen. Today the boys are all doing well as one is a police officer while another is in the army and the others have various kinds of jobs. And now here in Pakistan, Laura and I enjoy working with these young girls. One wants to become a nurse and another, a missionary.

Jesus said in Mt. 16. "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." The gates of hell can stop Rick and Laura Leatherwood, if we work alone, but the gates of Hell cannot stop the church if we work together. It is the word of God. One is a foot, another is a hand, and another an eye. We all have a part to play and fulfill in the body of Christ. Many thanks to all of you who have chosen to be God's co-workers, bringing His message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

rick leatherwood

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## FATHER FACTOR

### Fatherhood Skills, Resource and Support Group

Children are most successful when their fathers are involved.  
Learn how to be a positive influence and help your children reach their full potential!

**Sign Up Now | FREE to Fathers**

*Thank you to all of those who provided snacks to bless the men attending the Father Factor course which ran from May 9 to June 27. This was one more encouragement to them as they seek to be better fathers.*

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Father Factor outreach event, the Father's Day Breakfast. We wish that more of the men and their children would have taken advantage of our hospitality, but pray God will bless this group as they take positive steps to improve relationships.

We are thankful for those who came and pray that the contacts made will be of benefit to the program. We did enjoy a lovely breakfast together. Blessings to all of you!!

