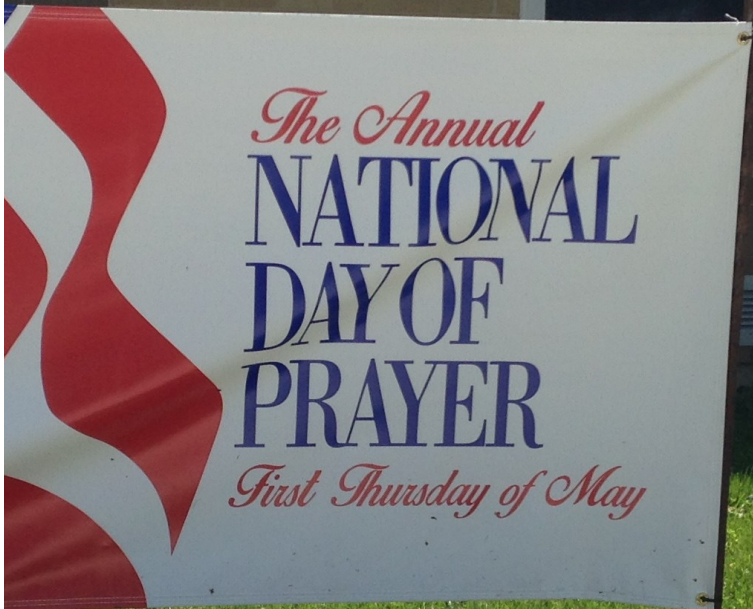




THE EVANGEL

MAY 2016



Neoga Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring
National Day of Prayer Service
Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm
4/14 & Outreach Center

Prayer Retreats - Jesus

excerpt from Prayer: The Timeless Secret of High-Impact Leaders. pg.157

Human nature, when pressed by increased demands and blessed by greater opportunities, is always tempted to spend less time alone in prayer. Yet Jesus shows us that for the high-impact spiritual leader, the greater the pressure to reduce our time in prayer, the greater the need to maintain and even increase it.

Frequent seasons, lonely places, and quiet times in prayer were Jesus' secret for keeping his spiritual batteries charged and his emotional tanks full. Over busy lives, packed schedules, hurried, hustling, bustling lifestyles are contrary to the leadership life of Jesus (Luke 6:12)... If Jesus felt the need to flee to prayer to relieve pressure, how much more should you and I? If he took personal prayer retreats, maybe we should do so as well.



CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

National Day of Prayer

Ron Schultz- *kidney & heart concerns*

Marilyn Burton- *surgery recovery*

Roy Walk- *surgery recovery*

Terri Janes- *broken pelvis*

Eric VanHoek - *brain injury*

Chris Sentney - *heart, recovery*

Jerry Buffenmeyer- *stroke*

Eugene Phillips- *heart*

Marge Hall- *infection-*

Brian Moore- *cancer*

Harold Hall- *stroke recovery*

Karen Carver- *back surgery recovery*

George Brazelton

ONGOING CONCERNS:

4/14

CIY - High School 7/25-30

Richard Russell

Ann Conn

Doug Moore

Alicia Myers

Charleston Twins

IN CARE FACILITIES:

Ivan Cooper - Heartland

Don Scoles- Heartland

Carolyn Gast - Cumberland Co

Elsie Phillips - Heartland

FIGHTING CANCER:

Ann Conn

Mel Hood

Patty Johnson

Dan Letizia

Carol Mefford

Denny Mefford, Jr.

Brian Moore

Brad Odum

Wyatt Smith

Elizabeth Weidner

Larry Wheeler

Lis White

IN THE MILITARY:

Jalen Blazich - Army

Jared Blazich - Air Force

Tyler Briggerman - Navy

Shane Gephardt

Josh Kiest

Wes Letizia - Air Force

Alicia & Steve Tordoff -
Army Reserve

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, food, calls and the warm blanket while Doug has been recuperating. Every day he becomes a little stronger. It will be slow but steady.

Thanks again,

Pam & Doug Moore

Next Sermon Series:

Your Prayer Life IS your relationship with God!

Our next sermon series begins today, May 1st 2016. The series will be based on the book, "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life", written by Dr. Gregory R Frizzell. This book is for everyone. We have enough copies for everyone to take one home and use it weekly during the sermons as well as during the small groups.

As it says in the title, it is a "how to" book about prayer rather than one about theory or illustration. It does have some theory and illustrations but it is very accessible for all. Here is the introductory paragraph:

Powerful Prayer is for Every Believer

Prayer is the heart and soul of every successful relationship with God. In fact, prayer is absolutely crucial to every area of a believer's life.

To illustrate the point, consider the following questions:

How did you receive Christ as your Lord and Savior?

How do you abide in Christ and allow Him to love His life through you? How do you grow as a Christian?

How do you overcome temptation and weakness?

How do you resist Satan and wage effective spiritual warfare?

How do you confess your sins?

How are you filled with the Holy Spirit?

How do you obtain guidance and wisdom from God?

How do you experience the power to serve God effectively?

The answer to every single question is prayer!

Indeed, prayer is essential to every part of our relationship with God (John 15:7).

Attention Ladies!

Ladies' Bible Study will take a short break the month of May. Beginning in June, Ladies' Bible Study will meet one week in each of June, July, and August. The first session will be June 5, 2016 (6:00 pm) or June 8, 2016 (9:45 am). Following the Wednesday morning sessions ladies are invited to join some of us at the Villa for our noon lunch. All ladies are encouraged to participate in each study as your schedule permits. While there will be no homework, you are encouraged to read scripture reflective of the topic. Please watch future bulletins and the June Evangel for more specific details regarding our focus, format, leader and July and August dates.

Seniors:

Reminder: Senior Breakfast, May 31, 2016 8:00 am Depot.

June 23, 2016: Seniors it is time to put on your traveling shoes. Our first summer venture will be to Decatur. We will eat our lunch at Panera's and then travel to the Staley Home/Museum in Decatur. The Staley family occupied the home from 1913 to 1951. In recent years the home has been restored to an almost original floor plan and is now owned by the Staley Museum Foundation. More details later.

Community Clothesline:

April 7th- 32 Families and 90 Individuals

April 21st- 8 Families and 20 Individuals

We have spent the last month putting up our winter clothing and hanging our summer clothing in anticipation of warmer weather. We are in need of men's, boys and girls shorts in all sizes. If you have any to donate please drop them off at the shed in front of the 4/14 Outreach building (old elementary).

Neoga Community Food Pantry:

April:

47 families, 131 people served

5 deliveries

14 volunteers

28 3/4 volunteer hours

FCC Food Item of the month:

May- mixed vegetables

June- soap

A shopping cart is located near the Welcome Center for Food Pantry donations.

Heartland Christian Village Auxiliary

Thanks your for the support of Heartland Christiaan Village Auxiliary. The funds donated through the Circle of Friends campaign allowed the following improvements:

Curtains.....	1,425.47
Beauty shop	100.00
Flowers for courtyard	100.00
Activity Dep (entertainment, magazines/ newspapers, Christmas Activities)	2486.59
Coffee Decanters	141.98
Shelf cart.....	128.99
Shower chair	202.98
Gate belts	108.00
Radio adds (3 stations)	1197.00
Bath blankets	196.00
Waste baskets (state standards \$100 ea).....	737.50
Bedside tables.....	1485.00

Instead of large party at Christmas, the Auxiliary sponsors "Christmas Every Month":

April: Neimerg's chicken & pies; May: McDonald's hamburgers & fries; June: Neimerg's BBQ pork; July: Amish angel food cake; August: Arby's turnovers; September: Schwann's ice cream; October: Villa Pizza, Halloween Party County Market Bread & Moran's apple cider; November: Neimerg's Thanksgiving pies; December: New Year's Dinner Neimerg's, January: Joe's Chicken Alfredo; February: Valentine's cookies and homemade cinnamon rolls; March: Fresh fruit.

Auxiliary Key Lady

Sheri Coen

Besides the financial gifts, Heartland residents could greatly be blessed by your other gifts. More on the volunteer ministry at Heartland is on the next page. FCC volunteer day is the first Tuesday of each month. For more information please contact our Key Lady Sheri Coen or call Heartland at 895-2665.

May Volunteers...

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
1	Zach	Aubrey	Harry & Judy Starwalt	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, John Tomlinson	David Coen Barry Conn Zak Gentry Jack Gilbert	Bill Kenworthy Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson
8	Matt	Tom	John & Reeni Letizia	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Joni McClure, Julie Altman, Chanille Oakley	Art Walk Chad Walk Zach Letizia Alan Baker	Doug Baker David Ceon Don Coen Barry Conn
15	Zach	Tom	Barry & Ann Conn	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryl Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake, Austin Robinson	Zak Gentry Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Zach Letizia	Monte Page Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson
22	Jim	Aubrey	David & Sheri Coen	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Rory & Paula Gentry <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia	Art Walk Chad Walk Zach Letizia Alan Baker	Doug Baker David Ceon Don Coen Barry Conn
29	Matt	Aubrey	Rita Stewart Charlotte Orr	5th Sunday Volunteers	Zak Gentry Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Zach Letizia	Monte Page Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson

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Heartland Christian Village Volunteer Ministry

The **volunteer ministry of Christian Homes** exists to honor God by living out the commands of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 25. "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me. Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored – you did it unto Me." Matthew 25:35-40 (The Message)

Our Mission

Our mission to enhance the lives of our residents can be accomplished with contributions of time, energy, resources and love from our volunteers.

Our volunteer opportunities allow you to:

- **Extend** God's grace and compassion to our residents.
- **Exercise** your interests and abilities in service to others.
- **Establish** friendships with other volunteers, residents and staff.
- **Experience** the joy and satisfaction of helping others.

4/14 Outreach Center: a year in review

Well, it's been a great year for 4/14. God has really blessed our efforts out here and the 4/14 Outreach center (otherwise known as the old elementary school). We thought that it might be a good idea to give you an update to how things have gone and a picture of what we are looking forward to.

After receiving keys to the building early last summer we came in and started work. The first thing we did was open the doors to 5th through 8th graders to come in and enjoy the use of the gym and other spaces. We called it "The Hang Out" and through the month of July we averaged about 20 kids every Monday through Thursday. We figured out that over 45 different kids came through the doors that month, hanging out, having fun and learning about Jesus.

We also had Mission Neoga with the youth group kids to help move The Food Pantry and Clothesline into their new spaces. In one day we moved 90% of the clothes and racks from the Clothesline and all of the food from the Food Pantry. In one day, I mean that the 20 kids who showed up moved it all by lunch. AMAZING!!!

Youth group has been rocking as well. On our first night in our new digs we had over 60 kids show up to learn about Jesus and 4/14. Throughout this year we have averaged about 55 students per week. This has completely blown me away, these numbers would not have been possible with the limitations of the old building, I am truly grateful for God making this space available to us. There are times we are growing larger than this new space, PRAISE GOD!!! Imagine cramming 55 middle schoolers and 5 adults into a room designed for 35-40. God is awesome isn't he?!



4/14 Outreach center has also used this space for fun and fundraising. In the fall we had a fundraiser with the center piece being the destruction of a 1987 Cadillac. Man that was fun. We raised over \$300 that day to help pay for CIY. We have also had two overnights out here and the kids have absolutely loved them. At the last one we made 20 blankets for Fleece and Thank You to distribute to kids as they go into the hospital.

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More From *a year in review*

We have used this building for more than youth events, as the name suggests. Amy and Jennifer have done many amazing things through Outreach.

If you haven't come out to a community meal, what are you waiting for? On the first Thursday of every month the churches in the community come together to put on a free meal for all who come. Some months the churches put on the meal on their own, on some months we come together and work hand in hand to feed our community. I personally love the meals when we work together because it gives us a chance to live out Jesus words in John 13:34-35 to love each other and show the world that we are His disciples. We have anywhere from 80-180 people come through and enjoy the food. May's meal will be a baked potato bar (Yum).

The Clothesline and Food Pantry are also open while this is going on and they have the ability to serve our community with the use of this building. No longer do the ladies in the clothesline have to work in the old Clothesline building with no running water and certain rooms it wasn't safe to occupy. It smells better over here too. Now we have the ability to be accessible to anyone who will have the need for a disability. The food pantry no longer has to worry about the weather because people don't have to wait in the rain or cold, they can sit inside and enjoy a nice meal while they wait for their turn.

God has truly blessed us with the use of this building and I can't wait to see what He has in store for us as we continue to use this tool for His Glory.

Matt Davis
Youth Minister

Priscilla Live

This past Saturday FCC hosted the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast.. We had 47 ladies attend the event and they came from as far as Salem to our little town. What a blessing to hear the encouraging words from Priscilla. There were many who loved the worship time lead by her brother, Anthony Evans. Saturday was a gorgeous day to host the event and may took advantage of the beautiful weather to check out shopping here in Neoga. Priscilla highlighted Hosean International Ministries as her mission for this years event. A free will offering was taken for this mission, and over \$240.00 was raised. Couple that with the attendance of the simulcast of 70,000 women, and the possibility of God blessing this ministry is huge!! It is our hope with all the positive feedback that we prayerfully consider doing another one of these in the future.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25.

Just a little reminder the Community Meal is May 5th. This month it will be a baked potato bar and will be served from 5:00-6:30 pm. The National Day of Prayer Service will immediately follow the meal at 6:30. Please consider staying after the service to help clean up from the Community Meal.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5pm Prayer	2	3 Volunteers at Heartland Reeni Letizia	4 5:15 4/14 Prayer 6pm 4/14 8:30pm College Group	5 ALL at 4/14 & Outreach Center 1-7:30pm Community Clothesline 5-6:30pm Community Meal 6-7pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Nat'l Day of Prayer	6	7
8 Mother's Day Building Pledges Due 5pm Prayer Mtg	9 Janice Dole	10	11 5:15 4/14 Prayer 6pm 4/14	12	13 Charlotte Orr	14
15 3pm Elders' / Staff Mtg 4pm Financial Board Mtg 5pm Prayer Mtg	16 Rita Stewart	17 Sheri Coen	18 5:15 4/14 Prayer 6pm 4/14 8:30pm College Group Kamryn Boarman Robert Burgess	19 1-5pm Community Clothesline Louella Drum	20 Walt Altman	21
22 5pm Prayer	23 Art & Penny Walk	24	25 5:15 4/14 Prayer 6pm 4/14- Year End cookout 8:30pm College Group	26	27 Sandy Fear Donna Huffman	28 Preston Lake
29 Building Fund Sunday Ruth May Coen	30 Memorial Day	31 8am Seniors' Breakfast Ivan Cooper				