



Stow Alliance  
Fellowship

NEWS

Open Arms . . . Open Hearts . . . Open Hands

June 2018



## Vacation Bible School

June 12th - 16th

9:00am-12:00pm (Tuesday-Friday)

## VBS Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 16th

10:30am-1:30pm

**Who:** Kids ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through 5th grade (completed)

**Where:** Stow Alliance Fellowship  
4460 Stow Rd. Stow, Ohio 44224

**Registration:** is available online at [www.stowalliance.org](http://www.stowalliance.org)  
For more information call Darlene Risjan - 330-688-7433

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would be interested in helping out in any way (crafts, games, snacks, group leaders, Bible lessons, etc.) please contact Darlene Risjan!

**Donations for VBS** - Grab a sticky note off the board in the lobby and help out with VBS by donating needed items for snacks! Please return items by Sunday, June 10th.

**VBS Training Meeting** - All volunteers involved with VBS, please mark your calendars for a **mandatory** training meeting! You may attend either Sunday, June 3rd immediately following 2nd service in Room 230 (lunch will be provided) or Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00pm in Room 230 (snacks will be provided). Please RSVP to Darlene Risjan at [drisjan@stowalliance.org](mailto:drisjan@stowalliance.org) or 330-688-7433 as to which meeting you will be attending.



## VBS Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 17th

10:30am-1:30pm



Mark your calendars for VBS FAMILY FUN DAY, Saturday, June 16th, from 10:30am-1:30pm here at SAF! This is an event for the entire VBS and SAF family of ALL ages. Come and join us for a Legacy Concert, VBS presentation, church picnic, games for the kids, inflatables, and much more! Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship! Be sure to invite a friend or family member!

We are also in need of borrowing 10x10 or 12x12 canopies to be used to help shade off areas in the parking lot and field, as well as a couple of sets of Cornhole. If you have either or both of these items and are willing to let us borrow them, please contact Jeanne Crowe at: [jcrowe@stowalliance.org](mailto:jcrowe@stowalliance.org) or 330-688-7433.

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**John Kitchen, Senior Pastor**

## **Praying and Faith**

*“The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.”*  
(John 4:50b)

We are all in the school of prayer. Anyone who prays is still enrolled and Jesus intends to keep us growing. We have in John 4:46-54 an account that helps me understand one way Jesus continues to school me in prayer. Perhaps you'll see a reflection of the lessons He is teaching you as well.

Jesus was petitioned by a man to “come down and heal his son” (v.47). The matter was urgent because the son was near death (v.49b). We can plainly see that the man wanted Jesus not merely to heal his son, but to be present physically with the son when He did so (vv.47, 49).

Jesus told the man, “Go; your son will live” (v.50a).

In so responding to the desperate father's request, Jesus refused part of the man's request (to come down with him to visit his son) and granted the other part of his request (to heal his son). The one was unnecessary (though the man may not have perceived it as such that at the time); the other was essential. Jesus gave the man that which was essential. But He did so in a way that tested the man's faith by telling him the essential would be granted (the healing) while the unnecessary (the going) would not.

How did the desperate father respond?

“The man believed the word that Jesus spoke” and proved it when he “went on his way” without Jesus in tow (v.50b).

When I pray and ask Jesus to act, it is likely that my requests, like the father's, are a mingling of the essential and non-essential. It all likely *feels* essential to me, but my faith needs refining—as did the father's. Jesus may separate the wheat from the chaff in my praying by granting me one thing, while denying me another that I have also asked for.

What do I do after Jesus responds to my prayers, granting some and denying others? Do I ask Him to reveal His heart to me in these things? To teach me wisdom? Do I draw nearer to Him in prayer, asking for more understanding? Or do I back away, confused and upset? Or do I, like the father, believe the word of Jesus and prove it by my faith-filled actions?

Our prayers are the footprints that tell the tale of our discipleship, our journey after Jesus as our Master and Teacher. What tale is my praying in that regard?

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## For Adults

**Living Intentionally** - Are you looking for a way to share your faith? Do you have friends and family that you would like to see come to know Christ that currently do not have a relationship with Him? Join us on a 6 week journey Sunday mornings, June 3<sup>rd</sup>—July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in room 216 or Wednesday evenings June 6<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in room 216 as we explore *Living Intentionally: A Lifestyle of Evangelism*. As a part of *Living Intentionally*, we will discuss various steps to help us think about how we can share our faith, not as something that we do, but as a way to integrate it into who we genuinely are as a follower of Christ. Some topics will include: the role of prayer in evangelism, living life on purpose, developing and keeping non-Christian friends, and more! Please sign up in the lobby by Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Pastor Phil at: 330-688-7433 or pchapman@stowalliance.org.

**Prime Timers** - All senior adults are invited to join us on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm for a catered dinner in the Seasons Room, and a time of fellowship and faith-building with Dean Jones. Dinner cost is \$6 per person. Please contact Donna Malm at: 330-688-9427 by Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.



**Stow Independence Day Parade** - On Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Love Float will make its 36<sup>th</sup> appearance in the Stow Independence Day Parade. We are currently looking for people to help set up and tear down the float as well as for teens and adults to walk in the parade and help collect donations. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit our local food bank, Good Neighbors. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Nancy Cervone at: 330-678-1158. If you can not walk in the parade, please be sure to bring your donations to the parade!

**Remember Nhu Kenya Team** - From August 1-14, 2018, a team of 6 from SAF (Bill Alvarez, Tina Lantz, Pastor Don Miller, Tera Trowbridge, Kim Williams, and Sue Williams) along with people from 3 other C&MA churches will travel to Kenya, Africa to visit our two girls homes and put on a New Life Camp for the Remember Nhu kids who are in western Kenya. Would you begin to **pray** now for them and those to whom they will minister? Also, please consider a gift to enable them to undertake this ministry. \$18,624 of the \$22,212 goal has been raised. Gifts may be given to SAF online or via check and designated “**R-Nhu Kenya Team 2018.**”

**LIFE 2019 Envelopes** - Grab an envelope in the lobby and help us fill them up for our senior high trip next summer. We appreciate your support!



**LIFE Groups** - Thank you to all who participated during this past season of LIFE Groups. We particularly want to extend a special thanks to those who selflessly opened their homes and hosted our groups; along with a thank you to our leaders who diligently shepherded their flocks this year. I ask that you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in the coming year. If you feel God calling you to host or lead a LIFE Group please contact Pastor Don at 330-688-7433.

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### Stewardship Update Through May 20, 2018:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</b>		
Actual	\$ 41,634	\$261,433
Budget	<u>40,515</u>	<u>270,100</u>
Amount Over/(Under) Budget	1,119	(8,667)
<b>GREAT COMMISSION FUND</b>		
Actual	\$ 9,856	\$ 67,082
Promises	<u>3,936</u>	<u>26,240</u>
Amount Over/(Under) Promises	5,920	40,842

#### PRAISE Plan

Thank you for supporting the Praise Plan! Your continued gifts will help us with future projects.

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## Especially for Men

**Men's Basketball** - Come and join us as we play on Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:00am in the gym. We will not be playing Saturday, June 16th due to VBS Family Fun Day.

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## Especially for Women

**NAOMI Women** - All women are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and friends at Handel's Ice Cream (3048 Graham Rd.) on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00pm. If it rains, we will head across the parking lot to Sweet Frog.

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## Youth Ministries

**Senior Night** - All Sr. High students and leaders are invited to join us Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Seasons Room for our senior banquet night. If you are not a graduating senior, please plan on bringing \$5.00 to pay for your dinner.

 **Jr. High Rec Night** - All current Jr. High students are invited to our end of the year bash at the Kent State Rec. Center on Wednesday, June 6th from 5-8pm. We will meet here at the church promptly at 4:30pm. Cost is \$10 and includes food, games, the pool, and tons of fun. Sign up in the Jr. High room by Sunday, June 3rd.

**Summer Youth Group** - There will be NO regular youth group on Wednesday, June 6th and June 13th. We will kick off our combined, Jr. High, Sr. High, and YAC (Young Adults and College Students) summer youth group on Wednesday, June 20th at Maplewood Pool from 5:00-8:00pm. The plan is then for us to continue to meet here at the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. Weather permitting we will be outside playing games and having fun! Bring your friends! Be sure to pick up a youth group summer schedule in the youth rooms for further details on the rest of our summer events.



### Summer Youth Group Schedule:

June 4th - Senior Night 6:00pm @ SAF Seasons Room	July 25th - Combined Summer Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF
June 6th - Jr. High Rec Night 5:00 - 8:00pm @ Kent State Rec Center	August 1st - Combined Summer Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF
June 13th - No Youth Group	August 8th - Combined Summer Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF
June 20th - Combined Swim Night 5:00-8:00pm @ Maplewood Pool	August 10th - 11th - Jr. High Canoe Trip 7:00pm Friday - 8:00pm Saturday
June 27th - Combined Summer Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF	August 15th - No Youth Group
July 4th - No Youth Group	August 22nd - Combined Fall Kick Off 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF
July 11th - Sr. High & YAC Cedar Point Trip Jr. High Game Night @ SAF	August 29th - Combined Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF
July 18th - Combined Summer Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm @ SAF	

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## Children's Ministry


**Promotion Sunday** - Promotion Sunday will take place on Sunday, June 3rd. Students 5 years old entering Kindergarten through 5th grade will move up to their next grade. Those entering 6th grade will join the Jr. High downstairs in room 31.

**1st Service Nursery** - The 1st service nursery class will be combining with the Waddlers & Toddlers class for the months of June, July, and August. Children can be dropped off and picked up in room 134.

**Wet & Wacky Wednesday** - All kids 2nd grade completed through 5th grade are invited to Wet & Wacky Wednesday, June 27th from 8:30am - 7:00pm. Come for a day of fun at Beulah Beach with cool water games, swimming, canoeing, big blow-up toys, paddle boating, a way fun service, the huge big giant Yuck! slides, and much, much more! Cost is \$22 a person (lunch and dinner are provided). Please RSVP with Darlene if your child is able to attend by Sunday, June 17th. Please bring your swimsuits and towels!

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## Stow Alliance Preschool

 **SAP Registration** - Our preschool offers fun and learning in a Christian environment including Bible time, snack time, story hour, craft time, and field trips! Registration is going on now for the 2016-2017 school year! We have openings in our 3, 4, and 5 year old classes. To register, pick up a registration packet on the lobby table, visit our website, or contact Jeanne Crowe at 330-688-7433.

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God called us to go into the world and make disciples of all nations, and He also is bringing these people to our own backyards and neighborhoods. IFC is a great way to reach into the lives of an international student with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. IFC is a group of local, evangelical churches who work together to serve international students at KSU. Our shared vision is to make Christ known among the nations by befriending international students at KSU. Three great ways to get involved with IFC are: become a Friendship Partner, an English Conversation Partner, or help with welcome events.

Please contact Rob and Marlene Osborn at 330-618-5742 or robert5osborn@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming an IFC volunteer or to learn more about IFC.

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## Haven of Rest

### June Needs List:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables	Children's Socks & Undergarments
Fruit Juices & Punch Mixes	Men's Summer Pants & Shorts (28-34)
Regular & Decaf Ground Coffee	Men's Shirts (2x +)
Snack Foods (individually pkg)	Baby Wipes & Diapers (Sizes 4-6)
Small Household Fans	Boxes of Facial Tissues

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# Our SAF Family



## June Birthdays...

RoseMarie Clunk	6/1	Benjamin Hall	6/10	Bob Upham	6/22
Barb Webb	6/2	Diane Rapp		Landon Trowbridge	6/23
Stephen Falbo	6/3	Michael Ray		Chuck Whittington	
Rob Osborn		Andrew Stoner		Brianne Coop	6/24
Sue Rice		Doug Crowe	6/11	Terese Gavin	
Diana Warner		Sarah Parker	6/12	Susan Kupchella	
Patty Adams	6/6	Jim Coleman	6/13	Carol Williams	6/26
Jeanette Hall	6/7	Dobby Dobson	6/16	Reuben Simmons	6/27
Andrew Williams		Don Lichi	6/17	Kim Williams	
Jan Sparrow	6/9	Cheryl Parker	6/19	Lydia Crowe	6/28
		David Brooks	6/21	Lisa Donze	6/30
		Ken Erwin		Isaiah Smith	
		Maude Williams			

## June Anniversaries...

		Gary & Janet Tipton	6/9	Joel & Diane Rapp	6/21
Leo & Jennifer Maxfield	6/1	Jack & Darlene Risjan	6/10	Mark & Carol Sumner	
Mark & Cathy McInturff	6/2	Dave & Becky Caplinger	6/12	Dale & Sue Williams	
Mitchell & Doreen Sias	6/4	Carl & Elaine Sears		Bill & Barb Azzarello	6/23
Gary & Susan Rice	6/7	Jeff & Toni Kuno	6/16	Bob & Lois Upham	6/24
Steve & Jennifer Brooks	6/8	Perry & Lisa Gopp	6/19	Craig & Jeanine Steele	6/27
		Steve & Val Trowbridge	6/20	Jim & Lois Webb	6/29

If you are not currently on our birthday and/or anniversary list and would like to be, please call the church office and let us know!

## Our Christian Sympathy To...

Gary & Janet Tipton and family on the death of Janet's sister, Mary, on May 10th.