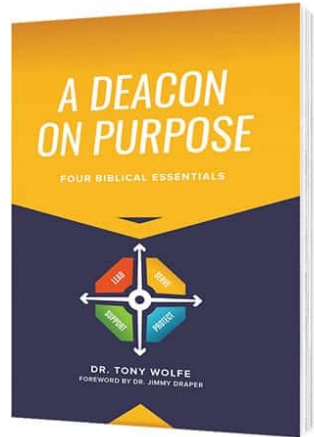


**Welcome
New Member**
Carole Chionchio



Deacon's Training



The deacons will meet at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 16th, 23rd & 30th for deacon training.

They will be going through *A Deacon on Purpose: Four Biblical Essentials* by Dr. Tony Wolfe.

This training will cover topics such as:
Lead By Example
Serve the People
Support the Pastor & Staff
Protect the Peace
Character and Purpose

Spring Yard Sale

Our spring yard sale is 2 weeks away:
Saturday, April 27th, 8 AM until 12 Noon.



We ask that you finish bringing your **small** items to the church no later than TODAY, so we can start the exciting task of pricing everything!

You can begin dropping off the **large** items on Monday, April 22nd. Many of those will be staged in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall, so we need to wait until services are over for both our congregation and our Hispanic partners, who use the building on Sunday afternoon. As always, make sure your donations are clean and in good working order.

Julie Cook is recruiting volunteers to work during the yard sale. Please let her or the church office know if you would be willing to help. It's a wonderful time of fun and fellowship and a great way to bless our community and church.

Thank you for all you do and for serving and supporting your church!



April 14, 2024

YOU ALSO, AS LIVING
STONES, ARE BEING
BUILT UP AS A
SPIRITUAL HOUSE FOR
A HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
TO OFFER UP
SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.

1 Peter 2:5

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Sunday, April 14 2024

Built on Christ

1 Peter 2:1-12

The Point: Everything in the church centers on Jesus Christ.

The Bible Meets Life: Have you ever ordered food at a restaurant where the name of the item on the menu suggested the main ingredient, but the food you were served contained very little of what it was called? Take a seafood favorite, the crabcake. I enjoy a good crabcake. When I order one, I expect a little patty containing authentic crabmeat held together with a smidgen of breadcrumbs and some Old Bay seasoning.

How utterly disappointing it is to be served a fake—a patty comprised mainly of inexpensive breadcrumbs with only a pinch of crabmeat you can barely taste! Even worse, sometimes there's no real crabmeat at all; it's just the imitation "krab" stuff that looks like crabmeat but is cheaper and not nearly as good.

In the church, you would expect Jesus to be the main ingredient, the purpose for it all. Sadly, many churches that claim to be Christian have substituted the real thing with inferior substitutes. While people are hungering for the Bread of Life, we are serving up entertainment, social connections, and self-help. Today's passage reminds us that in the *authentic* church, everything centers on Jesus.

Live It Out: Pray. Once a week, pray for your church leaders' wisdom to guide the church to center on Jesus. **Eliminate.** Identify one action or attitude you will eliminate from your life to move toward a life of holiness. **Participate.** Volunteer to serve in a ministry role where you can influence your church to make Jesus the main thing in its mission.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Being An Authentic Church

Sunday, April 21 Sharing Christ
(Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

Sunday, April 28 Growing in Christ
(Colossians 1:9-14, 21-29)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Tuesday

6:45 PM Deacon Training 4/16

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 4/17

Thursday

10:00 AM Grief Share 4/25

Jail Ministry

Grief Share Group

The next meeting will be on
April 25th at 10 AM.

Service Attendance

Sunday, April 7

Indoor: 57

Online: 126



Wednesday, April 10

Online: 43

Youth: 19

Monthly Budget & Offerings

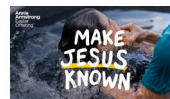
Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

April Offering

To Date:

4,865.00



AAEO:

\$2,085.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump & Family

Peggy Dean

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Bob Hale (Shelia's Dad)

Christine Hinson

A/V Equipment Update

As many of you have noticed, our aging audio-visual equipment has needed upgrading for some time. We have just gotten a quote from CO-DA (they installed our video camera equipment) for a new amp, speakers, sound board and front projector. It's expensive, over \$16k, but feel it will help limit distractions to our worship service and help keep our focus on the Lord and His message going out. If you would like to help fund this updating project, please make a note on your giving envelopes.

We request that you do not take away from your normal tithes to fund this project, but give as God calls. Thank you!

