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A LETTER FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Here at the beginning of October, it seems like Thanksgiving, Christmas and the end of the year are looming large! For many of us, these next three months are some of the busiest of the year, and likely some of the most stress-filled.

Isn't it interesting how celebrations produce stress? Some of the stress might be found in the fact that these celebrations involve family getting together, and everyone has that weird relative who brings stress into the family. (Hint—if you can't identify one in your family, it might be YOU!)

Thanksgiving and Christmas, and even Halloween, usually involve parties and that means decorations, food, candy, too many calories, increased spending, and the like. And if you host the holiday gatherings, there's housecleaning and fussing to make everything just perfect. More stress, right?

Then add in the general busyness of the fall calendar, shortening of daylight, cold weather as winter approaches, and perhaps an empty seat at the table because of a death in the family, and we have a recipe for stress and even depression. What are we to do with all of this?

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10 NIV)

The Hebrew here for "Be still..." literally means *cease striving*. What do you hear in that from the Holy Spirit?

I am convicted in my heart by the *striving* of this busy season of the year. I want to make it all happen. I want to be in control. It is difficult to be still – to cease striving. To allow God to have my life in full, including all the stress producers named above (and many others not named). To rest in Jesus and focus on the most important things, and not just run all over the place trying to accomplish the most urgent things.

Are there ways you need to relax? To be still? To cease striving? Will Christmas still be Christmas if you simplify and spend less on gifts? Will Thanksgiving still be Thanksgiving if you have store-bought rolls instead of homemade ones? Will your family be offended if the dresser in the bedroom where you all lay your coats has a bit of dust on it?

I can only answer these questions for myself, with the convicting and comforting Presence of the Holy Spirit as a guide. I just know that one way to make life less stressful is to trust God more with the busyness and details – and most of all with my heart and my attitude.

Here's to a less stressful season ahead!

All for Jesus!
Pastor Mike



A LETTER FROM YOUR SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Soul Waiting

Every good superhero has their place.
Superman has his Fortress of Solitude.
Iron Man has his Stark Tower.
And, of course, Batman has his Batcave.

For us, as faith superheroes, we need the same type of tool. A safe place that we can retreat, rest, pray, and recharge. A place to reconnect with the Source of our strength. We are often in a flurry of activities, working hard to prove our worth and validate our ability. Solitude is an invitation to wait, to discover the true Source of our strength and the reality that we are finite and cannot do anything and everything all the time.

Solitude is an asset because it allows us the opportunity to stand back and catch our breath. It enables us to contemplate, reset, and re-calibrate our perspective to ensure that we are stewarding the gifts and opportunities that God has placed before us.

Just like any son with his father, Jesus retreated. He went away by Himself to quiet His heart and pray. He knew that He needed to connect Himself with the Father, to wait patiently before the Lord, away from the noise, the distractions, the expectations, and the responsibilities.

If we want to transcend our circumstances, we need to be willing and able to step away from them from time to time. Into a safe place. A vessel for the soul. Our very own fortress of solitude. In the era of social media, perhaps one of the most meaningful things we can do is to simply unplug. To “send the crowds away.” To stop engaging with what all the people surrounding us think and to focus on what our Creator and Savior think.

Jesus’ life is our model. He is the faith superhero. He leads us, gives us permission, and provides the examples of how to unplug, how to send the crowds away. Faith superheroes lean into their need to reconnect with our Father in Heaven. Jesus teaches us to make focused waiting a regular rhythm of our lives for our souls.

Take some time this week to find your fortress of solitude and spend time with your Heavenly Father.

Serving Him,
Pastor Ryan VanMatre

A LETTER FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER



Greetings Church!

October newsletter – What happened to September!?

It's never too late to spend a weekend focused on Jesus!

Lafayette Great Banquet weekends are coming up:

Men's weekend October 14th – 17th
Women's weekend October 21st – 24th
Boy's Awakening weekend October 29th-31st
Girl's Awakening weekend November 5th-7th

These are powerful weekends to supercharge your faith and experience the love of Jesus!!

Get away from the world – no watch, no cell phone!

Hear 5 inspirational talks with testimonies each day on how God is moving through his people!

Ministry is close by in Frankfort, Indiana!

Zero cost – you will be sponsored by someone at our church – just contact the church office!

And of course – it is a Great Banquet! - you will be fed well – you will leave with a full spirit and a full belly!

I was a guest at a fall banquet in 2017, and it was an awesome experience.

I hope and pray that you will consider a weekend for you, your spouse and your high school aged children!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Peace and Blessings,

Matt Bowers
Business Manager



Lafayette Great
Banquet & Awakening



Get ready for one of our biggest community events of the year! Trunk-Or-Treat is on Saturday, October 30 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Come join us for an afternoon of hayrides, inflatables, decorated trunks, and, of course, CANDY! It is fun for the whole family. Everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes, but nothing scary. (For example, please do not dress as witches, ghosts, zombies, skeletons, etc.) Invite your friends and family to join you.

Trunk-Or-Treat has two missions. First, we want to give the children of our church and the Greater Lafayette Community a fun, safe, and scare free alternative to Halloween. Second, it is an outreach to the community as we give everyone invitations to church, hand out pamphlets about our Impact Sports Ministry, advertise our Christmas Eve service, and show the love of Jesus one on one.

For Trunk-Or-Treat to be a success, we need everyone's help. We need lots of people to host a trunk by having enough candy or treats for 500-800 kids, decorating your trunk, and being willing to commit to staying the entire time. Everyone hosting a trunk needs to be parked no later than 12:30 through 3:00. We do not want any vehicles moving in the event area while children are present. If you can't host a trunk, but would like to help out, we need folks to help set up, tear down, and run the hayride and inflatables. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Feel free to contact Pastor Eric with your questions by phone (765-430-0072) or email (eric.schneider@daytonumc.org). Thank you in advance for all of your help.

NEW MINISTRY– SOBA

Hi! My name is Katie Schmidt, and I am the Director of SOBA, a new ministry for single moms here at Dayton and in our community. **James 1:27** says " Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." Single moms are the 21st Century widows and orphans and the church is called to care for them. I was married and had 2 boys. Then I separated from my ex husband. He was abusive and had multiple affairs. I was broken and in a position I never thought I would be in. I was a divorced single mom. I looked for other women to lead me and that understood what I was walking through. I wanted to honor God in this storm I was facing. I clearly heard the Lord tell me he would carry me through this, and he would use me to help others. I started this ministry in 2008, and it has been running in various capacities and churches over the years. I remarried in 2009, and Brandon and I had 2 more boys. YES! That is a total of 4 boys! I am grossly outnumbered!!! Even though I am remarried and much of the pain of those years has faded, I will always have a heart for single moms and lead them to Jesus.

We will have a kick off for this ministry on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6-8pm. In 2022, we will have a monthly meeting where we will be feeding the women and kids and providing a time of encouragement for the ladies. Here is a little about the ministry and ways you can help or get involved. If you have a heart for single moms and their kids I would love for you to join my team!!

SOBA stands for *Sick of Being Alone*, which is the main complaint of a single mom. Many single moms are tired of doing it all alone. Our message to these moms is simple: **You are not alone.** God is always with you, and you have other Single moms and the Church standing with you. SOBA is a local support group for moms who are single for any reason: whether divorce, death, or never married. Starting in January 2022 we will be meeting once a month (Dates TBD).

How can you Help with SOBA?

Invite. Do you know a single mom who would benefit from the group? Encourage her to come.

Pray. Be willing to pray for the SOBA Team and women who attend. You will be emailed a list of prayer requests each month.

Cook Each month, SOBA provides a meal for the women and Children. You can join the team and be willing to come up with the menus and amounts, or you can be added to the email list to receive the monthly sign-up to bring a food item for the meal. Each sign-up has the number of people each item will need to serve. You simply label your items *SOBA* or *SOBA kids* and drop them off in the Dayton kitchen during office hours.

Set up/Tear Down. Set up and tear down before and after SOBA monthly.

Decorate/Special Events. Monthly, we set the tables with fun centerpieces, place settings, and themes. This can be a 1-2 person job each month! We also plan special events/gifts for the ladies and kids for Holidays. If you are talented in either of these areas, PLEASE join the team!!!

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Child Care We always need childcare help. Ages range from babies to 12-year old's. We strive to make SOBA childcare a fun place the kids want to be. This gives the kids extra attention, and the moms a MUCH-needed break. Arrive at 5:40 p.m. to help the kids get food, play, and do crafts. (Anyone LOVE to plan crafts??) Childcare volunteers are finished by 8 p.m.

Donate. Financial donations are very appreciated and can be given through Dayton with SOBA in the memo line. This helps women who need extra financial assistance and helps us to pay for gifts and treats for the women and children.

Each month at SOBA, we have a *Free Room*. We accept donations clothing, housewares, beauty products and other items that are in excellent shape so the women can take what they want. Donations can be dropped off at Dayton during office hours, the front room by the office will become the FREE ROOM.

Serve. The possibilities are endless in the ways you can serve. Are you a dentist, mechanic, handyman, etc., who is willing to donate your time or service? Are you willing to make meals or babysit? Small groups and friend groups can prepare the SOBA meal one month. We always need encouraging dinner speakers who would be a blessing to the women of SOBA. Other examples of ways to serve include being a financial sounding board to help moms make sound money decisions or accompanying moms to appointments for auto repair quotes. Contact me and let me know what you have to offer!

I am looking forward to serving with you and loving these special women and their kids! Feel free to contact me with any questions! katie.schmidt@daytonumc.org





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