



The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results." - Mt. 11:19

We have been enjoying the highly acclaimed series "The Chosen" on Thursday evenings at LCC. It's a refreshingly human depiction of Jesus and his disciples. Jesus jokes with his followers and is playful at times. Other times, he is frustrated or just plain exhausted from giving himself to so many. He sometimes depends upon the help of his friends. He's relatable. He's human. He's the Son of Man.

For me, this has led me to a deeper appreciation of Jesus' humanity. Often, we emphasize his divinity at the expense of his humanness. We'll sometimes view Jesus as God's Spirit imprisoned in a physical shell. But here, I have come to see that my humanity can be transformed by his: greater patience, greater trust, greater shalom.

I love you!

Scott ♥

(Romans 12:2)

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **BAKED GOODS BINGO is back!** Join us on **July 3rd, 7 pm, at the Twp. Hall** for a roaring good time for the whole family! (Helpers come @ 5:30). Donations of baked goods are welcome: Tues.(7/1) at the Church, 10-1 or before Bingo from 5 – 7 at the Twp. Hall.
- **HARP CONCERT!** Mark your calendars now for a late summer concert on Aug. 25. Renowned harpist, Amy Shreve, will lead us in creative worship for our Sunday morning service. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to a high quality music experience!
- Experience Jesus like never before in season 3 of **The Chosen**, Thursday evenings @ 6:30, beginning May 9, in the Church sanctuary.

Lively discussion follows the 30 minute episode. There may be cookies!

- **Leadership Team Meeting** following the potluck on Sunday, **June 2**. All are welcome.



Anyone interested in going to **Romania** in October this year should **let me know ASAP** so we can get tickets. The price has gone down and we

need to get them purchased before they increase. I am still doing the can drive. Drop off points: Northwood Restaurant, Lighthouse Church or Chuck's. Thank you for your donations for the project - Shirley Hollister 517-425-2836 or ahappyheart46@yahoo.com

Our **second quarter mission's giving** focuses on [Bay Cliff Health Camp](#) and [Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP](#). Both are about supporting kids and this has been the most popular missions' outreach. **Aimee Ogston**, Care Net Director, was with us Sunday morning, **May 19**, to update us on Care Net news, as well as share a powerful and personal message of hope with us. **Clayton Ledy** will be with us on **June 16** to share about Bay Cliff and an encouraging word of God's Good News! **Collection Sunday is June 30.**



In one of our favorite family videos, I am behind the camera, asking 15-month-old Amelia if she wants to walk. Not wanting to be left out, 4-year-old

Daryl asks, "Can you take a picture of me doing a somersault?" When our kids watch the video, they laugh. When I watch that video, I long for those tender days of parenting — when they were utterly dependent and each small accomplishment was cause for celebration. The extent of their rebellion was spitting out their spinach.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. - HOSEA 11:4

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In today's passage, God expressed a similar sense of nostalgia for Israel. He reminisced about the early days, when He first called them out of Egypt—in love—and they followed Him. "When Israel was a child, I loved him" (v. 1). Deuteronomy 7:6–8 describes this same loving call: "The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors."

All-too-quickly His people fell into apostasy: "The more they were called, the more they went away from me" (v. 2). Yet, like a loving parent, God continued to guide them despite their rebellion. He taught them to walk, bound up their wounds, led them through the wilderness, and provided them with food (vv. 3–4). Both of our children came to us through adoption. Sometimes my daughter asks me: "What if you didn't get me?" And I tell her over and over, "God chose you for us. You are ours. And we love you—no matter what." The magnitude of the metaphor is not lost on me.

>> Yes, today's passage still reminds us of Israel's sin. But we are also reminded of God's tender love for His people. Sit in that love today.

Pray with Us

Heavenly Father, we recognize in You the perfection of fatherly care—yet You also model the nourishing tenderness of maternal love. We thank You for the incomprehensible love You lavish upon Your children!

BY KELLI WORRALL

June Birthdays

7. Ruth Wise

- 8. Eldon Seaman
- 11. Nancy Marsh
- 17. Ron Green
- 25. Jon Laing
- 25. Carlyle Ellis
- 26. Tim Mitchell

June Anniversaries

- 3. Linda & Dave Van Rhee
- 21. Kirk & Sue Tyle

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

Pearls Of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"

*I am being changed into His Image.
See: Philippians 1:6*

- Ruth Wise

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