

Jesus said to his followers: “. . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.” (John 14:12)

Greater *things*

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You Gave Me Time

By Lamar Miller, Minister of Outreach

I recently had the privilege of joining the youth on the trip to Kentucky with the SWAP program. Our work site was about an hour drive from the camp to Letcher County where the young homeowners lived. Our job for the week we were there was to put on siding, soffit and fascia on a room addition. I enjoyed the work and we completed the job by noon on Friday. The homeowners were very appreciative and thanked us often. They even fixed us our noon meal on Friday, which was very good. That is the short version of the trip, but there are many other things that could be said. *I look forward to sharing more about the homeowners August 12th during our Morning Service*, but for this article I want to focus more on a conversation and scripture that was shared.

New relationships and friends are always a part of these types of trips. I had an interesting conversation with another volunteer named Phil Knepp from Indiana. Our discussion revolved around tithing, and not so much about money but tithing with our time. As we talked, we both felt that tithing our time was just as important as tithing our money. Later on in the week a portion of Matthew 25 was read by another volunteer. In verses 35 and 36 Jesus says: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” As I heard these familiar verses again and began to look at them, my mind went back to the conversation I had with Phil.

Picture: Homeowners Jesse & Jennifer with their children Kami, Emily, and Luke, with AMC Linda Jo, Lamar, Taylor, Erin & Ashley.



In some of the things that are spoken about here, money can purchase the items needed, but there is also the need for time. A meal and a drink can be purchased but it can also be prepared. Inviting someone into your home is giving time. Clothes can be purchased but you have to take some time to find out what fits. Looking after someone when they are sick takes time. Visiting someone in prison requires you to give of your time.

I believe Jesus is calling us to give of our time and build relationships, relationships that can draw others to him by receiving Christ's love and compassion through us. Yes, there will always be a need for financial aid, but there is also a real need and call for Christ followers to give of their time as well. Where are you being called to give your time?

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First Fruit Giving Giving God Our Best

	Stewardship	Attendance
7/1/18	\$3,627	109
7/8/18	\$6,359	141
7/15/18	\$2,342	113
7/22/18	\$2,503	162
7/29/18	\$3,073	109

August Anniversaries

Tom & Linda Glenn	Aug 4
Gary & Ashley Miller	Aug 5
Floyd & Anna Mary Bontrager	Aug 10
Kyle & Jackie Crabtree	Aug 10
Lamar & Karen Miller	Aug 11
Larry & Dory Kauffman	Aug 14
Willis & Dee Kuhns	Aug 19
Lynn & Marla Kauffman	Aug 20
Mike & Katrina Taylor	Aug 29



Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale

Aug. 24-25 at Otto Center

The auction begins Friday Night at 6 p.m. and resumes Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Quilts, Silent Auction, General Auction that includes furniture, household items, home and garden supplies and a vast array of miscellaneous, Children's Auction, plus plenty of food and fun for everyone! Come on out & join in!



Be sure to join us for morning worship Sunday, August 12th at 10:30am as those who went on the Summer Mission Trip will be sharing their experience with us.

Above: Lamar climbs Gertie (beloved AMC church van) to grab the perfect picture of the morning foggy mount.
Right: Ashley, Taylor, Erin & Linda Jo on the job site.



August Birthdays

Dee Kuhns	Aug 2
Kendra Hughes	Aug 3
Janette Petersheim	Aug 3
Kenny (Melissa) Schrock	Aug 3
Pat Yoder	Aug 6
Dory Kauffman	Aug 7
Irene Chupp	Aug 8
Michelle Schrock	Aug 11
Irene Freeman	Aug 11
Jenni Marner	Aug 11
Steve Yoder	Aug 14
Raegan Weber	Aug 14
Alexus Everett	Aug 15
Melissa Schrock	Aug 20
Logan Schrock	Aug 21
Mike (CJ) Yoder	Aug 26
Sandy Miller	Aug 27
Taya Foushi	Aug 29

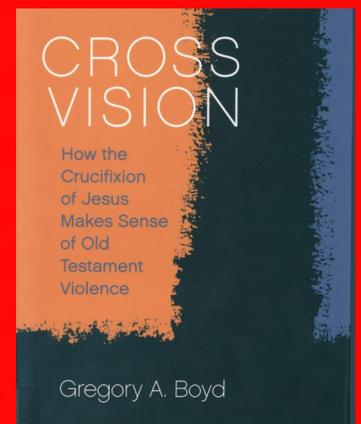


AMC Personal Profile Getting to Know: Alexis Helmuth

How Old Are You? **13**
 Favorite verse of the Bible? **Proverbs 3:5**
 What school do you go to? **Arthur JrHigh**
 Favorite Subject? **Music**
 Favorite meal? **Soft Shell Burrito Casserole with Salad**
 Favorite Inspirational Quote:
"Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."
 Happiest Memory of Your Life? **When we took a family vacation to California this summer.**
 What hobbies do you enjoy? **I enjoy decorating/making crafts.**
 What is something AMC might be surprised to know about you?
I flew in an airplane for the first time this summer.

Resource of the Month: *Cross Vision*

The Old Testament God of wrath and violence versus the New Testament God of love and peace it's a difference that has troubled Christians since the first century. Now, with the sensitivity of a pastor and the intellect of a theologian, Gregory A. Boyd proposes the "cruciform hermeneutic", a way to read the Old Testament portraits of God through the lens of Jesus' crucifixion.



In *Cross Vision*, Boyd follows up on his epic and groundbreaking study, *The Crucifixion of the Warrior God*. He shows how the death and resurrection of Jesus reframes the troubling violence of the Old Testament, how all of Scripture reveals God's self-sacrificial love, and, most importantly, how we can follow Jesus example of peace.

You can now find this book in the shelf in the foyer.