

"What Is The Aim of This New By-Law?"
Ephesians 6:1-4

- The Bible's Testimony About Children:
 - *"So that we may **no longer be children, tossed to and fro** by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." (Ephesians 4:14)*
 - *"When I was a child, **I spoke** like a child, **I thought** like a child, **I reasoned** like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways." (1 Corinthians 13:11)*
- The Bible's Command for Children and Parents:
 - *"Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." (Ephesians 6:1-3; cf. Colossians 3:20)*
 - *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)*
- Digging Into Ephesians 6:4:
 - *"Behold, I was brought forth in inquiry, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5)*
 - *"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15)*
 - *"The rod and reproof give wisdom, but **a child left to himself** brings shame to his mother." (Proverbs 29:15). "Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart." (Proverbs 29:17).*
 - *"Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death." (Proverbs 19:18)*
 - *"The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by vultures." (Proverbs 30:17)*
 - *"He must manage his own household well, with all dignity **keeping his children submissive.**" (1 Timothy 3:4)*
- What Does Salvation Look Like? Ezekiel 36:25-27:
 - "I will sprinkle clean water on you.":
 - *"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by **the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.**" (Titus 3:5)*
 - *"Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'" (John 3:5)*
 - "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."
 - *"A heart of stone": A stubborn heart bent on doing its own will (Ezekiel 2:4-5; 3:7; 11:19; 18:31)*
 - *"A new heart": This points to regeneration, being born again, being a new creation. The heart represents the nature of mankind.*
 - *"A new spirit": The spirit is what governs the mind, it is what directs the way we think and directs what we do.*
 - "I will put My Spirit within you.": *"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ **does not belong to Him.**" (Romans 8:9)*

Worship: Psalm 18 — Citizens

On That Day — City Alight

Be Thou My Vision — Norton Hall Band

Closing Song: His Mercy Is More — Matt Boswell

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

→**Proposed By-Law Addition 2:** Legacy Community Church suggests that all children who have made a confession of faith in Christ wait to be baptized until after the age of 12 (twelve). Children by nature, live in the here and now. They do not have the capacity to make wise decisions that will impact their future. They have no experience in making difficult choices on weighty issues and cannot contemplate the potential ramifications on themselves and others in making poor decisions. The word of God tells us that “foolishness is bound up in the heart of children” (Proverbs 22:15), that “children speak, think, and reason different than adults” (1 Corinthians 13:11), and that “children are easily tossed to and fro in what they believe” (Ephesians 4:14). In light of these truths and others, we believe it is wise to refrain from baptizing children before the age of 12 (twelve) so that we are above reproach in all practices in the Church.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** For more information about our July donation collection, please see the July Newsletter!

★**VOLUNTEERS:** The Cleaning Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Krystal.

-The Children's Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are a Church Member and you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Kalen and Courtney.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, July 19th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a Members' Meeting NEXT Sunday, July 20th, immediately following the worship service. We will be having a time of discussion on the potential By-Law Additions, as well as voting on some of the things presented at the June Members' Meeting. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night is NEXT Sunday, July 20th, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board games and card games to play. We also ask that you bring a snack or finger food to share with everyone! We would love for everyone to join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, July 27th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 23rd. Group Admission tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.