

BELL TOWER NEWS

College Hill Presbyterian Church – Sept. 2022

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WELCOME

KEVIN MILES MOSER

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

On August 19th, Kevin was introduced to the congregation. Pastors Drew Smith and Darryll Davis wrote, “Kevin comes highly recommended by many and has served as Music Director in a local church in Cincinnati for 24 years. Kevin is also a graphic arts designer and assistant editor for a publication at God’s Bible College in Cincinnati. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)



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A REMARKABLE LOOK AT JESUS

The fall sermon series from Sept 4 to Oct 30 is REMARKABLE in many respects.

• The Gospel of Mark was written first before the other three gospels in the New Testament: Matthew, Luke and John. It is the shortest and the easiest to read and remember who Jesus is, his life events, and the Good News of God’s love and unmerited grace through him.

• For the writer of Mark, Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. It is Jesus himself who is of supreme importance, not his deeds nor his message .

• This Gospel reveals the life and nature of Jesus in a *narrative story* form that begins in Galilee and follows him to his ultimate sacrifice in Jerusalem. It was extended to include Jesus’ resurrection, appearances and ascension, and his role at the right hand of God.

Sermons in Mark:
Sept. 4 vs. 1:14-

20 —Remarkable Message. Jesus brings a message of God’s reign and rule made real in our lives.

Sept. 11 vs. 2:1-12 —Remarkable Power. Jesus brings total healing to anyone who comes to him – forgiveness and wellness.

Sept. 18 vs. 3:31-35—Remarkable Team. Jesus calls together a team who have a complete allegiance to God. No other allegiance compares.

Sept. 25 vs. 4:35-41—Remarkable Peace. Even in the greatest storms, Jesus is calm and secure.

Oct. 2 vs. 5:1-20—Remarkable Courage. The worst places and the strangest situations do not deter Jesus. Even those who oppose his good works don’t stop him. ■



COLLEGE HILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JESUS SAID TO HIM, "SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME?" SIMON SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU." HE SAID TO HIM, "TEND MY SHEEP." JOHN 21:16

"TEND MY SHEEP"

The "L.O.V.E. Shepherd Ministry" is one of the ways that men and women of the church respond to Jesus' call to "tend my flock," and to share his love in very practical ways.

L.O.V.E. Shepherds work closely with two other "visitation" ministries: Diaspora Communion Team members, who take the communion bread and wine to homes and hospitals; and the Hospital Visitation Team.

During the last two years, all the Care ministries were negatively impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Now, as the world is reopening, so are the doors to homes and hospital rooms. It's time to renew our commitment to Christ's Call to "tend the sheep."

TAKE A MOMENT AND LEARN MORE

L.O.V.E. stands for "Love Others; Visit Eagerly." L.O.V.E. Shepherds are an active part of CHPC's Care and Connection Ministries. They contact covenant partners (members) and friends of CHPC. Typically, their "sheep" include people unable to be active in the church— home bound, shut-ins and those with special needs.

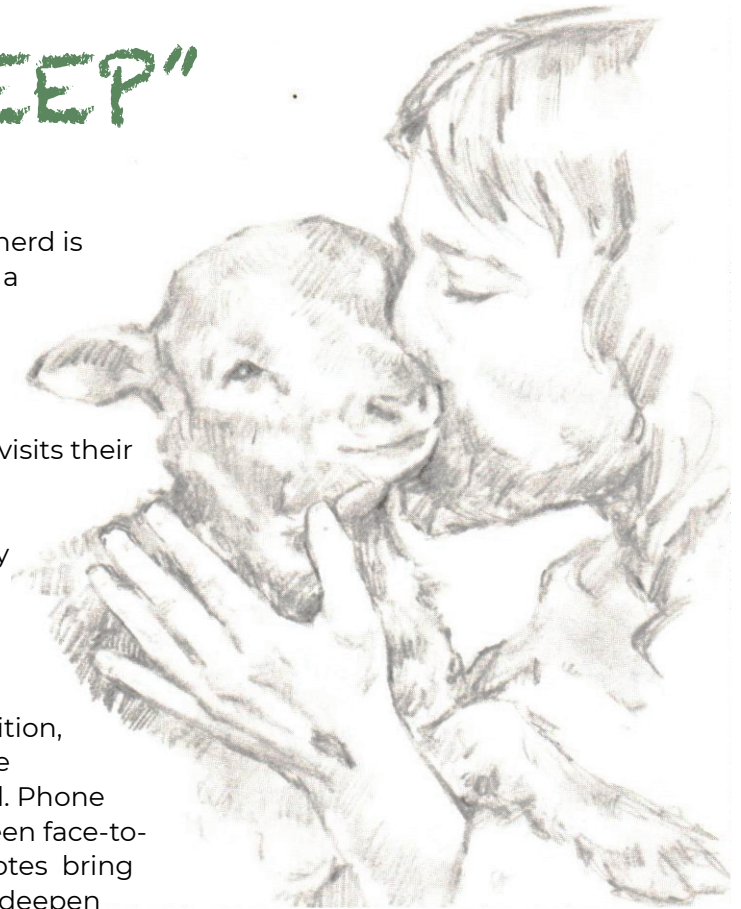
Together with input from family members and CHPC's pastors, the Care Teams identify people that would benefit from having a L.O.V.E.

Shepherd.

When a L.O.V.E. Shepherd is assigned to a person, a schedule of visits is worked out. Times are adjusted so that visits are convenient. Typically, a shepherd visits their "sheep" every 4 to 6 weeks. Sometimes a L.O.V.E. Shepherd may bring a small gift or treat, a special Scripture verse, a church bulletin, a *Bell Tower News* edition, or something that the person has requested. Phone visits can fill-in between face-to-face times. Written notes bring encouragement and deepen relationships. During the visit, listening is key. After sharing joys and concerns, visits are closed in prayer.

IT'S EASY TO LEARN TO REFLECT GOD'S WARMTH

The three "visiting ministries" will be sponsoring an equipping event based on the "Listening for Heaven's Sake" principles. It is a basic training (or refresher) that can be used to prepare attendees to tend Jesus' sheep. The training is excellent and benefits any relationships: family, neighbors, church, and work.



WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING A LOVE SHEPHERD?

Someone you know?
How about you?

Contact:

ELENA STOTHFANG, Ministry Coord.,
efang@fuse.net, or
JOANNE CORNELIUS, Care &
Connection Director
jcornelius@chpc.org.

IS GOD NUDGING YOU TO BE A L.O.V.E. SHEPHERD?

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WISE, RICH, OR BEAUTIFUL. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU'RE NEEDED.

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME. I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME A DRINK.
I WAS HOMELESS AND YOU GAVE ME A ROOM. MATT 25:36.

“I WAS HOMELESS AND YOU...”

BY DAVE & CYNDY BUTZ AND DR. CHERYL SCHAEFFNER

A “perfect storm” of events around the world is tearing families apart—inflation, lack of affordable housing, the COVID pandemic, and job losses. The result—more families living in poverty, being separated, homeless and hopeless. In Cincinnati, the number of people experiencing homelessness has greatly increased over the last two years. Much of the help offered further divides the family, especially those with teenagers.

We at CHPC have an opportunity to aid in alleviating the homeless crisis by partnering with *Found House* Interfaith Housing Network (www.foundhouse.org), formerly known as IHN. We will provide temporary housing for homeless families right here on our campus.



SIGN OF THE TIMES: “HOMELESS. PLEASE HELP.”



More than 12 years ago, CHPC member Jan Osborn founded IHN by organizing a group of College Hill churches to serve together to host families for a week at a time. They provided shelter, food, and enriching activities for children while parents worked to find safe permanent housing and stabilize their lives. The *Found House* organization is the main group providing assistance to families in our community.

The lower level of the Ministry Center will be transformed to provide private rooms for each family and a common area for activities and breakfast. CHPC will provide a simple breakfast and lunch and, along with another congregation, is responsible for a home-cooked dinner each evening.

IT'S EASY TO BE INVOLVED

The first hosting week begins Sunday, September 25. We'll be hosting again during the week beginning Sunday, October 30. One of the great things

about working with *Found House* IHN is that anyone can be involved in this hope-giving ministry.

- Starting Sunday, Sept 11, watch for IHN signs in the CHPC Atrium listing items you can buy during your grocery shopping. Take a reminder tag, buy the item(s), and bring your purchase to the Atrium by the designated Sunday.
- Provide activities for children in the evenings—games, crafts, a movie.
- Go to www.chpc.org/housing to check out the range of help needed. For instance, set up rooms for guests Sat. Sept. 25 (3-4 PM). Clean up rooms on Sun, Oct 2 (12-1) after our guests leave.



FOR MORE INFORMATION check out www.chpc.org/housing, Sunday bulletins, email Dave Butz (dbutz@fuse.net) or Cyndy Butz (cbutz1@fuse.net), or talk to them in the Atrium on Sundays.





TUTORING ABOUT LIFE: WHIZ KIDS & TREEHOUSE

BY COLLEEN SCHEID, MINISTRY LEADER

The tutoring ministries are part of the Children's Ministries under the direction of Rev. Jennifer Cronk and led by Colleen Scheid. Whiz Kids is an active partner with City Gospel Mission in tutoring and mentoring in the Greater Cincinnati area.

WHAT? God is at work at Pleasant Hill Academy (PHA), a public elementary school in the College Hill area. Christians build relationships with elementary-grade students from PHA and a few other locations. Tutors spend an hour a week helping students improve their reading. In the process, the young people learn the beautiful truths of the gospel, reflect on God's love for them and grow in their faith.

WHY? To meet children's tutoring needs and increase effectiveness in evangelism. At the beginning of the school year and again in April, we distribute a pamphlet tailored for our student population. Throughout the school year, the gospel is explained in a variety of creative ways that invite student responses. The tutoring ministries don't get their "report cards" until students and tutors fill out evaluations at the end of April. Then we have a sense of which children have responded in faith to the gospel.

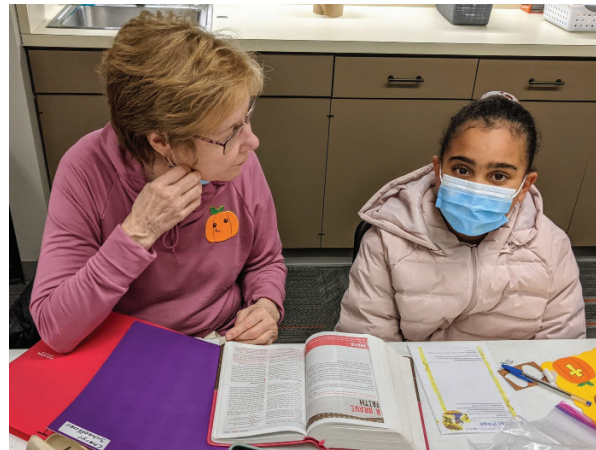
Part of the tutor evaluation includes questions such as:

Are you comfortable explaining the gospel in a way your student can understand?

Have you given a clear explanation of the gospel to your student?

How have they responded?

The tutor's answers provide good insights into the future training they may need for teaching school subjects and training on evangelism.



DR CHERYL SCHAEFFNER & HER WHIZ KID

The goal is to make sure that the gospel has been explained in an age-appropriate fashion to every child in the program.

FOR WHOM? Our student population is diverse—Guatemalans, African Americans, Caucasian and mixed-race children.

A BIG CHALLENGE HAS BEEN TO RECRUIT MEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR TO TUTOR.

Currently there are 17 tutors and 6

other helpers but only three of them are people of color. We are praying for five more people of color to tutor this year. As you read this article, consider if you know people you might ask to join you in tutoring.

EFFECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP AND GROWTH is an ongoing goal. Having a weekly Bible story as part of tutoring (with discussion questions for the older children)

ensures at least growth in knowledge of the Bible. Weekly prayer with tutors teaches children to pray and grow in faith as they see answers to prayer.

A FAMILY AFFAIR— We intentionally seek to build relationships with parents at our three annual parties, with gospel presentations and a challenge to obey Jesus. Parents are invited to special events and church services at least five times a year.

As a City Gospel Mission partner, we submit an annual assessment of each child's well-being.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE— The number of children served is limited by the number of tutors available. Currently that's 17 kids with 40 extended family members who come to parties, receive gifts and food, or are in a supportive relationships with the tutors.

JOIN THE TUTORING TEAM or THE PHA TUTORS' SUPPORT TEAM

Email: scheidison@gmail.com



ALPHA
LIVES UP
TO ITS
PROMISES
AND MORE!



On August 20th, when Alpha's weekly summer gatherings concluded, participants agreed that the classes were as advertised: a place to explore life's big questions...to explore the Christian faith with others. Over the 10 weeks of Alpha, they had shared a series of conversations focused on the questions of life, faith, and meaning. Each session included a time to connect with others, enjoy a video talk on some element of faith, and then share their own questions and perspectives with the group.

Jinda Bowerman, an Alpha facilitator (smiling on the left side of the group photo), sent these snapshots.



CEDRIC LOWE
LED WORSHIP



MEANINGFUL SMALL GROUPS,
PRAYER AND GREAT FOOD



WATCH FOR
THE NEXT
ALPHA DURING
THE WINTER SEASON.
PRAY ABOUT WHOM TO INVITE.

PHA SUMMER SCHOLARS STEP UP TO THE BAR

... THE ICE CREAM BAR. The sundae party at Pleasant Hill Academy was part of a celebration that the school administration planned for the students on their last day of "Summer Scholars."

Susan Faul (pictured), Bob Faul, Bernice Davis, Bonnie Mack, Cheryl Schaeffner, Cheryl Meadows, Kelley Foresman, and Kip Mueller served up 100 bowls of yummy ice cream. The students and teachers were excited to step up to the toppings bar loaded with different syrups, sprinkles and whipped cream. What a refreshing treat on a very warm summer day.

The team from CHPC had been tutoring the Pleasant Hill Academy's "Summer Scholars" during the month of June. They worked under the guidance of the school's teachers, about an hour per week. Many of them are Whiz Kids tutors during the regular school year.

Thanks are due to those who generously supplied the ice cream and all the toppings. Since the students were required to wear masks during class time, it was great fun to see their *smiling* faces as they ate the sundaes. What a way to end their month of extra schooling in June!

STORY SUBMITTED BY KELLEY FORESMAN, SUMMER SCHOLARS TUTOR

THE AGE GAP

Prior to the start time of a recent event at church, a couple of elementary school boys were hanging out before the rest of the kids arrived. They were engaged in imaginative play based on vintage video games when the younger of the two asked, "Mr. (anonymous), were you around in the 80s?"

There were so many responses I could've given: I graduated from college and graduate school, got married, and witnessed the birth of our first child in the 1980s. However, I simply answered, "Yes."

It turned out that all the boy wanted to know was if I was familiar with the 1980s era video games and the game consoles he and his buddy were pretending to be immersed in.



How To Have Respectful Disagreements

For the past 50 years, I have been working with individuals and families who are in conflict. Conflict comes from an inability of two or more people to deal effectively with differences. Some conflict is good, necessary, and growth-producing. In marriage, parenting, and work, there are many differences. In politics, religion, and work, there are major differences.

LEARNING HOW TO WORK THROUGH DIFFERENCES IS ESSENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING HEALTHY, UP-BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND FOR WORKING COOPERATIVELY TO ACCOMPLISH WORTHY GOALS.

What are the skills and attitudes that enable us to deal with differences and thus with conflict? One time I was coaching a minister on the best ways to resolve his conflicts with a long-term colleague, and he said, "I just wish I could have been on the staff with you, Jerry Kirk, Ron Rand, and Harry Causey because it was obvious that you never had any conflict."

My friend was dead wrong. Our staff of ten ministers had lots of differences — and consequently, a lot of conflicts. We had the usual differences in personality, gender, musical preferences, background, temper, and theology, which were fertile grounds for arguments, frustration,

anger, disapproval, feelings of being treated unfairly, and so on.

We had disagreements based on all of those issues and more, and we usually, although not always, resolved those conflicts rather well. By that heated, emotional, and deep discussions that ended with better decisions and deeper relationships based on respect and loyalty to each other as a team.

WHAT LEADS TO SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVING DIFFERENCES AND THEIR RESULTING CONFLICTS?

1. **HUMILITY.** Approaching the situation with an open-minded attitude that we might be wrong.
2. **RESPECT.** Seeing others as equal. Like you, they are individuals who are created in the image of God.
3. **PERSONAL PEACE.** Not allowing yourself to sandbag and build up resentments, misunderstandings, and feelings of being treated unfairly.
4. **EMPATHY** or a deep understanding of others' ideas, feelings, and personalities. This is not sympathy, where we actually "feel" their feelings, but rather understanding why they think and feel as they do — without necessarily agreeing with them.
5. **LETTING PEOPLE KNOW** you understand them, whether you agree or not.
6. **HAVING A WARM SMILE,** soft voice, and humble manner.
7. **PRAYER TOGETHER.** Those who pray together stay together.

This approach suggests that we

can listen to, understand, and even affirm a person with whom we disagree, and yet make it clear that we do not affirm their position. I grew up hearing my dad say:

I strongly disagree with you, but I will die trying to defend your right to believe it and say it.

ABOUT THIS ARTICLE

The text was used by permission of Rev. Dr. Gary Sweeten, a former Minister of Christian Discipleship at CHPC. It is one of many offerings of Gary's newest ministry which brings together an affiliation of respected and effective Christian teachers to guide people into healthier relationships with God, self, and others.

The online video learning resource addresses real-life issues from a Christian worldview. For example:

RENEWED THINKING: Enabling Romans 12:2 to come alive.

GRACEFUL LISTENING: Vital for developing relationships that last.

TO BOTH WAYS FREE: Finding peace about money and its wise use.

THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS: Exploring forgiveness and the path to healing.

CONFESSIONS OF A RECOVERING EVANGELIST: Setting the stage for God conversations.

PEACE WITH GOD: providing a solid foundation of security and peace in your relationship with God.

THE TRANSFORMING INFLUENCES OF HEALTHY SMALL ROUPS... and many more video interviews with folks familiar to those at CHPC.

For more details visit <https://www.relationalpeace.org>





And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

BY SHARLYN STARE, BTN EDITOR

In a recent ministry application form this question was asked:

- Have you had a prayer answered by God recently? Briefly describe what happened.

A few responders left the answer blank. Some admitted, "I don't pray often" or "I hate to pray in a group."

I thought to myself, "Such statements don't describe Christ." Scripture records him praying alone and in intimate and large groups.

As a "follower" (or my preference "apprentice") of Christ, it is clear to me that *practice makes perfect*. Here are some regular CHPC opportunities for prayer and to pray:

WEEKLY — Sundays from 8:00 to 8:30 AM in the Prayer Room adjacent to the Traditional Worship area.

Sundays at the end of the two worship services at the front of the worship areas, Elders and Deacons will pray and anoint those seeking prayer.

Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room, near the Contemporary Worship area.

MONTHLY — 1ST Wednesdays at 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parlor. Prayer for the Church and the world.

2nd Sundays at 10:05 to 10:25 AM in the Parlor. Prayer for Global Missions, global workers, and God's work in the world. It's an exciting time.

3rd Tuesdays. Personally pray through the "Cincinnati Prayer Canopy" list with others in Greater Cincinnati. Lists are available at <https://gcprayercanopy.net> or at the CHPC atrium desk. Questions? Christy Roediger at chrisroediger1014@gmail.com.

AS NEEDED —



Sign up to be included in CHPC's email prayer updates by going to www.chpc.org (the NEW HERE button). Request prayer by contacting Joanne Cornelius, who coordinates this ministry at jcornelius@chpc.org.

ePrayer users may elect to have their prayer needs shared with the ePrayers' list or kept confidential.

VISITATION TEAM PRAYERS — Elders, deacons and laypeople who share in CHPC's Care Ministries continue to be equipped to pray as needed:

- L.O.V.E. Shepherds
- Diaspora Communion Teams
- Home Visitation Teams and Hospital Visitation Teams (See related article on page 2 of this *Bell Tower News* edition.)

Why pray? Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. — JOHN 14:13



THANK YOU, CINDY CANDELARIA

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP FROM NOV 2021 TO JULY 2022

Cindy accepted a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor of Voice position at Slippery Rock University, PA. She wrote: "I speak on behalf of my husband Ruben and children Julian and Alina, when I say THANK YOU. We have worshiped with you since December 2018...It was a musical necessity that connected us with you, but it was your love, your kindness, and your generosity that made us stay."

"I experienced and witnessed how our church and our leadership intentionally seek, plan, and look for ways to bless our community in College Hill and abroad. I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with CHPC's choir, orchestra, and the Contemporary Worship Band ...and I have been blessed by the Handbell Ministry and Jesus University's worship. CHPC will always have a special place in our hearts."

PRAY FOR THE CANDELARIAS IN THEIR NEW ADVENTURE.

Deadline for Bell Tower News submissions is the 15th of each MONTH to Sam Stare starecvg@aol.com. BE PART OF THE TEAM Have something you'd like to write about? Have an idea for a future feature? Email starecvg@aol.com.

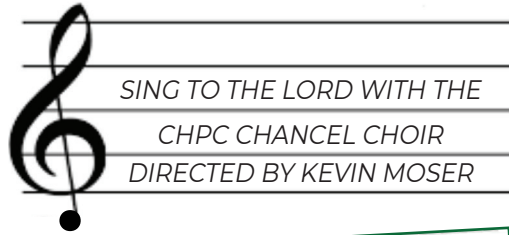
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INTRODUCING KEVIN MILES MOSER

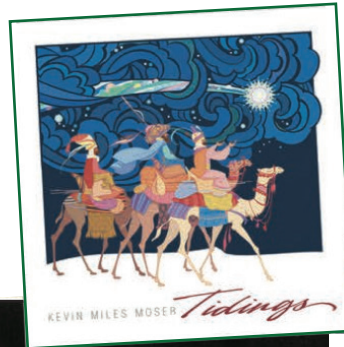
NEW DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Kevin writes: I was born on February 10, 1964, at the Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, OH. I have also lived in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. I am single and the oldest of five brothers. My late father was a lay preacher who pastored a small church during his retirement so it would not have to close. My youngest brother is a pastor. My twin brothers own and operate a Dairy Queen. The brother closest to me in age recently retired as a Coast Guard Commander.

I enjoy many styles of music, but classical composers Respighi, Prokofiev, and Copland are among my favorites. Aside from musical interests, I enjoy hiking and skiing, especially in Colorado and Utah. I am a school ski club sponsor and have bicycled thousands of miles in a year.



KEVIN'S CHRISTMAS RECORDING "TIDINGS" IS AVAILABLE AT AMAZON.COM



PICTURED IS KEVIN (RIGHT) WITH CHRISTIAN SINGER STEVE GREEN (CENTER) AT A CONCERT IN WHICH KEVIN DIRECTED A 100-VOICE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

PRAY FOR YOUR BLOOMIN' NEIGHBORHOOD

Email chCurrents@gmail.com to learn what's going on in the College Hill Community.

SAVE THE DATES from College Hill Gardeners

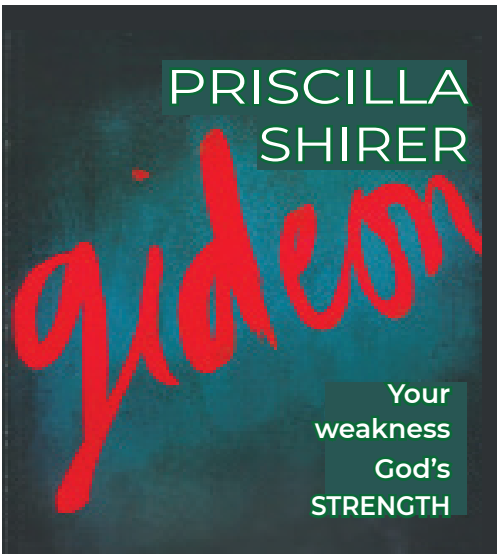
Tuesday, October 4 at 7 PM, CH Gardeners (CHG) presents *Lost Gardens Part II*. Even if you have a "black thumb," you'll love learning about the history of the community. Ed Loyd, CHG member and President of the CH Historical Society is back by popular demand. The multi-media talk will be held in The Gulden Center at Twin Towers, 5300 Hamilton Avenue, in College Hill. Guest are encouraged.



Saturday, October 8, 10 AM to 3 PM, CHG presents Wee Patch at Patrick's

Park, a family-friendly event with nature activities, mums, native plants, pumpkins, squash, and gourds for seasonal plantings and decor.

Also on October 8th, 12 to 6 PM, Brinks micro-brewery and Mofongo Restaurant will host "Makers Mart" — craft vendors and food trucks adjacent to Patrick's Park.



Watch the video trailer, register for the class, and purchase the study book at chpc.org/gideon. Childcare will be available by reservation.

This 7-session video-based study is by best-selling author Priscilla Shirer. The daughter of Tony Evans, she is an American author, motivational speaker, actress, and Christian media personality, and evangelist.

What lessons can be learned from a farmer who lived over 800 years ago? Find out with this time of study with other women.



For more information, please call Susan Koch 513-444-4492.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAYS 9:30 TO 11:00 AM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH.

MEET C. S. LEWIS FOR CHRISTMAS

Max McLean in the sequel to "The Most Reluctant Convert"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 8 PM

ARONOFF THEATRE

News about Discount Tickets in the October *Bell Tower News*.