

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

Like magic, a child's laughter causes adults to smile. All's right with the world – even if it isn't. By contrast, a child's cry penetrates the heart, and we drop everything to respond. In that moment, nothing else matters – even if it does.

That is why we can thank God for our Supreme Court and its recent decision about abortion. This is a major reason why votes matter. When we vote and thereby show our support for a person that is against the Word of God, we not only place ourselves in a precarious position with God Himself, but we affect others.

How does so much power come from that little bundle of energy that comes with our children? Even prior to birth, they kick and move. How does so much promise reside in that tiny body? This is the mystery – and the meaning – of life. Matthew 19:14:

**But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."**

Children do not send us to work, but they transform our reasons for going. Unfortunately, children do not *remain* little bundles of love. They grow into little homewreckers that make us wonder if we will ever survive them. They are controlled chaos, pint-sized invaders of our world. We wonder if child-proofing our homes is designed to protect the children or our stuff. In an eye-blink they go from escapees we're constantly chasing, to teenagers who are chasing each other.

Then they grow up. And we catch our breath. For a minute. Until they have kids of their own. Then the cycle starts again.

Ever wonder what our Heavenly Father thinks when another child is born into His family? Heaven celebrates, just like we do here. And then the growth process begins. We have a word for that – sanctification. Sounds all smooth and holy. Unfortunately, real life in Christ is just like kids growing up. Anything but smooth and often not too holy.

Thankfully, **God is a Father with patience.**

# We Are Free!

July 3, 2022



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

## *THEOLOGICAL SEED*

### *PSALM 59:16*

But I will sing of Your mighty strength *and* power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy *and* loving-kindness in the morning; for You have been to me a defense (a fortress and a high tower) and a refuge in the day of my distress.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – 6 to 7 PM.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

**Pray For America** – June 5<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. 30 days to unite in prayer with believer across the nation! Please use the flyer on the table in the foyer to guide your plea.

**Clean Church – Clean Property:** Please help us keep the church and property clean by placing all garbage including gum in a trash can. Thank you!

**Missionary Sunday** – the Barner family will be with us today. Please use an envelope to bless their ministry.

**VBS** – August 22nd – 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 pm.

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## *BARNER FAMILY – MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINES*

Rev. Paul Barner, D. Min. Ed, was born in 1961 right here in Albany, NY. In 1996 he and Elvie were married and blessed with two children, Timothy born in 1997 and Abigail in 2000. Paul is an Ironman triathlete having competed in four triathlons. He has received too many honors to list here.

They have been missionaries in the Philippines since July 6, 1996.

Paul has served as Teacher/Professor at the Davao Alliance Bible College, Barner Learning Center, Davao Music Theological Seminary, Alliance Theological Education by Extension, the Rolla Public Schools, Lifestream Academy, St James Public Schools, Sullivan Public Schools, Cuba Public Schools, and East Greenbush Central Schools.

They founded Faith Alliance Fellowship in February 1997 and have served as pastors for the last 19 years. They founded Father's House Foundation for Street kids and Other Children At Risk in 2006. Paul has served as Director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, District 2 Buhangin Davao City, Philippines for 8 years and has served on the Board of Trustees of Davao Christian Leadership Foundation, Inc. (DCL) since 2010.

Paul's ministry is mostly in communication, planning, organization, prayer and training. Elvie does most of the hands-on work of administration and interaction. Evangelism and youth work is done by the nationals whom they have trained, since they do it best.

Their main responsibility while in the USA is to find more sponsors (at \$25/month) for destitute illiterate Filipino children to be able to attend Christian school.

We encourage all to pray as to what you might be able to do in regards to sponsoring a child.

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