

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

“Carl McCunn, an affable Texan with a love of the outdoors, moved to Alaska in the late 1970s. He took a trucking job on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, where he made good money, fast friends, and concocted an adventure that still stirs bewilderment in the forty-ninth state. At the age of thirty-five, he embarked on a five-month photography expedition in the wild. Friends describe how seriously he prepared for the quest, devoting a year to plan making and detail checking. He

solicited advice and purchased supplies. And then, in March 1981, he hired a bush pilot to drop him at a remote lake near the Coleen River, some seventy miles north-east of Fort Yukon. He took two rifles, a shotgun, fourteen hundred pounds of provisions, and five hundred rolls of film.”

“He set up his tent and set about his season of isolation, blissfully unaware of an overlooked detail that

would cost him his life. He had made no arrangement to be picked up. His unbelievable blunder didn’t dawn on him until August. We know this because of a hundred-page loose-leaf diary the Alaska state troopers found near his body the following February. In an understatement the size of Mount McKinley, McCunn wrote: “I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure.”

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As the days shortened and air chilled, he began searching the ground for food and the skies for rescue. He was running low on

Do What It Says

James 1:22 says, “Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

We as human beings are very good at hearing something, thinking about it, and “filing” it away in our mind’s filing cabinet. This makes us feel as though we have incorporated our thoughts into our

lives. However, that is not always true.

To simply have a thought and agree with others who share the same thought, creates an illusion that God’s Word has become an effective part of our lives. It hasn’t!

The Word only becomes an effec-

tive part of our lives when we have acted on it. We must allow God to move His Word from our minds to our hearts, and then outward in our actions.

When is the last time you, as an individual, told someone about Jesus? Yet we have

all been commanded to do so. Do not be deceived. “Do what it says.” Continually overcoming,
Tim Calvin

Serving in September

Greeters:

- 4—Vince & Nola Girardot (A)
- 11—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 18—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 25—Scott & Pam Hartman (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 4—Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 11—Larry Snavely
- 28—Jim & Pat McPeak



- 2 Vivian Holdsworth, Gene Johns, Matt Nixon, Lydia Rogers
- 3 Karen Witt
- 4 Linsi List
- 6 Stacie Beerbower
- 7 Jim Armstead, Carter Dominique, Emily Hetrick
- 8 Tim Gordon
- 9 Drew Grimm, Luke Hill, Marilyn Lundy
- 11 Gil Cramer
- 12 Sabrina Ramey
- 13 Char Brandt
- 15 Anne Bard, Mackenzie McBride
- 18 Lisa Turnbull

Family News

- ♥ **The church family extends sympathy to Naida Rittenhouse on the death of her sister, Helen Johnson and to Toby & Jane Runyan and Family on the death of Toby's father, Eldon Runyan.**
- ♥ **Congratulations! The church family rejoices with**

25—Jason Gregg

Prayer Warriors:

Angie Murphy & Teresa Gambler

Welcome Center:

- 4—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 11—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)

18—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

Swim Party

Children PreK-4th grade are invited to a swimming party on Saturday, September 17, 1-2:30 PM at the Williams County YMCA. Please call the church office or text 419-551-7493 if you are coming.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 19 Derek Stiverson
- 20 Adaleigh Herendeen
- 21 Erin Beals
- 22 Margie Olds
- 23 Dave Frazer, Kaitlyn Hesselshardt, Pat McPeak
- 27 McKenzie Frazer, Bryan Toneas
- 28 Kendra Reasor
- 29 Mark Cramer
- 30 Evelyn Deetz, Brigitte Kusmaul, Jenifer Shaw

- 2 Jim & Melinda Armstead (38)
- 4 Brock & Tacha Rohrer (18)
- 7 Gil & Carole Cramer (48);

- Dale & Leona Puff (48)
- 8 Jon & Linsi List (9)
- 9 Dean & Sue Smethurst (49); Matt & Miranda Wiese (10)
- 11 Dan & Margie Olds (29)
- 13 Luc & Rachel Hesselshardt (13)
- 15 Todd & Teresa Gambler (26)
- 24 Eric & Angie Murphy (22)

Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated food or craft items or volunteered in any way to assist with Vacation Bible School! Throughout the week, 44 children attended with 12 indicating no prior church affiliation. The kids brought in \$422.00 for Pioneer Bible Translators!

Derrick & Lisa Beck on the safe arrival of Brynn Marie on Saturday, August 27. Brynn weighed in at 7# 9 oz. and is 21".

New Address:

**Barbara Hake
Room 132 A
Commons of Providence Road
Memory Care
4901 Providence Drive
Sandusky, OH 44870**

September

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	2 9:00 5th Quarter	3
4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 1:00 Golf Outing @ Suburban	5 Church Offices Closed  LABOR DAY	6 10:00 Craft Group	7	8 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	9 9:00 5th Quarter	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons
11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	12	13 11:30 Seniors Fair Day	14	15 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	16	17  1:00 Swim Party @ the Y
18 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	19	20 12:45 Visitation Ministry	21 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PreK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	22 Day trip to 577 Foundation 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	23	24
25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	26	27 11:45 Lunch Bunch	28 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PreK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	29 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	30 9:00 5th Quarter	



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Facts & Figures

August 7	
Attendance SS NC	Worship 52/NC
Offering	\$4,485.00
August 14	
Attendance SS 26	Worship 60/105
Offering	\$5,192.00
August 21	
Attendance SS 28	Worship 51/121
Offering	\$3,598.00
August 28	
Attendance SS 27	Worship 40/131
Offering	\$3,436.00
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Kevin Bergman (GA), Cheyenne Smith-Sutton (GA), Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Diane Distan, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Kent, Judy Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Ritten-

house, Bob & Sue Secoy, Gail Siebenaler, Lyle Snavelly, Dinah Stiltner, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Jo Harman, Trevor Bailey, Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Annie Engel, Cindy Wolf, Brent & Natasha, Jordan & Kristy Karnes, Kirt & Kristy Whitman, Alex & Kendra Anderson, Maryann Mitchell, Tyler James, Edith Wagner, Annie Engel, Kevin Cranson, Charlotte

Brandt, Henry Kidd, Janet McCarthy, Doc Engel, Bill Branberry; *Shut Ins: Hillside:* June Crawl, Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis, *Fairlawn Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis.

ammunition. Hiking out was impossible. He had no solution but to hope someone in the city would notice his absence.

By the end of September, the snow was piling, the lake was frozen, and supplies were nearly gone. His body fat began to metabolize, making it more difficult to stay warm. Temperatures hovered around zero, and frostbite began to attack his fingers and toes.

By late November, McCunn was out of food, strength, and optimism. One of his final diary entries reads, **“This is sure a slow and agonizing way to die.”** **“I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure.”**

Hebrews 9:27 :**“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”** **Some day we will all leave this place and the wise person prepares now for their departure. Christ alone offers us a safe escape from this world...**

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save **the world through him.”**

I have prepared for my departure...**Thank you Jesus!**

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

