

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

This coming Lords day we begin a New Year, 2017. We like new beginnings; maybe it has something to do with the idea of a fresh start. Some will form New Year's resolutions; others will not just because they find them frustrating. I think, in general, we just like new things, fresh starts.

Maybe that is why we like the sunrise. It's a new day, a fresh start. Maybe that explains the butterflies we feel before a new game, new performance, new meeting, the hope of something new.

Christ followers know

this hope.

Luke 22:20 "In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." Jesus' life, death, burial and resurrection was God's offer to sinful mankind for a fresh start.

We give this life our best effort but on occasion, ok, frequently, we long for a fresh start. That is what the new covenant is all about: forgiveness, grace, mer-

cy, compassion, fresh starts.

God's fresh starts are not limited to this life. Let's close with these beautiful words from the end of the book...

Revelation 21: Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her hus-

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band. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he

New Year's Resolutions?

It's the time of year where people begin thinking about the coming of the new year and how they want something to be different in the new year as compared to the current year. Generally, people look at a current situation in their lives and feel as though that situation can be made better. For example, a person may feel as though they are overweight and they wish to lose weight in the

new year, or they do not get enough sleep and they want to get more rest in the new year. Whatever it is, a person will make a New Year's Resolution that they feel will better their life for the new year.

When a resolution is made, a person resolves to do something or becomes resolute about their decision. To resolve is defined as

a decision or determination to be firm to do something, to be resolute is to have firmness of purpose. While this idea seems admirable, statistics show that only 8% of people keep their New Year's Resolutions. Apparently, people become resolute to achieve something only for a very short period.

How about instead of making New Year's Resolutions, we choose to make a change that will positively affect our lives forever. Choose to draw closer to God, to allow ourselves to be molded more and more into the image of Christ, to drink in His Word each day and commit it to our heart. This is a change in life that will resolutely change every

Serving in January

Greeters:

- 1—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 8—Charlene Dean (A)
- 15—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 22—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 29—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 1—Brock Rohrer
- 8—Adam Perry

- 15—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 22—Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 29—Larry Snavelly

Prayer Warriors:

Sherry Trubey & Erica McNamara

Welcome Center:

- 1—Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)

- 8—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
- 15—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Kayson Buchanan, Mary Jane Sweebee
- 2 Sarah Snavelly
- 3 Linda Lewis, Don Suffel
- 4 Blake Smethurst, Bob Stambaugh
- 5 Diane Altman, Mark Brandt
- 6 Joanne Allison, Pat Davis
- 9 Michael Bard, Jackson Kitchen, Ella Mangen, Richard Trubey
- 10 Haley Long
- 13 Cayl Poncsak
- 14 Tatum Herendeen
- 16 Taylor Dominique
- 17 Mike Robson, Rylee Tress-

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- 20 Hayden Thornton
- 21 Kelly Beerbower, Olivia Breining, Mason Frazer, Shane Ramey
- 22 Pam Hartman, Brock Rohrer, Mindi Roughton, Eileen Savage, Alexander Tressler
- 23 Marlee Carroll, Janelle Garmenn, Lena Luke
- 24 Luc Hesselschwardt, Ronnie Pinckley
- 26 Nathan Brown, Jennifer Mangen, David Olds, Chayse Singer
- 27 Linda Piper

- 29 Braxton Snavelly
- 30 Darrell Kinnan
- 31 Alexa Brown, Ian Mangen

- 15 Alex & Natalie Smith (12)
- 19 John & Nora Altman (9)
- 30 Bob & Norma Stambaugh (69)



Family News

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Dave & Connie Cunningham & family on the tragic loss of their daughter, Rachel.
- ♥ Scott & Pam Hartman & family on the passing of **Pam's grandfather, LD**

Grandey.

- ♥ The family of June Crowl who went to heaven for her 89th birthday on Christmas Day.

Loads of Love

Loads of Love is our new Change for Change project. We will be serving the folks at Bryan's laundromat on Thursday, January 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM. We

collected \$546.75 for this project! Pray for this event next Thursday that our efforts will be a blessing.



january



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p> 	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p> <p>5:00 Loads of Love</p> 	6	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 The Current</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons</p> <p>5:00 The Current</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p>12:45 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>5:00 The Current</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p>11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Hut</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 The Current</p> <p>6:00 Jr/Sr High Girls' Spa Night</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Unity Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>				



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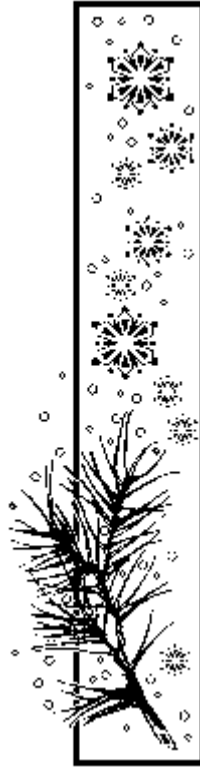
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Facts & Figures

December 4

Attendance SS	30	Worship	51/113
Offering			\$5,867.00

December 11

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	29/87
Offering			\$9,340.46

December 18

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	32/95
Offering			\$5,609.00

December 25

Attendance SS		Worship	128
Offering			\$4,348.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Kevin Bergman (GA), Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Norma Kuster, Tim Mavis, Aaron Narker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Sna-

vely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Doc Engel, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Madelon Salisbury, Esther Krill, Alex & Kendra Anderson, Maryann Mitchell, Tyler James, Charlotte Brandt, Henry Kidd, Janet McCarthy, Lola Pardee, Mary Jane Sweebe, Cheryl Towers;

Shut Ins: Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis *Fairlawn Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Geri Cox, Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



part of your life for the better.
Jesus very clearly told us *I came
that they may have life, and that
they may have it more abundantly.*
(John 10:10). Isn't having life
more abundant what we are
looking for through New Year's
Resolutions? Then resolve right
now to make Christ your resolu-
tion for now and for all times.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

Inclement Weather Policy

**Level 1: All services will proceed as sched-
uled. Level 2 at 6:00 Sunday morning: All ser-
vices will be cancelled. Level 3: All services
will be cancelled. Please check the following
sources for church news: WBNO, WBCL, and
our church website (www.bryanfcc.org).**

will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.
⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or
pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am
making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Destined to win,

Larry Snavelly

