

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

“Teen Vogue is defending its decision to publish a graphic tutorial on sex for children and teenagers”

I cleaned the line up a bit for the newsletter. You can seek the entire article out for yourself if you chose.

We enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of the press as a country, but I am curious why we push so hard against boundaries that were the norm for our country.

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:1, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud,

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholily, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

Why is gender under attack? Because gender was God’s design: Genesis 1:27

Why is marriage under attack? Because marriage is God’s design: Genesis 2:24

Why is the family un-

der attack? Because family is God’s design: Genesis 1:28

I could go on for a little while, but we get the idea. If God is for it, if it is God’s idea or design, Satan is against it.

I do not know that humanity in general realizes the role they are playing in assisting Satan, but it is occurring just the same.

As Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth he would remind us today, “¹²Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” 1 Corinthians 10.

We are not watching

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random events, but a spiritual battle.

Christian, Stand your ground, lest you fall.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

Hatred and Eternity

Tolerance is and has been a buzz word that many people like to use. In general, it means that everyone is to accept pretty much anything that comes along as an acceptable lifestyle, behavior, or action no matter what it is. To be accepting means to agree with, be supportive, and to never suggest a better way is possible. I do not believe this is the world of a Christian.

We have all heard the stories of Christians being called intolerant, big-

ots, narrow-minded. Maybe some of you have experienced this happening. It seems that the definition of tolerance, for those who adhere to it, applies to everyone and everything except Christians. Why is this?

1 John 3:13 tells us, *Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.* John prepares us. He tells us we should expect to be hated by the world,

but why? The reason and the expectation is that we, as Christians, will be living our lives as Jesus commanded us. We are reaching out to the lost around us, we are serving them, helping them, and most importantly, introducing them to Jesus. While some will “see the light” and accept Christ, others will hold tight to their worldly view and will grow to hate the one who is trying to introduce them to

Christ. Be encouraged because being hated by the world places us in good company. Jesus said *When the world hates you, remember it hated me before it hated you (John 15:18).*

So, what do we do? The well-known Baptist preacher, Charles Spurgeon, had some advice. He said, “Hold everything earthly with a loose hand.” The world offers us what we perceive as comfort, glitter, the expected, but we must choose to allow those

Serving in August

Greeters:

- 6—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
 - 13—Charlene Dean (A)
 - 20—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
 - 27—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- Communion Ministry:
- 6—Adam Perry
 - 13—Bob & Mary Lloyd
 - 20—Dean & Sue Smethurst
 - 27—Larry Snavelly

Prayer Warriors:

Jane Perry/Kim Snavelly

Welcome Center:

- 6—John & Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 13—Lesley Shirkey (9)



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Connie Tressler
- 2 Walter Horne, Denise Riehle, Andi Yahraus
- 3 Sharon Blinzler
- 5 Hunter Smith, Barb Thomas
- 6 Blake Kuzmaul, Tacha Rohrer, Wesley Tressler, Barry VonDeylen
- 7 Larry Snavelly
- 8 Brooke Rousseau
- 12 Dave Beerbower, Ron Lewis, Alex Smith
- 13 Jonie Day, Jim McPeak, Keely Strouse
- 14 Randy Reasor

- 15 Addison Vardinakis
- 16 Case Hartman, Crystal Sweebe
- 17 Nola Girardot, Camden Singer
- 19 John Hill
- 21 Sharon Dean, Jonathan McCoy
- 22 Dee Suffel
- 25 Sue Robson
- 26 Dawn Sheline
- 27 Brynn Beck, Stacey Perry
- 30 Ryan Beerbower
- 31 Charlene Dean, Shawn Gambler, Judy Yahraus
- 03 Chris & JoNell Gotshall (49)
- 12 Ron & Shellee Brown (13)
- 15 Larry & Marilyn Sanders (25)



- 17 Leo & Ruth Thomas (66); Scott & Anne Bard (32); Justin & Erica McNamara (4)
- 19 Larry & Kim Snavelly (28)
- 20 Don & Delores Suffel (56)

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ Eric & Angie Murphy and family on the death of Eric's sister, **Amy Boyd**.
- ♥ Jason Gregg and family of the loss of his dad, Paul.
- ♥ Larry & Jean Baumgartner on the loss of their

son.

Congratulations!

- ♥ To Chris & Brooke Rousseau on the birth of their son, Mason David, who arrived 6/28. He weighed **8# and was 20"**. Maternal grandparents are Kermit & Denise Riehle.
- ♥ To Ryan & Stacie Beerbower on the safe arrival of their son, Elliot Jude, born 7/5. He

weighed in at 7# 14.5 oz. **and was 20.5"**. Paternal grandparents are Dave & Melissa Beerbower.





AUGUST 2017

Sun

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Sat

		<p>1 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	
		<p>Vacation Bible School — "Give Me Jesus" — 6:00 PM</p>					
<p>6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	
		<p>Jr. & Sr. High Guys Camping</p> 					
<p>13 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 12:45 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	
<p>20 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Cocina de Carlos, Perysburg</p>	 <p>Mud Hens Game</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30 5th Quarter</p>	<p>26</p>	
<p>27 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 All Church Picnic</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

		July 1 & 2	
Attendance SS		Worship	20/65
Offering			\$4,021.00
		July 9	
Attendance SS	26	Worship	52/85
Offering			\$4,375.00
		July 16	
Attendance SS	37	Worship	42/101
Offering			\$9,205.00
		July 23	
Attendance SS	25	Worship	42/100
Offering			\$5,495.00
		Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

Love All

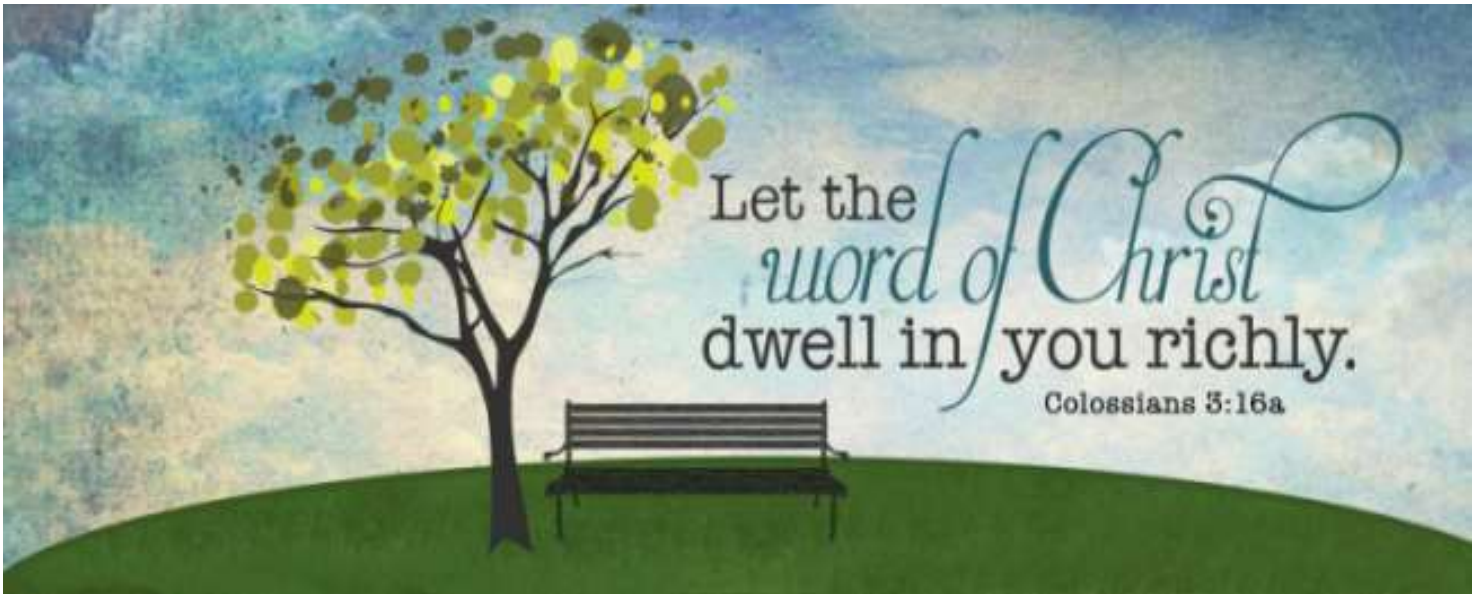
Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

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

bin, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Garner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Cindy Horton, Sue Robson, Ken Hillard; *Shut Ins:* *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis Fairlawn *Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Geri Cox, , *The Lakes of*

Monclova: Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





things to fall away as we strive to serve God in any way we can. We cannot be friends of the world and a friend of God at the same time. We are specifically told not to be “of the world,” but to be in the world touching lives and making a difference for Christ.

Being a Christian has always meant being hated by the world, but when the world hates us, we are in really good company! Be strong. Ultimately, only God’s opinion will matter.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

