

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Time change for the fall is set for Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Lord willing we will also begin a new series of sermons that Sunday called "The Journey."

6<sup>th</sup> "You Are Loved"

13<sup>th</sup> "You Are Rescued"

20<sup>th</sup> "You Are Changed"

27<sup>th</sup> "You Are United"

December 4<sup>th</sup> "You Are Sent"

A few things we would like you to do as November 6<sup>th</sup> approaches:

- ◆ Pray: Boldness to share our faith.
- ◆ Invite people to join you at church on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Commit yourself to being here five straight weeks. (In the service on the 6<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting all the visitors to make a commitment to come back the next 4 weeks.)
- ◆ Following the service on the 6<sup>th</sup>, make plans to go to lunch or have someone to your home for lunch. Maybe someone you invited to church, maybe someone you worship with but have never really gotten to know. (Community Building)

If you have any questions please see Brock, me or any Elder.

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Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly

## Changes: God's Opportunity to Bless

A relevant devotional from CBN.com; written by Martha Noebel:

We all have changes in our lives. From day to day we need God to help us get through whatever may come our way. Some days we may be shouting, "Praise God!" while other times we may be crying out, "I need a miracle!" Whatever the day may bring, changes will come, and we need to have a godly mindset in order to handle them.

I was in a chapel service recently, and I kept

thinking about all the changes that were going on in my life. Between the daily challenges that my husband and I have in our home with raising two teenagers, the constant transitions with our jobs, and the world around us in general -- they all speak of changes.

As I thought about it, I felt God drop this pearl into my heart. It is the acronym for the word *changes*:

**Christ  
Has**

**A  
New  
Gift  
Each  
Second**

Wow! We can look at each new day and even each second as an opportunity for God to bless us! Each moment contains a gift from God if we want to look for it. It can be in a smile from someone at work, an encouraging word from a friend, God's Word speaking to our hearts, or a pat on the back from our bosses.

The list is endless. Let not overlook the obvious ones like a promotion, good report cards from our children, a Sunday school child who calls us his or her hero, an unexpected financial blessing, a whole week without something breaking in the house, and good health.

In Malachi 3:6 God says, "For I am the Lord, I change not." Isn't that comforting?

## Serving in October

### Greeters:

- 2—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 9—Charlene Dean (A)
- 16—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 23—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 30—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)

### Communion Ministry:

- 2—Brock Rohrer
- 9—Adam Perry

- 16—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 23—Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 30—Larry Snavely

### Prayer Warriors:

Amber Rogers & Pam Hartman

### Welcome Center:

2—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)

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



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

(Jr.), Nancy Wagner



- 1 Anita Brandeberry, Millie Kolts
- 3 Jena Suffel
- 4 John Garver, Barb Hake
- 5 Maryann Mitchell, Sandi Oberlin
- 7 Melinda Armstead, Jacob Karnes
- 9 MaKenzie Manges
- 10 Hunter Smethurst
- 11 Josh Tonneas, Piper Tressler
- 12 Jarrad Bard, Breck Hesseschwardt
- 14 Garry Oberlin
- 16 Jami Hallett, Jacob Shirkey
- 18 Deb Rhodes
- 19 Derrick Nixon

- 21 Haylee Shirkey, Rachel Hesseschwardt, Korri McBride, Bob Wagner
- 22 Nathan Gambler
- 23 Brandon Gambler, Doug Grimm, Terry Karnes, Ashlynn Nichols, Steve Tressler
- 24 Cindy Perry
- 26 Levi Trubey
- 27 Breanna Reasor
- 28 Geri Cox, Mary Garver, Gene Ordway, Dottie Yahraus
- 29 Gary Crider
- 30 Grace Rohrer
- 31 Tom Horton, Alex Smith

- 1 Corey & Courtney Herendeen (6), Dan & Dottie Yahraus (33)
- 3 Brian & Amber Rogers (18)
- 4 Todd & Cindy Karnes (36)
- 5 Bill & Anita Brandeberry (36)
- 9 Hugh & Jane Perry (34); Tom, & Lisa Turnbull (34)
- 10 Tony & Wendy Farrell (20)
- 13 Ramon & Barb Alpaugh

## Loads of Love

Loads of Love is our new Change for Change project. We will be serving the folds at Bryan's laundromat on



Thursday, January 5th, 5:00 -8:00 PM. To accomplish this, we will need \$300-500 in quarter! Place your quarters in the Change for Change pan located in the sanctuary.

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## *Equally Matched*

Just before the football game started, both teams

gathered together and prayed briefly. A fan seated next to a rabbi asked what he thought would happen if both teams prayed with equal faith and fervor. "In that event," replied the rabbi, "I imagine the Lord would simply sit back and enjoy one fine game of football."



# October

Sun

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Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	3 Ready, Set, Relax!	4 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 10:00 Craft Group	5 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	6 9:30 Senior Seekers	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast  6:00 High School Movie Night
9 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	10	11 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	12 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	13 9:30 Senior Seekers	14	15
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	17	18 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons  12:45 Visitation Ministry	19 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	20 9:30 Senior Seekers	21 	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 Senior Saints Pizza Potluck	24	25 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons  11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Casa Vieja	26 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	27 9:30 Senior Seekers	28 	29 6:00 Trunk 'n Treat
30 MLB Day Unity Sunday 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting	31					



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Love All, Worship One,  
Make Disciples



Connect with us!



## Facts & Figures

### September 4

Attendance SS 29      Worship 58/95  
Offering                      \$4,251.00

### September 11

Attendance SS 23      Worship 50/96  
Offering                      \$4,200.00

### September 18

Attendance SS 34      Worship 40/84  
Offering                      \$3,719.00

### September 25

Attendance SS 28      Worship 50/93  
Offering                      \$4,341.00

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., Molly Johnston, Kent, Judy Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, 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; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: June Crowl, Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis, Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, Genesis: Vivian Holdsworth, The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis.

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(59); Alex & Kendra Anderson (4);  
Jan & Linda Piper (32)  
15 Mark & Char Brandt (22)  
16 Mike & Sue Robson (45)  
18 Tyke & Carrie Moninger (8)  
20 Bryan & Katrina Tonneas (32)  
24 Tim & Angi Davis (8)  
30 Terry & Deb Hallett (40)

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With all the changes, there is one  
thing that cannot change -- GOD.

This includes His great love for us.

He also says in His Word, "So  
God has given us both his promise  
and his oath. These two things are  
unchangeable because it is impossi-  
ble for God to lie. Therefore, we  
who have fled to him for refuge can  
take new courage, for we can hold  
on to his promise with confidence."  
Hebrews 6:18

What has God promised you?  
He has promised to never leave you  
nor forsake you, no matter what.  
"For the Lord will not cast off His  
people, neither will He forsake His  
inheritance" Psalm 94:14  
"...for He hath said, I will never  
leave thee, nor forsake thee" He-  
brews 13:5

So let the changes come. We  
will not walk in fear but in faith!  
We will trust God with all the  
changes and know that He is more  
than able to help us and that He  
even has plans to bless us.  
*Every second, if need be, we can  
find a blessing. Changes can be our  
friend. Let's look for God in them.*

Continually overcoming,  
Tim Calvin



