

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Having a daughter getting married soon, I have been exposed to weddings from a different perspective. Saved this and share it now because I found it interesting.

Adoniram Judson wrote to ask his father-in-law to be for his daughter's hand in marriage.

I have to ask whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next spring, to see her no more in this world; whether you can consent to her departure, and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of missionary life; whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean, the fetal influence of the southern climate of India; to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, in-

sults, persecution, and perhaps a violent death. Can you consent to all this for the sake of him who left his heavenly home, and died for her and for you; for the sake of the perishing, immortal souls; for the sake of Zion, and the glory of God? Can you consent to all this, in hope of soon and meeting your daughter in the world of glory, with the crown of righteousness?

The father's response: She can make up her own mind.

Marriage is a big deal to God.

A marriage was one of His first acts after creation and was meant to be a foundation to a world that would change in

ways only God could fully know.

May the church always cherish marriage and the family as God established them.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

May Issue

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Life's a Battle!

Today was a battle! Upon further contemplation, nearly every day is a battle. Do you ever feel that way? We get up in the morning struggling to wake up, confronted by multiple concerns of the day. As each day progresses, more problems arise, and we address each one with the wisdom God has given us and pray that decisions will lead us in the path God bountifully provides. We also try to be faithful and remember what God tells us in Mat-

thew 6:34 *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Each day has enough trouble of its own? It certainly does! God's Word clearly tells us not to worry about tomorrow, but to concentrate on today. Today has enough to worry about, but His Word also contains a given idea that we are

going to be able to stand and fight through each day.

Joshua 23:10 says *One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised.* Wait, does that say that God promised to fight for us and that our power is coming from Him? Yes, it certainly does. I think I'm beginning to feel better already.

Our struggles are not ours alone. There is a

fact that we must always remember: God fights with those whose hearts belong to Him. When we look at a struggle or problems and we are consumed with a sense of defeat, we should remember *Oh ye of little faith!* We do not stand alone. Be wise and know that God is fighting for us and that we fight with God's power. Our victory is held in His hands and we must never be dismayed.

Today and every day may be a battle, but we are a

Serving in May

Greeters:

- 7—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 14—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 21—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 28—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 7—Brock Rohrer
- 14—Adam Perry
- 21—Bob & Mary Lloyd

28—Dean & Sue Smethurst

Prayer Warriors:

Jane Runyan & Erica McNamara

Welcome Center:

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Linda Hill, Keaton Singer
- 3 Gail Wyrick
- 4 Dean Smethurst
- 6 Jane Perry
- 8 Dick Kuszmaul
- 10 Ron Brown, Brienne Hetrick
- 12 Kortney Hartman, Norma Lorentz, Brady Rhodes
- 14 Megan Grimm, Carrie Moninger
- 15 Troy Hug, Leo Thomas
- 20 Kim Snavelly, Kayla Tonneas
- 21 Cherie Whitman
- 22 Taylor Frazer, Jeremy Lohse
- 23 McKenzie Reasor, Gerald

Family News

Congratulations!!

- ♥ The church family rejoices with Scott & Anne Bard on the safe arrival of granddaughter, Naomi Marie Bard, who was born March 31. She weighed in **at 6# 7 oz. and 19" long.** Delighted parents are Jarad & Amber. She joins

Wetmore

- 24 Marilyn Thornburg, Miranda Wiese
- 25 Cole Day, Kirk Savage
- 26 Scott Hartman, Kamren Pelmeier
- 28 Tonya Barnes, Jimmy Thornton Jr.
- 29 Janet Leppelmeier
- 31 Joan Bauer



- 04 Larry & Jean Baumgartner (34)
- 15 Doug & Vickie Grimm (24)

big brother, Oaklee.
Great grandmother is Shirley Bard.

Welcome!

- ♥ The church family welcomes Khloe Hartman who was baptized Saturday, April 15th.

The Current

The Current is a movement

- 16 Jacob & MaKenzie Manges (2)
- 21 Joe & LuAnn Jerger (29)
- 25 Steve & Connie Tressler (49), Harm & Brienne Hetrick (15)

(cont. p. 1) member of the army of God, equipped to do battle in His name, and secure in the fact that the war has been won. Fight on. Victory is ours through Christ.

Continually overcoming,
Tim Calvin

that has begun in Bryan and will take place each Saturday evening 5-6 PM in our worship center. This service will feature meaningful worship and practical biblical conversations with a laid-back vibe. All are welcome.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	3	4 9:30 Senior Seekers 	5	6 5:00 The Current
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8	9 10:00 Craft Group 10:30 Day Trip to Shishewana	10 7:30 Mission Meeting	11 9:30 Senior Seekers	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:00 The Current
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	15	16 12:45 Visitation Ministry	17 Deadline to sign up for MOVE 5:00 Jr/Sr High Taco Bell	18 9:30 Senior Seekers	19 6:00 Sr High Movie Night @ Rohrer's <div>Veterans Display 2-6 PM (setup) 1-6 PM</div>	20 5:00 The Current
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship <div>9 A-2P</div>	22	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Cosmos in Defiance	24	25 9:30 Senior Seekers	26	27 5:00 The Current
28 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	29 Church Offices Closed 	30	31			



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

April 1 & 2	
Attendance SS 33	Worship 31/42/114
Offering	\$4,402.00
April 8 & 9	
Attendance SS 35	Worship 30/51/101
Offering	\$6,733.00
April 15 & 16	
Attendance SS	Worship 38/44/181
Offering	\$5,263.54
April 22 & 23	
Attendance SS 31	Worship 38/55/94
Offering	\$24,671.00
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, 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 Snively, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Tam-

my, 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, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Madelon Salisbury, Esther Krill, Janet McCarthy, Mary Jane Sweebe, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Porter Family, Brenda Dauber, Keller Garner, Hamlin Family, Marie Hug, Gene Nash, Reasor Family, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: Floyd Puffen-

barger, Home: Linda Lewis Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, Genesis: Geri Cox, The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



