

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

More on Marriage from Bob Russell's Blog:

One of the best things we can do for today's youth is to model a loving and lasting marriage. That does not mean we pretend to have a syrupy, sickeningly-sweet relationship that's so phony it turns people off. But we can model marriage by showing kindness to our spouse and treating one another with tenderness and respect. It should be evident to the world that we love each other in spite of disagreements. We stick together when the going gets tough. We can be very different and still com-

plement each other. Somehow that's more realistic and inspirational than faking an ideal relationship.

It would be helpful if those of us who have been married for a few years would be a little more demonstrative at times. Perhaps our children would place a higher value on the institution of marriage if they saw us holding hands, embracing, teasing, laughing, and making it obvious that we enjoy each other's company.

Howard Hendrix said he and his wife were embracing and kissing in the kitchen

early one evening when his fourteen-year-old son walked in with a friend he'd brought home from school. Hendrix' son protested, "Good night! Let's go back outside! They're at it again!" As the two young teenagers left, Howard Hendrix overheard his son's friend ask, "What's wrong?" "Oh, they're hugging and kissing each other again. They do it all the time. It's sickening!"

Hendrix said he overheard the young visitor say, "Wow! You're lucky. My parents are divorced, and my mom

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is dating a different guy every month. I wish I had parents like that."

A few months ago, my wife and I had lunch with Cecil and Frieda

Dr. Jesus?

Who is Jesus? In our pop-culture sensitive world today it is remarkable what he has been made into. Some places in our American culture see him as a quiet, thoughtful counselor, sitting behind a desk with hands folded. He is seen as thoughtfully waiting to hear all our problems and giving us his psychoanalytical answers guaranteed to make us feel better about ourselves. Other places in our culture see him as a peace-seeking hippie

who is self-focused, lazy, and believes everyone is out to get him to disturb his peace.

While there is no one better to seek when needing direction, and Jesus certainly is the Prince of Peace, many of the attributes applied to him humanize him and make him more like us. We forget that our goal as Christians is to allow God to mold us more into the image of Christ, not the reverse. It is im-

portant to remember that while Jesus is fully man, he is also fully God and with that he carries a voice not only of peace, but also of fervent righteousness. Revelation 1:14-15 offers a description not often seen: *The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.*¹⁵ *His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing wa-*

ters.

The same Jesus who offered healing to so many blasted the legalists and the proud. He told the meek to continue to be meek, but also showed outrage at the money changers at the Temple. The Lamb of God is also the Lion of Judah. Jesus is a man of action which means we should also be "of action." Look at the words of Jesus and catch hold of his lightning. Boldly step out in action

Serving in June

Greeters:

- 4—Bettie Finken (A)
- 11—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 18—Charlene Dean (A)
- 25—Scott & Pam Hartman (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 4—Larry Snavely
- 11—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 18—Brock Rohrer

25—Adam Perry

Prayer Warriors:

Diane Altman & Deb Rhodes

Welcome Center:

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Robyn Newberry, Lee Stemen
- 3 David Hug
- 4 Brittany Slesman, Clayton Slesman, Bonnie Slough
- 5 Tim Davis, Joss Herendeen
- 6 Cheryl Karnes, Carol Randall
- 8 Angi Davis
- 9 Corbin Wiese
- 10 Deb Nixon
- 12 Christa Singer
- 13 Richard Blinzler, Chase Whitman
- 14 Peyton VonDeylen

- 15 Lincoln Trubey
- 20 Kendra Anderson, Samara Calvin
- 21 Brianna Burlew
- 22 Kermit Riehle
- 23 Ruth Ordway
- 24 Harmon Hetrick III
- 25 Callie Wolpert
- 29 Carmyn Wonderly
- 30 Kelsey Long

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- 8 Tim & Samara Calvin (32)
- 9 Jim & Pat McPeak (38)
- 16 Ben & Emillee Riehle (1)
- 19 Garry & Sandi Oberlin (46)
- 27 Greg & Traci Hartman
- 28 Bob & Mary Lloyd (36)



- 06 John & Linda Hill (47)
- 07 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley

la Pardee.

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ the family of June Shook.
- ♥ Joan (Hallett) Bauer on the loss of her husband, Richard.
- ♥ Matt & Dawn Sheline & Family on the passing of **Dawn's grandmother, Lo-**





Congratulations!

- ♥ To Larry & Kim Snavely on the marriage of their daughter, Emillee, to Avery Moeller on Saturday, May 27.



The Current

The Current is a movement 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	3 5:00 The Current
4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship 10:15 Worship	5	6 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	7	8	9	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons 5:00 The Current
11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship 10:15 Worship	12	13 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	14 10:00 Frisbee Golf/Lunch 	15	16 6:00 Jr. Hi Movie Night	17 5:00 The Current
18 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship 10:15 Worship 	19	20 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 12:45 Visitation	21	22 10:30 Day Trip to Moose Lake Craft Village	23	24 5:00 The Current
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25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship 10:15 Worship	26	27 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Das Essen Haus	28	29	30	



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

May 6 & 7	
Attendance SS 32	Worship 18/47/103
Offering	\$6,571.00
May 13 & 14	
Attendance SS 26	Worship 28/45/115
Offering	\$4,344.54
May 20 & 21	
Attendance SS 51	Worship 25/46/103
Offering	\$4,457.00
May 27 & 28	
Attendance SS 48	Worship 15/47/95
Offering	\$5,412.00
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, Georgiena Carter, 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 Sufferel, Marilyn Lundy, Bauer/Hallett Family, Pardee Family, Callie Wolpert, ; *Shut Ins:* *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis Fairlawn *Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, Gene-

sis: Geri Cox, , *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



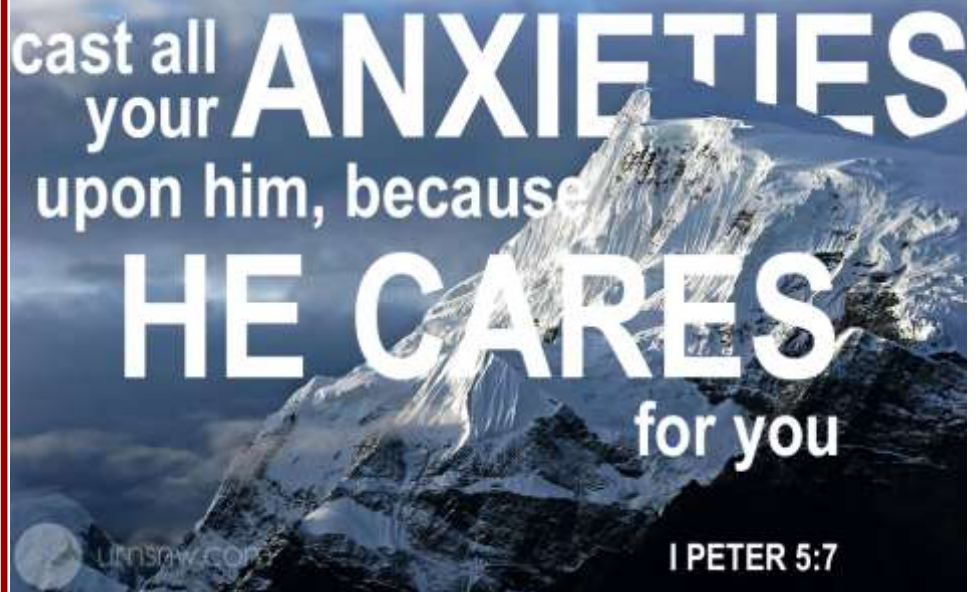
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McGee from our church. Although both are over 90 years old, they are blessed with good physical health and mental alertness. They laugh a lot and are a joy to be with. Cecil and Frieda have been married for 66 years. On the way home my wife said to me, "Did you see the way Frieda still patted Cecil on the leg and smiled admiringly at him as he talked? That's so neat!" Judy and I just celebrated our 50th anniversary, yet we're inspired by the loving example of a couple who are two decades older.

That's what the world needs to see in the coming years when marriages around them are crumbling, and the understanding of what a family should be is muddled. There's an old saying, "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." I believe the best thing a Christian couple can do for their children and the youth of their community is to model what God intended a marriage to be.

"However, each one of you also must love his wife as he does himself, and the wife must respect her husband" (Ephesians 5:33).

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly



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claiming Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaiming to everyone around us his greatness, his love, and the need to know him as Savior. Step out knowing the Lion of Judah is blazing our trail.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

John 14:2

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?



"First the good news .the youth raised the money to go to camp this year, now the bad.. they did it by selling the church van "