

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

E.D.C. Everyday Carry is about preparedness for situations that you may encounter. You may be one of the first to arrive on the scene of an accident. We do not like to think of it happening, but a terrorist attack occurs, do you have on your person those items that will help you assist those who are hurt?

I could go on with illustrations, but you get the idea of E.D.C. Your E.D.C. might contain a phone, flashlight, small first

aid kit, pocket knife. You may also have taken some first aid and CPR classes, along with some basic self defense classes.

In this sermon series we are approaching E.D.C. from a spiritual perspective. What items do the disciple of Christ want to be carrying on his/her person as they encounter a world under assault by evil?

In Luke 9 we read, “²³ Then He

said to *them* all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed

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when He comes in His *own* glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I tell you truly,

Who Are We?

We were created in the image of God to worship Him for all time; however, we allowed sin to entirely separate us from God. Because of His love and mercy for us, He gave His only Son to take the penalty we deserve for our sins so that we, through Jesus, can once again have eternity with Him. Until that time when we meet Jesus face-to-face, who are we? We are human beings caught up in our sinful flesh, desiring the righteousness of Christ, but struggling everyday

with an unseen battle between our flesh and our redeemed spiritual nature.

In Matthew 5 Jesus tells us to receive blessings we need to be poor, to mourn, to be meek, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to be merciful, to be pure in heart, to be peacemakers, and to be persecuted for righteousness’ sake. This list does not seem to be a top 10 playlist for bringing comfort to our shattered self, but it is a

list designed to help our redeemed spiritual nature win out over our always scheming flesh. The great thing, though, is that Jesus does not stop there. He goes on to tell us that we are the salt of the earth and that we are the light of the world.

While those words may make us feel better about ourselves as compared to the above list, the words distinctly come with an attached responsibility. It is a requirement of

those who claim Jesus as Savior to deliver the salvation of Christ to a world lost in sinful flesh. To be salt, and to continue to be salt, is to “be” Jesus always wherever we go. If we don’t, we can lose our “saltiness” and without it are good for nothing. Also, simply being a disciple of Jesus, we are to reflect His light, making us the light of the world. We should always be reflecting His love, goodness, and mercy. Never hide the light because it should be seen by others who so desperately

Serving in October

Greeters:

- 1—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
 - 8—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
 - 15—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
 - 22—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
 - 29—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- Communion Ministry:
- 1—Dean & Sue Smethurst
 - 8—Larry Snavelly

15—Jim & Pat McPeak

22—Brock Rohrer

29—Adam Perry

Prayer Warriors:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Welcome Center:

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



- 1 Millie Kolts
- 3 Jena Suffel
- 4 John Garver, Barb Hake
- 5 Maryann Mitchell, Sandi Oberlin
- 7 Jacob Karnes
- 9 MaKenzie Manges
- 10 Hunter Smethurst
- 11 Josh Tonneas, Piper Tressler
- 12 Jarrad Bard, Breck Hesselschwardt
- 14 Garry Oberlin
- 16 Jacob Shirkey
- 17 Quinn Riehle
- 18 Deb Rhodes
- 19 Derrick Nixon
- 21 Rachel Hesselschwardt, 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 Mary Garver, Gene Ordway, Dottie Yahraus
- 30 Grace Rohrer
- 31 Tom Horton, Alex Smith Jr., Nancy Wagner



- 1 Dan & Dottie Yahraus (34),

rival or Claire Lauren who was born Friday, September 22. Claire weighed in **at 8# 6 oz. and was 21"**. Maternal grandparents are Dan & Dottie Yahraus. Great-Grandmas are Judy Yahraus & Joan Bauer.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Corey & Courtney Herendeen (7)

- 3 Brian & Amber Rogers (19)
- 4 Todd & Cindy Karnes (31)
- 9 Hugh & Jane Perry (35)
- 10 Tony & Wendy Farrell (21)
- 13 Ramon & Barb Alpaugh (60), Alex & Kendra Anderson (5)
- 15 Mark & Char Brandt (23)
- 16 Mike & Sue Robson (46)
- 18 Ty & Carrie Moninger (9)
- 20 Bryan & Katrina Tonneas (33)
- 24 Tim & Angi Davis (9)

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ The family of Gerald Wetmore
- ♥ The family of Geri Cox

Congratulations!

- ♥ To Terence & Beth Clingaman on the safe ar-



ICOM (International Conference on Missions) is a gathering of missionaries and mission organizations from all around the world. This year's conference is in Peoria, IL. First Church of Christ has registered to attend which means you can attend for free! You will need to do an individual registration though. To

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group	2 	3 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 10:00 Craft Group	4 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	5 9:30 Senior Seekers	6 9:00 5th Quarter	7 5:00 The Current
8 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	9 	10 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	11 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	12 9:30 Senior Seekers	13	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:00 The Current
15 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group	16	17 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 12:45 Visitation Ministry	18 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	19 9:30 Senior Seekers 10:30 Day Trip to Shipshewana	20	21 5:00 The Current
22 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	23	24 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Rita's	25 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	26 9:30 Senior Seekers	27 9:00 5th Quarter	28 Trunk or Treat  5:00-6:30
29 8:00 Worship 9:15 Breakfast 10:15 Worship	30	31 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons				



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

September 3

Attendance SS	30	Worship	48/??
Offering			\$5,610.00

September 10

Attendance SS	40	Worship	43/103
Offering			\$4,869.00

September 17

Attendance SS	34	Worship	52/90
Offering			\$5,322.00

September 23/24

Attendance SS	32	Worship	22/42/92
Offering			\$3,234.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

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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 Bight, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, 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, Lin-

da Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Cindy Horton, Sue Robson, Bob Lloyd, Teresa Johnson, Josh Tonneas, Bob Wagner; Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, *Shut Ins:* *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis; *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, The

Commons of Providence
Road: Barbara Hake.





there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.”

There are those items the Lord asks us to have on our person daily as we seek to live Christ in this world.

Join us through the month of October as we explore the Everyday Carry for the Christian.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

do this, go to
<http://theicom.org/register>. Click on the Individual Registration button and use the 4th option. The code is Peoria17. There is a sneak peek magazine in the office if you would like to check out the schedule of workshops and speakers (you can also find that on their website). The exhibit hall holds over 300 booths where you can talk to missionaries who are serving all over the world. You can encourage them; and they will encourage you! If you have questions, see Wanda Hug or Melissa Beerbower.

need the light of Jesus. Because of it, we will bring glory to God.

Who are we? We are God's children, sanctified and redeemed by the tremendous price paid by Jesus. Let's live in awe of God's love and mercy for us while being salt and light to those around us, bringing eternal salvation only found in Jesus Christ. It's our responsibility and our duty. Let's all stand together and bring Jesus to this world.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

