

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

From Bob Russell's Blog:

My friends, John and Doris Foster, looked after an elderly widow for several years. Bernice Ely, a retired Jefferson County teacher and a Sunday School teacher at Saint Matthews Baptist Church, lived by herself. But Mrs. Ely needed increased assistance as she aged.

Bernice dreaded losing her independence and ending up in a nursing home, but she had no immediate family to take care of her. "Please don't let me wind up in a nursing home," she pleaded. Doris and John assured her they would help as long as possible.

But there came a day when Mrs. Ely got so feeble the Fosters said, "Bernice, we're sorry, but we've just got to take you to a care facility." She reluctantly agreed. John packed some of her basic belongings in a

pickup truck and Doris followed with the feeble Mrs. Ely in the front seat of her car. Halfway to the nursing home Doris noticed her frail passenger was slumped over in the seat and was unresponsive. Doris pulled over to the curb to secure Mrs. Ely's seat belt. However, when she touched her arm she realized Bernice Ely had died. She died on the way to the nursing home! How good is that?

When Doris got to the care facility John asked, "What happened to you? I thought you were right behind me." Doris said, "I was, but we had to stop by heaven on the way."

To die peacefully on the way to the nursing home is one of the best ways to go I can think of. But the truth is no one

escapes death. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto every person to die." We all die at one time or another. What's most important is that when death comes, it's just a brief stopover on the way to heaven. That's the basic goal of all of us.

That assurance of eternal life is only promised through Jesus Christ. Only Jesus claimed to be God and proved it by performing undeniable miracles. Only Jesus lived a sinless life and could fulfill the law's demands. Only Jesus died an atoning death; the Bible says, "God laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Only Jesus can realistically say, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies."

Our eternal hope is

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summed up in this one phrase of Scripture: "As in Adam all die. Even so in Christ will all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22).

Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly

## School Supply Giveaway

As a church we are undertaking the task of getting some school supplies to some families in need. We are in the process of gathering packages of #2 Ticonderoga pencils and earbuds. The pencils are for grades K-5 and the earbuds are for grades 6-12. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, August 28th.

Along with these supplies, each child will receive a pull-string book bag. It will be purple and have the church name and logo on it.

The church is purchasing 100 book bags. We will add a school supply to each book bag and will give a number of them to a couple specific neighbor-

hoods to reach families in need. All remaining book bags and supplies will be given to the school and given out by teachers to additional students in need.

In discussions with Mrs. Savage, school superintendent, it was decided that this is the best way to cover a needed school supply and to

help a few kids who need it. Please pray that these supplies will go to the right families, and that something as simple as the church name will let them know that they are loved by us and more importantly by Jesus.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

## Serving in August

### Greeters:

- 7—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 14—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 21—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 28—Bettie Finken (A)

### Communion Ministry:

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

### Prayer Warriors:

Jane Perry & Cindy Perry

### Welcome Center:

- 7—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 14—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
- 21—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

### Nursery:

- 7--
- 14--

- 21--
- 28--

## 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 Snavely
- 8 Brooke Rousseau
- 12 Dave Beerbower, Ron Lewis, Alex Smith
- 13 Jonie Day, Jim McPeak, Keely Strouse
- 14 Randy Reasor
- 15 Addi Calvin
- 16 Case Hartman, Crystal

- Sweebe
- 17 Nola Girardot, Camden Singer
- 19 John Hill
- 21 Sharon Dean, Jonathan McCoy
- 22 Delores Suffel
- 25 Sue Robson
- 26 Dawn Sheline
- 27 Stacey Perry
- 28 Cole Andres
- 30 Ryan Beerbower
- 31 Charlene Dean, Shawn Gambler, Cade Wonderly, Judy Yahraus

- 3 Chris & JoNell Gotshall (48)
- 12 Ron & Shellee Brown (12)
- 15 Larry & Marilyn Sanders (24)
- 17 Scott & Anne Bard (31), Justin & Erica McNamara (3), Leo & Ruth Thomas (65)
- 18 Gary & Patty Crider (43)
- 19 Larry & Kim Snavely (27)
- 28 20 Don & Delores Suffel (55)

## Family News

- ♥ **The church family extends sympathy to the family of Georgianna Weaver and to John & Mary Garver & Family on the death of John's aunt, Maribel Duckworth.**
- ♥ **The church family rejoices with Brigitte Kuzmaul on the birth of Kolden Henry.**

**Kolden arrived Thursday, July 7th, weighing in at 7# 1 oz. and 20" tall. He joins big brother, Kayson. Maternal grandparents are Dick & Theresa Kuzmaul. Great-grandparents are Henry & Regina Kidd.**

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**Vacation Bible School**  
VBS is scheduled for August 22-26, 6-8:30 PM for Pre-K through


8th graders. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers needed! Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer. Postcards are available; please take some to give to your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends. Registration forms are also available. Please see Kelly Beerbower or Trisha Hug for more information.



**Come to VBS!**



# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	5	6
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8	9	10	11 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	12 6:00 Sr. High Movie & Game Night	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons 6:00 Jr. High Movie & Game Night
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Evangelism Life Group	15	16 12:45 Visitation Ministry	17	18 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	19	20
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	22	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Harlan Café	24	25 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	26	27
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28 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 12:00 All Church Picnic	29	30	31			



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## Facts & Figures

July 3	
Attendance SS 12	Worship 46/122
Offering	\$5,416.82
July 10	
Attendance SS 24	Worship 45/98
Offering	\$5,074.00
July 17	
Attendance SS 22	Worship 45/??
Offering	\$3,598.00
July 24	
Attendance SS 28	Worship 52/103
Offering	\$12,169.00
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, Arlene Boyer, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Martin Collins, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Diane Distan, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Gene Johns, 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, Troy Hug, 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, Avery Moeller, Tyler James, Edith Wagner, Annie Engel, Kevin Cranson; *Shut*

*Ins: Hillside:* June Crowl, Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis, *Fairlawn Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis.





