

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

Cut and pasted from Jim McPeak's morning prayer devotional:

Praying Proverbs 15:20-27

*<sup>20</sup> A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother. <sup>21</sup> Folly brings joy to one who has no sense, but whoever has understanding keeps a straight course. <sup>22</sup> Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. <sup>23</sup> A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—and how good is a timely word! <sup>24</sup> The path of life leads upward for the prudent to keep them from going down to the realm of the dead. <sup>25</sup> The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but he sets the widow's boundary stones in place. <sup>26</sup> The Lord detests the thoughts of the wicked, but gracious words are pure in his sight. <sup>27</sup> The greedy bring ruin to their households, but the one who hates bribes will live.*

Good morning, Father, and

thank you for the continued promptings of your gracious wisdom. Help us to never be so selfish that we fail to realize that everything we do either brings honor or shame to our whole family. Help us to understand that acting foolishly, regardless of the momentary enjoyment we may gain from it, will always garner disappointment in the end. Help us to always have the good sense to follow the straight course only your wisdom guides us toward. Give us the wisdom to understand there is much to learn from others, and planning will always be more fruitful when we seek the wise counsel of those who understand your ways.

Father, guide our every word today so that what we say will not only be appropriate in content but in timing. We not only ask for your wisdom in what we

say but for your aid to be prudent in all of our choices so that we will not live to regret any rash decision. Give us the humility to always understand that every blessing in life comes from you and that we have no reason to act as if we earned any of your blessings. Remind us that your loving attention will always center on those whose life is touched with tragedy through no fault of their own. Help us to always be part of your boundaries that protect the widows or anyone else who lives in honest need. Cleanse our minds of all thoughts that do not glorify you or would cause us to look down on others. Finally, Lord, free us from all manner of greed to avoid the ruin it causes so that our love for money would never prompt us to be dishonest so that we can live your gift of life in celebrated joy. Thank

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you for hearing our prayer in the name of the one who sits at your right hand, amen.

Destined to Win, Larry Snively

## Persecution to Praise

In the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, we find the first century church being heavily persecuted. The first verse says *Saul was one of the official witnesses at the killing of Stephen*. Following the stoning of Stephen, the church of Jerusalem was even more so persecuted causing the believers to scatter. However, while the believers did scatter, they did so with joy in their hearts and the Word of God on their lips. Acts 8:4 says, *"But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus."*

Over the next few chapters of the book of Acts we see many amazing stories of conversions to both the Jews and the Gentiles. There is Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch;

there's Saul's conversion and Paul's many journeys. There are churches planted like the church at Antioch as well as healings, casting out of demons, and amazing miracles all by God's power and allowed by His authority. In Acts 19:10 we find Paul is preaching daily in a lecture hall and it says, *"This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia – both Jews and Greeks – heard the Lord's message."*

We find that the entire province of Asia has heard the gospel. All the while the Apostles have stayed or been centered in Jerusalem. So from whom did the entire province hear the

gospel? Those that had heard before and believed and were scattered. The Apostles had made disciples, and those disciples had made more disciples; all of them going out into their part of the world talking about Jesus everywhere they go and leading many to Him. Daily fulfilling the Great Commission as commanded.

Where are you today? Are you a disciple of Christ? If you know Him as your Lord and Savior then you are His disciple and therefore have a responsibility to carry out the Great Commission as He commanded. Pray and ask God to put people in your path who need Christ and

then just talk to them. Find out who they are and where they are in their lives and if they need Jesus, then introduce Him to them. It is the least we can do for what He has done for us.

Continually Overcoming,

Tim Calvin

## Serving in June

### Greeters:

5—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)  
12—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)  
19—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)  
26—John & Nora Altman (A)  
Communion Ministry:  
5—Larry Snavelly  
12—Jim & Pat McPeak  
19—Jason Gregg

26—Brock Rohrer

### Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman  
Welcome Center:

5—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)  
12—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)  
19—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

### Nursery:

5—Courtney Herendeen/Riley Sabins

12—Heather Day/Caitly Karnes  
19—Mary Lloyd/Grace Rohrer  
26—Kayla Tonneas/Sabrina Ramey



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Robyn Newberry, Lee Stemen  
3 Kelly Breining, David Hug  
4 Brittany Slesman, Bonnie Slough  
5 Tim Davis  
6 Cheryl Karnes, Carol Randall  
7 Brenda Lammon  
8 Angi Davis  
9 Noelle Garmenn, Corbin Wiese  
10 Debbie Nixon, Gabriel Suffel  
12 Christa Singer  
13 Richard Blinzler, Chase Whitman  
14 Peyton VonDeylen

15 Lincoln Trubey  
20 Samara Calvin  
21 Briaunna Burlew, Tonya Suffel  
22 Kermit Riehle  
23 Ruth Ordway  
24 Harmon Hetrick III  
25 Kevin Bergman, Callie Calvin  
27 Dakota Brandeberry  
29 Carmyn Wonderly  
30 Kelsey Long  
4 Roger & Brenda Lammon (28)  
6 John & Linda Hill (46)

7 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley (53)  
8 Tim & Samara Calvin (31)  
9 Jim & Pat McPeak (37)  
16 Roy & Judy Koerner (55)  
19 Garry & Sandi Oberlin (45)  
21 Dwight & Kathy Bergman (41)  
24 Kenny & Julie Garmenn (10)  
27 Greg & Traci Hartman (24)  
28 Bob & Mary Lloyd (35)

## Family News

The church family rejoices with the following families:

♥ Lesley Shirkey on the birth of her first grandson, Aiden Richard Shirkey. He arrived safely Sunday, April 17th, weighing in at 7# 3.5 oz. and 19" tall. The happy parents are Andrew Shirkey &

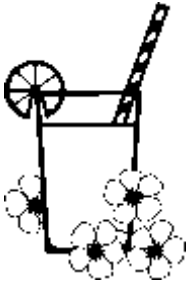


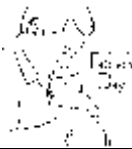

### Alexandra Mojica.

- ♥ Jordan & Heather Day welcomed Reese Michael on Sunday, May 22. He weighed in at 8# 13 oz. and 21". He joins Jonie, Thayne, Cole and Cylas.
- ♥ Bryan & Katrina Tonneas are first time grandparents! Josh & Emily welcomed Presley Anne on Monday, May 16th. She weighed in at 6# 15 oz. and 20".



Facts & Figures

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 5:00 Callie Calvin Grad Party	4
5  8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30 Evangelism Group	6 4:00 Cheyenne Smith grad party	7 10:00 Craft Group	8	9	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30 Evangelism Group	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	20	21 12:45 Visitation Ministry	22	23	24	25
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             CIY MOVE in Holland, Michigan           </div>						
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Sr. Saints Potluck	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Rita's in Edgerton	29	30		



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	May 1	
Attendance SS 33		Worship 51 /112
Offering		\$4,774.00
	May 8	
Attendance SS 24		Worship 48/133
Offering		\$4,831.00
	May 15	
Attendance SS 37		Worship 47/124
Offering		\$4,828.86
	May 22	
Attendance SS 30		Worship 43/135
Offering		\$3,887.00
	May 29	
Attendance SS	Unity	Worship 129
Offering		\$2,254.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

## Love All

*Our Service Personnel:* Kevin Bergman (GA), Igor Blinzler (MO), 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, 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, Bill McCarthy, 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, Zach Swisher, Steve Lundy, Julie Garmenn, Ben Riehle, Lola Pardee, Jordan & Kristy Karnes, Kirt & Kristy Whitman, Kelly Kill. *Shut Ins:* Fountain Park: Maribel Duckworth, Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger,

*Home:* Linda Lewis, Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, Genesis: Vivian Holdsworth, The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, Tendercare Health Center (MI): Georgianna Weaver.





