

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

## THE PRAYER

Joe Wright's Prayer before the Kansas Legislator:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We confess:

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and

called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it

freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the Name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly*

## IN THE BEGINNING GOD...

"In the beginning God." We all recognize those words as the first words of the Bible. They are found in Genesis 1:1. They go on to tell us that God created the Heavens and the Earth. Recently an announcement was made in the media that scientists believe they have discovered a sort of echo effect of a light in the universe that they say is proof of the big bang theory. Ken Hamm of the Answers in Genesis organization is casting doubt on the finding. It all seems to get fairly complicated, but the main focus just seems to get to the idea of placing your faith in

scientific theories or in God's Word. I will stick with the Bible.

However, that is not what I want to focus on in this article. I want to go back to the words "In the beginning God." They tell us that before there was anything, before the stars, before the universe, before even oxygen there was God. We can jump ahead to John 1:1 - 3 where we learn that Christ was with God and was God and created everything that was created, nothing exists that He did not make. We see

that in the beginning there was God and that Christ was also there at that very point.

I think there are a couple things we can get from that for our lives. First, we can be sure that when we don't understand things, when we feel overwhelmed, when life is just too much to handle God is there. He always has been and He always will be. Second, since God was in the beginning, I think we should begin each day with God. Start each day by

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looking at His Word and speaking with your Heavenly Father. You can then face the day assured that the creator of everything that is, will be watching the details of your day.

**Continually overcoming,  
Tim Calvin**

# Serving in April

**Greeters:**

- 6—Charlene Dean (A)
- 13—Gil & Carole Cramer (A)
- 20—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
- 27—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)

**Communion Ministry:**

- 6—Kevin & Barb Gallagher
- 13—Brock Rohrer
- 20—Adam Perry
- 27—Bob & Mary Lloyd

**Prayer Warriors:**

Amber Rogers & Pam Hartman

**Elevator/Lock Up:**

Terry Hallett

**Welcome Center:**

- 6—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 13—Lesley Shirkey (9); Kevin/Barb Gallagher (9:45)
- 20—Shawn/Stephanie Ramey (9); Jor-

dan/Heather Day (9:45)

27—(9); (9:45)



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Dan Nixon
- 3 Mike Green
- 4 Luci Mangen, Nolan Slesman
- 5 Emillee Snavelly
- 6 Shane Nartker
- 9 Julia Hull
- 10 Dale Puff
- 12 Julie Garmenn
- 14 Bob Lloyd
- 17 Anna Dunlap, Brock Rhodes
- 19 Curt Bennett, Todd Karnes
- 21 Josh Suffel
- 23 Lauren Crider, Gerri Miller, Aaron Nartker

- 24 Lesley Shirkey
- 26 Barbara Alpaugh, Noah Rohrer, Dan Yahraus
- 27 Titus Rohrer
- 29 Shirley Kinnan
- 30 Joe Jerger

- 13 Ron & Linda Lewis (46)
- 19 Rich & Sherry Trubey (28)
- 21 Paul & Anna Engel (7)
- 24 Josh & Emily Tonneas (5)



## Family News

♥ The church family extends her sympathy to the family of **Mildred Shannon**.

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**Congratulations** to Ben Riehle on his engagement to Emillee Goltare and to MaKenzie Trubey on her engagement to

Jacob Manges.

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### Our Christian Hope

Although Christianity sees in death a tragedy...it nevertheless gives humanity its victory over it. The Lord of Life himself descended to taste that death and to conquer it by resurrection from the dead. He thereby overcame death at its most devilish

and destructive. The worst thing evil can do is to kill Divine Life; having done that, and been defeated in the moment of its greatest show of strength, it never could be victorious again.

—Fulton J. Sheen  
*Peace of Soul*



# APRIL

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<p>1 10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>2 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:15 Breaking Free 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>4 6:00 Jr./Sr. High Girls Game Night</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Small Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:15 Breaking Free 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:30 Gallagher Small Group</p>
<p>13 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 12:00 Rohrer Small Group 3:00 Lloyd Small Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 12:30 Visitation Ministry  7:00 VBS Meeting</p>	<p>16 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:15 Breaking Free 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>17 10:00 Senior Saints Pre-Easter Breakfast &amp; Program  7:00 Communion Service</p>		<p>19</p>
<p>20 8:00 Worship 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Finish Line</p>	<p>23 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:15 Breaking Free 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>24 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10:30 Gallagher Small Group</p>
<p>27 8:00 Worship 9:15 Power Ministries 10:15 Worship 12:00 Rohrer Small Group 3:00 Lloyd Small Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Senior Saints trip to Amherst Nursery</p>	<p>30 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:15 Breaking Free 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>			

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Make Disciples

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### Facts & Figures

March 2

Attendance S.S. 43      Worship 53/64  
Offering                      \$ 4,023.00

March 9

Attendance S.S. 35      Worship 42/165  
Offering                      \$6,020.00

March 16

Attendance S. S. 36      Worship 59/122  
Offering                      \$4,786.50

March 23

Attendance 52      Worship 45/128  
Offering                      \$3,275.00

Needed weekly to meet budget                      \$5,980.01

## Love All

**Our Service Personnel:** Kevin Bergman (GA), Jakob Buchanan (KY), Jared Headley (CO), Randall Holmes (Afghanistan), Lindsey Kaiser, Nathan McCoy (Japan), Stewart Martin (NC), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Severs (NC), Ethan Shook (NC), Josh Tonneas (MA)

**Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Marvin Bailey, Mary Brodbeck, Martin Collins, Amy Curry, Carrie H., Dennis Holthues, Dale Huffman, Jenny, Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Pat Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Doug McClure, Pam Monahan, Marilyn Opdycke, Gus Phillips, Debra Price, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue,

Kathy Rittenhouse, David Robinson, Devin Rummel, Bob Secoy, Sherry, Lyle Snavely, Dinah Stiltner, Barry Sweet, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Bob Wagner, Kathy Walton, Al West, Gloria Wright. Other Concerns: Ann Rittenhouse, Jennifer Mavis, Fred Tonneas, Evelyn Fox, Bill McCarthy, Pat Turnbull, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Brittany Slesman, Jo Harman, Troy Hug, Trevor Bailey, Linda Piper, Mary Neidhardt, Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Danny Allison, Sandy Gordon, Adaleigh Herendeen, Sarah De-Groff, LaVon Koerner, Brock Minor, Fred Brandt, Larry Mocherman, Fran

Mavis, Amy, Dale Boyer, Katie Beerbower, Donna Bailey, Evelyn Winegard, Danielle Strouse, Joan Riehle, James Morrison, Adam Siebenaler, Georgianna Weaver, Judy Yahraus, Shelly Wilhelm, Barbara Bodner.

**Shut Ins:** **Fountain Park:** Bernice Rickard, **Hillside:** Marguerite Siebenaler, **Home:** Marcena Bly, Linda Lewis, **Evergreen:** Frances Nyari **Fairlawn Haven:** Gerald Wetmore, **Bryan Care & Rehab:** Vivian Holdsworth, Cleota Johnson, **Wolf Creek:** Roger Ellis