

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

## PLANTING SEEDS

Vacation Bible School begins tonight. The church had a float in the parade Saturday. About 20 people walked the parade route handing out suckers and flyers inviting the kids of Bryan to come to VBS. Behind the scenes decorations have been going up, snack organized and lessons prepared all for this one opportunity that we may get at the heart of a child to tell them how much Jesus loves them. You will probably read this after VBS has concluded, and that is great. Little seeds of faith will have been scattered into the hearts of the kids who came and they will take the seeds back home. God will use the effort of all who labored to bring VBS to life, and God will use your prayers at just the right time to bring that seed of faith to life and one day to full

maturity. We may never know this side of eternity the role we played in a person's faith, but when we each do our part the victory belongs to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:  
*<sup>5</sup>What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup>I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup>The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers;*

*you are God's field, God's building.*

As servants of the Lord we all have a task. As we each accomplish our God given task to the best of our ability, the church succeeds.

If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... "It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one." C. S. Lewis.

Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly

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## THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

I don't know about you, but I do know myself. There are times when I am in a group of non-Christians or unchurched individuals that I feel intimidated or even fearful. What would I feel intimidated or fearful about? Sharing my faith, telling others that I am a Christian, showing someone the loving Grace of God, and even leading someone to an eternal, loving relationship with Jesus Christ can all be very intimidating.

We feel afraid, or weak, or inadequate when it comes to sharing our faith. What if someone has a question we can't answer, what if someone thinks we're silly for believing such things, what if someone just says no?

Are we forgetting who we are? Do we remember that we are the "child of the one true King?" Do we think we are doing everything alone?

We have to remember that when Jesus ascended into Heaven, He told us that a Helper would be sent. That Helper is the Holy Spirit. We can rely entirely on the Holy Spirit to get us through all situations where we are sharing Jesus with someone. Acts 1:8 tells us "But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and

to the ends of the earth." When we as Christians have the Holy Spirit with us, we truly have a Helper, one that will empower us with the words to say and the courage to address the lost with the saving Grace of Christ.

We should also remember 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." We should never be intimidated or fearful about sharing Christ with a lost soul. We have the power of God with us, and He is helping and guiding us through the whole process. Just

like anything, as we share more and more, our courage grows and we learn to depend more and more on the Holy Spirit. God would never leave us alone in such an important action as winning the lost for Christ. Learn to engage the Holy Spirit and use the power given by God to share Jesus everyday with everyone you come in contact with as you travel to the ends of the earth.

Continually overcoming,  
Tim Calvin

## Serving in July

### Greeters:

- 6—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 13—Ron & Karen Roose (A)
- 20—Charlene Gambler (A)
- 27—Cindy Perry (A)

### Communion Ministry:

- 6—Brock Rohrer
- 13—Adam Perry
- 20—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 27—Dean & Sue Smethurst

### Prayer Warriors:

Cindy Perry & Jane Perry

### Elevator/Lock Up:

### 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)

### Nursery:

- 6—Heather Day/Grace Rohrer
- 13—Kim Snavely/Sabrina Ramey
- 20—Anna Trubey/Tess Sabins
- 27—Teresa Gambler/Riley Sabins



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Kaleb Hartman, Cindy Karnes
- 2 Lola Pardee, Carli Roughton
- 5 Joan Brown, Jerry Hug
- 6 John Leppelmeier
- 7 Khloe Hartman, Leona Puff, Georgianna Weaver
- 9 Ron Walker
- 10 Madelon Salisbury, Andrew Shirkey
- 11 Constance Caulkins
- 12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry

- 14 Corey Herendeen, Carson Strouse
- 15 Jordan Day
- 21 Crystal Green, Regina Kidd
- 22 Thayn Day
- 23 Jan Snyder
- 24 Austin Brandeberry
- 25 Bettie Finken
- 26 Chris Gotshall
- 27 Dakota Brandeberry
- 28 Hollie Carroll, LuAnn Jerger
- 29 Scott Bard

- 1 Clayton & Brittany Slesman (8)
- 13 Ron & Ellen Walker (29)
- 20 Dan & Deb Nixon (29)
- 21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (57), Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul (30)
- 25 Henry & Regina Kidd (50)
- 28 Sam & Lisa Nartker (2), Gene & Ruth Ordway (46), Kermit & Denise Riehle (29)
- 29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (42)
- 30 Gary & Teresa Brown (26)



## Family News

### Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following family:

- ♥ Brock & Tacha Rohrer and family on the death of Tacha's grandfather, William Diver.
- ♥ Dean & Esther Krill and family on the death of Esther's sister, Frances Nyari.

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### *Through the Eyes of a Visitor*

*"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in her fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and*

*heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."*

*~Alexis de Tocqueville  
French historian, 1835*

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p><b>11:30 Student Lunch</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p><i>6:00 Cruise-In</i></p> <p>6:15 Softball vs. Sunrise</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Independence DAY</i></p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:15 Softball vs. Trinity</p> <p>7:15 Softball vs. First Baptist</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p><i>6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons, Bryan</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:45 Visitation</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 Destination Unknown</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p><i>6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 Jr. High Movie Night</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 Elders Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Apple-bee's in Defiance</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p><i>6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>11:00 CAR WASH OUT-REACH</b></p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>11:30 Student Lunch</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 Destination Unknown</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p><i>6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser</i></p>		

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Make Disciples

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## Facts & Figures

June 1

Attendance S.S. 44      Worship 48/158  
Offering                      \$ 5,361.00

June 8

Attendance S.S. 39      Worship 41/158  
Offering                      \$4,029.00

June 15

Attendance S. S. 33      Worship 56/124  
Offering                      \$5,103.31

June 22

Attendance 37      Worship 42/109  
Offering                      \$4,563.00

Needed weekly to meet budget                      \$5,980.01



## Love All

**Our Service Personnel:** Kevin Bergman (GA), Igor Blinzler (MO), Jared Headley (CO), 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, Arlene Boyer, Mary Brodbeck, Martin Collins, Amy Curry, Carrie H., Dennis Holthues, Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Judy Koerner, Pat Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Doug McClure, Pam Monahan, Marilyn Opdycke, Gus Phillips, Debra Price, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Da-

vid Robinson, Bob Secoy, Sherry, Lyle Snavely, Dinah Stiltner, Barry Sweet, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Kathy Walton, Al West, Gloria Wright. Other Concerns: Ann Rittenhouse, Jennifer Mavis, Evelyn Fox, Bill McCarthy, Pat Turnbull, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Brittany Slesman, Jo Harman, Troy Hug, Trevor Bailey, Mary Neidhardt, Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Adaleigh Herendeen, LaVon Koerner, Fred Brandt, Fran Mavis, Amy, Dale Boyer, Donna Bailey, Evelyn Winegard, Danielle Strouse, Shelly Wilhelm, Barbara Bodner, Betty Higley, Ruth Thomas, Gerald Wetmore, Holly

Gambler, Mike Rosendaul, Sue Smethurst, Louis Ort, Maxie Kidd, Kayla Bartley, Butch Stantz, Noah Rohrer, John Lempelmeier, Bob Wagner, Christen Turnbull.

**Shut Ins:** **Fountain Park:** Bernice Rickard, **Hillside:** Marguerite Siebenaler, **Home:** Marcena Bly, Linda Lewis, **Fairlawn Haven:** Gerald Wetmore, **Bryan Care & Rehab:** Vivian Holdsworth **The Lakes of Monclova:** Roger Ellis