

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Some highlights from the daily devotional and prayer Jim McPeak writes:

“Give us the wisdom and confidence to realize that in your hands those unwanted trials are the very events you use not only to strengthen our faith but to show that our trust in you is genuine. Help us to always value our faith in you as far more valuable than gold even when it is made pure by the refining fire.”

“Help us always to be humble in our dealings with everyone. When others treat us badly or insult us, give us the grace to always be a blessing for the simple reason that our lives are so blessed

by your grace.”

“Remind us that when we turn away from doing evil that there is much more to life than avoiding the bad. Help us every day to look for the good to do. Even as Jesus came into the world to bring his peace as a gift to us, help us to always make your peace our objective in life.”

“Remind us again about our baptism. It was our appeal to you to accept us because of what Jesus did for us. Even Noah and his family were rescued by water; even so, you brought to us a new

life by raising us from the watery grave. Thank you for giving us the same power you used to raise Christ from the grave so that we can celebrate each day in your presence. Even as Jesus is present with you at your right hand, we anticipate the day when we too will be in your presence forever. We bow before you today in submission because Christ is Lord of all. We submit ourselves anew to serve you this day in the name of Jesus, amen.”

If you're not already, let me encourage you to take advantage of this daily prayer and

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devotional. You can sign up at the church or give Melissa a call.

*Destined to Win,
Larry Snaively*

WALK BY FAITH

Walk by faith, not by sight is a paraphrase of 2 Corinthians 5:7, “We live by faith, not by sight”. It is also probably one of the most difficult verses for us to apply to our lives. We as humans tend to focus much more on what we see rather than what is unseen, however, what we see is often flawed. It is almost always driven by emotion. Our feelings are a strong force and are too often guided by pride.

Another driving force behind what we see is our own logical thought. We think through the pros and cons of a situation and if the pros outweigh the cons then we're all in. Finally, in some circumstances, if we are presented with a situation that looks good, we simply jump in and hope or wish for “good luck”.

In all of these situa-

tions we are relying on what is seen. That means we are relying completely on ourselves. We think we know enough, are smart enough, or have attained enough good will from the universe that everything will work out. Faith does not enter into any of these situations because the above verse tells us that faith is found in what is unseen. That means that

we trust God. We trust Him for individual situations; we trust Him with our very lives.

Living or walking by faith is found when we ask God to be our decision maker. We pray, we listen, and we make sure that He is being glorified in all we do and He will make our paths straight (Proverbs 3:6).

Continually Overcoming,

Tim Calvin

Serving in June

Greeters:

- 7--(A)
- 14--Charlene Dean (A)
- 21--Vince & Nola Girardot (A)
- 28--Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 7--Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 14--Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 21--Larry Snavely
- 28--Ramon & Barbara Alpaugh

Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

Welcome Center:

- 7--John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 14--Lesley Shirkey (9); Kevin/Barb Gallagher (9:45)
- 21--Shawn/Stephanie Ramey (9); Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

Nursery:

- 7--Teresa Gambler/Riley Sabins
- 14--Jane Runyan/Megan Grimm
- 21--Kim Snavely/Sabrina Ramey
- 28--Anna Trubey

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Robyn Newberry, Lee Stemen
- 2 Jason Beals
- 3 Kelly Breining, David Hug
- 4 Brittany Slesman
- 5 Tim Davis
- 6 Cheryl Karnes, Carol Randell
- 7 Brenda Lammon
- 8 Angi Davis
- 9 Noelle Garmenn, Corbin Wiese
- 10 Deb Nixon, Gabriel Suffel
- 12 Christa Singer

- 13 Richard Blinzler, Frieda Stark, Chase Whitman
- 14 Rachelle Leyva, Payton VonDeylen
- 15 Lincoln Trubey
- 18 Eileen Sweebe
- 20 Kendra Anderson, Sam Calvin
- 21 Bri Burlew, Tonya Suffel
- 22 Kermit Riehle
- 23 Ruth Ordway
- 24 Harmon Hetrick III
- 25 Kevin Bergman, Callie Calvin
- 27 Dakota Brandeberry
- 30 Kelsey Long

- 4 Roger & Brenda Lammon (27)
- 6 John & Linda Hill (45)
- 7 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley (52)
- 8 Tim & Samara Calvin (30)
- 9 Jim & Pat McPeak (36)
- 16 Roy & Judy Koerner (54)
- 19 Garry & Sandy Oberlin (44)
- 21 Dwight & Kathy Bergman (40)
- 24 Kenny & Julie Garmenn (9)
- 27 Greg & Traci Hartman (23)
- 28 Bob & Mary Lloyd (34)



Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Ramon & Barbara Alpaugh and family on the death of Barbara's uncle, Lewis Ort.
- ♥ John & Mary Garver and family on the death of John's mother, Clara Garver.

- ♥ Tom & Lisa Turnbull and family on the death of Tom's mother, Pat Turnbull.

Congratulations!

- ♥ To Brook Riehle Rousseau on her graduation from Cedarville with her BS in Nursing.
- ♥ To our high school graduates: Cayl Poncsak (BHS), Tess Sabins (BHS), Sarah Snavely (BHS), Kayla Stiver-son (BHS), and Keira Suffel

(EHS).

- ♥ To our college graduates: Katie Beerbower, Nathan Brown, MaKenzie Trubey Manges, Brooke Riehle Rousseau, Braxton Snavely, and Barry VonDeylen.



JUNE

Sun

Mon



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Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
				9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser		
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8	9	10 Little Spikers Volleyball Camp 10 AM-12 PM 6:00 Bigger/Better (Youth)	11 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Mission Team Meeting	15	16 12:45 Visitation Ministry	17	18 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser	19	20 5:30 Jubilee Parade
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	22	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Peas & Carrots, Hicksville	24 6:00 Ultimate Frisbee (Youth)	25 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 6:00 Cruise-In Fundraiser	26	27
28 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	29	30				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Lake James Christian Assembly Senior High Camp </div>						



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Facts & Figures

May 3

Attendance SS 53 Worship 54/140
Offering \$6,053.00

May 10

Attendance SS 50 Worship 49/135
Offering \$3,691.81

May 17

Attendance SS 41 Worship 64/152
Offering \$6,210.86

May 24

Attendance SS 38 Worship 48/
Offering \$3,033.86

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 (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Bruce Beerbower, Arlene Boyer, Sherry Buchsteiner, Martin Collins, Weston DuBois, Danielle Goltare, Carrie H., Dennis Holthues, Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Judy Koerner, Pat Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Doug McClure, Chloe Merillat, Connie Pence, Tim Price, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Ritten-

house, 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, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Jo Harman, Troy Hug, Trevor Bailey, Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Mike Rosendaul, Bob Wagner, Paul Newcomb, Denise Easterday, Madelon Salisbury, Kim Walker, Asher, Georgianna Weaver, Brenda Ridgway, June Shook, Trisha Phillips, Annie Engel, Lola Pard-ee, Cameron Mishel, Maribel Duckworth, Braylie Appel, Kelly

Phillips, Brian Snively Family, Cameron Mishler, Darren Jones, Nathan Gambler, McNamaras.

Shut Ins: Fountain Park: Maribel Duckworth, **Hillside:** Floyd Puffenbarger, **Home:** Marcena Bly, Linda Lewis, Georgianna Weaver, **Fairlawn Haven:** Gerald Wetmore, **Genesis:** Vivian Holdsworth, **The Lakes of Monclova:** Roger Ellis