

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

REACHING

We have enjoyed having John Caldwell with us for our revival. John has challenged us to "Reach Out." There are two kinds of people in the world: those who know the Lord and those who need to know the Lord.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. In the great commission the saved are called to join in the effort to reach the unsaved. As Christ followers, this is our first priority. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing.

We are called to "Reach Up" in our worship of God. Psalm 150 answers for us the question who we worship, the where we worship, the why we worship, and the how we worship.

We need to allow ourselves to "Reach In." What does it mean to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus? We are not so much called to be followers of Christ, but to be disciples of Christ. The followers looked for miracles or some kind of show, some followed in hopes of a free meal, some kind of a hand out. Disciples are looking to become a duplicate of the original, a life long process for sure and only perfected in glory, but a cross willingly taken up daily.

"Reaching Down" in service is John's final message. Bill Hybles spoke of this as descending into greatness. Chuck Swindoll

wrote a book on service titled *Improving Your Serve*. The apostle Paul said Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve... The journey to become like Christ takes a big step when we come to grips with our role as servant.

Few if any growing up aspired to become a servant as their life occupation. For the Christ follower the role of servant is a position we choose. Paul said he became all things to all people so that by all possible means he might save some. He embraced the role of servant so that he could reach out to those who needed Christ. May we embrace the high calling of a servants life.

TO BE REVIVED

According to Webster's dictionary, the term "revival" is a noun which means *restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength*. At this writing, we have just concluded our Fall Revival here at the First Church of Christ. I feel as though it was a great success. Attendance was good and the messages were tremendous. My prayer is that that success of the past few evenings will serve to rekindle a fire that had potentially gone dim.

In order for the Revival to be a true success we must all be "revived." Once again we go to Webster. We find the definition of the verb "to be revived" is *to activate or to set in motion*.

We must then set in motion our restoration to life. What does it mean to set in motion our restoration to life? In John 10:10, Jesus tells us that He came to give us life and that it will be more abundant. The thief, however, came to kill and destroy. Our life as a Christian is going to be more abundant than a non-Christian because Satan is destroying and killing all those that he is controlling, while Christ is working through us to deliver the message of salvation and preparing us for eternity. (John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I

have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.)

We have been given an amazing gift. One we do not deserve because it was bought at an enormous price. The gift is salvation, and the price was the death of Jesus on the cross. We can rejoice, though, because His death was not final. He overcame sin and death so that we can have life here in abundance each and every day and more importantly an eternity to be spent with Him in Heaven. We should be so excited that we just can't keep our joy and excitement to ourselves. We want the

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Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly

whole world to know this Savior. The One who redeemed us, made us whole, and brought us into His fold.

Do not allow your rekindled fire to be dampened. It is information too valuable to keep for yourself. Shout from the highest mountain top, through every valley, in every city and town that Jesus Christ is the answer to every question and meets the needs of every person.

Continually overcoming,
Tim Calvin

Serving in November

Greeters:

- 2—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 9—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 16—Scott & Pam Hartman (A)
- 23—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 30—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 2—Ramon & Barbara Alpaugh

- 9—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 16—Jason Gregg
- 23—Kevin & Barb Gallagher
- 30—Brock Rohrer

Prayer Warriors:

Cindy Horton & Deb Hallett

Welcome Center:

- 2—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)

9—Lesley Shirkey (9); Kevin/Barb Gallagher (9:45)

16—Shawn/Stephanie Ramey (9); Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

Nursery:



- 1 Shawn Brandeberry
- 2 Sandy Gordon
- 3 Greg Hartman, Roy Koerner
- 5 John Lime, Naida Rittenhouse, Wes Tressler
- 6 Ashley Baines, Traci Hartman, Marilyn Sanders
- 7 Keith Baerlin, Kim Baerlin, Karen Roose, Christen Turnbull
- 9 Gary Carroll, Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavelly
- 11 Mike Hug, Chuck Salisbury, Corey Whitman

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 14 Tasha Karnes
- 15 Sabrina McBride
- 16 Nic McCarthy, Mark Rhodes
- 17 Clayton Farrell, Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy, Luke Newberry
- 18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West
- 19 Dan Olds
- 20 Anna Flader
- 21 Judy Koerner, Brian Rogers
- 23 Nanci Frazer
- 25 Noah Geren, Angi Murphy
- 27 Heather Day

- 29 Terry Hallett
- 30 Sophie Hull

4 Vincent & Nola Girardot (63)

- 13 Chris & Anna Trubey (5)
- 15 Chuck & Madelon Salisbury (60)
- 16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (30)
- 18 Scott & Pam Hartman (14)
- 20 Kirk & Eileen Savage (38)



Family News

Congratulations!

The church family celebrates the safe arrival of Lydia Jo Ann Sprow who was born Tuesday, October 21st. She is the daughter of Lester & Holly Sprow. She weighed in at 6# 5 oz. and was 19.5" Maternal grandmother is Charlene Gambler.

Compassion Clinic Volunteers

Volunteer cooks are needed for Compassion Clinic Meals. If you like to cook and can volunteer a meal for the clinic on the second Thursday of the month, it would be appreciated. The meal consists of one person providing meat (casserole, soup etc.), one person providing a salad with dressing and one person providing dessert for about 20 people. The meal is delivered around 5:00. If you would

like to provide food but cannot deliver I will be glad to pick the meal up and deliver it for you. It would be nice to have enough volunteers so that I don't have to call the same people every month. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity please call Barb Gallagher at 419-636-3535.

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Sat

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<p>2</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group 7:00 Pino Neglia</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 Men's Monday Night Football</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (K-4) 6:40 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 H. S. Movie Night</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Four Seasons</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship</p>						

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Make Disciples

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Facts & Figures

October 5

Attendance S.S. 43 Worship 53/123
Offering \$5,758.00

October 12

Attendance S.S. 42 Worship 45/120
Offering \$5,431.00

October 19

Attendance S. S. No Count Worship 51/151
Offering \$3,921.00

October 26

Attendance 64 Worship 55/113
Offering \$2,916.00
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 (Afghanistan), Ethan Shook (NC), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Marvin Bailey, Arlene Boyer, Mary Brodbeck, Martin Collins, Amy Curry, Weston DuBois, Danielle Goltare, Carrie H., Dennis Holthues, Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Judy Koerner, Pat Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Doug McClure, Chloe Merillat, Vickie Moore, Marilyn Opdycke, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue,

Kathy Rittenhouse, Sherry, Lyle Snavely, Dinah Stiltner, Barry Sweet, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Kathy Walton, Susan Weiss, 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, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Mike Rosendaul, Maxie Kidd, Bob Wagner, Paul Newcomb, Linda Piper, Denise Easterday, Brittany Kitchen, Andi Icke, Landis Family.

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

