

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

We finished up our study of Galatians. The Word of God is living and active. I just want to use spot to remind us of those scriptural high points we found in the book of Galatians.

**1:11** I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. **12** I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

**2:19** "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. **20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in

the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

**3:26** So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**4:4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.[b] **6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba,[c] Father." **7** So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an

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heir.

**5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the "Blood Moon" appeared and is a fairly rare total eclipse of the moon. As we watch the sunlight reflected by the moon pass through the outer edge of the Earth's atmosphere, the moon takes on a red color thereby giving it the "Blood Moon" name. With this happening (as well as multiple happenings around the world) many are speculating that the end of the world is near. For Christians

## THE BLOOD MOON

this speculation means the return of Christ, a time for which Christians since the first century have looked forward to with great anticipation. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, a well-known church reformer stated his belief that recent visions in the skies were an indication that the end of the world ordained by God was near at hand. That well-known church reformer was

Martin Luther and the year was 1529.

Jesus told us to be vigilant, be prepared for His coming. Matthew 24:42-44 says "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

<sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let

his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." However, being ready is only a part of what we are to be doing at this time. The most important part of being a Christian and anticipating His return is to be about His business. Matthew 28:18-19 <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All

## Serving in October

### Greeters:

- 4—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 11—Joan Brown (A)
- 18—Cindy Perry (A)
- 25—Bettie Finken (A)

### Communion Ministry:

- 6—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 13—Jason Gregg
- 20—Kevin & Barb Gallagher

27—Brock Rohrer

### Prayer Warriors:

Amber Rogers & Pam Hartman

### Welcome Center:

- 4—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 11—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
- 18—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

### Nursery:

- 4—Kim Snavelly/Sabrina Ramey
- 11—Anna Tipton/Grace Rohrer
- 18—Teresa Gambler/Riley Sabins
- 25—Jane Runyan/Caity Karnes

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Anita Brandeberry, Millie Kolts
- 3 Jena Suffel
- 4 John Garver, Barb Hake
- 5 Maryann Mitchell, Sandi Oberlin
- 6 Brad Andres
- 7 Melinda Armstead, Jacob Karnes
- 9 MaKenzie Manges
- 10 Hunter Smethurst
- 11 Josh Tonneas, Piper Tressler
- 12 Jarrad Bard, Breck Hesseschwardt
- 14 Garry Oberlin
- 16 Jami Hallett, Jacob Shirkey
- 17 Pretz Stark

- 18 Deb Rhodes
- 19 Kevin Dick, Derrick Nixon
- 21 Haylee Carroll, Rachel Hesseschwardt, Korri McBride, Bob Wagner
- 22 Nathan Gambler
- 23 Brandon Gambler, Doug Grimm, Terry Karnes, Ashlynn Nichols, Steve Tressler
- 24 Cindy Perry
- 26 Levi Trubey
- 27 Breanna Reasor
- 28 Geri Cox, Mary Garver, Gene Ordway, Dottie Yahraus
- 29 Gary Crider
- 30 Grace Rohrer
- 31 Tom Horton, Alex Smith, Nancy Wagner

- 1 Corey & Courtney Herendeen (5); Dan & Dottie Yahraus (32)
- 3 Brian & Amber Rogers (17)
- 4 Todd & Cindy Karnes (29)
- 5 Bill & Anita Brandeberry (35)
- 9 Hugh & Jane Perry (33); Tom & Lisa Turnbull (33)
- 10 Tony & Wendy Farrell (19)
- 13 Ramon & Barbara Alpaugh (48); Alex & Kendra Anderson (3), Jan & Linda Piper (31)
- 15 Mark & Charlotte Brandt (21)
- 16 Mike & Sue Robson (44)
- 18 Tyke & Carrie Moninger (7)
- 20 Bryan & Katrina Tonneas (31)
- 24 Tim & Angi Davis (7)
- 30 Terry & Deb Hallett (39)



### Family News

**Adult Sunday School Class**—On Sunday, October 4th, Dan Gallagher's Sunday School class will begin a 4-part study on the Church: 1. The Nature of the Church: How the church is pictured in scripture; 2. The Purpose of the Church: How the church shows God's glory to the world; 3. The Organization of the Church: How God organized the church so we can grow in

Him; 4. The Assemblies of the Church: Four Reasons why we assemble (Worship, Edification, Fellowship, Evangelism). Please join us!

**Ladies & Girls Christmas Celebration:** This special event is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th, starting with dinner at 5:30 followed by a program at 7. The theme for the evening is "Behold Him." Guest speakers will be Carol & Kristen Kurivial.

Six women are needed to serve on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Kim Snavelly.





# OCTOBER

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 5th Quarter</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p> <p>11:45 Sr. Saints Potluck</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lunch Bunch @ Casa Vieja, Archbold</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Fusion</p> <p>6:30 Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons</p> <p>9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:00 Trunk-N-Treat</p> 



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## Facts & Figures

### September 6

Attendance SS 29      Worship 52/90  
Offering      \$4,038.00

### September 13

Attendance SS 31      Worship 50/130  
Offering      \$5,871.00

### September 20

Attendance SS 34      Worship 48/112  
Offering      \$9,425.00

### September 27

Attendance SS 40      Worship 48/122  
Offering      \$3,799.00

**Needed for 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), Josh Tonneas (MA)

**Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Bruce Beerbower, 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, Connie Pence, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy

Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Gail Siebenaler, Lyle Snavely, Dinah Stiltner, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Stacy Weber, Al West, Gloria Wright. **Other Concerns:** Ann Rittenhouse, Jennifer Mavis, 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, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Annie Engel, Alexander Tressler, Bryce Gambler, Cindy Wolf, Mark Snavely, Ruth Thom-

as, Ron Walker. **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

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no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **2** Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

**3** If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. **4** Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, **5** for each one should carry their own load.

**7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8** Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

God, may your Word hone us to a razors edge. Amen

**Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly**

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*authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* <sup>19</sup> *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*” We are the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that is overwhelmed with sin. We are to reach out and make a difference in the lives of those we come in contact with all the while introducing them to Christ.

Matthew 24:45-46 says <sup>45</sup> *“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?”* <sup>46</sup> *“It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.”* First of all, are you prepared to meet Jesus face to face on that day when He returns? Have you asked Him to be your Savior and accepted His gift of salvation? If not, I implore you to do that right now. Second, if you are a Christian, are you doing what He has asked you to do? Matthew 24:45-46 makes it very clear that we were given a responsibility and that when He claims us as God's children we should be found doing as He commanded. When was the last time you lead someone to Christ? Let's get out in the world and excitedly and joyously lead others to Christ. The signs of His return are everywhere. Whether it is a “Blood Moon,” a falling away of the elect, or the fact that Israel exists as a nation, His return is eminent. That could mean today or a hundred years from now, but it really doesn't matter because He com-

manded us to be about His business and that is what is expected. Let's get busy!

Continually Overcoming,  
Tim Calvin



