

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Our theme for our church for 2018 is **GO... BE....**

Ecclesiastes 1:9—**“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”**

I reference the passage in Ecclesiastes 1 because it says that there is nothing new under the sun, and the idea for the theme is not original with me but stolen from my home church. If I thought my brother would not see this, I would

never admit my stealing.

In Matthew 25: ³⁴ **“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I**

was in prison and you came to visit me.’³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

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In Matthew 28 ¹⁶ **Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they**

What do we do with this Man?

In all the gospels, we see the trial of Jesus as He was led before Pilate the Roman governor. The account is given in various details with some gospels having more detail and some containing fewer. However, the focus is the same. Pilate finds a prisoner before him who he deems innocent and wishes to release. The Jewish leaders are adamant that the man is not innocent, that He calls Himself the King of the Jews. He says He is the Son of God, and these crimes are punisha-

ble by death.

Pilate is not swayed. He takes the prisoner aside and asks Him if He is King of the Jews. The prisoner is silent. To appease the Jewish leaders, Pilate sent the prisoner to be flogged with a metal tipped whip. After the flogging the guards ridiculed the prisoner. A purple robe was placed on Him, a crown of thorns placed on His head, He was beaten and spat upon.

Pilate once again tells the Jewish leaders he sees no fault in the prisoner and wants to release Him. The leaders demand once again that the prisoner be crucified. Pilate decides that the people can choose. It is the custom of Pilate, at this time of year, to release a prisoner to them. The other prisoner’s name is Barabbas. The people shout for Barabbas, the murderer, to be released. Pilate then asks, “What should we do

with this prisoner?” The people shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate called for a bowl of water so that he could literally and symbolically wash his hands of this prisoner. He told the people that this man’s blood would be on their hands, and they accepted the responsibility.

Pilate was mistaken in washing his hands of the prisoner. Jesus, the Son of God, is not someone who can be ignored or washed away. Every human being must decide what to do with Jesus. Through Him

Serving in March

Greeters:

- 4—Bettie Finken (A)
- 11—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 18—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 25—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 4—Adam Perry
- 11—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 18—Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 25—Larry Snavelly

Prayer Warriors:

Teresa Gambler & Marcia Gambler

Welcome Center:

- 4—John & Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 11—Lesley Shirkey (9)

EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Easter is April 1st! Our schedule for the day will include a worship service at 8:00, followed by a joyful gathering of believers sharing doughnuts. The morning will be topped off with a second worship service at 10:15. Please join us!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



March BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Amy Dominique, Erica McNamara,
- Sherry Trubey
- 4 Hugh Perry
- 5 Gerry Wyrick
- 10 Colton Sheline
- 11 Floyd Puffenberger
- 13 Janet McCarthy
- 14 Beth Clingaman, Zach McCarthy
- 16 Wanda Hilton, Carol Mason
- 17 Ramon Alpaugh, Parker VonDeylen
- 18 Teresa Gambler
- 19 Dane & Devin Ponscak
- 22 Preston Hull
- 23 Gary Brown

- 26 Ruth Thomas
- 27 Austin Bard
- 28 Dylan Dominique, Wanda Hug, Sue Smethurst, Beulah Hopkins (103!!)



- 10 John & Mary Garver (55)
- 29 Chuck & Tanya Barnes (33), Toby & Jane Runyan (10)

She has been attending FCC for a little over a year. Welcome, Cathy!!



The 10th annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, hosted by the Pancake & Sausage Committee and the Mission Team, will be held Thursday, March 8, 4:30-6:30 PM. The free will offering will go to-



Level 1: All services will proceed as scheduled.

Level 2 at 6:00 Sunday morning: All services will be cancelled.

Level 3: All services will be cancelled. Please check the following sources for church news: WBNO, WBCL, church website.

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ Derrick & Lisa Beck and Ryan & Amanda Beck and families on the loss of their great-grandmother, Marian Beck.

Welcome!

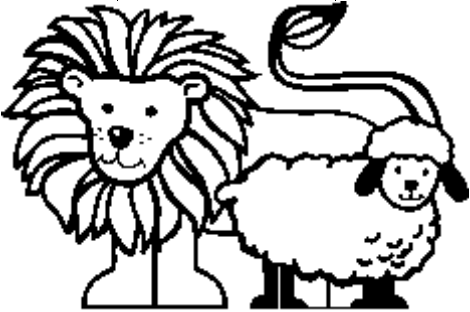


We rejoice with Cathy Pryslak who was baptized January 30th.

ward the 2018 Mission Trip to the American Indian Christian Ministries in Show Low, Arizona. Frozen, one-pound yummy **Jacoby's** sausage patties and casing links will be available for purchase for \$4 each.



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MARCH 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<p>1 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>7 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>8 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers 4:30 Pancake & Sausage Supper</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons</p>
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<p>25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11:45 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>28 No Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p>29 7:00 Communion Service</p>	<p>30</p>	



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Office Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

February 4		
Attendance SS	NC	Worship 33/129
Offering		\$5,098.00
February 11		
Attendance SS	22	Worship 25/66
Offering		\$2,856.00
February 18		
Attendance SS	NC	Worship 33/102
Offering		\$5,945.80
February 25		
Attendance SS	39	Worship 43/112
Offering		\$5,327.00
Needed for Budget		\$5,828.86

Love All

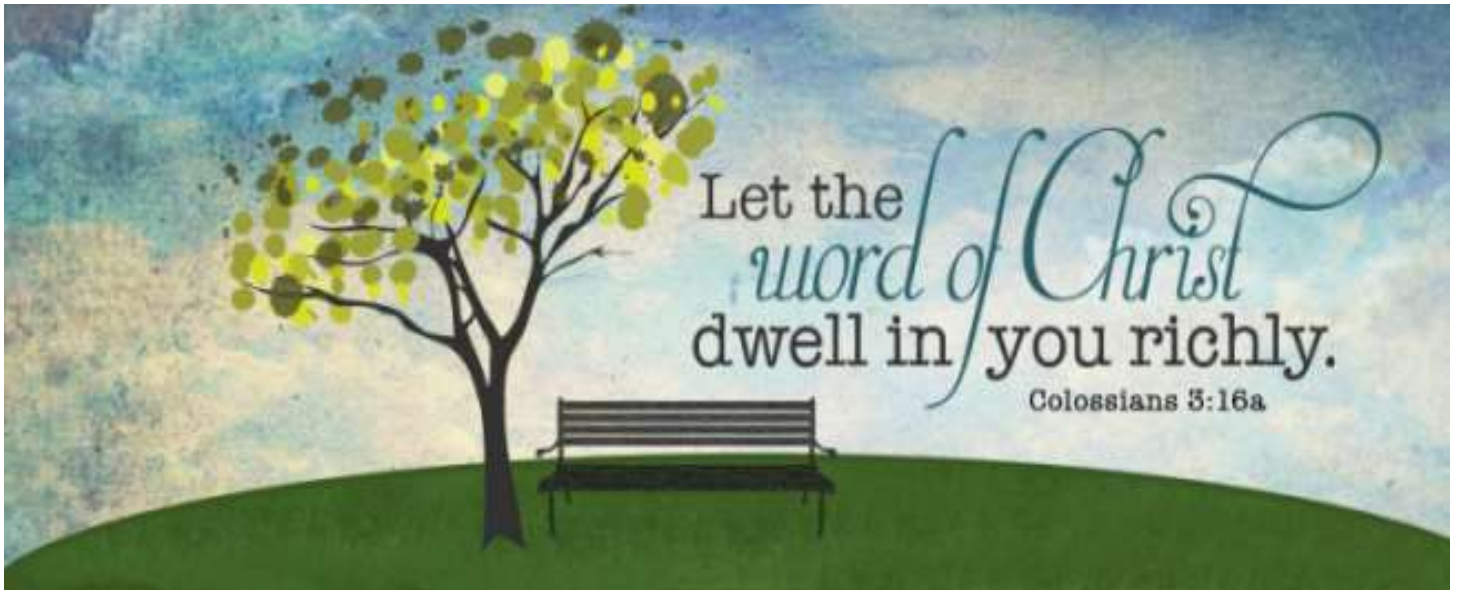
Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Josh Severs (Germany), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bight, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Sue Robson, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snively, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria

Wright. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Bob Lloyd, Josh Tonneas, Dan Yahraus, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Sharon Blinzler, Beck Family, Jeff & Lisa McCoy, Ellen Walker, Esther Rosendaul, Heather Kauffman, *Shut Ins:* Genesis: Gloria Wright, Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lew-

is, Lena Luke; The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





worshiped him; but some doubted.¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I share these passages to remind us of God’s call on us to GO into the world and to BE who God has called us to be.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

alone salvation is found as well as assurance for day to day living. What have you done with Jesus? Ignored Him; put Him on a shelf; will get to Him when you have time? The time is now. Don’t wait another minute. Jesus is calling you and wants you to answer. Answer Him now.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

24 Hour Reboot “Complete in Christ”

Lake James presents the Ladies’ Retreat April 20-21. Guest speaker is Mitzi Saltzman with music by Praise Trio. **This year’s REBOOT** wants you to spend time with the people you love. Workshops are designed for grandmas, moms, daughters, girlfriends...all of us together. We will share in worship, laughter and getting to know each other better. Prepare for a good old Friday night! Registration forms are available on the main bulletin board.

Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 55:22

