

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Bob Russell shared these words:

In my talk to grandparents, I shared ten principles I've gleaned from Scripture as well as from seventy years of observation about how to bless your grandchildren.

1. A good relationship with your grandchildren is much more likely if you nurture a good relationship with their parents.

2. The younger

years are usually the most enjoyable; the older years are probably the most important.

3. The best way to get close to and have an influence on your grandchildren is to arrange one-on-one time with them.

4. It's seldom the big deal that makes an impact but the

little everyday experiences. Take advantage of those.

5. Be intentional about getting together. If you don't schedule it, it probably won't happen.

6. Demonstrate your love by just showing up at special activities, but don't expect much of a response.

7. The best contribution you can make is to

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share spiritual values with your grandchildren and that usually happens spontaneously

Fourth of July: Remembering America as Nation Under God – by Katherine T. Phan

America became a free country on July 4, 1776, however, what many may not know - or forget - is that America is also a nation under God founded on Christian principles. 54 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christians, 27 held theology degrees. Many went on to form Bible societies.

The signers intended the document to officiate the separation between America and Great Britain. However, they based the Declara-

tion which has served as a foundation to the beginnings of the American nation upon a greater foundational belief that God, or as written in the Declaration "Creator", was the source for men's irrevocable rights.

Samuel Adams, who signed the historic document and writer of the Rights of the Colonists (November 1772), once said, "Just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty,

in matters spiritual and temporal is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable laws of God and nature, as well as by the laws of nations and all well-grounded and municipal laws, which must have their foundation in the former."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration, also believed "God who gave us life gave us liberty."

Two of the Continental Congress' first

actions were to hire military chaplains and to purchase 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

Although America was already a free nation during the presidency of George Washington, the first president of the United States, he suggested that only religion could uphold its morality. During his farewell address he said, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be

Serving in July

Greeters:

- 1—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
- 8—Scott Bard (A)
- 15—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
- 22—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 29—Charlene Dean (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 1—Dean & Sue Smethurst



- 1 Kaleb Hartman, Cindy Karnes
- 3 Marcia Gambler
- 5 Elliot Beerbower, Joan Brown, Jerry

Hug

- 6 John Leppelmeier
- 7 Khloe Hartman, Kolden Kuszmaul, Leona Puff
- 9 Megan Rendleman, Ron Walker
- 10 Madelon Salisbury, Andrew Shirkey
- 12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry
- 14 Carson Strouse
- 15 Jordan Day

- 8—Adam Perry
- 15—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 22—Larry Snavely
- 29—Jim & Pat McPeak

Prayer Warriors:

- Sherry Trubey & MaKenzie Manges

Welcome Center:

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 21 Regina Kidd
- 22 Thane Day
- 25 Bettie Finken
- 26 Chris Gotshall
- 28 LuAnn Jerger, Justin McNamara
- 29 Scott Bard
- 31 Becky Wuebben
- 7 Jimmy & Krystal Thornton (11)
- 9 Steve & Marilyn Lundy (41)
- 13 Ron & Ellen Walker (33)
- 19 Terence & Beth Clingaman
- (4)
- 20 Dan & Deb Nixon (33)
- 21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (61), Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul (34)
- 25 Henry & Regina Kidd (54), Troy & Trisha Hug (3)
- 28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (50), Kermit & Denise Riehle (33)
- 29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (46)
- 30 Gary & Teresa Brown (30)



Family News

The church family expresses her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Mark & Charlotte Brandt and Brock & Tacha Rohrer and family on the sud-

den death of mom and grandma, Janice Robarge.



Mission Trip Dog Wash & Flea Dip

Is Pixie in need of a bath? Head on over to Town & Country (1210 E. High St., Bryan) on Saturday, July 7th, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Pixie can have a bath and flea dip, and all proceeds

(free will donation) will benefit the 2019 mission trip to American Indian Christian Mission in Show Low, AZ.



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Dog Wash & Flea Dip @ Town & Country</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 Disc Golfing & Lunch</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:45 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Log Cabin Tavern</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 Disc Golf & Lunch</p>				



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

June 3		
Attendance SS	N/C	Worship 60/115
Offering		\$5,124.00
June 10		
Attendance SS	N/C	Worship 60/109
Offering		\$5,483.00
June 17		
Attendance SS	25	Worship 42/109
Offering		\$4,982.00
June 24		
Attendance SS	30	Worship 60/86
Offering		\$4,141.00
Needed for Budget		\$5,828.86

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

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

Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Pitts-Hill, 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, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Merit Hahn, Shirley Bard, Becky Wuebben, Marcia Gambler, Judy Yahraus, Riley Tressler, Alec Blinzler; *Shut Ins:* *Genesis:* Gloria Wright, *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis, Lena Luke;

The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





ously.

8. Be wise enough not to center your life on your grandchildren. Nurture other relationships.

9. Take advantage of technology. Social media provides a golden opportunity to stay connected.

10. The way to make the biggest impact on your grandchildren is to finish strong spiritually.

Destined to win,
Larry Snively



conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Even if America's roots were traced back to its primitive stages, the marriage between the early inhabitants of the land and Christianity are inseparable. The Pilgrims clearly stated the purpose for their voyage even before stepping off the Mayflower:

"...undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..."

The U.S. Supreme Court also identified America as a Christian nation in 1892, after 10 years of examining hundreds of documents on the foundation of the country. The justices came to the unanimous conclusion that the documents undeniably "add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a religious people, a Christian nation."

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, summed up the historic event that led to America's independence best when he said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

The conviction that God cannot, and should not be moved from the social and governmental construct of America continues to echo in the voice of the USA's more recent leaders.

According to the late Ronald W. Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience....without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure....If we ever forget that we are one Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."



Continually overcoming, Tim Calvin

"And He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."

- King David



2 Samuel 23:4