

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. Thanks to Trisha Hug for her leadership and to all who are giving and helping to bring VBS to life. This is a great chance to GO....BE... by bring kids, grandkids, the neighbor kids to hear about the love of Jesus. Fliers are available at the church for you to pick up to make the job of inviting a little one easier.

Wednesday night activities will start

Today's news headlines bring about a myriad of emotions. Whether you agree or disagree with the headline, a narrative has been established and a line of concern has been drawn. As Christians, we confront these issues with our ounce of prevention as well as our pound of cure we find in God's Word. However, the enemy is a stealthy and cunning adversary. Doubt is established,

back up in August and Life Groups will be kicking off again as well.

These are ways for us to get connected to the church and to put our lives in P.L.A.Y. for the kingdom. If you have questions about Wednesday opportunities or Life Groups, please seek out Brock, Tim, or me.

If you do not find a life group

No Confusion Here

and we begin to flounder in our faith. What if we misunderstand God's Word; what if my prayers are unanswered; what if God's promises are not real; what if I'm not really saved; what if..., what if..., what if...?

Many of our "what ifs" are strategically placed by the enemy and many are simply a result of our fallen flesh.

that fits for where you are right now, let us know. We want to be creating life groups that are meeting us where we are and taking us to where God wants us to be. Let us know how we can help.

New sermon series coming August 4th. THE MOST FASINATING GUY ON THE PLANET.

Most of us are familiar with the

However, we can rest assured that our God is not a God of confusion. He is a God of certainty and peace. 1Corinthians 14:3 says *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints*. But it is very clear throughout the old Testament that God used confusion against many of the enemies of the Hebrews. Exodus 23:27

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commercials telling us of the most interesting man on the planet and the bold claims: His charm is so contagious,

I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. We can then see that confusion and doubt are not good things, they are certainly not a part of God's plan for our lives.

So how do we combat the confusion and doubt? By increasing our faith! That is part of the purpose of prayer. Through extended, wor-

Serving in August

Greeters:

- 5—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 12—Bettie Finken (A)
- 19—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
- 26—Charlene Dean (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 5—Brock Rohrer
- 12—Dean & Sue Smethurst
- 19—Adam Perry

26—Bob & Mary Lloyd

Prayer Warriors:

Kim Snavelly

Welcome Center:

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

Good Morning
Happy August



Birthdays & Anniversaries



August
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Connie Tressler
- 2 Walter Horne, Denise Riehle, Andi Yahraus
- 3 Sharon Blinzler
- 5 Barb Thomas
- 6 Blake Kuszmaul, Tacha Rohrer, Barry VonDeylen
- 7 Larry Snavelly
- 10 Aiden Wonderly
- 12 Dave Beerbower, Ron Lewis
- 13 Jonie Day, Jim McPeak, Keely Strouse
- 14 Randy Reasor
- 15 Addi Vardinakis
- 16 Case Hartman, Crystal Sweebe

- 17 Nola Girardot
- 19 John Hill
- 21 Sharon Dean, Jonathan McCoy
- 22 Delores Suffel
- 26 Dawn Sheline
- 27 Brynn Beck, Stacey Perry
- 30 Ryan Beerbower
- 31 Charlene Dean, Shawn Gambler, Judy Yahraus

- (50)
- 12 Ron & Shellee Brown
- (14)
- 15 Larry & Marilyn Sanders
- (26)
- 17 Justin & Erica McNamara
- (5)
- 19 Larry & Kim Snavelly (29)
- 20 Don & Delores Suffel
- (57)



August
ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Chris & JoNell Gotshall

Family News

10 Guidelines for Dealing with People

—Normal Vincent Peale

1. Learn to remember names. A **person's name is very important** to him or her.
2. Be a comfortable person so there is no strain in being around you.
3. Learn to be easygoing so **things won't bother you.**
4. **Don't be egotistical; don't**

give the impression that you know it all.

5. Learn to be interesting so people will want to be with you and get something stimulating from you.
6. **Get the "scratchy" elements** out of your personality.
7. Drain off your grievances. Honestly try to heal every misunderstanding you have.
8. Work at liking people until

you learn to do so naturally. Sure, everyone has faults; overlook them.

9. Never miss a chance to say **"congratulations: or to give support** at a difficult time.
10. Develop spiritual depth in yourself so you have something to pass on to the people you know. Learn how to share this strength with others.



August

Sun

Mon





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Fri

Sat

			1	2 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	3	4
<p>5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	6	7	8	9 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons
<p>Vacation Bible School—Gone Fishing—6:00-8:00 PM</p>						
<p>12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	13	14	15 	16 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	17	18 9:00 OCC Craft Day
<p>19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 12:00 All Church Picnic</p> 	20	21 12:45 Visitation Ministry	22 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies	23 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	24	25
<p>26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Casa Grande, Hicksville	29 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies	30 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	31	



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Make Disciples

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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

		July 1		
Attendance SS	30		Worship	51/109
Offering				\$5,285.00
		July 8		
Attendance SS	29		Worship	48/90
Offering				\$6,059.00
		July 15		
Attendance SS	35		Worship	52/111
Offering				\$9,909.00
		July 22		
Attendance SS	39		Worship	42/110
Offering				\$2,841.00
		July 29		
Attendance SS	28		Worship	36/109
Offering				\$4,263.00
		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, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Paul Bowman, 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 Snavelly, 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, Arlene Boyer, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Sufel, Marilyn Lundy, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Merit Hahn, Shirley Bard, Becky Wuebben, Marcia Gambler, Judy Yahraus, Riley Tressler, Alec Blinzler, Lydia Sprow, Christopher Porter, Joshua Taylor, Cherie Whitman, Keely Strouse; *Shut Ins:* Genesis: Gloria

Wright, Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis, Lena Luke; The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





there have been vaccines created for it... He can start a fire by rubbing two ice cubes together...

As fascinating as the character from the commercial is, join us as we explore how Jesus has changed the world, and why He truly is the most interesting guy on the planet.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

shipful prayer we can be transformed from a place of doubt and confusion to a place of faith. When we allow ourselves to contemplate multiple variables, to second guess our faith, and to succumb to doubt and confusion, the best place to go is directly to our knees. Becoming a warrior through prayer will bring us to a place of strengthened faith. As Hebrews 11:1 tells us *Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*. God will take us from a place of confusion and doubt to a place of sureness and certainty through prayer. Depend on Him to do this today and every day.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:19-20 niv

