

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

From: John Ortberg. “While attending a Marriage Weekend, a husband and wife I will call Max and Esther listened to the instructor declare, “It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.” He then addressed the men. “Can you name and describe your wife’s favorite flower?” Max leaned over, gently touched Esther’s arm, and lovingly whispered, “Betty Crocker’s Gold Medal, isn’t it?”

“In the ancient Greco-Roman world, there was a huge shortage of women — about 140 men for every 100

women. What happened to the other women? They were left to die when they got born the wrong sex.”

“A first-century letter from a husband to his pregnant wife shows the severe contrast of his tender regard for his wife and hoped-for son versus his disregard for a possible daughter: “I ask and beg of you to take good care of our baby son.... If you are delivered of a child [before I come home] if it is a boy, keep it; if a girl, discard it....”

This is the world Jesus was born into, but Jesus is going to be different toward women, and in time the world will be. “This rabbi sat at a well and engaged in a deep, theological, personal discussion about this woman’s relationship with God. He took seriously her mind and opinions and questions. Is it any wonder she could not stop talking about this man?”

A sinful woman will enter a home because Jesus is there. A woman afflicted with bleeding will

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reach out and touch Jesus. “One day Jesus was teaching in the home of Mary and Martha. Martha was doing all

No excuses! Now is the time!

Summer is drawing to a close, and the rustling leaves of fall will soon be a reality as football steals the spotlight of many interested fans. This also means that schools are in session and new learning has begun. With all that, Wednesday night activities here at the church are in full swing.

Wednesday nights have always focused on kids. Allowing kids to eat, play games, have fun, and to hear a gospel presentation is what is happening. Whether a

child has never heard the name Jesus and needs to be introduced to Him, or whether a child has decided to follow Jesus as his Savior and needs to be challenged to grow spiritually, it all happens here on Wednesday nights.

As a side note, I want to take this opportunity to say a huge “Thank You” to the many volunteers who make all of this possible. It is an extremely important job you have in shepherding or

discipling the kids who are here. You are touching lives and making an eternal difference in the lives of so many and are not told often enough how much you are loved and appreciated for all you do. If anyone reading this feels God’s calling to help out on Wednesday nights, please talk to Brock and he will get you plugged in. It’s as simple as hanging out with kids, talking to them, and letting them

know they are loved and cared for.

However, Wednesday nights are not just for kids. There are adult activities going on too. There are also both men’s and women’s life groups. Currently, they are looking at different books of the Bible to find life applications and truth to confront this difficult and confusing world in which we live. If you feel as though you need recharged or rejuvenated mid-week, or you simply want to see a friendly smiling face to grow with

Serving in September

Greeters:

- 2—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 9—Scott & Pam Hartman (A)
- 16—John & Nora Altman (A)
- 23—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 30—Charlene Dean (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 2—Larry Snavely
- 9—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 16—Brock Rohrer

- 23—Adam Perry
- 30—Dean & Sue Smethurst

Prayer Warriors:

Marcia Gambler & Cindy Perry

Welcome Center:

- 2—Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 9—Lesley Shirkey (9)



- 2 Gene Johns, Matt Nixon, Lydia Rogers
- 6 Stacie Beerbower
- 7 Carter Dominique, Emily Hetrick
- 9 Drew Grimm, Luke Hill, Marilyn Lundy
- 12 Sabrina Ramey
- 13 Charlotte Brandt
- 16 Sandy Partee
- 19 Derek Stiverson
- 22 Claire Clingaman, Margie Olds
- 23 Kaitlyn Hesselschwardt, Pat McPeak

- 27 Bryan Tonneas
- 28 Kendra Reasor
- 29 Steve Lundy
- 30 Evelyn Deetz, Brigitte Kuszmaul



- 4 Brock & Tacha Rohrer (19)
- 7 Dale & Leona Puff (50)
- 9 Dean & Sue Smethurst (51)
- 11 Dan & Margie Olds (31)
- 13 Luc & Rachel Hesselschwardt (15)

- 15 Todd & Teresa Gambler (28)
- 24 Eric & Angie Murphy (24)
- 27 Ryan & Stacie Beerbower (4)



Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Gene & Ruth Ordway on the passing of Ruth's brother-in-law, Calvin Meyers.

In Praise of a Teacher

When General Eisenhower was president, he invited write James Michener to an occasion

at the White House. Mr. Michener replied: "Dear Mr. President: I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner

honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught



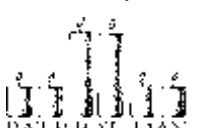



me to write. I know that you will not miss me at your dinner but she might at hers." With understanding, the president answered, "In a lifetime a man can live under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely."



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	3  LABOR DAY	4 10:00 Craft Group 10:00 Fulton Co. Fair Day	5 5:30 Supper 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	6 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	7 9:00 5th Quarter	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons
9 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	10	11 11:00 Williams Co. Fair Day  PATRIOT DAY	12 5:30 Supper 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	13 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	14	15
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavely Small Group	17	18 12:45 Visitation Group 10:30 Shipshewana Day Trip	19 5:30 Supper 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	20 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	21 9:00 5th Quarter	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	24	25 11:45 Lunch Bunch	26 5:30 Supper 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	27 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	28	29
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Office Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM

Facts & Figures

August 5	
Attendance SS 37	Worship 55/120
Offering	\$5,435.00
August 12	
Attendance SS 36	Worship 53/85
Offering	\$5,771.00
August 19	
Attendance SS 31	Worship 51/145
Offering	\$5,226.00
August 26	
Attendance SS 36	Worship 57/121
Offering	\$3,455.00
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, 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 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, 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 Sufferel, Marilyn Lundy, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Merit Hahn, Shirley Bard, Alec Blinzler, Lydia Sprow, Christopher Porter, Joshua Taylor, Cherie Whitman, Keely Strouse; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis, Lena Luke; The Commons

of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

the work of preparation and hosting. “She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.” Martha got ticked off and complained to Jesus about this. “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered. ‘You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.’” Women will be the first at Jesus’ tomb, and the first witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection.

Let the respect Jesus had for women and all humanity be found in all His children.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

spiritually, come join us on Wednesday nights. There are things going on for everyone. Kids activities start at 6:15 and adult activities at 6:30. All end at 7:30.

Come be a part of Wednesday nights at the church. Whether talking with or leading kids or delving deeper into God’s Word for a closer relationship with Him, there is something for everyone. No excuses; now is the time. Be a part of His Church.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

