

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

“Dorothy Sayers was the first woman to receive a degree from Oxford (which she did with first class honors). She became a devoted follower of Jesus; here she tells a little about why:

I think I have never heard a sermon preached on the story of Martha and Mary that did not attempt, somehow, to explain away its text. Mary’s, of course, was the better part—the Lord said

so, and we must not precisely contradict him. But ... Martha was doing a really feminine job, whereas Mary was just behaving like any other disciple, male or female; and that is a hard pill to swallow.

Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man — there never has been

such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them; who never treated them either as ‘The women, God help us!’ or ‘The ladies, God bless them!’; who rebuked without [demeaning] and praised without condescension; who took their questions and ar-

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guments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never

Harvest Time

In Matthew 9 we are told that Jesus had just finished teaching and healing many people. He did this because He loved and cared for the people. Not only did Jesus teach spiritual truth, He met the physical needs of His listeners. He did this in cities, villages, and in the country. Most of them did not come for spiritual reasons, but to have their physical needs met. The blind, lame, lepers, deaf, demon possessed, came looking for healing. People came for help for the

dead. He healed the sick and raised the dead.

The historical records of Pontius Pilate affirmed that these events did occur. He cared for the people’s emotional distress and their depression. But His greatest concern and passion was for the spiritual needs of people. Therefore, He encouraged His disciples that many were ready to be “harvested” – to seek spiritual peace with God – but there were

few workers who were willing to help.

And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plenti-

ful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” (NASB) Matt. 9:35-38

Jesus encouraged His disciples on another occasion. He started with a farming illustration. *Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that*

Serving in October

Greeters:

- 7—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
- 14—Scott Bard (A)
- 21—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
- 28—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)

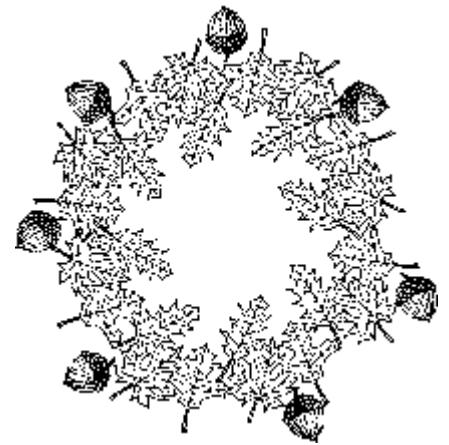
- 16—Brock Rohrer
- 23—Adam Perry
- 30—Dean & Sue Smethurst

Prayer Warriors:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Communion Ministry:

- 2—Larry Snavelly
- 9—Jim & Pat McPeak



- 1 Millie Kolts
- 3 Jena Suffel
- 4 John Garver, Barbara Hake
- 5 Maryann Mitchell, Sandy Oberlin
- 7 Jacob Karnes
- 9 MaKenzie Manges
- 11 Joshua Tonneas
- 12 Jarrad Bard, Breck Hesselschwardt
- 14 Garry Oberlin
- 17 Quinn Riehle
- 18 Deb Rhodes
- 19 Derrick Nixon
- 21 Rachel Hesselschwardt
- 22 Nathan Gambler
- 23 Brandon Gambler, Doug

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Grimm, Terry Karnes, Steve Tressler (20)
- 4 Todd & Cindy Karnes (32)
- 9 Hugh & Jane Perry (36)
- 13 Ramon & Barb Alpaugh (61), Alex & Kendra Anderson (6)
- 15 Mark & Char Brandt (24)
- 18 Ty & Carrie Moninger (10)
- 20 Bryan & Katrina Tonneas (34)
- 24 Tim & Angi Davis (10)
- 24 Cindy Perry
- 26 Levi Trubey
- 27 Breanna Reasor
- 28 Mary Garver, Gene Ordway, Dottie Yahraus
- 30 Grace Rohrer
- 31 Tom Horton, Nancy Wagner



- 1 Dan & Dottie Yahraus (35)
- 3 Brian & Amber Rogers

Family News

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with the following families:

- ♥ Thomas & Holly Jackson on the birth of their son, Judah Charles, on Wednesday, August 29th. Maternal grandparents are Tanya Barnes & the late Charles Barnes.

- ♥ Jacob & Haylee Shirkey on the birth of their son, Hamilton Jacob, on Thursday, September 6th. He weighed in at 9# 2 oz. and was 20.5". Paternal grandmother is Lesley Shirkey. Maternal grandparents are Gary & Hollie Carroll.
- ♥ Chandler & Bailey Nester on the birth of their daughter,

Nova Scarlet. She was born Saturday, September 22nd. She weighed in at 6# and was 18.5". Maternal grandparents are Dick & Sharon Blinzler.





OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 Craft Group	3 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	4 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	5	6
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Small Group	8	9	10 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	11 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	12 9:30 5th Quarter	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	15	16 12:45 Visitation Ministry	17 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	18 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	19 9:30 5th Quarter	20
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Small Group	22	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch	24 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	25 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	26	27 
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PM



Facts & Figures

September 2	
Attendance SS	23
Offering	Worship 40/91 \$3,400.00
September 9	
Attendance SS	40
Offering	Worship 48/95 \$4,254.00
September 16	
Attendance SS	41
Offering	Worship 58/101 \$3,960.00
September 23	
Attendance SS	37
Offering	Worship 51/95 \$4,298.00
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 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 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.





Enter through the narrow gate;
For the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction,
And there are many who take it.
For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life,
And there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend.

What are the odds that a brilliant Oxford-educated scholar would say, in the twentieth century after Jesus' birth, that the reason Mary was so drawn to this young, itinerant rabbi is that to this day there still has not been another man like him?"

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.' (NASB) John 4:35-38

Jesus' point is simple. People are spiritually ready to have their sins forgiven by Him. To encourage them, He says there is a reward for helping people see their spiritual need. Then He adds an important point that some Christians miss. Some may "sow spiritual seed" and not harvest while others may harvest and not sow. There are sowers and harvesters. It is exciting for harvesters to see people discover their spiritual need for God and respond. We often forget about the sower. Notice that Jesus says the harvester enters into the work of the sower. There will be many sowers who will be surprised when they reach heaven and God reveals the wonderful results of their faithful sowing

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin



Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16



"Great are the works of the LORD;
They are studied by all who delight in them."

Psalm 111:2

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