

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

From an interview between Rick Lawrence and John Eldridge.

Rick: What do you like and not like about the conventional way we interpret discipleship?

John: Jesus quotes Isaiah 61 to announce that we will be the centerpiece of His mission. He wants to heal our broken humanity and release us from all forms of darkness in bondage. In the church, if these were our discipleship goals, then you would see people restored into the brilliant of life human beings they were created to be,

that's not merely a transfer of knowledge.

Rick: What insights do you have about leading people into a hard first relationship with Jesus and others?

John: We have to start with the premise that humanity is traumatized, absolutely traumatized. I think we make a mistake of thinking we're starting with a fairly healthy group of people and we're just trying to kind of get them further along in their life with God.

That is a very faulty assumption. You look under the hood in any small group, and there is massive, massive trauma, abuse, addictions, broken relationships, and sexual trauma. Getting at the heart is difficult for people because they've been so badly wounded. But that brings us back to the central mission of Jesus. He has come to heal broken hearts. Humanity has been absolute traumatized by the evil Trinity: the world, the flesh, and

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the devil.

Rick: What do you wish you would have been learning and growing in when you were young-

Lord, so often  
times, as any other  
day  
When we sit down  
to our meal and  
pray

We hurry along and  
make fast the  
blessing  
Thanks, amen. Now  
please pass the  
dressing

## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

We're slaves to  
the olfactory  
overload  
We must rush  
our prayer before  
the food gets  
cold

But Lord, I'd like  
to take a few  
minutes more  
To really give  
thanks to what  
I'm thankful for

For my family,  
my health, a nice  
soft bed  
My friends, my  
freedom, a roof  
over my head

I'm thankful right  
now to be sur-  
rounded by those  
Whose lives  
touch me more  
than they'll ever

possibly know

Thankful Lord, that  
You've blessed me  
beyond measure  
Thankful that in my  
heart lives life's  
greatest treasure

That You, dear Je-  
sus, reside in that  
place  
And I'm ever so  
grateful for Your un-

## Serving in November

### Greeters:

- 4—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 11—Bettie Finken (A)
- 18—Vince & Nola Girardot (A)
- 25—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)

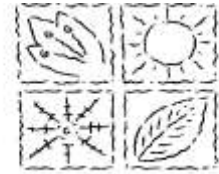
### Communion Ministry:

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

25—Jim & Pat McPeak

### Prayer Warriors:

Jane Runyan & Erica McNamara



**There is a time  
for everything,  
and a season  
for every activity  
under heaven**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Sandy Gordon
- 3 Greg Hartman, Roy Koerner
- 5 Naida Rittenhouse
- 6 Ashley Baines, Traci Hartman, Marilyn Sanders
- 7 Kim Baerlin
- 9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavelly
- 11 Mike Hug, Chuck Salsbury
- 14 Tasha Karnes
- 16 Nick McCarthy, Mark Rhodes
- 17 Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy
- 18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West

- 19 Dan Olds
- 21 Brian Rogers
- 22 Tim Calvin
- 25 Angie Murphy
- 27 Heather Day
- 28 Everett Riehle
- 30 Dan Gallagher, Sophie Hull

- 15 Chuck & Madelon Salsbury (64)
- 16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (34)
- 18 Scott & Pam Hartman (18)



- 4 Vincent & Nola Girardot (67)
- 14 Chris & Anna Trubey (9)



## Family News

### *Congratulations!*

The church family rejoices with Derek & Mindi Lynn on the safe arrival of Justin Michael. Justin was born Tuesday, September 18. He weighed in at 7# 11 oz. and measured 21 1/4". Maternal grandmother is Lesley Shirkey.

### SYMPATHY:

The church family extends her sympathy to Dan & Margie Olds on the passing of Margie's brother Rick Bond.









**"Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first 'Thanks' and then 'Giving.'"**

**"It is better to thank God for our achievements than to praise ourselves for them."**

**"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart."**



# NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <b>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</b> <b>9:30 Senior Seekers</b> <b>7:00 Annual Meeting</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Sunday School</b> <b>10:15 Worship</b> <b>6:00 Snavelly Life Group</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 Craft Group</b> <b>5:30 Supper</b> <b>6:15 Fusion</b> <b>6:30 Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Studies</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</b> <b>9:30 Senior Seekers</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons</b>
<b>11</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Sunday School</b> <b>10:15 Worship</b> <b>4:00 Holiday Piano Concert</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>5:30 Supper</b> <b>6:15 Fusion</b> <b>6:30 Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Studies</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</b> <b>9:30 Senior Seekers</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 
<b>18</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Sunday School</b> <b>10:15 Worship</b> <b>6:00 Snavelly Life Group</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>12:45 Visitation Ministry</b>	<b>21</b> <b>No Wednesday Activities</b>	 <b>Thanksgiving DAY DINNER</b> <b>11 AM-1 PM</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> <b>9:15 Sunday School</b> <b>10:15 Worship</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Cookies on Demand</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 Supper</b> <b>6:15 Fusion</b> <b>6:30 Ladies' &amp; Men's Bible Studies</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons</b> <b>9:30 Senior Seekers</b>	<b>30</b>	



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## Facts & Figures

October 7	
Attendance SS 34	Worship 50/98
Offering	\$4,163.00
October 14	
Attendance SS 34	Worship 45/N/C
Offering	\$8,211.00
October 21	
Attendance SS 35	Worship 38/101
Offering	\$6,535.00
October 28	
Attendance SS 38	Worship 56/111
Offering	\$3,520.00
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

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

## 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, Elizabeth Shetler, 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 Suffel, 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, Kayla Sanders, Nixon Family, Dottie Yahraus; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger,

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





er?

John: I wish that someone had helped me understand that activity for God is not the same thing as intimacy with God. The number one enemy of intimacy with God is activity for him.

Rick: What's the one thing that matters most as a driver of spiritual maturity?

John: It's what you love. Human transformation at its core is learning to love the right thing in the right way, but instead of loving people and using things, we love things and use people.

Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly



ending grace

**So please, heavenly Father, bless this  
food You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited**

**Amen!**

—Scott Wesemann

