

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

In our Sunday School Class/Life Group we have been reading and studying together a book written by Francis Chan titled *Letters to the Church*. I would like to share with you a few quotes from the book in hopes that it will challenge all of us.

“And finally, I wanted all of us to live holy lives. I had seen too many Christians packed into too many churches who seem to have no interest in actually doing what the Bible said. I couldn’t

get past the tragic irony of this. These people would come back week after week to hear from a book that demands that they “be doers of the word and not only hearers.” (James 1:22) They never seemed to do anything. Not that I was perfect or expected anyone else to be, but I wanted our church to be a group of people who pushed one another toward action; it didn’t make sense to teach

the Scriptures without expecting change. So from the very beginning, we challenged one another to action.” “We don’t understand what it means for something to be sacred. We live in a human-centered world among people who see themselves as the highest authority. We are quick to say things “like that isn’t fair” because we believe we deserve certain rights as humans. Yet we give little

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thought to the rights God deserves as God.”

“Jesus prayed that the unity of his followers

The Importance of Discipleship and Growth

The following portion of an article gives us an important view of the necessity of being growing disciples of Christ. Please read and prayerfully consider. Continually Overcoming, Tim Calvin

By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until

the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Growing in Christ is the key to growing a church. This is all about being a good and effective witness of who Christ is and what He has called your church to be and do. Following up, teaching, and mentoring new as well as seasoned

Christians are the keys to spiritual growth and the replication of the witness. When a church forsakes discipleship, its people will not grow and thus will not reach out. Many will give up on Christianity while others become confused, caloused, or complacent. Alternatively,

they will be swept away by false doctrines and cults because they do not know the difference. When we forsake discipleship, we end up just living for and unto ourselves. We miss out on opportunities, learning experiences, growth, and will exchange an eternity of rewards for a limited time of fun. This will

Serving in March

Greeters:

- 3—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 10—Bettie Finken (A)
- 17—Don & Dee Suffel (A)
- 24—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 31—Charlene Dean (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 3—Adam Perry
- 10—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 17—Dean & Sue Smethurst

- 24—Larry Snavelly
- 31—Jim & Pat McPeak

Prayer Warriors:

Marcia Gambler & Jane Perry



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Amy Dominique, Erica McNamara, Sherry Trubey
- 4 Hugh Perry
- 5 Gerry Wyrick
- 10 Colton Sheline
- 13 Janet McCarthy
- 14 Beth Clingaman, Zach McCarthy
- 16 Wanda Hilton, Carol Mason
- 17 Ramon Alpaugh, Parker VonDeylen
- 18 Teresa Gambler
- 19 Dane & Devin Poncsak
- 22 Preston Hull
- 23 Gary Brown

- 26 Ruth Thomas
- 27 Austin Bard
- 28 Dylan Dominique, Wanda Hug
- 29 Sue Smethurst



- 10 John & Mary Garver (56)
- 29 Toby & Jane Runyan (11)

Spring

And the Spring rose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt every-where;
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast
Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.

—Percy B. Shelley



Pancake & Sausage Supper: The 11th annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, hosted by the Mission Team and the Pancake & Sausage Committee, will be held Thursday, March 14th, 4:30-6:30 PM. The free will offering will go toward the next Mission Trip. Frozen one-pound packages of Jacoby's sausage patties and casing links will be available for purchase for \$4.00 each.

Family News

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with these families:

- ♥ Barry & Kelly VonDeylen on the safe arrival of Sawyer Grace on Saturday, February 2. Sawyer weighed in at 7# 1.3 oz. and 19". Se joins big brothers Parker and Peyton.







- ♥ Maternal grandparents are Dave & Melissa Beerbower.
- ♥ Jacob & MaKenzie Manges on the birth of Miles Erwin who arrived Sunday, February 24th. He weighed in at 7# 11 oz. and was 19.5". Maternal grandparents are Rich & Sherry Trubey. Paternal grandparents are Randy & Gigi Manges.

WELCOME, Dave & Connie Cunningham who placed their membership with FCC February 3.



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Life Group	4	5 10:00 Craft Group	6 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies 	7 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	8	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons 10:00 Catalyst Meeting
10 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	11	12	13 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies	14 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers 4:30 Pancake & Sausage	15	16
17 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Life Group 	18	19 12:45 Visitation Ministry	20 No Wednesday Night Activities 	21 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	22	23
24 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	25	26 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Shoney's	27 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies	28 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	29	30
31 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship						



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

Facts & Figures

February 3

Attendance SS 34 Worship 50/114
Offering \$6,622.00

February 10

Attendance SS 34 Worship 39/128
Offering \$4,686.00

February 17

Attendance SS 32 Worship 34/114
Offering \$4,836.00

February 24

Attendance SS 34 Worship 38/112
Offering \$4,095.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

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Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb
Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs
(Germany), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-
Dickinson, Nathan Bailey,
Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent,
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

*Snively, Bernice Speiser, Ron
Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy
Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Linda
Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew
Wayman, Al West. Other
Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis,
Brianna Pitts-Hill, Trevor Bai-
ley, Dale & Leona Puff, Neigh-
borhood, Arlene Boyer, Dale
Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul
Newcomb, Asher Cravens,
Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf,
Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers,
Keller Gardner, Gene Nash,
Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy,
Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe,
Crystal Sweebe, Shirley Bard,
Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse,

*Joy Reidt, Edgerton Communi-
ty, Dakota Kittle and family,
Mary Garver, Cindy Horton,
Dean Krill, Ken Idle; Shut
Ins: Genesis: Gloria Wright;
Home: Linda Lewis, Lena
Luke; Ottawa Riverview:
Barbara Hake.*





*Sing praises to the Lord,
O you his saints, and*

give thanks

*to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for
the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

Psalms 30:4-5



*And if God cares
so wonderfully for
flowers that are
here today and
thrown into the
fire tomorrow, he
will certainly care
for you.*

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would be equal to the oneness of the Father and Son! He wants you and me to be one just as the Father and Son are united. Have you ever considered pursuing this type of unity with your church?"

It is good for us to be challenged to think, to be challenged in our faith walk. I hope we do more than just read these words, but allow them to push us forward in our walk with Christ, the church, and those who need to know him.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

turn into anger and bitterness later on in our lives.

Why should we grow in Christ? Because, He lived and died on our behalf, willingly giving up His life by paying the penalty for our sin. He allows us not only to escape the fires of hell, but also gives us eternal life. Growth will be our response to who Christ is and what He did for us. This is what will either be repulsive or attractive to others as we "fish" for Him.

Being a true disciple means having a willingness to trust Him completely in all aspects of life, from the highest highs to the lowest lows. It means we are not only willing to trust Him to provide for our salvation, but we trust Him for the future. We are to trust Him even when we do not know, like, or understand when or where He is leading, or when it is unpopular. As we grow in Christ, we have to keep our eyes on Him. In doing so, we will be of better use to Him and become increasingly unsatisfied with anything less than His call and character.



*The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of
singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:11-12*