

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Conclusion to the May article:

4. The resurrection establishes an absolute standard for truth. Many in the post-modern world suggest there is no definitive right and wrong. One person's truth claims are just as valid as another. One religion is just as good as another. One culture's values are just as legitimate as another. The Apostle Paul informed the intellectual elite in Athens about his encounter with the one true God. He concluded, "For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts

17:31). God will not judge us by majority opinion, personal feelings, or legal decrees. He will judge us by the perfect standard of Jesus Christ who insisted, "I am the truth." No wonder God makes belief in Jesus' resurrection the ultimate requirement for salvation. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

5. The resurrection has positively transformed millions of lives. The disciples became so convinced that Jesus

was alive again that they were dramatically transformed from fearful deserters to courageous martyrs. Down through the centuries, born-again believers from Saul of Tarsus to Lee Strobel have been remarkably transformed by the resurrected Jesus. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). **6. The resurrection provides a daily purpose for our lives.** The Apostle Paul reasoned, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... If only for this life we have hope

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in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (1 Cor. 15:17 & 19).

If there is no resurrection, this life is absolutely meaningless, and those

Advice to Fathers about Their Children

A—Always trust them to God's care.

B—Bring them to church.

C—Challenge them to high goals.

D—Delight in their achievements.



E—Exalt the Lord in their presence.

F—Frown on evil.

G—Give them love.

H—Hear their problems.

I—Ignore not their childish fears.

J—Joyfully accept their apologies.

K—Keep their confidence.

L—Live a good example before them.

M—Make them your friends.

N—Never ignore their endless questions.

O—Open your home to their visits.

P—Pray for them by name.



Q—Quicken your interest in their spirituality.

R—Remember their needs.

S—Show them the way of salvation.

T—Teach them to work.

U—Understand they are still young.

Serving in June

Greeters:

2—Toby & Jane Runyan
 9—Scott & Pam Hartman
 16—Don & Dee Suffel
 23—Ron & Ellen Walker
 30—Charlene Dean

Communion Ministry:

2—Bob & Mary Lloyd
 9—Dave & Melissa Beerbower
 16—Dean & Sue Smethurst

23—Larry Snavelly
 30—Jim & Pat McPeak

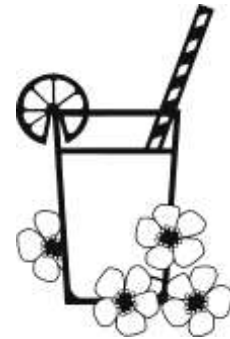
Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

Elder Schedule:

2—Dave Beerbower
 9—Dave Cunningham

16—Jim McPeak
 23—Larry Snavelly
 30—Dave Beerbower



Birthdays & Anniversaries



5 Tim Davis
 6 Cheryl Karnes
 8 Angi Davis
 9 Connie Cunningham
 10 Deb Nixon

13 Dick Blinzler
 14 Peyton Von Deylen
 15 Lincoln Trubey
 23 Ruth Ordway
 24 Harmon Hetrick III



6 John & Linda Hill (49)
 7 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley (56)
 9 Jim & Pat McPeak (40)
 19 Garry &

Sandi Oberlin (48)
 27 Greg & Traci Hartman (27)
 28 Bob & Mary Lloyd (38)

Shoebox Item of the Month

During the month of June, we will continue collecting hair brushes (large & small), combs (boys or girls), and hair picks. In addition to those items, we will collect small balls, games, and dolls. See the samples and countdown in the foyer. These items will be used for the youth packing party. Their goal this year is to pack 200 boxes.

Family News

Welcome to the Family!

The church family welcomes Barry Von Deylen who was baptized last month.

Congratulations!

We celebrate with Jeff & Lisa McCoy on the birth of their first grandchild, Mckenna Marie Johnson who was born to Tyler & Nikki on April 23rd. She

weighed in at 7# 10 oz. and 19" long.

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Hugh, Stacey, Adam, John, Nora, Cindy, Diane and all their family on the death of Jane Perry.

- ♥ Ron & Shellee Brown and family on the death of Ron's mother, Carol Randell.
- ♥ Brian, Amber & Lydia Rogers on the death of Amber's father, Jerry Clifton.
- ♥ Annie Engel and family on the death of her mother, Sophia Everett.
- ♥ Terence, Beth & Claire Clingaman on the death of Terence's grandmother, Sue Clingaman.

June

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons | 7 9:00 Shoebox Craft Day | 8 8:00 Men's Breakfast |
| 9 8:00 Worship 9:10 Board Meeting 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons | 14  | 15 |
| 16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship  | 17 | 18 12:45 Visitation Ministry | 19 | 20 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons | 21  | 22 |
| CIY MOVE @ Cedarville | | | | | | |
| 23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship | 24 | 25 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Cookies on Demand | 26 | 27 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons | 28 | 29 |
| 30 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship | | | | | | |



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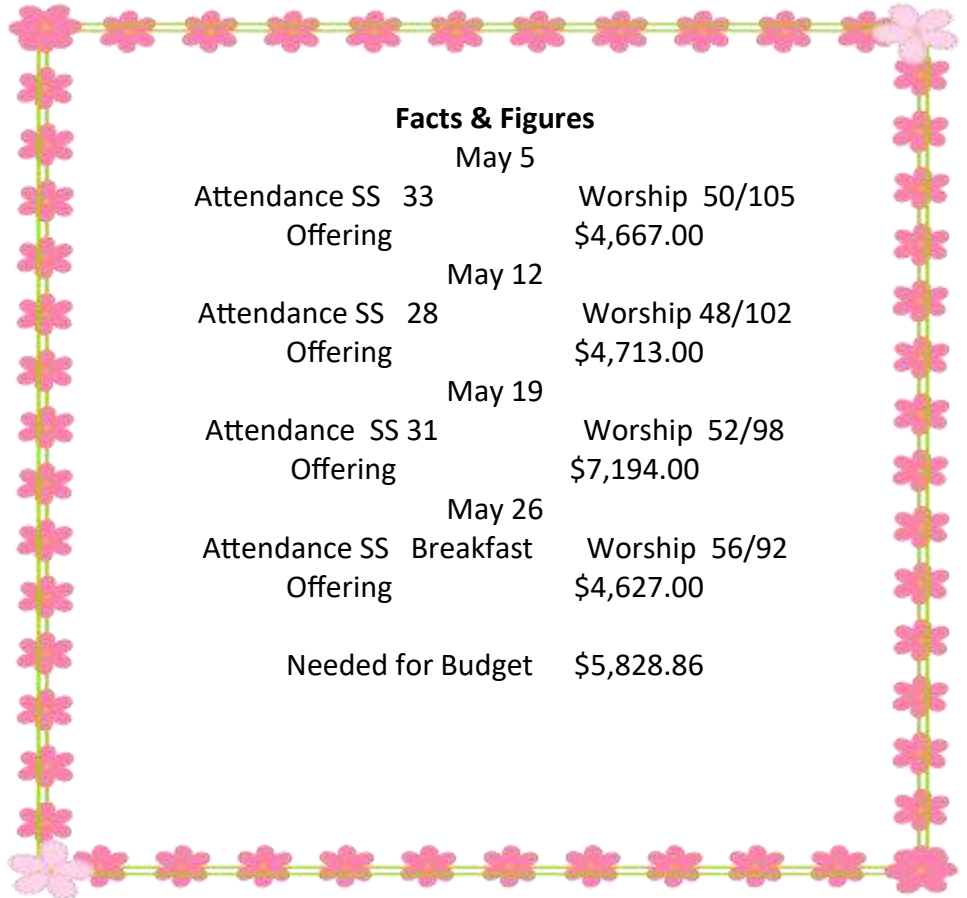
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Love All, Worship One,
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

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



Facts & Figures

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|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | May 5 | |
| Attendance | SS 33 | Worship | 50/105 |
| Offering | | | \$4,667.00 |
| | | May 12 | |
| Attendance | SS 28 | Worship | 48/102 |
| Offering | | | \$4,713.00 |
| | | May 19 | |
| Attendance | SS 31 | Worship | 52/98 |
| Offering | | | \$7,194.00 |
| | | May 26 | |
| Attendance | SS Breakfast | Worship | 56/92 |
| Offering | | | \$4,627.00 |
| | | Needed for Budget | \$5,828.86 |

Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Katie Sparks (TX), 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, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Steve Ringer, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Elizabeth

Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, 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 Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, 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, Shirley Bard, Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Joy

Reidt, Ken Idle, John Altman, Bobby Woodart, Carson Strouse, Annie Engel, Gene Crawford; *Shut Ins:* Genesis: Gloria Wright; Home: Linda Lewis, Lena Luke; Ottawa Riverview: Barbara Hake.





“So do not fear for I am with you.
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will uphold you by my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10


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*Heal me, O Lord,
- and -
I shall be healed;
save me, and
I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.*

[Jeremiah 17:14]

V—Verify your statements.
 W—Wean them from bad company.
 X—Expect them to obey.
 Y—Yearn for God's best for them.
 Z—Zealously guide them in Biblical truth.



who are completely self-absorbed (and even those who commit suicide to escape suffering) are doing the rational thing. *“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep...For as in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:20 & 22).*

One of my favorite Easter songs expresses it well, “Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, just because He lives.”

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS.
 HE WILL SHELTER YOU WITH HIS WINGS.
 HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES ARE YOUR
 ARMOR AND PROTECTION.
 PSALM 91:4

