

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

Life is full of decisions. From seemingly small decisions like what to eat for dinner to much more consequential ones such as choosing a career to pursue, we are all faced with numerous choices **on a daily basis. It's human nature to look back at the roads we didn't take and wonder, "What if?"** Yet a new survey conducted in England has revealed that a staggering amount of people are unhappy with the **way they've lived their lives.**

According to a survey of 2,000 British adults commissioned by UK charity consortium Remember A Charity, four out of ten people regret how they have lived their lives so far. Spending too much time at work and not traveling enough were **among respondents' biggest regrets.** Other common regrets among those surveyed included neglecting their health and not spend-

ing enough time with their family. Many wished they had been a better parent to their children. All of that regret seems to be a big motivator as well, with 40% of respondents claiming that they want to make some positive changes in the near future.

**"All of us will die one day – none of us know when that time might come, and none of us want to have regrets about what we've missed out on or how we've lived our lives,"** comments Deborah James, a founding member of You, Me and the Big C, a BBC podcast on fighting cancer. **"This research is a really interesting wake up call to get us to think about how we want to spend our time now and to lay foundations for those that come after us."**

Leaving behind a

positive legacy is a major concern for many people as well. In all, two thirds of the **survey's respondents** are concerned about how their children will remember them and want to use their remaining years to create lasting, positive family memories. Most of those surveyed want their families to remember them as loving, happy, caring, sociable, and talented. More specifically, three in 10 would like to be remembered as charitable, and four in 10 want their closest loved ones to remember their generosity.

However, despite **most people's desire** to be remembered in a positive light, most respondents say they *expect* to be remembered as moody or anxious. Many added that they regret wasting so much time watching television

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or staring at their smartphone.

Interestingly, close to half of those surveyed said they regret focusing so much on financial success as opposed to more meaningful endeavors.

What can we add to our lives that will allow us to look back at our lives without regret? Join us Sunday as we begin a new series of

## Serving in August

### Greeters:

4—Dean & Sue Smethurst  
 11—Bettie Finken  
 18—Vincent & Nola Girardot  
 25—Scott Bard

### Communion Ministry:

4—Larry Snavelly  
 11—Jim & Pat McPeak  
 18—Adam Perry  
 25—Bob & Mary Lloyd

### Prayer Warriors:

Teresa Gambler & Kim Snavelly

### Elder Schedule:

4—Mark Rhodes  
 11—Larry Snavelly  
 18—Dave Beerbower  
 25—Dave Cunningham

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



AUGUST  
 BIRTHDAYS

1 Connie Tressler  
 2 Walter Horne,  
 Andi Gienger  
 3 Sharon Blinzler  
 5 Barb Thomas  
 6 Blake Kuszmaul,  
 Barry Von Deylen  
 7 Larry Snavelly  
 10 Aiden Wonderly  
 12 Dave Beerbower, Ron Lewis  
 13 Jim McPeak  
 16 Case Hartman, Crystal  
 Sweebe  
 17 Nola Girardot  
 19 John Hill  
 21 Sharon Dean, Jonathan  
 McCoy  
 22 Delores Suffel

26 Dawn Sheline  
 27 Stacey Perry  
 31 Charlene Dean, Shawn  
 Gambler, Judy Yahraus



AUGUST  
 ANNIVERSARIES

3 Chris & JoNell  
 Gotshall (51)  
 12 Ron & Shellee  
 Brown (15)  
 15 Larry & Mari-  
 lyn Sanders (27)  
 17 Leo & Ruth  
 Thomas (68), Justin & Erica  
 McNamara (6)  
 19 Larry & Kim Snavelly (30)  
 20 Don & Delores Suffel (58)

## Family News

### Congratulations!

The church family celebrates with Terry & Cheryl Karnes on the birth of twin grandson & granddaughter and to Jim & Pat McPeak for the birth of twin grandsons.

### Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Garry & Sandi Oberlin on the death of Sandi's brother-in-law.
- ♥ Tim & Samara Calvin on the death of Sam's mother.
- ♥ Don & Delores Suffel on the

## Shoebox Item of the Month

During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies: crayons (24 pack), colored pencils, washable markers, composition books or notebooks, erasers (large pink), pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue sticks, and scissors (pointed nose). #2 lead pencils are NOT NEEDED. Ohio **"Tax Free" weekend is August 2-4.** Please check the sign in the foyer for updated numbers needed for these items. Please note that we no longer need soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, stuffed animals or #2 pencils. We do still need hairbrushes and combs. No time to shop? Ask about our shopper option!





death of Don's mother, Genny Suffel.

- ♥ Justin & Erica McNamara on the death of Erica's grandfather, Russell Pickering.

### New Address

Roy Koerner  
 Hawthorn Glen Room 438  
 5414 Hankins Rd.  
 Middletown, OH 45044

# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons	2	3
4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:35 Teacher Meeting 12:15 Outreach!	5	6	7	8 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons	9	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast
11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	12	13	14	15 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons	16	17
18 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	19	20 12:45 Visitation	21  5:30 Supper 6:15 Youth	22 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons	23	24
25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	26	27 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Rita's	28 5:30 Supper 6:15 Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	29 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons	30	31



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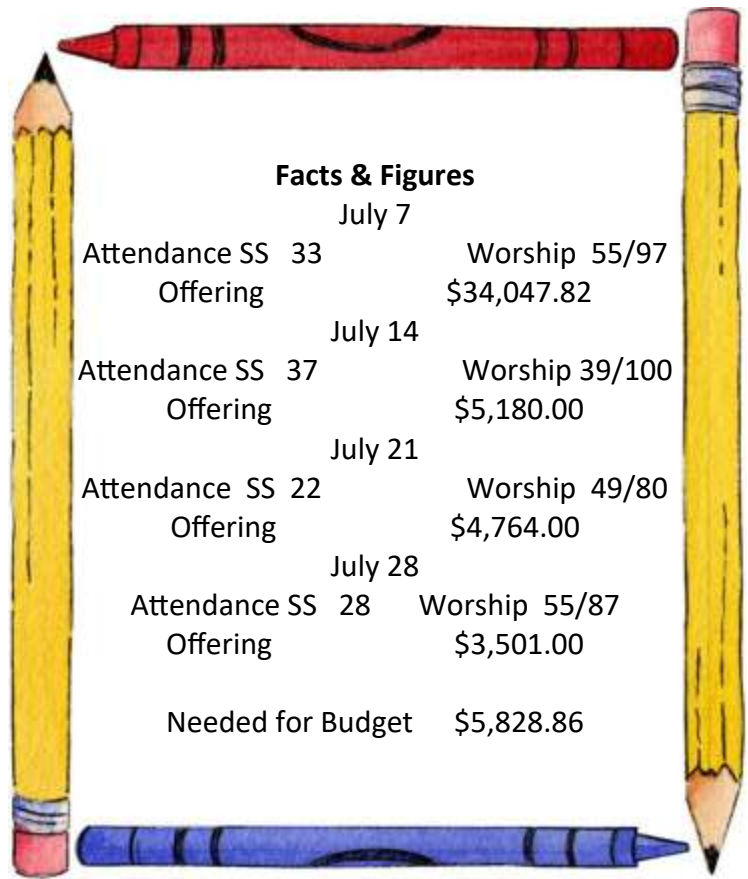
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Love All, Worship One,  
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

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



## Facts & Figures

July 7

Attendance SS 33      Worship 55/97  
Offering      \$34,047.82

July 14

Attendance SS 37      Worship 39/100  
Offering      \$5,180.00

July 21

Attendance SS 22      Worship 49/80  
Offering      \$4,764.00

July 28

Attendance SS 28      Worship 55/87  
Offering      \$3,501.00

Needed for Budget      \$5,828.86

## Love All

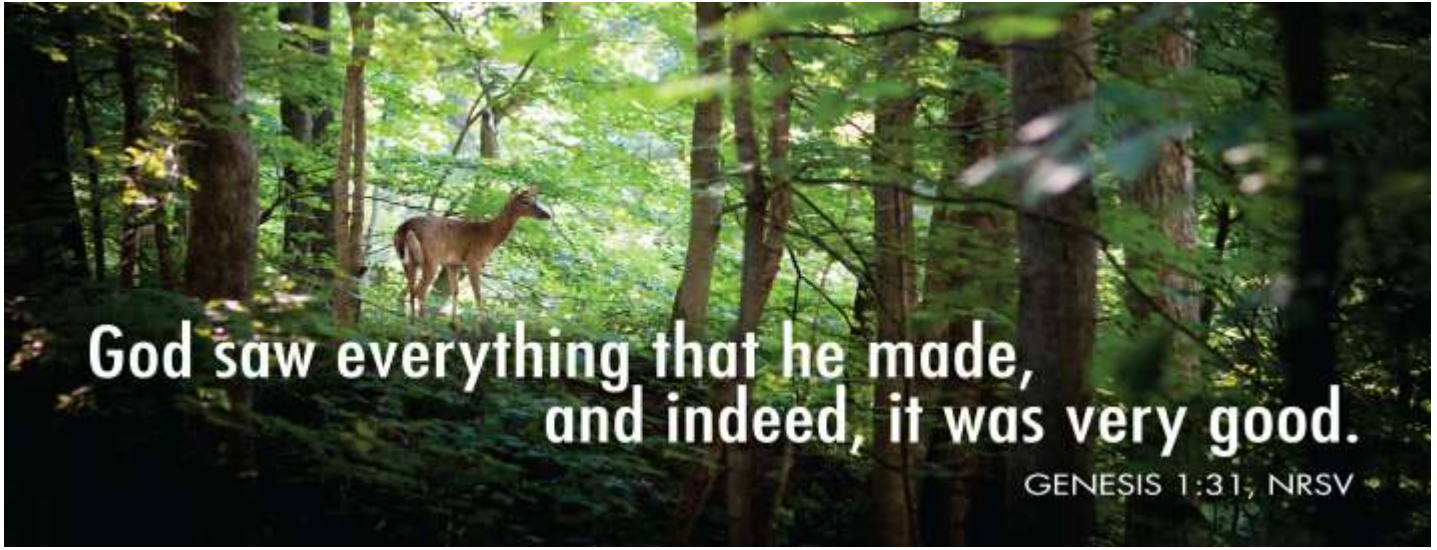
*Our Service Personnel:*  
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb  
Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S.  
Korea), Katie Sparks (TX),  
Josh Tonneas (TX)

*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 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,  
Marilyn Lundy, Kim Beek,  
Shirley Bard, Joshua Taylor,  
Keely Strouse, Ken Idle, Bobby

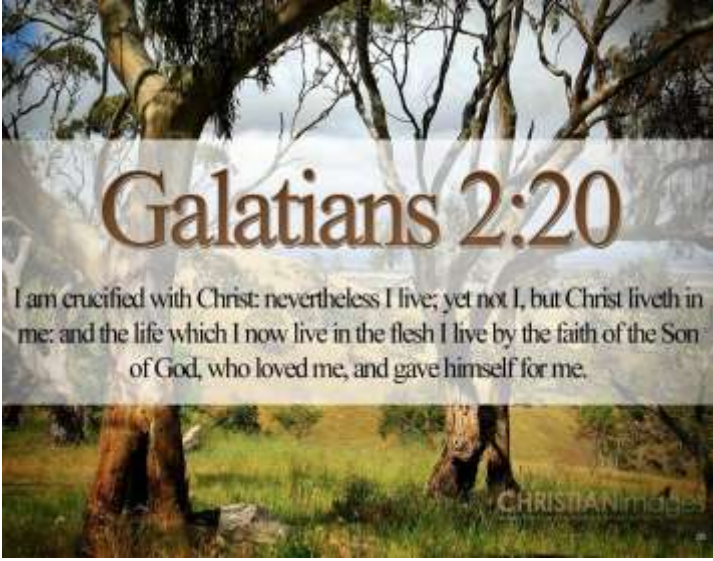
Woodart, Carson Strouse, An-  
nie Engel, Gene Crawford,  
youth ministry; *Shut Ins:*  
*Genesis:* Gloria Wright;  
*Home:* Linda Lewis, Lena  
Luke; Ottawa Riverview:  
Barbara Hake, Hawthorn  
Glen; Roy Koerner.





**Upcoming Events:**  
August 25—All Church Picnic at the Jay-  
cee Pavilion. Meat & drinks will be provid-  
ed.

**“In this day, God is looking for**  
people of faith. God is not looking  
for geniuses and intellectuals. He  
is looking for people who have  
faith enough to believe that God  
**can achieve the impossible.”**  
—Philip Muinde



messages from God’s word looking for the  
answer to living a regret free life.

Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly

