

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, not just at the holiday season, but always.

A little crazy to think we are on the doorstep of 2020, but ready or not, here we go. Proverbs 29:

¹⁸ Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. As we enter this new year, I pray that we would seek from God clarity of vision, and a bold faith that would compel us to faithfully follow God's leading.

We are living in turbulent times. A president's impeachment will carry on for months they say. Outside countries seek to influence our elections. Presidential candidates debate about what real Christians look like and

what political party Christians belong to. The stock market sets new records, wages are up, people are working in record numbers, and yet we seem to be a nation more divided and angrier than ever.

The hope of a nation has never been in the government and what party is in power. God is sovereign. Daniel 2:21 reads, "...He deposes kings and raises up others." God raised up King Cyrus in Daniel's day and prompted him to release the Jews from Babylonian captivity so they could return to the Promised Land. Cyrus wasn't a worshipper of God, but God placed him in that vital position to ac-

complish His will. "In the Lord's hand, the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him" (Proverbs 21:1).

We need to pray as individual believers and collectively as the church that we will embrace the vision God has for us in a lost world. God could not be more clear. Matthew 28: ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to

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observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

We will change the world as we love as Jesus loved, one person at a time.

Destined to Win,

Larry Snavelly

Serving in January

Greeters:

5—Todd & Teresa Gambler

12—Scott Bard

19—Tom & Cindy Horton

26—Toby & Jane Runyan

Communion Ministry:

5—Jim & Pat McPeak

12—Adam Perry

19—Larry Snavely

26—Dave & Melissa Beerbower

Prayer Warriors:

Sherry Trubey & MaKenzie Manges

Elder Schedule:

5—Larry Snavely

12—Dave Beerbower

19—Dave Cunningham

26—Jim McPeak



Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Kayson Buchanan

2 Sarah Snavely

3 Linda Lewis, Don

Suffel

4 Bob Stambaugh

5 Diane Altman, Mark Brandt

6 Joanne Allison

9 Michael Bard, Rich Trubey

13 Cayl Ponscak

16 Taylor Dominique

17 Mike Robson

21 Gary Roughton, Kelly VonDeylen

22 Pam Hartman

24 Luc Hesselschwardt, Ronnie Pinckley

26 Nathan Brown, David Olds

28 August Beerbower

29 Braxton Snavely

30 Darrell Kinnan

31 Alexa Ganter



30 Bob & Norma Stambaugh (72)

Thank you! The staff thanks you all for your generosity in the staff love offering!

Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ The family of Wanda Hilton.
- ♥ Garry & Sandi Oberlin & family on the death of **Garry's mother, Mil-**

dred Oberlin.


Annual Church Meeting

The church's **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, immediately following 2nd service. If you are responsible for one of the booklet reports, please turn that in to the office

by Tuesday, January 7th. The important votes will be on the 2020 budget and the slate of officers. All church members 16 and older have a vote.



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church Offices Closed 			
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Life Group 7:00 YW Life Group	6	7 10:00 Craft Group	8 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	9 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 Annual Meeting 7:00 YW Life Group	13	14	15 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	16 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	17	18
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Life Group 7:00 YW Life Group	20 	21 12:45 Visitation Ministry	22 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	23 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 7:00 YW Life Group	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Iron Horse Brew, Sherwood	29 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	30 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	31	



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



Facts & Figures	
December 1	
Attendance SS	53
Worship	96/34
Offering	\$5,261.00
December 8	
Attendance SS	43
Worship	43/116
Offering	\$4,619.00
December 15	
Attendance SS	38
Worship	51/92
Offering	\$4,737.00
December 22	
Attendance SS	35
Worship	50/121
Offering	\$6,830.00
Needed for Budget	\$4,458.67

Love All

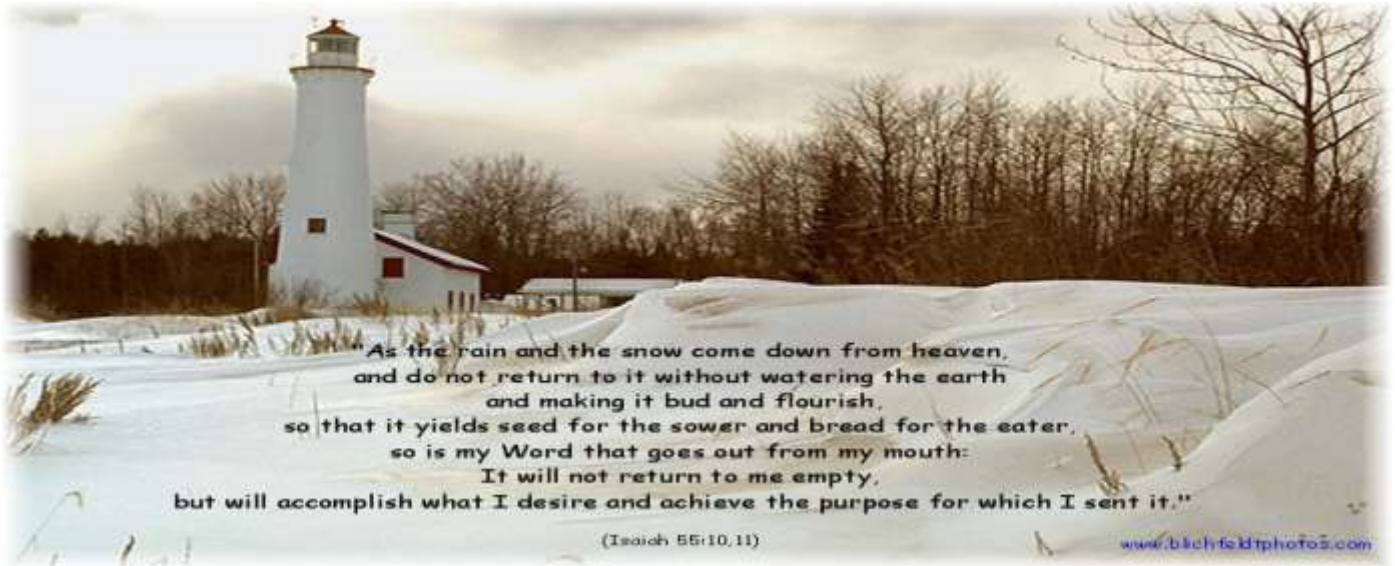
Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S. Korea), Katie Sparks (PA), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Joyce Bailey, 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 Narker, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Steve Ringer, Bob & Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler,

Terry Shinaberry, Dean Smethurst, Lyle Snavely, Bernice Speiser, Ron Stark, Dinah Stillner, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman. *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, Marilyn Lundy, Kim Beek, Shirley Bard, Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Ken Idle, Carson

Strouse, Annie Engel, Gene Crawford, youth ministry, Ramon Alpaugh; *Shut Ins:* SKLD: Gloria Wright; *Home:* Annie Engel, Ken Idle, Millie Kolts, Linda Lewis, Edith Wagner; *Ottawa River-view:* Barbara Hake, Hawthorn Glen: Roy Koerner.





“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my Word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

(Isaiah 55:10,11)

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Inclement Weather Policy

Level 1: All services will proceed as scheduled.

Level 2 at 6:00 Sunday morning: All services will be cancelled.

Level 3: All services will be cancelled.

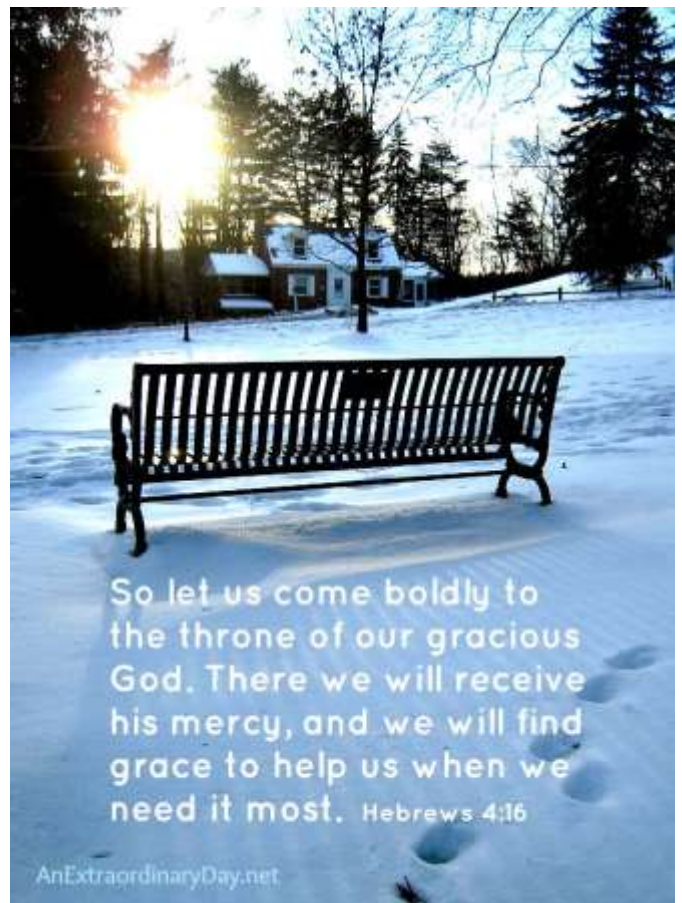
Wednesday Nights: If school is closed, we are closed or as we deem necessary.

Please check the following sources for church news: WBCL and our church website (www.bryanfcc.org).

As a nation, family, church or individual, so much depends on the direction we take. Start here— **“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”**

Do not follow where the path may lead. Follow God instead, where there is no path, and leave a trail.

Most of us will never do great things,
but we can all do small things in a
great way.



So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:16

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