

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

I enjoy reading history and currently am reading David McCullough's book "The Pioneers."

"With Generals Parsons and Varnum he inspected what was known as "the great tree," a giant, hollow black walnut just back from the Muskingum River. At two feet above ground the tree measured forty-one feet in circumference. Six men on horseback could parade inside it at the same time, Cutler was told." I would not know a black walnut tree if it was right in front of me and maybe they are all that big, but that just sounds like a huge tree. I wonder if a tree would grow that big in today's climate?

I remember visiting a state park as a kid.

The guide showed us a variety of plants and said that these plants have been around for many years, but a long time ago they grew much larger. I wonder what has changed. What al-



lowed that same plant years ago to grow so large, yet today the same plant is so small by comparison?

I fear what is happening to the plants of our planet is happening to the people of our planet. We are no long-

er a big people but a little people. Paul wrote to Timothy, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."

Paul warned Timothy of an environment where a people who were designed to be big

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would never reach their God given potential, but instead be small.

Let's begin to care about the things God cares about. Let's begin to hate the things God hates. Let's begin to love as God has called us to love one another.

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly

Serving in April

Prayer Warriors:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

4—Dan Gallagher
11—Dave Beerbower
18—Jon List
25—Larry Snavelly

Nursery:

4—1st—Angie & Eric Murphy
SS—Deb Rhodes
2nd—Teresa Gambler
11—1st—Stacie & Ryan Beerbower
SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm
2nd—Sharon Blinzler
18—1st—Jon & Kristi
SS—Beth & Terence Clingan
man
2nd—Vickie Grimm

25—1st—Sandi Oberlin
SS—Deb Rhodes
2nd—Asley Knepper

Children's Church:

4—TBA
11—TBA
18—TBA
25—TBA

Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Dan Nixon
6 Tootie Bowman
9 Julia Hull
19 Curt Bennett,
Todd Karnes
21 Trisha Hug
25 Wendy Garza
26 Barbara Alpaugh, Dan
Yahraus
29 Shirley Kinnan
30 Joe Jerger



13 Ron &
Linda Lewis (53)
15 Shawn & Marcia Gambler
(9)
19 Rich & Sherry Trubey
(35)
24 Josh & Emily Tonneas
(12)



Attention Senior Saints: Given the current situation with COVID, all Senior Saints activities will be put on hold until April. Hopefully, at that time, we will be able to gather together for Lunch Bunch and Craft Group without the worry of illness. We hope to see you all soon.

Family News

Thank You!

“Dear Church Family, We wanted to let all of you know that all of the prayers & cards received during Mom’s illness & her passing were greatly appreciated. Thank you for the beautiful plant! She loved her church family!”

Bob, Sandy, Debbie”


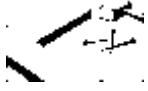


“Thank you all so much for all the prayers and cards and calls during my recent surgery and recovery. They were gratefully appreciated. God is good all the time! In His Love, Gene & Ruth Ordway”

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Tootie Bowman on the death of her brother.



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 10:00 Pre-Easter Breakfast 7:00 Communion Service</p>	<p>2 GOOD Friday</p>  <p>6:30 Prayer Gathering</p>	3
<p>4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p> 	5	6	<p>7 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Ladies Lunch</p>	12	13	<p>14 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	19	20	<p>21 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	26	27	<p>28 5:45 Supper 6:30 Youth Life Groups</p>	29	30	



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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

March 7	
Attendance SS	22
Offering	\$3,646.00
Worship	42/55
March 14	
Attendance SS	21
Offering	\$5,102.00
Worship	37/50
March 21	
Attendance SS	N/C
Offering	\$8,867.00
Worship	49/60
March 28	
Attendance SS	27
Offering	\$2,413.02
Worship	47/64
Needed for Budget	\$5,008.77

Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S. Korea), Braxton Singer (NC), Katie Sparks (PA), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Joyce Bailey, Nathan Bailey, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Jim McPeak, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Aaron

Nartker, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Steve Ringer, Bob & Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Dean Smethurst, Lyle Snavely, Ron Stark, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Carson Strouse, Gene Craw-

ford, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Bryan Tonneas, Cindy Webber, Curt Bennett, Kevin Ayre, Ramon Alpaugh, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Charlotte Brandt *Shut Ins:* SKLD: Gloria Wright; *Home:* Barb & Ramon Alpaugh, Shirley Bard, Annie Engel, Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Esther Rosendaul, Edith Wagner; Ottawa Riverview: Barbara Hake, Hawthorne Glen: Roy Koerner.



I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. — John 11:25,26 KJV



Answers

Answers to prayers
Come in various ways,
Sometimes in minutes,
Sometimes in days.
And some take years
To fully unfold
The harvest of love
And blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers
Come in various forms,
Sometimes in sunlight,
Sometimes through storms.
And some blossom late,
But each one will flower—
Have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood



- E** Emancipation from sin's power
- A** Affirmation that Jesus' claims are true
- S** Strength from Jesus, a conquering force.
- T** Trust, Because of Easter, we know Jesus is Lord and that we can trust Him.
- E** Energy. Easter energizes our mission.
- R** Resurrection hope for us too.

—Brent Bill

