

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

"It is no measure of health to be well-adjusted to a profoundly sick society."

Jiddu

Krishnamurti

The Bible urges us to speak the truth in love and do everything we can to make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. Indeed, there is no merit in deliberately antagonizing unbelievers. However, tact should not trump boldness; service should not silence our testimony. The power of the gospel is not in persuading the world we are culturally sensitive but in confronting it with the cross. We still *"preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to*

Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:23-24).

In 1939, when most German ministers had been intimidated into silence, Dietrich Bonhoeffer openly expressed opposition to the policies of Adolph Hitler. When a radio broadcast of one of his sermons was cut off in mid-sentence,

Bonhoeffer knew he was in serious danger. He fled to America, where he was invited to speak in some of the leading pulpits of the Western world.

However, Bonhoeffer became convicted that he had abandoned his people at their most critical hour. He wrote that he needed to live through the difficult period in the nation's history with the people, or he would lose

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his right to encourage them in rebuilding when the war was over. He went back to Germany, boldly preached the truth, and was imprisoned in April of 1943.

He wrote, **"Silence in the face of evil is evil."** Two years later, in April 1945, when the war was



Serving in June

Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

Elder Schedule:

6—Larry Snavely
13—Dave Beerbower
20—Ryan Beerbower
27—Dan Gallagher

Nursery:

6—1st—Sandi Oberlin
SS—Kelly & Barry VonDeylen
2nd—Jane Runyan
13—1st—Eric & Angie Murphy
SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm
2nd—Sharon Blinzler
20—1st—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower
SS—Deb Rhodes
2nd—Stacie Beerbower
27—1st—Jon & Kristi List

SS—Beth & Terence Clingman

2nd—Jane Runyan

Children's Church:

6—Ryan Beerbower
13—Ryan Beerbower
20—Ryan Beerbower
27—Jon List

Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Lee Stemen
6 Cheryl Karnes
9 Connie Cunningham
10 Deb Nixon
13 Dick Blinzler
14 Peyton VonDeylen
23 Ruth Ordway
24 Harmon Hetrick III
29 Nathan Grimm



6 John & Linda Hill (51)
7 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley (58)
9 Jim & Pat McPeak (42)
19 Garry & Sandi Oberlin (50)
27 Greg & Traci Hartman (29)

Attention Senior Saints: Given the current situation with COVID, all Senior Saints activities are still on hold except Craft Group. Hopefully, we will soon be able to gather together for Lunch Bunch without the worry of illness. We hope to see you all soon.



Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Charlene Gambler and family on the death of her nephew, Dale Boyer. And to Dwight & Kathy Bergman and family on the death of Kathy's mom, Ruth Hale.

Congratulations!

- ♥ **The church family rejoices with Nathan & Ashley Knepper on the birth of Isaiah. He arrived 5/19.**

Thank You

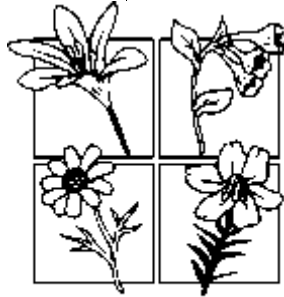




"First Church of Christ friends, I would like to say

thank you to everyone who prayed for me during my recent illness! Thank you, ladies, for the beautiful cards you make and send me! They make the day brighter! There is true power in prayer!" Love, Your Friend, Charlotte Brandt

Facts &



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6  8:00 Worship 9:15 Sun- day School 10:15 Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 8:00 Wor- ship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship 4:00 Family BBQ & Games	14	15	16	17	18	19
			6:30 Adult Bible Study			
20 8:00 Wor- ship 9:15 Sun- day School 10:15 Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
			9:00 VBS 6:30 Adult Bible Study			
27 8:00 Wor- ship 9:15 Sun- day School 10:15 Worship	28	29	30			



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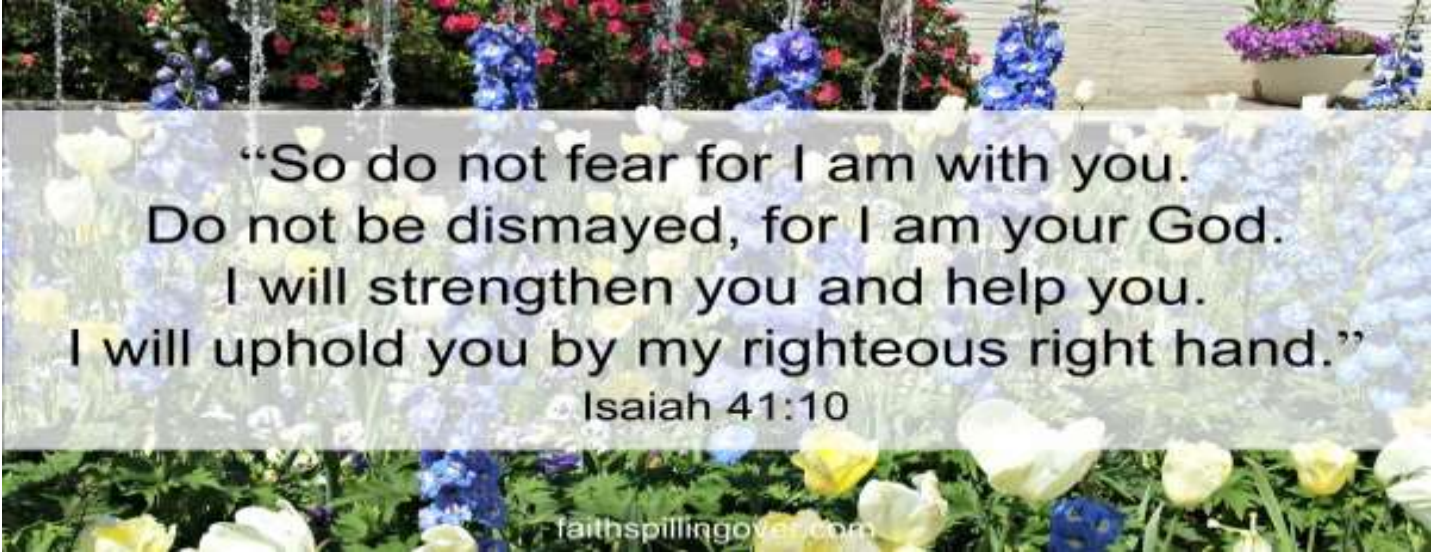
Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S. Korea), Braxton Singer (NC), Katie Sparks (PA), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Tonneas (TX)

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, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Carson Strouse, Gene Crawford, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Bryan Ton-

neas, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Ramon Alpaugh, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Charlene Gambler, Randy Fisher, Linda Lewis, Isaiah Knepper *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 River-view: Barbara Hake, Hawthorne Glen; Roy Koerner.





“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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nearly over, Hitler ordered that Bonhoeffer be hanged. Before he returned to his homeland, Bonhoeffer had said, “When God calls a man, He bids him come and die.”

If our nation has any chance to reverse the current moral collapse, it won't be by preaching what itching ears want to hear. A spiritual revival is only possible if, like the early church, we fervently pray, “Lord enable your servants to speak the word with great boldness.”

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavely

Club 226

Summer 2021

June 13, 4p-6p Family BBQ

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us at Moore Park at the pavilion by the tennis courts for food and games.

June 23, 9a-2p VBS

Kids entering kindergarten- 5th grade are invited to join us for days 1-3 of VBS lessons, crafts, and games! Lunch will be provided.

July 7, 5p-7:30p VBS

Kids entering kindergarten- 5th grade are invited to join us for Day 4 of VBS. Dinner will be provided from 5p-6p.

July 24, noon-5p Pool Party

Location to be announced. Parents must stay to help supervise kids.

August 4, 5p-7:30p VBS

Kids entering kindergarten- 5th grade are invited to join us for Day 5 of VBS. Dinner will be provided from 5p-6p.

August 15, noon Back to School Bash

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us at the church after 2nd service for lunch and games.



Behold, I make all things new.

Revelation 21:5