

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Culture is effectively removing Christ from Christmas. There are some things that we can do as individuals and families to restore Christ in Christmas.

Emphasize that Christmas is about the birth of Christ. Put up a manger scene in your yard. Celebrate with a birthday cake for Jesus. Read the story of the birth of Jesus right from the scriptures. There are many **good children's** books that help share the Christmas story. Read them with your children and your grandchildren to instill in them the real story of Christmas.

Let's all practice generosity this

Christmas. One family shared that they had their kids go through their toys and games that they did not play with anymore and donate/give them away so others could be blessed. One family would pack small gift packages to share with families in need. Under the cover of darkness, they would drop them off with an attached note wishing them a Merry Christmas. (Some would ring the doorbell and run and hide in a place where they could watch their reaction.

I'm not that fast.) One family

would hide money in a store to be discovered by unsuspecting shoppers.

If your church/a local church has a Christmas Eve program, attend with your family. Be reminded of the meaning of Christmas.

Here is a way Jesus suggested: Luke 14: ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, **"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the**

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poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the **righteous.**"

Merry Christmas!

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly



Serving in December

Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

Elder Schedule:

5—Mark Rhodes
12—Larry Snavely
19—Dave Beerbower
26—Ryan Beerbower

Nursery:

5—1st—Angie & Eric Murphy
SS—Kelly & Barry Von Deylen
2nd—Stacie & Sharon Blinzler
12—1st—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower
SS—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower
2nd—Stacie & Jessica Arend
19—1st—Jon & Kristie List
SS—Beth & Terence Clingaman
2nd—Ashley & Nathan Knepper
26—No nursery provided. Please sit

together as a family.

Children's Church:

5—Ryan Beerbower
12—Ryan Beerbower
19—Jon List
26—No Children's Church.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Holly Sprow
2 Cindy

Horton
3 Shellee Brown
6 Dick Newcomb
7 Nikki Hull
8 Ron Roose
9 Ellen Walker
10 Madison Hetrick
12 Derek Murphy, Katrina Tonneas
15 Henry Kidd, Samantha Ryan
17 Caity Karnes

18 Vickie Grimm
21 Teresa Brown, Annie Engel, Amber Rogers
24 Todd Gambler
29 Tao List
30 Patrick Rendleman
31 Tracy Rendleman, Braxton Wonderly



2 Tim & Sam Ryan (4)
6 Jerry & Wanda Hug (46)
9 Casey & Kayla Sanders (4)
13 Gerry & Gail Wiryck (35)
23 Dave & Melissa Beerbower (38)



Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:




- ♥ The family of Barbara Hake
- ♥ The family of Darwin Krill
- ♥ The family of Denton Grant

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated food, volunteered, served, and organized. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a success because of all of you! We served around 400 meals on Thanksgiving Day!

Attention Senior Saints: Given the current situation with COVID, we are still feeling cautious about Senior Saints Activities. We will try Lunch Bunch on December 16 at 11:45 AM at The Third Rail in Bryan. No transportation will be provided. We'll see how it goes after that.

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 5:45 Supper 6:15 MOPS/ MOPS Next 6:30 Club 226/ Club 356 6:30 Adult Bi- ble Study</p>	2	<p>3 6:30 Prayer Night</p>	<p>4 10:00 Holly Jolly Make It Take It</p>
<p>5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>6 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	7	<p>8 5:45 Supper 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Club 226/ Club 356 6:30 Adult Bi- ble Study</p>	9	10	11
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<p>19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>20 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>21 </p>	22	23	<p>24 7:00 Christ- mas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 </p>
<p>26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>27 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	28	29	30	<p>31 </p>	



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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

November 7

Attendance 33 Worship 47/57
Offering \$3,952.66

November 14

Attendance SS NC Worship 47/67
Offering \$4,531.20

November 21

Attendance SS 26 Worship 50/63
Offering \$4,293.34

November 28

Attendance SS NC Worship 50/66
Offering \$4,204.34

Needed for Budget \$5,008.77



Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Katie Sparks (PA)


Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Diane Altman, Joyce Bailey, Nathan Bailey, Brad Berg, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Tim Mavis, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Aaron Nartker, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley,

Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Steve Ringer, Ron Roose, Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, 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, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Ramon Alpaugh, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John

Fry, Jackson Wolph, Scott Sharp, Donna Sharp, Dan Yahraus, Jerry Hug, Lexi Rhodes, Randy Fisher, Shawn Roose, JoAnn Skiles, Mick & Sue McElfresh; *Shut Ins:* Fountain Park: Esther Krill; SKLD: Gloria Wright; Home: Barb & Ramon Alpaugh, Shirley Bard, Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler, Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner Hawthorne Glen: Roy Koerner.







MOPS

MOPS and MOPS Next is coming to FCC beginning Wednesday, September 1st. MOPS is an international organization for mothers with children of any age. The group will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 6:15-7:30 PM. A nursery will be available. All women in the community are welcome. Stacie Beerbower leads this group.

A ladies' Bible study will be available on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Kim Snaveley is leading a study on hope.

A Season of Generosity

A miser must have a wretched at Christmas, for Christmas is preeminently a time of generosity. God set the example when He gave His own Son; the wise men followed it when they gave their gold to the Christ child; and in proportion to our share of the Christmas spirit, we are walking in their footsteps.

—John T. Faris



For unto us a child is Born

Isaiah 9:6