

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

Tom Ellsworth, former minister of the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana, enjoys gathering unique facts about nature that reveal the magnificence of God. He points out that while the massive universe declares the glory and omnipotence of a Creator, the intricate details of the tiniest creature reveal the wisdom and omniscience of God.

Last week I heard Tom say, "I've always been fascinated by the insect kingdom. One of my favorite bugs is the bombardier beetle. Picture a hungry toad about to flick his sticky tongue at an unsuspecting beetle, but before he can, he gets bombed with a face full of hot, nasty chemicals. Thus, the beetle's name – bombardier. Its abdomen is equipped with a combustion chamber."

"When threatened, the inlet valve opens, and two explosive chemicals along with two necessary catalysts combine to create an explosive reaction. The pressure builds inside the reaction chamber until the

chemical concoction reaches an astounding 221 degrees! The outlet valve then opens, and the swivel turret allows the beetle to fire its spray in any direction with amazing accuracy. And it's not one continuous spray, but several hundred per second to keep the chamber from overheating."

After years of research, scientists still don't know how the beetle manufactures or stores these explosive chemicals. Yet God does.

How can anyone possibly believe the bombardier beetle results from millions of years of random evolution? King David went so far as to label such a person a "fool."

*"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good" (Psalm 14:1).*

David suggested the reason people don't believe is not that there isn't enough evidence to convince

them, but  
*"...their deeds are vile."*

The source of most Biblical doubt is not intellectual – it's rebellion. There is plenty of evidence to believe, but guilty hearts salve their conscience by rationalizing, "There is no God anyway, so my sin doesn't really matter."

Jesus said, *"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."*

Do you know who loses patience with those who don't believe in a Creator? God Himself does.

**Romans 1:18-20** communicates the Lord's response to those who deny His existence. *"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them. For since the*

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*creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."*

The most significant barrier to belief is a proud, stubborn heart. The Apostle Paul insisted, *"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified..." (Romans 10:10).*

That's why Jesus began His ministry by preaching, *"Repent and believe the good*

## Serving in April

Prayer Warriors:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

3—Mark Rhodes

10—Larry Snavelly

17—Dave Beerbower

24—Jon List

Nursery:

3—1st—Angie & Eric Murphy

SS—Kelly & Barry Von Deylen

2nd—Stacie & Sharon Blinzler

10—1st—Sandi Oberlin

SS—Beth & Terence Clingaman

2nd—Stacie Beerbower

17—Easter Sunday—No Nursery

24—1st—Jon & Kristi List

SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm

2nd—Ashley & Nathan Knep-

per

### Children's Church:

3—Ryan Beerbower

10—Ryan Beerbower

17—Kids in Service

24—Jon List



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Dan Nixon

6 Tootie Bowman

9 Julia Hull

17 Curt Bennett, Lucy  
Gienger, Todd Karnes

21 Trisha Hug

25 Wendy Garza

26 Barbara Alpaugh, Dan  
Yahraus

29 Shirley Kinnan

30 Terry Hoffman, Joe

Jerger



13 Ron & Linda Lewis (54)

15 Shawn & Marcia Gam-  
bler (10)

19 Rich & Sherry Trubey  
(36)

24 Josh & Emily Tonneas  
(13)

Bobby & Christie  
Woodart (1)

Attention Senior Saints:  
Given the current situation  
with COVID, we are still  
feeling cautious about Sen-  
ior Saints Activities. We  
will try Lunch Bunch on  
April 26 at 11:45 AM at  
Das Essen Haus in Pettis-  
ville. No transportation  
will be provided. We'll see  
how it goes after that.

## Family News

### Congratulations!

♥ The church family celebrates  
the safe arrival of Layla  
Grace Johnson who was born  
Sunday, March 13th. Layla  
weighed in at 8# 10 oz. She  
joins big sister, McKenna.  
Maternal grandparents are  
Jeff & Lisa McCoy. Great-  
Grandma is Merlene

McCoy.

### Sympathy

The church family grieves  
with Scott Bard & Family on  
the death of his mother,  
Shirley.





### New Members

Doug & Julia Haase brought  
their membership to BFCC

early in February. They have  
been worshipping with us  
from quite awhile. They are  
helping out in Bible studies,  
nursery, and children's  
church.



# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  6:30 Prayer Night	2
3 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	4 9:30 Senior Seekers	5 10:00 Craft Group	6 5:45 Supper 6:15 MOPS/ MOPS Next 6:30 Club 225/356 6:30 Adult Bible Study	7	8	9
10 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	11 9:30 Senior Seekers	12	13 5:45 Supper 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Club 225/356 6:30 Adult Bible Study	14 9 AM-9 PM Communion & Prayer Time 9:30 Senior Saints Pre-Easter Breakfast	15 	16
17 EASTER 8:00 Worship 9:00 Break-fast 10:15 Wor-ship 	18 9:30 Senior Seekers	19	20 5:45 Supper 6:15 MOPS/ MOPS Next 6:30 Club 225/356 6:30 Adult Bible Study	21	22	23
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Make Disciples

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Connect with us!

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

Facts & Figures			
March 6			
Attendance	33	Worship	64/88
Offering			\$6,001.29
March 13			
Attendance SS NC		Worship	46/80
Offering			\$4,554.57
March 20			
Attendance SS	35	Worship	179
Offering			\$4,093.27
March 27			
Attendance SS	42	Worship	58/84
Offering			\$4,512.40
Needed for Budget			\$5,091.46

## 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, Marcia Baumgartner, 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 Merri-let, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary

Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snaveley, 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, Shawn Roose, Jerry Hug; Fran Mavis, Josh Schwartz, Roger Jones, Nathan Ray, Gene Johns; *Shut Ins:* *Fountain Park:* Esther Krill; *SKLD:* Gloria Wright; *Home:* Barb & Ramon Alpaugh, Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler, Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner Hawthorne Glen: Roy Koerner.







So now there is no condemnation  
for those who belong to Christ Jesus  
Romans 8:1



*He has made  
everything beautiful  
in its time.*

*ecclesiastes 3:11*

news" ([Mark 1:15](#)).

If you have trouble believing in God, you don't need more evidence. You probably need repentance from sin.

I wouldn't agree with everything Ralph Waldo Emerson said, but I totally agree with this quote, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."


From Bob Russell's Blog

Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly



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 Snavelly is leading a study on hope.



*Blessed are the pure in heart.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8*