

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

From Bob Russell's Blog:

Since the Covid lockdown, many churchgoers no longer attend worship services regularly, alleging it is easier and less time-consuming to stay home and watch an online service.

When confronted, some suggest they have grown beyond the need for in-person worship at a local congregation, claiming they get as much fulfillment when viewing a service online. Others rationalize that they may even watch two or three different sermons on a Sunday morning.

Hebrews 10:24-25 commands, “*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*”

1. **It edifies you.** You may com-

plain that the music is not your favorite, or the sermon leaves you bored, but the Word of God is read, communion is served, Christ is exalted...and the offering is collected! Occasionally, you may leave the dinner table disappointed that the meal was not tasty, but somehow your digestive system still assimilates the food, nourishing your body. The same is true when you regularly attend worship and are fed the Word of God in person.

2. **It provides an opportunity to serve others.** When you attend church, you learn about the needs of Christian brothers and sisters and are motivated to minister to them and pray for them. It is not all about you.

3. **It quietly testifies to the lost.** When your neighbors see you drive out the

driveway headed for church, they know where you are going. When the golfer drives by the church building on Sunday morning and sees the cars in the parking lot, he is reminded of where he should be. Church attendance slowly and quietly testifies to the world which side you are on.

4. **It provides a natural evangelistic opportunity.** When you attend worship regularly, you have a natural venue to invite lost people to join you and learn about Christ. It is amazing how much more edifying a church service becomes when someone who does not know the Lord sits by your side.

5. **It encourages other believers.** A young college student was struggling with doubt. He was so troubled he decided to go to a local church on Sunday

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morning to see if he could rediscover the faith that had previously served as the foundation for his life. That morning, in an old traditional church service, his faith was renewed, and he left that day recommitted to Christ. The student later testified that his inspiration did not come from the singing or the preaching. But during the pastoral prayer, he opened his eyes and glanced

Serving in June

Deaconesses:

Diane Altman & Deb Rhodes

Elder Schedule:

5—Jim McPeak
12—Mark Rhodes
19—Larry Snavelly
26—Dave Beerbower

Nursery:

5—1st-Angie & Eric Murphy
SS—Kelly & Barry VonDeylen
2nd—Stacie & Sharon Blinzler
12—1st—Sandi Oberlin
SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm
2nd—Stacie Beerbower & Jessica Arend
19—1st-Jon & Kristi List
SS—Terence & Beth Clingaman
2nd—Nathan & Ashley Knepper
26—1st—Eric & Angie Murphy

SS—Barry & Kelly VonDeylen
2nd—Stacie B & Jessica Arend

Children's Church:

5—Ryan Beerbower
12—Ryan Beerbower
19—Jon List
26—Ryan Beerbower



Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Lee Stemen
2 Jayci Schooley
3 Dave Hug
6 Cheryl Karnes
7 Kristi List
9 Connie Cunningham
10 Deb Nixon
13 Dick Blinzler
14 Peyton VonDeylen
15 Tatym Beck
23 Raace Haynes, Ruth Ordway

24 Harmon Hetrick III
29 Nathan Grimm



6 John & Linda Hill (52)
7 Ronnie & Mary Pinckley (59)
9 Jim & Pat McPeak (43)
19 Garry & Sandi Oberlin (51)
25 Ryan & Amanda Beck

(11)
27 Greg & Traci Hartman
(30)

Attention Senior Saints: Given the current situation with COVID, we are still feeling cautious about Senior Saints Activities. We will do Lunch Bunch on 6/28 at 11:45 AM at Mom's Diner in Archbold. No transportation will be provided.

Family News

Sympathy:

♥ The church family mourns with Tom & Cindy Horton and family on the death of Tom's brother, Arlen Horton.






Important Memories

By profession, I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder—ininitely prouder—to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the

battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battle but in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven."

—Douglas MacArthur

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 8:00 Friday Night Fire	4
5  Graduation Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	6	7	8 3:30 MOPS/ MOPS Next at Montpelier Splash Pad 6:30 Adult Bible Study	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	13	14 	15 9:00 VBS 6:30 Adult Bible Study	16	17 8:00 Friday Night Fire	18
19 Father's Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	20	21	22 5:00 Tin Caps Game 5:30 MOPS/ MOPS Next Girls Night 6:30 Adult Bible Study	23	24 8:00 Friday Night Fire	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch	29 6:30 Adult Bible Study	30		



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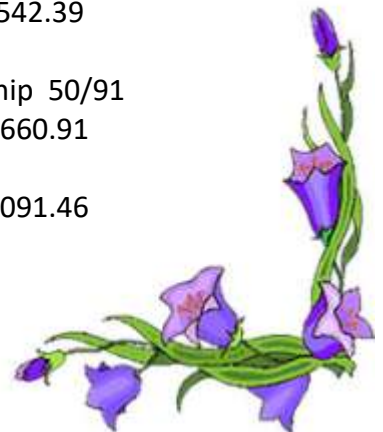
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Make Disciples

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



Facts & Figures

May 1

Attendance 27 Worship 48/84
Offering \$4,475.35

May 8

Attendance SS 37 Worship 50/106
Offering \$4,624.53

May 15

Attendance SS 31 Worship 44/85
Offering \$4,542.39

May 22

Attendance SS NC Worship 50/91
Offering \$3,660.91

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, Sue Bev-
er, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie
Case, Andrew Dell, Adam
Farger, Carrie H., Molly John-
ston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron
Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Tim
Mavis, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann
McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth
Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna

Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Sue
Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry
Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, Amy
Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy
Walton, Drew Wayman. *Oth-*
er 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, chil-
dren'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,
Roger Jones, Nathan Ray,
Gene Johns, Nehemiah Haase,
Madelon Salsbury, Jim & Pat
McPeak, Raymond Folk,
Alec Blinzler, Holly Sprow,
Shawn Gambler, Mary Pinck-
ley; *Shut Ins:* *Fountain*
Park: Esther Krill;
Hawthorne Glen: Roy
Koerner. *Hillside:* Charlene
Gambler; *Home:* Barb &
Ramon Alpaugh, Annie Engel,
Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn
Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith
Wagner *SKLD:* Gloria
Wright.



Be Still and Know that I am God

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS.

HE WILL SHELTER YOU WITH HIS WINGS.

HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES ARE YOUR

ARMOR AND PROTECTION.

PSALM 91:4



around. Two rows behind him and across the aisle was a much-respected science professor with his head bowed in intense prayer. The young man thought to himself, "If that teacher with all his brilliance can believe, so can I." Maybe the college professor left disappointed that he did not get much out of the service that day. Yet the fact that he took the time to meet with other believers was a source of encouragement to a young student... whether or not the professor realized it. Just attending church spurs others on toward love and good deeds.

6. One final reason we need to attend church regularly: God commands it. Enough said!

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly



MOPS and MOPS Next will adjourn for the summer but will have several gatherings. The first gathering will be Wednesday, June 8th, 3:30 PM at the Montpelier Splash Pad. The next gathering will be a **Girls' Night** on Wednesday, June 22nd, 5:30 PM. Enjoy dinner together at Stacie's house (08024 Co. Rd. 10, Montpelier).

Looking Ahead:

July 6—Harrison Lake Picnic

July 20—Lunch at Seasons

August 3—Outdoor Movie

Rejoice in the Lord always:
I will say it again: *Rejoice!*

