

# E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Psalm 85: You, Lord, showed favor to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> You set aside all your wrath

and turned from your fierce anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, God our Savior,

and put away your displeasure toward us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your unfailing love, Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

A young man got up to preach at Asbury University. It was a good sermon. The praise band came and led in a closing chorus. As the kids were leaving, the praise band just kept singing, and as I type this the singing still has not

stopped. Close to 50,000 people from around the world have come to Wilmore, Ky to be a part of this revival. Sins have been repented. Broken relationships have been mended. Divisions have healed.

What exactly has gone on at Asbury? Many believe there has been real revival and others are skeptical.

Of revival in the past there have been some common threads:

**1. They begin with an intense hunger for God.**

People are tired of empty church rituals and shallow emotionalism. They are distraught over depravity, including their own, and are desperate for an authentic encounter with God.

**2. There is a humble repentance of sin.** There is authentic brokenness and contrition for disobeying God's commands. There is an open confession of their unworthi-

ness before God, and an expressed determination to change their behavior.

**3. There is an overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit.** While no one can see the wind, we recognize the energy of air in motion as it passes through the swaying trees or across our skin. Likewise, many revival worshippers testify, "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."

**4. There is a passionate exaltation of Jesus.** Worshippers unashamedly *acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father* (Philippians 2:11). Christ is the ultimate focus of their worship. Jesus is exalted through preaching and singing, and prayers are offered in the name of Jesus.

**5. There is a permanent transformation of lives.** For example, after the Welsh Revival in the early 1900s, the local mines had to shut down for two weeks to retrain the mines' pit ponies. Apparent-

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ly, the pit ponies were used to responding to the miners' kicking and cursing and became confused and unresponsive to the converted miners' gentler and self-controlled behavior.

Ultimately, the test of a genuine revival is whether the participants live a Godly life as a result. I heard a story years ago about a preacher who told demonstrative worshippers, "I don't care how high you jump or how loud you shout, as long as when you land,

## Serving in March

### Deaconesses:

Teresa Gambler & Brienne Hetrick

### Elder Schedule:

5—Mark Rhodes  
12—Larry Snavely  
19—Dave Beerbower  
26—Doug Haase

### Nursery:

5—SS-Angie & Eric Murphy, 2nd—  
Jessica Arend & Stacie Beerbower  
12—SS—Need Volunteer! 2nd—  
Jessica Arend & Kim Snavely  
19—SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm  
2nd—Stacie Beerbower & Sharon  
Blinzler  
26—SS—Sandi & Gary Oberlin;  
2nd—Need Volunteer!

### Children's Church:

5—Ryan Beerbower  
12—Easter Craft Day— Karen  
Roose  
19—Ryan Beerbower  
22— Doug & Julia Haase



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



3 Amy

Dominique, Erica  
McNamara, Sherry  
Trubey

5 Gerry Wyrick  
13 Janet McCarthy, Phyllis  
Waldron  
14 Beth Clingaman  
17 Ramon Alpaugh  
18 Teresa Gambler  
19 Sam Stensland-Viskalns  
22 Preston Hull  
23 Gary Brown

26 Ruth Thomas  
27 Austin Bard  
28 Dylan Dominique, Wan-  
da Hug  
29 Sue Smethurst  
30 Brian Criswell



7 Mike & Lexy Robson (3)  
10 John & Mary Garver (60)  
27 Adam & Sarah Perry (2)  
29 Toby & Jane Runyan (15)

### Attention Senior Saints:

We will do Lunch  
Bunch on Tuesday,  
3/28 at 11:45 AM at  
Sallies in Edon. No  
transportation will be  
provided.

## Family News

### SYMPATHY

The church family extends her  
sympathy to Mick & Sue  
McElfresh on the death of  
**Sue's sister, Diana Smith.**

### Congratulations!







The church family celebrates  
with Cassidy & Brody Hankey

on the birth of Addalyn Jean  
who made her debut January  
30<sup>th</sup> (on her great-great-  
**grandparents' anniversary**).  
She weighed in at 7.8# and  
**19.5"**. **Grandparents are Tim &**  
Malissa Gordon. Great-  
Grandma is Sandy Gordon.  
Great-Great Grandpa is Bob  
Stambaugh.

## New Address

**Annie Engel is now at  
Hillside Country Living.  
She is in The Village  
(assisted living), room  
404. Cards would be ap-  
preciated as she adjusts  
to her new living ar-  
rangements.**

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>6</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers	<b>7</b> 9:00 MOPS 10:00 Craft Group	<b>8</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00 Garver Open House
<b>12</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	<b>13</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>20</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers 	<b>21</b> 9:00 MOPS	<b>22</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study No Wednesday Night Activities—Spring Break	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>27</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers	<b>28</b> 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Sal-lies in Edon	<b>29</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 	



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

### Facts & Figures

February 5

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	37/81
Offering			\$7,895.84

February 12

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	50 /94
Offering			\$5,924.84

February 19

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	67/78
Offering			\$2,678.71

February 26

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	53/79
Offering			\$

Needed for Budget \$5,020.19

## Love All

### *Our Service Personnel:*

*Austin Brandeberry (GA), Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (CO).*

*Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Sheila Hartnett, Jim Henson, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Annette Snavelly, Lyle Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Wal-*

*ton, 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, Gene Crawford, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Gene Johns, Nehemiah Haase, Raymond Folk, Holly Sprow, Shawn Gambler, Randy Fisher, Braxton & Trish Snavelly, Annie Engel, Joanne Allison, Carson Strouse, Jason Gregg, Henry Kidd, Sherry Trubey, Nikki Hull, Luke Collins, Ryan Yahraus, Judy Yahraus,*

*Cindy Perry, Toby Runyan; Shut Ins: Bryan Healthcare: Esther Rosendaul, Gloria Wright. Fairlawn Haven: John Altman; Fountain Park: Esther Krill; Hillside: Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; Home: Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner*







you walk straight!" The Bible reminds us, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor. 5:17)*

The news reported that on 2/23/2023 the music will stop, I guess it's time for the kids to go back to classes and their studies. Let's pray like David that the unfailing love of God that was experienced afresh about two weeks ago will continue in all God's children.

Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly



MOPS and MOPS  
Next meet regularly. .  
There are now Tues-  
day (1st & 3rd Tues-  
days) gatherings 9-11  
AM at the church.

Wednesday night  
gatherings (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)  
are 6-7:30 PM. Childcare will be pro-  
vided. Contact Stacie Beerbower or  
Kim Snavelly for questions. Check out  
their Facebook page @ MOPSoftbry-  
anfcc. You may also contact them via  
mopsoftbryanfcc@gmail.com.



### Anniversary Celebration!

The church family is invited to share with John & Mary Garver their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 11th, 2-4 PM here at the church. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Dana Garver at 260-715-8161.

