

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Some thoughts on temptation from Bob Russell:

1. We never get so spiritually mature that sin does not have some allure. Jesus was perfect, yet the Bible says He was tempted in every way we are. Yet Jesus did not sin! (see Hebrews 4:15) If Jesus, the perfect Son of God, was tempted, we will be also. The Bible makes it clear that the ways of this world and the desires of the flesh can be seductive. That is why Jesus said we must take up our cross daily and follow him.

2. We are tempted in different areas. My friend, Ken Mahannes, tells the story of a wife who was tempted toward gluttony and kept gaining weight. So, she cut out a picture of a

Victoria's Secret model and pasted it on the refrigerator door. Each time she was tempted to go to the refrigerator for a snack, she would see that picture and be reminded of her fitness goal. Her plan worked. She lost 10 pounds in two months. The problem was that her husband had gained 10 pounds!

One is tempted to gluttony, another to lust. One is tempted to gamble, another to hoard. One is tempted to envy, another to laziness. Some are enticed by greed, another pride. We are created differently, and Satan knows how to dangle the most alluring bait where we are most vulnerable.

3. It is always wise to resist temptation because Satan never delivers in the long term. The lottery is not nearly as fulfilling as the advertisements promised. Satan is a liar, but God is a promise keeper. In the end, God does "...immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." (see Ephesians 3:20). So, our daily challenge should be to obey the Lord and wait patiently for His promises to be fulfilled.

There is a wise old saying, "Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act, and you reap a habit; sow a habit, and you reap a character; sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

Indeed, "*Do not be*

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deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life" (Galatians 6:7-8)

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

Serving in March

Deaconesses:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

2—Jim McPeak
9—Mark Rhodes
16—Larry Snavelly
23—Dave Beerbower
30—Doug Haase

Nursery:

2—SS—Angie & Eric Murphy, 2nd—
Jessica Arend & Sharon Blinzler
9—SS—Easter Breakfast/No nursery
2nd—No nursery—kids in church
16—SS—Barry & Kelly VonDeylen
& Tracy Brandeberry; 2nd—Cody &
Ashley Grimm
23—SS—Sandi & Gary Oberlin;
2nd—Kim Snavelly
30—SS—Eric & Angie Murphy;

2nd—No Nursery—kids in church

Children's Church:

2—Ryan Beerbower
9—Easter—Kids in church
16—Ryan Beerbower
23—Doug & Julia Haase
30—Kids in church



Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Sophie
Beck, Dan Nixon
6 Tootie Bowman
9 Julia Hull
18 Cameron Ryan
19 Curt Bennett, Lucy
Gienger
21 Trisha Hug
24 Wendy Garza
26 Barbara Alpaugh
29 Shirley Kinnan
30 Terry Hoffman, Joe Jerger



12 William & Sharon Brew-
er (43)
13 Ron & Linda Lewis (55)
15 Shawn & Marcia Gambler
(11)
19 Rich & Sherry Trubey
(37)
24 Bobby & Christie
Woodart (2)

Attention Senior
Saints:
We will do Lunch
Bunch on Tuesday,
4/25 at 11:45 AM at
Rita's in Edgerton. No
transportation will be
provided.

Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Dick & Sharon **Blinzler on the death of Dick's** sister. And to Gene & Ruth **Ordway on the death of Gene's** sister.






Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with Nathan & Dottie Brown on the safe arrival of Sophie Mae who made her debut March 21st. She weighed in at **8.3# and 21". Paternal grand-**parents are Gary & Teresa Brown. Great-Grandma is Joan Brown.

VBS News & Clues

June 12 & 13, 10 AM-2 PM, for kids 6-10 years old. Location by Imagination Station and beyond. Now for volunteers! More info to be divulged at meeting April 26, immediately following 2nd service in the fellowship hall. This will be a Job Fair for VBS & information meeting. Lunch & drinks will be furnished! This will be a fun & creative VBS! Consider being part of it!

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	3 9:30 Senior Seekers	4 9:00 MOPS 10:00 Craft Group	5 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	6	7 	8
9 Easter 8:00 Worship 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship 	10 9:30 Senior Seekers	11 5:00 Mission Meeting	12 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	13	14	15
16 CAMP DAY 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 VBS Lunch & Meeting	17 9:30 Senior Seekers	18	19 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	20	21	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	24 9:30 Senior Seekers	25 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Rita's	26 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	27	28	29
30 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship						



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

Facts & Figures			
March 5			
Attendance SS	NC	Worship	46/98
Offering			\$8,528.87
March 12			
Attendance SS	NC	Worship	36/86
Offering			\$3,518.87
March 19			
Attendance SS	NC	Worship	56/76
Offering			\$6,040.71
March 26			
Attendance SS	NC	Worship	57/69
Offering			\$134.42
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, Randy Fisher, Braxton & Trish Snavelly, Annie Engel, Carson Strouse, Jason Gregg, Henry Kidd, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Judy Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Toby Runyan, Steve & Anna Royal, Joanne Allison, Martha

Hardy, Nancy Myers, Timothy Sparks; 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



I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. — John 11:25,26 KJV



I will give you
A New Heart
and put a
New Spirit in you

-Ezekiel 36:26

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MOPS

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 @ MOPSoftbryanfcc.
You may also contact them via
mopsoftbryanfcc@gmail.com.

HE IS NOT HERE;

He has risen.

JUST AS HE SAID.

MATT. 28:6

Sunday, April 16th will be camp day.
There will be a table set up in the foyer
to help register kids for camp. The
church helps pay \$160 of the registra-
tion fee for actively attending kids (1st
grade-high
school). You
may also regis-
ter online at
ljca.org.

