

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Ephesians 5:¹⁵ --Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is. Paul tells the believers to live wisely in the midst of those who are living foolishly.

Most of us have heard of sobriety check points. Maybe some of you have had to pass through them. The idea is to get impaired drivers off the road so everyone can travel safely. There is a standard used to judge one's level of impairment to determine if it is safe for them to be driving.

As Paul did, we live in evil days. We struggle with our sins, as

we live in an evil world. The challenge of Paul is still relevant today. A call to live wisely in evil days. Let us search God's word that we will know truth. Let us grow in the presence of the Holy Spirit that we will have the will to live boldly in these evil times. As we seek to live boldly let us remember that we are called to speak the truth in love.

I found these words help; I pray you do as well:

Richard Nelson, Director of the Commonwealth Policy Center, wrote, "In the past, medical professionals advised that when there is a medical incongruency with the body, it is the mind that should

change. For example, people with anorexia, believing themselves to be overweight, were told that wasn't true. So, counselors and psychiatrists worked to bring their patient's minds into accord with the reality of their bodies. Any less counsel would threaten their well-being. Why would we treat a fellow human being suffering from gender-dysphoria any differently? Instead of recommending hormones or surgical reconstruction, why not address the mental incongruency of minors and help counsel them to accept their biological reality?"

Indeed. Those of us who really care about them should

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recognize they desperately need God's help, love, and wisdom, not trendy, emotionally based counsel that further wounds and mutilates.

Lord, help us to be careful in how we live. Help us to see wisdom and have the boldness of Your Spirit to so live. Lord, help us to be able to speak

Serving in May

Deaconesses:

Cindy Horton & Jane Runyan

Elder Schedule:

7—Jim McPeak
14—Mark Rhodes
21—Larry Snavelly
28—Dave Beerbower

Nursery:

7—SS—Angie & Eric Murphy;
2nd—Stacie Beerbower & Sharon
Blinzler
14—SS—Julia Haase, NEED ONE
HELPER!; 2nd Kim Snavelly &
Jessica Arend
21—SS—Gary & Sandy Oberlin;
2nd—VOLUNTEER NEEDED!
28—Kelly & Barry VonDeylen;
2nd—Julia Haase & Stacie Beerbow-
er

Children's Church:

7—Ryan Beerbower
14—Karen Roose
21—Doug & Julia Haase
28— Ryan Beerbower



Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Linda Hill
3 Gail Wyrick
8 Deb Hallett, Dick Kusz-
maul
10 Ron Brown, Brienne
Hetrick
11 Alma Thornburg
12 Norma Lorentz, Kortney
Subasic
14 Megan Grimm
15 Troy Hug
16 Presley Tonneas

19 Isaiah Knepper
20 David Cunningham, Kay-
la Sanders, Kim Snavelly
22 Mary Pinckley
26 Scott Hartman
28 Cadance Ryan
29 Janet Leppelmeier, Hud-
son Sanders
31 Vickie Rhodes



8 Shawn & Tracy Bran-
deberry (24)
15 Doug & Vickie Grimm
(30)
16 Jacob & MaKenzie
Manges (8)
21 Joe & LuAnn
Jerger (35)
25 Steve & Connie
Tressler (55), Harm &
Brienne Hetrick (21)

Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Esther Rosendaul & family on the death of her sister, Gloria Wright. Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with Timothy & Katie Sparks on the safe arrival of Theodore

Isaac who made his debut April 12th. He weighed in at **7.1# and 20.5"**. **Maternal** grandparents are Dave & Melissa Beerbower. Great-Grandma is Carol Beerbower.



Attention Senior Saints:

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 5/23 Cookies on Demand in Montpelier at 11:45 AM at . Please meet there.

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 9:00 MOPS 10:00 Craft Group	3 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	4 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 	5 	6
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	8 9:30 Senior Seekers	9	10 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Club 226 6:30 Adult Bible Study	11	12	13
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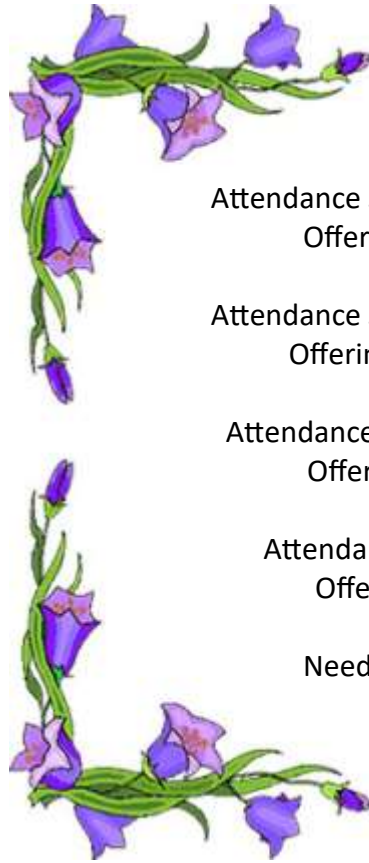
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Make Disciples

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



Facts & Figures

April 2

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	60/107
Offering			\$5,134.87

April 9

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	78/121
Offering			\$8,714.87

April 16

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	56/100
Offering			\$4,846.86

April 23

Attendance SS	NC	Worship	59/91
Offering			\$191.87

Needed for Budget	\$5,020.19
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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, Jason Gregg, Henry Kidd, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Toby Runyan, Steve & Anna Royal, Joanne Allison, Martha Hardy, Timothy Sparks;

Shut Ins: Bryan

Healthcare: Esther Rosendaul; Fairlawn Haven: John Altman; Fountain Park: Esther Krill; Hillside: Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; Home: Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner





the truth in love in these evil days that we live in.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

*The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in
green pastures. He leads me
beside still waters. He
restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of
righteousness for
his name's sake.*

Psalm 23:1-3



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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.

Lake James Christian Assembly offers
many varied camp experiences for chil-
dren entering first grade through high
school. The church and mission com-
mittee will cover \$160 of the cost for
each camper. You may sign up online at
ljca.org (use church
code bryanfccoc23)
or here at church.
See Wanda Hug
with questions.

