



FIRST Church Of Christ

August 2024 NEWSLETTER

As kids and teachers /professors head back to school and college, as many head to the work force, as some choose to serve the country, this is a great time to go to God in prayer. Proverbs 22: 6: “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” So much of what a child becomes is shaped in these formative years. A little girl came up to visit following church. She had a book with her that her mom had bought her. The top of the book was designed like the top of a shoe with shoelace included. As we visited she was practicing how to tie her shoes. It will not be long, and she will have it down like a pro. I do not remember being taught how to tie my shoes; it has just become something I do about everyday of my life.

Our world is confused about the path a child should be set on, but God’s truth is still true. What is ingrained at a young age, there is a good chance it will be around late in their life. That reality should sober anyone who plays a role in a child’s life formation.

To bring clarity to what I am trying to say let me share this quote: “The goal of this book is to help us to grow spiritually. But it is hard to write about spiritual formation in a way that captures the urgency of the subject. Too often people think about their “spiritual lives” as just one more aspect of their existence, alongside and largely separate from their “financial lives” or their “vocational lives.” Periodically they may try to “get their spiritual lives together” by praying more regularly or trying to master another spiritual discipline. It is the religious equivalent of going on a diet or trying to stick to a budget.

“The truth is that the term spiritual life is simply a way of referring to one’s life — every moment and facet of it — from God’s perspective. Another way of saying it is this: God is not interested in your “spiritual life.” God is just interested in your life. He intends to redeem it.”

“One of the great works of art in the Western world is Michelangelo’s Pietà, a marble statue of an anguished Mary holding the crucified Christ. Some years ago a fanatic nationalist rushed up-

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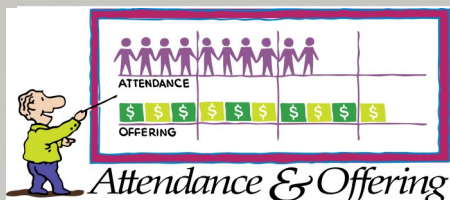
Monday—Thursday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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July 7

Attendance 49/90

Offering \$4,953.68

July 14

Attendance 44/67

Offering \$5,137.44

July 21

Attendance 51/72

Offering \$4,660.84

July 28

Attendance 45/88

Offering \$211.84

Needed for Budget:

\$4,967.69



August Servers

Deaconesses:

Margie Olds & Kim Snavelly

Elder Schedule:

4—Doug Haase

11—Seth Ramey

18—Mark Rhodes

25—Larry Snavelly



Nursery:

4—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Kim Snavelly; 2nd—Kim Snavelly

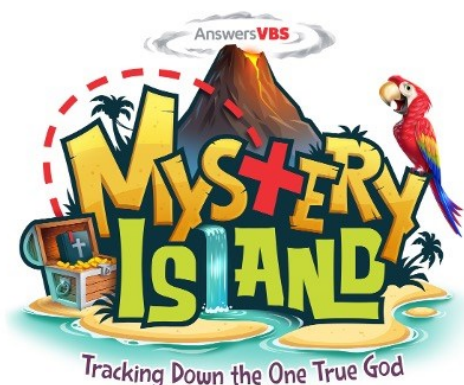
11—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Barry & Kelly Von Deylen; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler

18—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—**Volunteer Needed**; 2nd—**Volunteer Needed**

25—1st—Ashley Knepper; SS—Shaun & Jessica Arend; 2nd—Jessica Arend & Julia Haase

VBS 2024

- August 4-August 8
- 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Volunteers needed!
- bfcc.myanswers.com/mystery-island/



For kids ages 3-12. Use the QR code to register children to attend.



1 Connie Tressler
2 Andi Gienger
3 Sharon

31 Charlene Dean,
Shawn Gambler,
Judy Yahraus



Blinzler

5 Barb Thomas
6 Blake Kuszmaul, Barry Von
Deylen
7 Larry Snavely
10 Seth Ramey, Aiden Wonderly
12 Dave Beerbower, Doug
Haase, Ron Lewis
13 Jim McPeak
15 Toby Runyan
16 Case Hartman, Sue McElfresh
17 Jack Arend, Nola Girardot
18 Tim Ryan
19 Julianna Arend, John Hill
21 J.T. McCoy
29 Terry Oxender



12 Ron & Shellee Brown (20)
15 Larry & Marilyn Sanders (32)
17 Justin & Erica McNamara (11)
19 Larry & Kim Snavely

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to the following:

- Vince & Nola Girardot on the death of Vince's sister.
- Terence & Beth Clingaman & family on the death of Terence's grandfather, Jim Clingaman.
- Dave & Melissa Beerbower, Barry & Kelly Von Deylen, Sharon Beerbower and their families on the death of Dave & Sharon's mother, Carol Beerbower.

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (TX), Josh Severs (AL), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (Korea). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Terri Hug, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie Campo, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Se-coy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Denise Smith, Annette Snavely, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Way-man. Raegan Wonderly; **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, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Annie Engel, Ja-son Gregg, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Tommy Morr, Bill Brewer, Ellen Walker, Dave & Terri Hug, Ron Lewis, Mike Green, John Leppelmeier, Mark & Carrie Campo, Ronnie Pinckley, Ron Carter, Sue Smethurst, Janet McCarthy; **Shut Ins:** **Bryan Healthcare:** Esther Rosendaul; **Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff.



Upcoming EVENTS

Free Garage Sale
8/1-3/2024

**Family Picnic &
Splash Pad @ Ney
Park**
8/4/2024

**Vacation Bible
School**
8/4-8

**Annual Church Pic-
nic @ Jaycee Pavil-
ion w/ Woodburn
Christian Chil-
dren's Home**
8/11/2024

**Wednesday Night
Activities Resume**
8/21/2024

**Lunch Bunch @ Cal-
lie's BBQ & Edon
Dairy Treat**
8/27/2024



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Thursday, 8/22 at 11:45 AM at Callie's BBQ, followed by ice cream at Edon Dairy Treat. Please meet there.

Thank you so much! Dear Church Family, Words cannot express how much you have meant to us. Your prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers, and on and on have been strengthening. You have given us the strength we have needed to survive everything we have gone through. Your prayers have been miraculous! Thanks for caring about Esther Krill's passing that was so painful for her. We have coveted each and every one of your precious prayers, and they have given us the strength to keep on the journey.

Love you all, John & Janet Leppelmeier



on the masterpiece and began smashing it with a sledgehammer. Although the damage was significant, Vatican artists were able to restore the statue to near-perfect condition.



You were created to be a masterpiece of God. Paul writes, "For we are God's poiēma" — a word that can mean God's "workmanship," or even God's "work of art." God made you to know oneness with him and "with other human beings. God made you to be co-regent with him — to "fill the earth and subdue it," to "have dominion" over creation under his reign and with his help. It is the goodness of God's work in creating us that makes our fallenness so tragic. This is why my disappointment in myself runs so deep.

But God is determined to overcome the defacing of his image in us. His plan is not simply to repair most of our brokenness. He wants to make us new creatures. So the story of the human race is not just one of universal disappointment, but one of inextinguishable hope."

Destined to Win, Larry



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00-5:00 Free Garage Sale	2 9:00-5:00 Free Garage Sale	3 9:00-5:00 Free Garage Sale
4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 12:00 Family Picnic & Splash Pad	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 12:00 Annual Church Picnic ANNUAL PICNIC 	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	19	20	21 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Adult Bible Study	22 11:45 Lunch Bunch	23	24
25 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	26	27	28 5:30 Supper 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Adult Bible Study	29	30	31

