



# FIRST Church Of Christ

November 2024 NEWSLETTER

Robert Morgan's book *Calm Your Anxiety* highlights the difference between happiness and joy.

*"Happiness is an emotion. Joy is an attitude. We can't always control our emotions, but we can control our attitude. Every day we awake, we can say with the Psalmist, 'This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it'" (Psalm 118:24 CSB).*

That is why the Apostle Paul could be joyful even while in prison.

Jesus was joyful. His assignment of dying on the cross certainly didn't bring happiness, but Hebrews 12:2-3 teaches, "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Even in the shadow of the cross, Jesus encouraged His followers: "I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature" (John 15:11).

When we are grumpy and melancholy, we alienate others, make ourselves miserable, and waste the precious present. When we make a daily choice to be joyful, we live each day to the fullest, are more fun to live with, and are a much better witness for Jesus Christ. So, choose joy!



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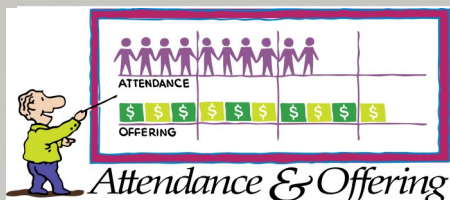
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### October 6

Attendance 46/75

Offering \$3,506.16

### October 13

Attendance 54/77

Offering \$4,599.75

### October 20

Attendance 42/107

Offering \$11,160.72

### October 27

Attendance 58/93

Offering \$3,918.76

### Needed for Budget:

\$4,967.69



## November Servers

### Deaconesses:

Cindy Horton & Jane Runyan

### Elder Schedule:

3—Dave Beerbower

10—Larry Snaveley

17—Doug Haase

24—Seth Ramey

### Nursery:

3—1st—; SS—**NEED VOLUNTEER**; 2nd—Deb Rhodes & Janet McCarthy

10—1st—; SS—Kim Snaveley; 2nd—Kim Snaveley

17—1st—; SS—Kim Snaveley; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler

27—1st—; SS—**NEED VOLUNTEER!**; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler & Sam Ryan

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Work Projects at Woodburn

*We are planning to help Woodburn with a few specific projects. If any of these fit your skill set and you would like to volunteer, please see Larry.*

- ♦ Lay tile floor (12x12)
- ♦ Sand & Paint LP tank
- ♦ Spray clean siding
- ♦ Paint inside rooms
- ♦ Clean pantry





**1 Shawn Brandeberry**  
**2 Sandy Gordon**  
**3 Greg Hartman**  
**6 Ashley Grimm, Traci Hartman,**  
**Jane Runyan, Marilyn Sanders**  
**7 Karen Roose**  
**8 Audrey Miller**  
**9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavely**  
**11 Chuck Salisbury**  
**12 Shawn Ramey**  
**16 Ron Carter, Mark Rhodes**  
**17 Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy, Den-**  
**ver Thornburg**  
**18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West**  
**19 Dan Olds**  
**25 Angie Murphy**  
**29 Terry Hallett**  
**30 Sophie Hull**



**4 Vince & Nola Girardot (73)**  
**7 Derek & Makayla Murphy (4)**  
**15 Chuck & Madelon Salisbury (70)**  
**16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (40)**  
**18 Scott & Pam Hartman (24)**

### Congratulations!

- **Great-Grandparents, John & Mary Garver, are proud to announce the arrival of Judah Paul Fisher, 8# 11 oz., 21". Parents are Charles & Alyssa Fisher with big sister, Emery.**
- **Braxton & Trisha Snavely on the birth of Hannah Noela on 10/9. She weighed in at 8# 6.5 oz., 18.5". Paternal grandparents are Larry & Kim Snavely.**

### SYMPATHY

**The church family extends her sympathy to Denver Thornburg and family on the sudden passing of his wife, Alma.**

## 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, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Terri Hug, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavely, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, 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, Jason Gregg, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Dave & Terri Hug, Mike Green, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Rob Warfield, Garry Oberlin, Grace Slagle, John Lepelmeier, Josh & Alexis Turnbull, Lance Smith, Jerry Hug; **Shut Ins:** **Bryan Healthcare:** Esther Rosendaul, Annabelle West; **Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff.





## Upcoming EVENTS

**Craft Group**  
**11/12/2024**

**Momco (MOPS)**  
**11/6 & 20/2024**

**20°**  
**11/12/2024**

**Lunch Bunch**  
**11/26/2024**

## SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 11/26 at 11:45 AM at Mom's Diner, Archbold. Please meet there.



Regardless of your circumstances, act like you believe what you say you believe. You're getting closer to home!

*"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:2-3).*

Churches should overflow with senior adults whose joy-filled, upbeat spirit inspires others and contrasts with a despairing world. We should live with inexpressible joy because eternal life awaits us. The Apostle Paul reminded us, *"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).*



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Destined to Win, Larry

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:45 Lunch Bunch	<b>27</b> No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>28</b> 11:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

