



FIRST Church Of Christ

April 2025 NEWSLETTER

"There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all. . . .It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe. . . .The impression of design is overwhelming.

—Paul Davies

A UNIVERSE-CREATING MACHINE

Imagine you're taken captive by some powerful aliens, like Q on Star Trek, a group of highly intelligent if utterly obnoxious beings who exist as a sort of unified community called the Q continuum. Among their many qualifications, the Q can travel back in time. In the story we're concocting, imagine that the Q transport you back to the moment of the Big Bang. After arriving, one Q takes you into a spacious room, with a large, complicated device on one side, adorned with scores of enormous dials not unlike the dials on a Master padlock. On closer inspection, you notice that every knob is inscribed with numbered lines. And above each knob are titles like "Gravitational Force Constant," "Electromagnetic Force Constant," "Strong Nuclear Force Constant," and "Weak Nuclear Force Constant. "You ask Q what the machine is, and after some snide and dismissive comments about the feebleness of the human mind, he tells you that it's a Universe-Creating Machine. According to Q, the great collective Q continuum used it to create our universe. The machine has a viewing screen that allows the Q to preview what different settings will produce before they press Start. Without going into detail about how it works, Q explains that the dials must all be set very precisely, or the Universe-Creating Machine will spit out a worthless piece of junk (as shown on its preview screen), like a universe that collapses within a few seconds into a single black hole or drifts along indefinitely as a lifeless hydrogenated soup. "Well, how precisely do the knobs have to be set?" you ask. With some embarrassment, Q tells you that, so far, they've found only one combination that actually produces a universe even mildly habitable—namely, our own. "So," you ask, "do you mean that there are only two habitable universes, the one that the Q exist in, and ours that you created?" In a volatile mixture of anger and chagrin, he admits, "Um, no, there's just this one." This arouses your suspicions: "Now, what sort of bootstrapping magic allowed you to create the universe you yourself exist in?" Crushed by your keen command of logic and highly sensitive baloney detector, Q finally admits, "Well, we didn't actually find the right combination ourselves. In fact, the machine doesn't exactly belong to us. We merely found it, with the dials already set. The machine had done its work before we arrived. Ever since then, we've been looking for another set of dial combinations to create another habitable universe, but alas, so far, we haven't found one. We're certain that other habitable universes are possible, though, so we're still looking."

This fanciful story illustrates one of the most startling discoveries of the last century: the universe, as described by its physical laws and constants, seems to be fine-tuned for the existence of life. In the nineteenth century,



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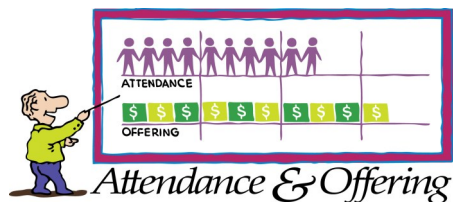
Monday—Thursday
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March 2

Attendance 48/85
Offering \$6,542.85

March 9

Attendance 48/98
Offering \$6,498.16

March 16

Attendance 46/105
Offering \$12,813.72

March 23

Attendance 44/95
Offering \$2,789.13

March 30

Attendance 43/94
Offering \$2,100.00

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



April Servers

Deaconesses:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

6—Dave Beerbower
13—Shawn Brandeberry
20—Doug Haase
27—Seth Ramey

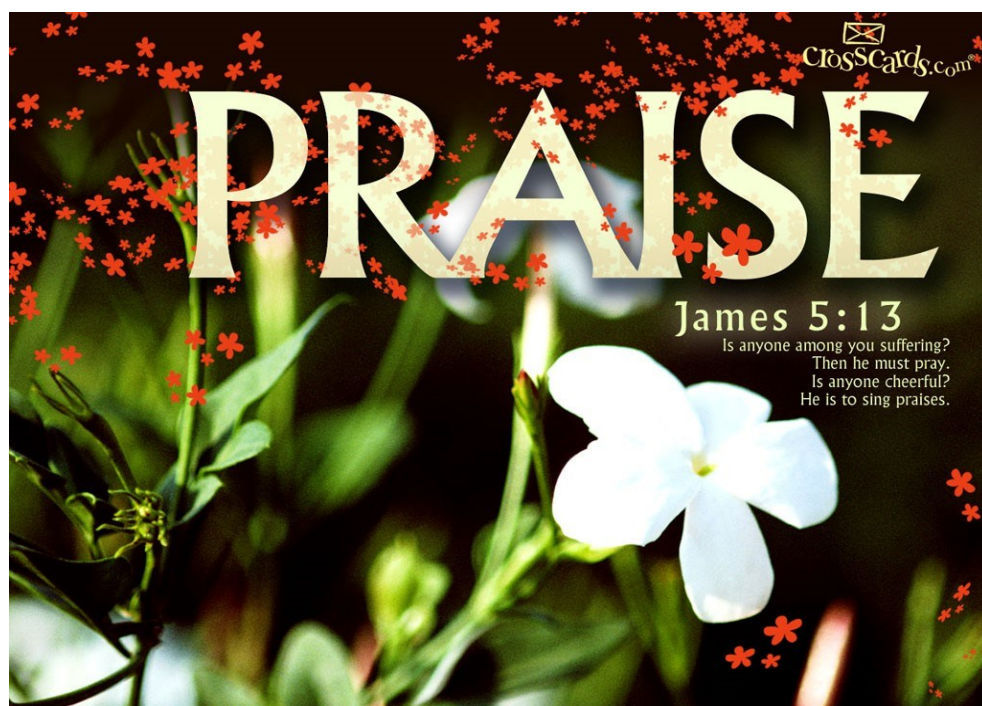
Nursery:

6—1st—; SS—Jessica & Shaun Arend; 2nd—Jessica Arend & Julia Haase
13—1st—; SS—Kim Snavely; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes
20—1st—; SS—Breakfast-no Sunday School; 2nd—
27—1st—; SS— 2nd—Sharon Blinzler

Greeters

1st—Shawn Brandeberry; 2nd—Bobby Woodart

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!





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

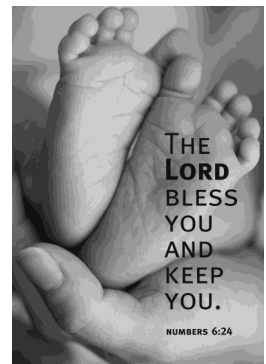


12 Bill & Sharon Brewer (45)
13 Ron & Linda Lewis (57)
19 Rich & Sherry Trubey (39)
24 Bobby & Christie Woodart

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with Drew & Ashley Grimm on the early arrival of Bodee Allen. Bodee was born 3/20 and was 6 weeks early. He weighed in at 5# 5 oz. He is currently in Toledo in NICU. He will stay there until he is able to bottle feed. He joins big brother, Myles. Paternal grandparents are Doug & Vickie

Grimm.



Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (Korea). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Mary Ellen Bowman, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Terri Hug, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim McKown, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, 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, Mike Green, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Garry Oberlin, John Leppelmeier, Barbara Alpaugh, Larry Snavelly, Tootie Bowman, Henry Kidd, Maverick Fields, Chuck Salisbury, Pat Northcut, Ron Lewis, Bodee Grimm, Charlie Clingaman; **Shut Ins:** **Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff.



Upcoming EVENTS

Craft Group
4/1/2025

Momco (MOPS)
4/2 & 16/2025

20°
4/8/2025

**Senior Saints Pre-
Easter Breakfast**
4/17/2025

**Prayer & Com-
munion**
4/17/2025

Easter Sunday
4/20/2025
8:00 Worship
9:00 Breakfast
10:15 Worship

Lunch Bunch
4/22/2025



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 4/22 at 11:45 AM at Frankie's in Bryan. Please meet there.



many scientists thought the universe and our existence had little or no fundamental connection, and that our existence was simply one of the events that happen in an infinite and eternal universe. The apparent fine-tuning of the universe obviously contradicts this. "Physicists sometimes refer to this fine-tuning of the laws and constants as "large number coincidences," or somewhat imprecisely, "anthropic coincidences." But what are they referring to? When physicists say, for example, that gravity is "fine-tuned" for life, what they usually mean is that if the gravitational force had even a slightly different value, life would not have been possible. If gravity were "slightly weaker, the expansion after the Big Bang would have dispersed matter too rapidly, preventing the formation of galaxies, planets, and astronomers. If it were slightly stronger, the universe would have collapsed in on itself, retreating into oblivion like the groundhog returning to his hole on a wintry day. In either case, the universe would not be compatible with the sort of stable, ordered complexity required by living organisms. "Specifically, physicists normally refer to the value of, say, gravity relative to other forces, like electromagnetism or the strong nuclear force. In this case, the ratio of gravity to electromagnetism must be just so if complex life as we know it is to exist. If we were just to pick these values at random, we would almost never find a combination compatible with life or anything like it. Given the prevailing assumptions of nineteenth- and twentieth-century science, discovering that the universe is fine-tuned was a surprise. Underlying the astonishment is the implication that the range of uninhabitable (theoretical) universes vastly exceeds the range of universes, like our own, that are hospitable to life. Thrown to the winds of chance, an uninhabitable universe is an astronomically more likely state of affairs."

Paul wrote in Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

The more man explores and learns the more Paul's words are proven true.

Destined to Win, Larry

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Craft Group	2 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Momco 5:15 Adult Bible Study	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7 9:30 Senior Seekers	8	9 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 5:15 Adult Bible Study	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	14 9:30 Senior Seekers	15 	16 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Momco 5:15 Adult Bible Study	17 9:00 Church building open for prayer & communion 9:30 Senior Saints Pre-Easter Break-fast	18 	19
20 EASTER 8:00 Worship 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship 	21 9:30 Senior Seekers	22 11:45 Lunch Bunch	23 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 5:15 Adult Bible Study	24	25	26
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