



FIRST Church Of Christ

October 2025 NEWSLETTER

Helen Roseveare had been a missionary in the Congo for 20 years. She was speaking at a conference when she shared this story. One night we worked hard helping a mother in labor. In spite of all our efforts, we were not able to save the mother. We were left with a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old big sister. There was no electricity to run an incubator. Yes, it's true, the Congo is hot, but it can get cool at night and frequently, there is a cool breeze. A box was gathered and some cotton wool to try to keep the baby warm, hot water bottle would be filled with warm water to help keep the chill away. The nurse who went to fill the water bottle, came back soon almost in tears. The water bottle had burst while she was trying to fill it. How many more things could go wrong? The phrase "no crying over spilled milk" came to mind, so we just kept doing what needed to be done to keep this little one alive. The baby made it through the night. I went on with my usual tasks, one of which was getting together with some of the orphans from the area. As often with these children, we would play games and then have a little time of study and a prayer. I gave the youngsters some things to pray about. I also mentioned about the little baby that had been born the day before and about all the things that had gone wrong, I told them about her big sister and all of her tears at losing her mom. One of the girls, a 10-year-old girl during our prayer time prayed this prayer, "Please God, send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon." She also added to her prayer, "And while you're about it, God,



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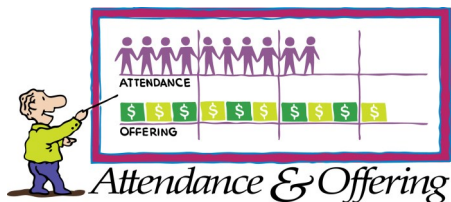
Monday—Thursday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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September 7

Attendance 40/98
Offering \$4,663.72

September 14

Attendance 59/77
Offering \$5,194.30

September 21

Attendance 43/75
Offering \$4,630.30

September 28

Attendance 47/63
Offering \$5,324.74

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



October Servers

Deaconesses:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

5—Mark Rhodes
12—Larry Snavely
19—Dave Beerbower
26—Doug Haase

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery:

5—1st—Nathan Knepper; SS—Shaun & Jessica Ar-
end; 2nd—Ashley Nelson
12—1st—Nathan Knepper; SS—Kim Snavely; 2nd—Kim
Snavely
19—1st—Nathan Knepper; SS—Kim Snavely; 2nd—Kim
Snavely
26—1st—Nathan Knepper; SS—NEED VOLUNTEER;
2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER

Greeters

1st—; 2nd—Sue Smethurst & Cindy Perry



Saturday, November 1, 5:00-7:00 PM
Candy donations are needed. Volunteers are needed
to host doors. There's no theme, so just grab a
door and decorate.



1 Jessica Boselli
4 Myles Grimm
5 Sandi Oberlin
9 MaKenzie Manges
14 Garry Oberlin, Tatum Subasic
16 Janeesa Boselli
18 Deb Rhodes
21 Lydia Sprow
22 Nathan Gambler
23 Brandon Gambler, Doug Grimm, Terry Karnes, Steve Tressler
24 Amanda Beck, Missie Manges, Cindy Perry
28 Mary Garver, Dottie Hallett, Gene Ordway
31 Tom Horton, Nancy Wagner



13 Terry & Cheryl Karnes (35)
15 Mark & Char Brandt (41)
30 Terry & Deb Hallett (49)



Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, 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 Snavely, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, 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, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Garry Oberlin, Tootie Bowman, Henry Kidd, Maverick Fields, Chuck Salisbury, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Terry Hallett, Gail Wiyrick, Nikki Fisher, Joanne Allison, Robert Buskirk, Terry Carter, Dick Newcomb, Tristan Ray; **Shut Ins:** **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Vince & Nola Girardot, Chuck & Madelon Salisbury.



Upcoming EVENTS

**20°—10/5/2025
9:15 AM**

**Craft Group
10/7, 10:00 AM**

**Momco—10/1 & 15
6:15–7:15**

**Ladies Bible—10/8
& 22
6:15–7:15**

**Lunch Bunch
10/28/2025
11:45 @ Sweetwa-
ter Chophouse**

**Trunk & Treat
11/1, 5–7 PM**



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 10/28 at 11:45 PM at Sweetwater Chophouse, Defiance. Please meet there.

would you please send a doll for the little girl so that she will know you really love her.” Helen said she was taken by the innocence of the prayer, but also the audacity, how could God answer this prayer? She had been serving in the Congo for four years, and she had never received a package of any kind, and that was the only way they would ever get a water bottle or a baby doll. It’s not like you could run down to the local store and get items, but she appreciated the girl’s prayer. Helen went on with her day’s activities when she received a message that a package had been dropped off at her house. She ran home to check on the package. Helen lifted from the package brightly colored, knitted jerseys to be handed out to the orphans. There were bandages for leprosy patients. There were mixed raisins and nuts. They would go well in the bread and buns that would be made for the kids to eat that week. Helen’s hand went into the box again and that’s when she grasps and pulled it out. It was a brand-new rubber hot water bottle. One of the set of eyes that was watching her unpack the box were those of the little girl who had prayed that ridiculous prayer earlier. When she saw the water bottle pulled out, she cried out that surely there must be a doll in there as well. Helen continued to un-

pack the box, and I suppose you know where this is going. The last item that she pulled out was a small doll. The little girl asked, “Can I go over with you, and give the girl the doll so that she will know Jesus really loves her?” That parcel had been on its way for over five


months. It was packed by a former Sunday school class where Helen had gone years earlier. One person in the class had been prompted to pack a rubber, hot water bottle. Another had been prompted to pack a baby doll. How could all these bits and pieces accompanied by a child’s prayer come together? An amazing God in the power of prayer.

“Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.” Isaiah 65:24

Destined to Win, Larry





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	2	3	4
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