



FIRST Church Of Christ

March 2026 NEWSLETTER



“The term neuroplasticity is not in Scripture. But “change your thoughts and change your life”? That idea is embedded in every chapter. It is the promise behind Paul’s well-known words: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Rom. 12:2 ESV).

The apostle contrasts two types of people: one who is conformed, and the other who is transformed. One is shaped by society; the other is renewed by the work of God.

The word conformed reminds me of the Play-Doh kit I played with as a kid. It came with a dozen or so containers of modeling compound. Assorted colors of clay could be pressed, smooshed, squished, rolled, squeezed, and shaped. We made ropes, rainbows, reptiles, and robots. We “conformed” the shape of the clay to our preferences.”



“The box also contained a set of molds. A puppy mold, a hot dog mold, and a person mold. Place the Play-Doh in the mold, close the lid, and, ta-da, you have a perfectly shaped puppy, hot dog, or person.

Nothing in the Bible would incline us to think that the apostle Paul played with Play-Doh. But abundant messages from his pen allude to the very real pressure to be conformed to the world.

We were not made to be pressed, smooshed, squished, rolled, squeezed, and shaped into the image of society.

Culture prompts us to
value money over people,
grade people by looks, awards, and bank balances,
judge a person by the color of their skin,
manipulate truth to fit our desires, and
place our value in what we wear, drive, own, or achieve.

The mastermind behind these attacks? The devil. Satan has one primary aim: to entangle us in a web of unhealthy thoughts. He wants to corrupt, contaminate, and confuse our minds with a false system.”

“Remember what he did with Judas? “Jesus and his disciples were eating supper. The devil had already put an idea into the mind of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son. The idea was to sell Jesus to his enemies” (John 13:2 EASY). Judas, himself no picture of faith, opened the door of his thoughts to Satan.

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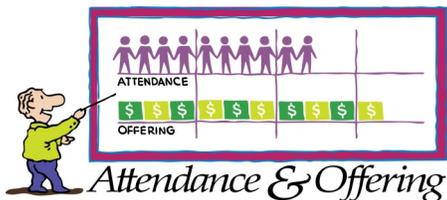
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February 1

Attendance 50/101
Offering \$7,117.68

February 8

Attendance 40/97
Offering \$2,445.00

February 15

Attendance 41/107
Offering \$5,549.51

February 22

Attendance 42/92
Offering \$3,522.13

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



March Servers

Deaconesses:

Teresa Gambler & Brienne Hetrick

Elder Schedule:

1—Larry Snavelly
8—Dave Beerbower
15—Doug Haase
22—Seth Ramey
29—Mark Rhodes



Nursery:

1—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
8—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER!; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes
15—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
22—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler
29—

Greeters

1st—; 2nd—Mick & Sue McElfresh

A Prayer for the Day

*Lord, give me the patience to see this day through,
In joy and in sorrow to seek after you.
Teach me to trust in your loving Son,
From the time this day starts until the moment it's done.
Teach me not to murmur, complain or to strive,
Because only through you am I truly alive.
Sometimes it's not until I wander or stray,
That I realize it's near you I always must stay.
So teach me to love you and always be true,
From the time this day starts until the moment it's through*

—Gloria Temm



MARCH Birthdays

3 Amy Dominique, Erica McNamara, Sherry Trubey
5 Gerry Wyrick
10 Colton Sheline
13 Janet McCarthy, Phyllis Waldron
14 Beth Clingaman
17 Parker Von Deylen
18 Teresa Gambler
19 Samantha Vuskalns
20 Bodee Grimm
21 Preston Hull
23 Gary Brown
26 Ruth Thomas
27 Austin Bard
28 Dylan Dominique, Wanda Hug
29 Bill Brewer, Sue Smethurst
30 Chelsea Nelson

MARCH Anniversaries

7 Mike & Lexy Robson (6)
10 John & Mary Garver (63)
27 Adam & Sarah Perry (5)
29 Toby & Jane Runyan (18)



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♦ *Larry & Kim Snavelly & Family on the unexpected passing of Larry's mother, Donna Snavelly.*
- ♦ *Patty Crider & family on the sudden passing of Gary.*

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, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, 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; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, 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, Henry Kidd, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Terry Hallett, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Kortney Subasic, Eldor Lohse, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Sharon Beerbower, Wayne Long, Penny Ferry, Shelby Vanderpool; **Shut Ins: Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salisbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot; **Kingston:** Joanne Allison; **Parkview Edgerton:** Garry Oberlin.



Upcoming EVENTS

20^o–3/1/2026
9:15 AM

Craft Group
3/3, 10:00 AM

Momco–3/4
6:15–7:15 PM

Ladies Bible Study
–3/11 & 25
6:15–7:15 PM

Lunch Bunch
3/24/2026
11:45 AM @ J.J.
Winns



Congratulations to
our new sister in
Christ, Jasmine Harri-
son who was bap-
tized 2/7/2026.



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 3/24 at 11:45 AM at J.J. Winns. Please meet there.

Spirit?” (Acts 5:3 NCV).

The classic example of the devil’s influence occurred in the garden of Eden. According to Paul, Satan seduced Eve by hijacking her thoughts. “I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3 ESV). There it is. Satan implanted a virus in Eve’s mental software. He commandeered her mind by infecting her thoughts. He uses the same playbook today. “[The devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar [...]”

“Satan aims to derail our thinking with unruly and ungodly thoughts. When our thinking goes off track, so does our life. Hence Paul’s challenge: “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold” (Rom. 12:2 PHILLIPS). No one wants to be squeezed, right? By the power of Jesus, you can avoid being conformed and, instead, be “transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Rom. 12:2 ESV). What a choice word! Paul, writing in the Greek language, chose the verb metamorphoo, from which we translate the noun metamorphosis. Anyone who paid attention in middle school science class remembers that the process of turning a caterpillar into a butterfly is called metamorphosis. The squirmy, furry worm is transformed into a winged, colorful, high-flying butterfly.

God promises you an even greater transformation.

Stuck in your head? Ticked off at the world? On edge like DEFCON 1? There is hope! The thoughts that have characterized your past need not characterize the rest of your life. God will move you from worm to butterfly, from clay-like to Christlike.

The second half of the scripture “be transformed by the renewal of your mind” is in the passive voice [...]”

Excerpt From: Max Lucado. “Tame Your Thoughts.” Apple Books. <https://books.apple.com/us/book/tame-your-thoughts/id6742065820>



Destined to Win, Larry





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Camp Registration Opens</i></p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 20° 10:15 Worship</p>	2	<p>3 10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>4 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 VBS Planning Meeting</p> 	9	10	<p>11 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	16	<p>17  MARCH MADNESS </p>	<p>18 No Activities— Spring Break</p>	19	20	21
<p>22 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	23	24	<p>25 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 8:00 Worship 9:15 Breakfast 10:15 Worship</p>	30	31				

When Ananias and Sapphira deceived the apostles, Peter said, "Ananias, why did you let Satan rule your thoughts to lie to the Holy