The Witness

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Time spent with Dad

Being a father can be a lot of responsibility as well as a lot of fun and those experiences become memories. Do you remember times you spent with your father?

Regina Harper remembers when "Me, Mom and Dad, **Max Woods,** did everything together, just hanging out and having



fun. Peggy Smith stated of her dad, Charles Smith, "We used to go fishing at Deer Creek." Jerry Keaton shared that he and his dad, Lonny Keaton, raced a lot; "first go carts and then later automobiles." Connie Vest enjoyed weekends with her dad, Harry Shull Jr, "Every

weekend we would set up items to sell at flea markets and later, on Saturday evenings, we would go to 35 Raceway to see my brother race."



Ron Cutright enjoyed practicing baseball skills with his dad, Clyde Cutright. "Working in the garage on street rods" is an activity Durk Peters remembers with his father Lowell Peters. Carolyn Steele remembers spending time with her father, Clyde Steele, working in his wood shop. She learned many things including using a jigsaw, paints and outline. She also installed garage doors and enjoyed their talks.

Whether it be work or play, time together leads to find memories.

submitted by Sue Stonerock

VBS--"The Ultimate Builder" June 24 - 28 at 6:30 pm Kiera Yaniga, Director of Children Ministries614/371-6366Sam Davidson, Director of Youth Ministries740/248-9575Seth George, Director-Second Chance Ministries740/475-9351

Lifepak defibrillators

Recently, two Lifepak defibrillators were purchased by Circleville First Church. One is located on the wall next to the Welcome Center desk. The other is in the Ferguson/Clark Hall next to the sound system.

These two pieces of equipment are used if someone's heart stops, it can be used to restart it for both children and adults.

According to **Sam Davidson**, who is an EMT for Clearcreek EMS in Stoutsville, our church has an entire response team, from EMT's to nurses that are qualified to use this equipment.

You can still make a donation to off-set the cost of this life-saving equipment.

Mount of Praise Camp Meeting June 18-23

Ohio Christian University Campus



Second Chance Ministry

June 7 & June 21

7 pm

Mission Team to Whiteville, North Carolina will leave on June 9 and return on June 16. Please pray for this team.

Haiti mission trip

Tonya Neff and Bradley Neff will be traveling on a mission trip to Haiti from December 2-9.

There will be an **All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast** on **June 8** from 8-11 am. The cost is donations only. All proceeds will go directly to the missions trip.

If you are interested in receiving email updates regarding the Haiti mission trip and information on their journey, please send



your email address to Tonya at tsn1048@gmail.com this will be the primary form

of passing along information and updates.

Anchored student ministry

Graduates were honored on May 19 in the morning service. Each graduate received a gift from the church.

Upcoming event/activities:

June 19 - Hike around Hargus Lake. Food to follow.

July 10 – Kayaking (location not decided)

August 11 - Swimming (probably at Groveport Aquatics)

Working on a few more event/activities as well as an official list.

Nipgen Camp:

Jr Camp - ages 9-11 June 9- 13 cost: \$110

Jr High Camp - ages 12-14 June 23- 28 cost: \$105 before 6/8 \$120 after 6/8

Teens in Action- ages 15-17 July 21-27 cost: \$110 before 6/29 \$125 after 6/29

OCU: Teens of Praise June 18-23 cost: \$100 before 6/10 \$120 after 6/10



Thanks for your continued support of the leaders and youth.

Sam Davidson, Director of Youth Ministries

CFC Kids

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 24-28 at 6:30-8:30 pm. Join us as we learn why God is *The Ultimate Builder!* We can't make this week a success without volunteers and donations.

Please check the back table for what is needed.

submitted by Kiera Yaniga



Church Extension

As you know, church extension is a ministry of our denomination. Its mission is to fulfill the Great Commission. The Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Church extension offerings began on May 19 for our denomination and our opportunity is coming in June. You will begin to see an insert in our bulletin with information on how you can give and an envelope on our giving Sunday. I feel this is a great chance for you to be a part of the Great Commission! What a privilege!

Take this time to prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you!

Until next month! Cathy Marck, Church Extension President





Thank you for serving: Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Brandon Burroughs, Elijah Garrison, Brittany Mozingo, Marcus Paul, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson. Please pray for these serving our country and their families.

On Mother's Day, flowers were presented for the mother with a birthday closest to Mother's Day, believe it or not, **Cherise Oliver and Teresa Riffle** both had birthdays on May 10! The mother with the most children present in church was **Romaine Martindale**; she had four children present. Congratulations!

Comfy corner creations

Hope everyone is having a happy spring!

This is another historic pie recipe. It happens to be one of my very favorites to make and serve. A bit of history and folklore surround the recipe and make for a good read, if you like that sort of thing. I am taking this from my very first cookbook—a bridal shower gift from way back in the day. Enjoy!

CHESS PIE

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 Tablespoon all-purpose Flour
- 1 Tablespoon yellow commeal
- 5 well-beaten eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 unbaked Rich Pastry Shell

Cream butter and sugar; beat in flour and cornmeal. Add eggs, milk, vanilla, and lemon juice; beat well. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes, or till knife comes out clean.

Rich Pastry Shell: Sift together 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour, ¹/₄ teaspoon salt and ¹/₄ teaspoon baking powder. Cut in 6 Tablespoons butter or margarine till the size of small peas. Gradually add 3 to 4 Tablespoons milk, mixing till dough can be formed into a ball. Roll out and fit into 9-inch pie plate (have edges crimped high because amount of filling is generous).

Source: Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book, Sixth Printing 1973 submitted by Vicki Beavers

Verse of the month



Micah 6:8 says, "He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"

submitted by Mike Paul

Don't forget! Stop by the missionary table and sign the cards for our missionaries to uplift and encourage them.

Joke of the month

A farmer was milking his cow. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started circling his head.

Suddenly the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it until the bug squirted out into his bucket.

It went in one ear and out the udder.



Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven. You've already moved most of the earth!"

submitted by Bobby Dollison

If you have any items you would like on the website (specific events and dates) please email me or cfc.web.team@gmail.com

submitted by Andrew Hottinger

If you would like to be placed on the prayer chain list to pray for others **or** if you have a need and would like prayer for that need, please contact Tammy at 740/497-0776 or email her at <u>prayer@circlevillefirstchurch.com</u>



Men's Prayer Breakfast June 15 at 8 am in the Ferguson/Clark Hall

Operation Christmas Child Items of the month



Toiletries: toothbrushes, combs, soap



The Annual Yard Sale will be held on July 27. Proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Donations are needed. So please start saving your good clean treasures.

If you have items you would like to sell on your own, outdoor spots in the parking lot will be available for \$10 each.

JOY (just older youth)

Well, in a few days we will be leaving on our cruise. Everyone is getting excited. Our schedule has changed a little, instead of going to St. Thomas we will be going to



San Juan, this is good for some has not been there. All plans are finalized and we know we will have a great time.

We will **not** be having an activity in July due to the 4^{th} of July and vacations.

Our next adventure will be on **August 10 to Dogwood Pass**, **Beaver, Ohio.** Your schedule shows 12 noon as the time we will be leaving, but this may change, something else may be added to this trip. Please check your church bulletin each week for more information. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in going. At this time, we are unsure where we will be eating. Again, check the church bulletin for this information.

The Amish trip is planned for **September 14.** Watch for more information in next month's newsletter and the church bulletins.

Still available—SNAP Jewelry. After the cruise, I will be having a sale on all items. If you are interested, please let me know.

As always, keep all our members in your prayers. We have a variety of needs, whether be health issues, family or other issues.

We love you, Venita

North Carolina bound

Frances Curry, Sam Davidson, Bob Dollison, Adam Polley, Teresa Riffle, Rick Withers and Team Leader Cathy Marck will be going on a mission trip to Whiteville, North Carolina.

They will be leaving on June 9 and returning June 16.

Cathy said, "This is a Samaritan's Purse rebuild project. They will house and feed us. We will be making construction repairs to homes that was damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence on September 14, 2018." Hurricane Florence brought 90mph winds, heavy rainfall resulting in

flooded homes.



Please be in prayer for this team.

Pop open a good book Melvin M. Maxwell: A Tribute

Edited by Stan Toler & Mark Smith

Born and raised during the Great Depression, **Melvin Maxwell** survived and even thrived to become a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and humbly influenced seven generations of students, faculty, ministry leaders and corporate officers. He and his wife **Laura** was also a pastor of our church, Circleville First Church of Christ in Christian Union.

Melvin Maxwell: A Tribute is a collection of heartwarming reflections by those whom he has mentored – of whom many have gone on to bless their own generations literally around the world. His immeasurable devotion to God, to his family and to his calling have been motivating factors in the success of church leaders, business leaders, educators and laypersons everywhere.

He was the sixth president of what is now Ohio Christian University (formerly Circleville Bible College) in Circleville, Ohio. It was **Dr. Melvin Maxwell** who led the institution to a new campus with a new vision – all based on its foundation of faith and its mission to influence the world with positive hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He served as president of the college for seventeen years.

The reflective articles about **Melvin Maxwell** were written by alumni such as **Dr. David Lattimer, Rev. Mike Holbrook, Marg Dorsey Marshall, Don Seymour, Mark and Lois Taylor, Myrla Lattimer** and several others. Pictures for this book were made available by the Melvin and Laura Maxwell Library.

This book is available by contacting the Ohio Christian University at (740) 474-8896.



submitted by Carolyn Steele

We want to thank everyone who gave us gift cards, cash or any other items for pastor appreciation. We truly appreciate each and every one of them, no matter how big or small. We especially appreciate all the cards, kind words and special little notes. We have a wonderful church with a great church family that we truly love. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We feel very blessed to be working in and with this staff and congregation. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Pastor Jim and Venita

Congratulations! It's a boy! Wes and Katie Jenkins became



parents to **James Mana** on May 1. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

It's a boy! **Ronald Edward** was born to **McKayla Rainey** on May 18 at Berger Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 1.6 oz. Great-

Grandparents are Paul and Sharon Vance. Congratulations!

Congratulations! It's a girl! **Tyler and Kelsey Leeth** became parents of **Cynlee Renee** on May 29. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. Grandmother is **Kim Buchanan** and great-grandmother, **Betty Sater.**



Check out our updated website! circlevillefirstchurch.com

Sunday School section

This month the bulletin board was decorated by **Angie Holbrook's** kindergarten class.



Things seem to be going well with the new security system. The first Sunday was a little hectic but this was expected. Everyone is catching on fast.

Attendance was down on Mother's Day; we know graduations and vacations will also affect our attendance.

The Christian Education Board presented each of our female teachers with a hanging basket for Mother's Day. We feel they deserve a small token of appreciation.



The teacher's appreciation lunch went well. Attendance was great with 28, only four teachers were unable to attend. The menu was changed this year. The teachers were served fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, cake and ice cream, iced tea,

lemonade and coffee. Everyone received a door prize and a small gift of appreciation.

The Sunday School Department will be sponsoring a missionary family for "Christmas in July" for the second year. The tree with the ornaments listing items needed will be ready in July. Everyone was great last year in their participation. Hopefully we can do the same this year. This year the missionary family is **Seth and Veronica Porter** who is currently serving in Papua, New Guinea. They have four young children, two boys and two

girls. Look for more information next month's newsletter and in the weekly church bulletins.

We need your prayers for our Sunday School classes and teachers.

Venita Daft, Sunday School Superintendent

Swap shop

If you have an item to give away, an item to sell (no dollar amounts will be printed) or an item you need OR :, if you are willing to provide a service or if you need of a service, you can place an ad in the Swap Shop.

Just give a brief description of the item, whether this is a free item or for sale or a wanted item OR a description of the service you will provide or need and how to contact you, your name and phone number.

There is a box on the Welcome Center table with a pad of paper and pen you can write down you information and leave it in the box or you can place your ad with **Kay Agin** by calling or texting her at 740/500-9836 or email her at <u>aginkay@yahoo.com</u>

Each listing will be run for one month. If you would like the listing to run again, please place your ad in the box on the Welcome Center table or contact Kay Agin by phone, text or email, otherwise the listing will not be run. The deadline for the listing will be the **third Sunday of the month.**

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Pastor Jim Daft recently spoke on evangelism to a group of seven from an Ohio Christian University class at the Church of God in Columbus.

Pastor Jim also states that he the best Sunday School class and feels each church should have a basic Christianity class available for new Christians.

Carl Moore's Sunday School class will be studying the Rapture for a couple weeks. Then they will be studying Revelation.

Added to the church newsletter this month is a new column reported and written by **Bradley Neff.** He recently stepped to volunteer to report and write for "The Witness" after the newsletter survey showed that you, the readers would like to get to know each other a little better. So here it is...

Thank you, Bradley Neff for your willingness to be used for this ministry. I greatly appreciate your heart for serving!!

Name: Maggie Johnson

Date of Birth: January 6, 1998

Age: 21

Favorite Hobby: Being a mom

Favorite Book of the Bible: Jeremiah

Favorite Bible verse: Jeremiah 29: 11-13

submitted by Bradley Neff



I am a church member...**Brandon Hildreth, Dan Teal and Connie Vest** were taken into membership at Circleville First Church on May 5. **Dan Mason** also became a member of Circleville First Church. Congratulations!



On Mother's Day, May 11, **Pastor Jay Neff** dedicated four babies during the morning worship service. Our pastor explained that

baby dedication is a decision of the parents; they make this decision promising to raise their child in such a way that he or she may grow up and know the Lord.

Sophia, daughter of Rusty and Grace and granddaughter of James and Roxanne was dedicated. Kayzleigh, daughter of Will and Madison was also dedicated. She is the granddaughter of Brittany Graul and great-granddaughter of Valerie Moore.

Two baby boys **Maverick**, the son of **David and Michaella Delacio** and **Brayton**, who is the son of **Austin and Salena Huffman** were also dedicated to the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way she should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

6 – 2 Baby Dedication and Baptism Service 10:45 am



- 6 7 Second Chance 7 pm
- 6 9 to 6 16 Mission Work Team to Whiteville, NC
- 6 14 ECL Banquet 6:30 pm
- 6 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall
- 6 16 Father's Day!! Evening Service--dismissed
- 6 18 to 6 23 Mount of Praise Camp Meeting
- 6 21 Second Chance 7 pm
- 6 23 Evening Service—dismissed
- 6 24 to 6 28 Vacation Bible School "The Ultimate Builder" 6:30 pm
- 6 30 Vacation Bible School Program 10:45 am Fellowship at East Pointe 6 pm

Angie Holbrook's kindergarten class decorated the bulletin board for this month. Stop by and take a peek.

. Vacation Bible School -- June 24-28

God's little notes

*Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

*Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited Until you try to sit in their pews.

*Many folks want to serve God, But only as advisers.

submitted by Bill Downs