



The Witness

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Thank you, Veterans!

There are two defining forces that offered to die for you:
One is the American soldier; One is Jesus Christ.
One died for your freedom; One died for your soul

submitted by **Ron Cutright**

"The Witness" would like to take a moment to thank and recognize the veterans of Circleville First Church. Thank you, Veterans!



I hesitated to name names due to the fear of missing someone. If you were left out, PLEASE know that no disrespect was intended—this was unintentional, I just did not know you are a veteran. All veterans need to be thanked and recognized, if you are a veteran and was overlooked, PLEASE let Kay Agin know and a retraction will be run—I want to recognize all veterans. Thank you for your service! God bless you!

Urban Adams-Air Force
Jeff Burroughs-Air Force-4 ½ years-fuel specialist
Bob Byerly-Air National Guard-active-22 years
Stephanie Jo Chattos-Air Force & Army Reserve- 8 years-personnel & medical dental clinic in field
Ron Cutright-Marines-1974-78-machinist welder
Jim Daft-Army- 3 years-fuel & electrical repair and dispatcher
Bob Dollison-Army-2 years-communications operator
Gary Greene-Marines-4 ½ years-communications operator
Ron Harper-Army-2 years-teletype operator
Ed Hatfield-Air Force-4 years-loaded bombs
Delbert Holbrook

Bob Johnson-Navy-4 years-machinist maintenance
Jerry Keaton-Marines
Barry Locke-Air Force-4 years-aircraft mechanic
Dan Mason-Marines-21 years-gunner in helicopter
Dan Namowicz-Navy-4 years-nuclear guided missile cruiser and supply ship
Jeff Oliver-Army- 8 years-airborne infantry
Jerry Parish-Army-15 years
Dean Queen-Navy Reserve- 6 years-supply
Paul Vance-Army-2 years-combat medic



Operation Christmas Child



Okay, Church help to bring Jesus to children all over the world.

Darline Gose (who heads up this ministry) said that **cash donations towards shipping costs are still needed.**

You can also help by **sorting shoebox items** on **November 19** from 2 – 6 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall.

Well, you are unable to help with sorting the items. No problem, on **November 20** at 7 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall, help is needed **packing the shoeboxes.**

Stop by the missionary table and sign the cards for our missionaries. Even if you don't know them, sign them to uplift and encourage them.

Feed My Starving Children



Circleville First Church participated in packing manna packs for Feed My Starving Children. On October 12 a group travelled to Ohio State University-Don Scott Field. At the first session, there were a total of 326 volunteers packing 393 boxes which will feed 232 children one meal a day for a year! The second session 365 boxes were packed (70,950 meals) which will feed 194 kids one meal a day for a year!

On October 18 a group journeyed to Jackson, Ohio and packed 29,160 meals to feed 79 kids for a year! On October 19, the first session 108 volunteers packed 144 boxes (31,104 meals). This will feed 85 kids for a year! The second session had 121 volunteers packing 138 boxes (29,808 meals), feeding 81 kids for a year! For this entire event, the group helped pack 540 boxes for 116,640 meals feeding 319 kids one meal a day for an entire year!!

Those participating were: **Kay Agin, Carly Atwood, Joy Atwood, Becky Bailey, Carson Blackford, Christy Blackford, Madison Blackford, Allie Byerly, Megan Byerly, Kimber Colahan, Lydia Colahan, Marsha Colahan, Matty Colahan, Frances Curry, Bob Dollison, Jean Dollison, Cathy Marck, Bradley Neff, Pastor Jay Neff, Adam Polley, Amelia Polley, Evan Polley, Daniel Rice, Courtney Seymour, Ewan Seymour, Logan Seymour, April Shupe, Elsie Shupe, Ramon Shupe, Addie Stevens, Emily Stevens, Misty Stevens, Katie Wilson, Linda Wilson and Maddie Wilson.**

submitted by **Joy Atwood**

Jokes of the month

It has been said, "I want to be so filled with the Spirit that when a mosquito bites me, it will say, 'There's Power in the Blood'."

I wonder why a wooly sheep doesn't shrink when it gets rained on?

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Prayer Meetings on Saturday mornings at 8 am

Men's – Sanctuary
Women's- Room A

Verse of the month

Let's be thankful:

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

submitted by **Mike Paul**



Second Chance Ministry

November 1 & November 15

7 pm

Comfy corner creations

I enjoy the Zuppa Toscano soup so much at Olive Garden that I started looking for recipes that captures the taste. I've served it to family and friends and they enjoy the taste as well. Here's the jest of it in my own description. Soooo comforting on a chilly, overcast day. Enjoy!



Potato Sausage Kale Soup

In a Pam-sprayed big Dutch Oven pan, sauté one diced medium onion.

Sauté for just a few minutes.

Add ½ to 1 pound ground mild Italian sausage to the pot (you pick how much sausage you want in it)

Let simmer until no longer pink.

Add one 32 oz. carton of chicken stock.

Let come to a boil.

Add 4 Idaho potatoes, diced or cut with a mandolin.

Let boil until almost soft.

Add one bundle of washed and cut-up kale.

Let boil until soft and potatoes get done.

Add one small carton of cream.

Let heat through. Salt and pepper to your taste.

submitted by **Vicki Beavers**

The November bulletin board has been decorated by **Mike Paul's** 4th & 5th grade boys' class. Take a peek!!



Church Extension

I thought I would share with you this month from the Evangelical Advocate, the official voice of the churches of Christ in Christian Union.

Wesley Chapel CCCU has seen a small group of people hungry for the word, be part of a new work. In June, they began “pep rallies” at the church on Tuesday evenings. They would brainstorm and pray together for God to begin a new day at this country church. They scheduled workdays and people came and tirelessly gave themselves to get ready for new folks to come and they did!

They wanted to put a plan in place to meet the needs of all ages. It was amazing how God had already gifted people to teach elementary school children, teens and college and career aged people. Not only did new people come but some attenders began a new start during this time. All a part of God’s amazing plan for something new and vibrant in the country. They have volunteers for the lawn, housekeeping, monitor the nursery and lead a discipleship group.

On Saturday, August 3, they felt led of God to schedule a concert and cookout on the lawn. They prayed fervently over this event and 50 people attended. Sunday August 4, they launched the new ministry with 60 people attending in the morning and 33 in the evening. To God be the glory and He’s only just begun to prove Himself strong.

God will move and do His best in this little country church. People will find spiritual help and healing, new purpose, and a place to belong. Be in prayer for this church that God’s purpose will be accomplished and may we hope for this for our church also. It cannot happen without your prayers. Thank you!

Cathy Marck, Church Extension President

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Evangelical Advocate
1553 Lancaster Pike
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Please include your name, address and church name.

JOY (just older youth)

We saw a lot of our JOY members at the Pumpkin Show. I hope everyone had a good time; it’s like home week. We see people we don’t see all year but visit with at the Pumpkin Show.



We had no activity in October due to the Pumpkin Show but we are getting ready for November.



Our **Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner** will be held on Saturday, **November 9** at 5:30 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back. Please: singles bring one dish and couples bring two dishes. We will be having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Please mark what you will be bringing so we have enough of everything. Drinks and table service will be provided. A program and door prizes plus great Christian fellowship!



Our next big adventure will be on **December 14 to Clifton Mills** to see the Christmas lights. We will have a sign-up sheet for everyone who is driving or riding in the vans. We will be leaving the church at 2 pm and stopping for a meal on the way. Details will be in the church bulletin and in next month’s newsletter—



please watch for more details. We have never done anything like this, hopefully the weather will be nice.

As I say each month, we have several in our group with physical needs so continue to pray for all of us. We love and think you are the greatest group ever. We have some wonderful memories of the things we have done together.

The JOY group would love to see new members—anyone 50 or over, please come join us!!

Love and prayers,
Venita

Armed Forces Day is for those still in their uniform. (May)

Veteran’s Day is for those who hung up their uniform.
(November)

Memorial Day is for those who never made it out
of their uniform. (May)



submitted by **Donna Ferguson** via facebook

November

11 – 1 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 3 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
Children's Missionary Offering

11 – 5 **Election Day**—Remember to vote!



11 – 9 **JOY Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner**
5:30 pm FC Hall

11 – 15 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 16 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall
Ladies Shopping Trip 8 am



11 – 19 **Sort Shoebox Items** 2 – 6 pm FC Hall

11 – 20 **Pack Shoeboxes** 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 27 **Evening Service**—dismissed

11 – 28 **Happy Thanksgiving**—be grateful



11 – 29 **Church Office**—closed

While visiting my son on his Army base, I chatted with a colleague of his.

"What rank are you?" I asked.

"I'm relieved to say that I've just been promoted from captain to major."

"Relieved? Why?"

"Because," he replied, "my last name is Hook."

A football coach was asked his secret of evaluating raw recruits.

"Well," he said, "I take 'em out in the woods and make 'em run. The ones that go around the trees, I make into running backs. The ones that run into the trees, I turn into linemen."

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



Men's Prayer Breakfast
November 16
8 am
FC Hall

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



Pumpkin show awards

Venita Daft took first place for her angel food cake and third for her German chocolate cake. She also entered her pumpkin cake.

Peggy Smith received honorable mention for her fairy garden.

Penny Hixenbaugh won second place for her peanut butter no-bake cookies. She also entered two photographs.

Loretta Gibson placed second for her angel food cake, third place for her cinnamon swirl bread, third for her apple cake and third for her peanut butter fudge and won second place for a craft. She also entered a bundt cake and four drawings.

Amelia Polley, daughter of **Adam and Kim**, entered the Little Miss Pumpkin Show Contest.

Debbie Thompson won first place for her flower, third place for a fruited branch, honorable mention for her fairy garden; she also took second and third place for nuts that she entered.
Congratulations to all!



"The Witness" can be read on the church website

Don't forget: Bible reading initiative

Watch the thermometer on the front wall of the church as it turns red and the church's debt of \$85,000 decreases

Tonya Neff and Bradley Neff will be traveling to Haiti from December 2-9. Please continue to pray for Tonya and Bradley.

Help! Help!

November 19 Sort items for shoebox 2 – 6 pm FC Hall
November 20 Pack shoeboxes 7 pm FC Hall

Sunday school section



The Christmas trees for the **Silent Auction** have been passed out and will be ready for bidding on **December 1 and December 8**. The **final bidding is December 8** following the evening service. Winners will be announced at 7:15 pm.

The **small Christmas trees** for the **nursing homes and shut-ins** have also been passed out. We will be delivering them on **December 1**; leaving the church at 2 pm. This is such a blessing to see the faces when we take the recipients a tree, sometimes cookies and sing carols to them. If anyone would like to join us please let us know.

On **November 10**, each Sunday School classes will be filling shoeboxes. Donations are still needed for the children to put in the boxes.



The November bulletin board has been decorated by **Mike Paul's** 4th & 5th grade boys' class.

Each classroom will be having their Christmas parties. Check with your child on the dates.

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on **December 8** at 10:45 am.

On December 22 Sunday School will be held as normal.

Please continue to pray for all the Sunday School teachers and we would love to see more children in Sunday School. Teachers are always prepared and ready to teach. It means getting up maybe an hour earlier for most. Can't we do that for God? Your child needs to have Sunday School to learn all the Bible stories, how to pray and how to trust in God.

Venita Daft, Sunday School Superintendent

Evening Service---dismissed---November 27

The Missions Department will be hosting our first fundraiser luncheon in the Ferguson/Clark Hall on Sunday, November 3 immediately following the morning service. All money received will go toward the church mission trip to Papua New Guinea in June 2020. Please mark your calendars to attend our "Soup and Sandwich" lunch. We plan to make these luncheons a monthly event on the first Sunday of each month. Stay tuned for future lunch menus!



Check out our website!
circlevillefirstchurch.com



Election Day--November 5

Ladies Shopping Trip to Trader's World
November 29 8 am

Church Office-closed-November 29

Children's Christmas
Program

December 8 at 10:45 am



Swap shop

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

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.

A pad of paper/pen is in a box on the Welcome Center table just write down your information and leave it in the box or you can call or text Kay Agin at 740/500-9836 or email her at aginkay@yahoo.com

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**.

Not be responsible for any miscommunications or misrepresentations of items or services in this article.

This month

Wanted: Good, used gas stove. Lana Crabtree 740/771-0967

CFC...our brief history

In the winter of 1910-1911 (after the General Council meeting of 1910), Rev. O. L. Ferguson was contacted by Jake Chilcoat asking him to conduct a revival meeting in Circleville, Ohio. Rev. Ferguson agreed to come, not realizing that God had a plan for the denomination and the farming community of Circleville.

Why Circleville? This was a small farming town located right in the center of the state of Ohio with access to four state highways and between two larger communities. Twenty-five miles south of Columbus (present state capital) and twenty-two miles north of Chillicothe (first state capital). State Route 23 runs north and south (formerly North & South Court Streets), State Route 22 runs east and west (Lancaster Pike and Main Street), State Route 56 runs northwest and southeast (East and West Main Streets) and State Route 188 runs northeast to southwest (Northridge and North Court Street). All of these state highways meet in the center of downtown Circleville.

When Rev. Ferguson arrived in Circleville, they rented the second floor of the Circleville Oil Company building located on West Mound Street (just past the railroad tracks). God blessed the revival meetings over the next few months and the attendance grew. On February 21, 1911, a meeting was held at the home of John Arledge to organize the church. Rev. J.H. McKibben chaired the meeting and Rev. O.L. Ferguson was the secretary. Plans were made to raise money to purchase a lot and to build a church. A church board was also established at that meeting—James Baughman was elected first elder, F.M. Turner was second elder and David Ecord was third elder. Circleville First Church of Christ in Christian Union was officially established.

The building was completed some three to four months later, with a fair share of the work being performed by the ladies, who helped carry lumber and nail lathe on the building. The first service held in the church was a revival in December, 1911. Sixty more names were added to the membership that year.

For the first thirty-two years,
O.L. Ferguson was the pastor 1911-1943

Other pastors were:

Roy Hayslip	1943-1944
A.E. Sager	1944-1946
Harrison McCain	1946-1947
Harley Bennett	1947-1951
Richard Humble	1951-1953
Melvin Maxwell	1953-1956
Richard Humble	1956-1963
Ed Adkins	1963-1968
Kenneth Fuller	1968-1970
John DeMint	1970-1972
David Cyrus	1972-1978
David Lattimer	1978-1981
Edwin Gardner	1981-1986
Mike Holbrook	1986-1987
Don Spurgeon	1987-1991
Mike Holbrook	1991-2007
Greg Gardner	2007-2012
Jay Neff	2012- present

submitted by **Carolyn Steele**

Kitchen equivalency

A pinch = 1/8 teaspoon or less
3 teaspoon = 1 Tablespoon
2 Tablespoon = 1/8 cup
4 Tablespoon = 1/4 cup
16 Tablespoon = 1 cup
5 Tablespoon and 1 teaspoon = 1/3 cup
4 ounces = 1/2 cup
8 ounces = 1 cup
16 ounces = 1 pound
1 ounce = 2 Tablespoon fat or liquid
1 cup = 1 pint
2 pints = 1 quart
4 cups of liquid = 1 quart
1 quart = 4 cups
4 quarts = 1 gallon

