



The Witness

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CFC Kids

July brings our second phase of reopening of Circleville First Church: which means having children's ministry on Wednesday nights! We are in need of snacks and juices that are individually packaged to limit the spread of germs. Thank you for all you do to help us serve our children!

Camp Together Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS may be different but the goal is still the same: teach others about Jesus! Our dates have changed however, on Sunday mornings July 26, August 2 and August 9, we will be passing out camp together activities for the week to come. These will be crafts, activities to do as a family, devotionals and will use right now media some also. Our goal is for families to grow their relationship with God, together.



submitted by Kiera Yaniga

Serving our country—thank you!



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.

Circleville First Church Re-Opening

Phase 1 - June 7 - Sunday morning services at 10:45 am

Phase 2 - July 1 - Mid-Week services at 7 pm begins

Phase 3 - August 2 - Sunday School classes, Children's Ministry, Sunday Morning & Sunday Evening service

Thank you

Thank you to all who made it possible for the Circleville First Church congregation us to view Pastor Jay Neff's message through live streaming each week during the COVID-19. Thank you for keeping us connected. You are appreciated!!

Mount of Praise Camp Meet

August 20-23

Heritage Memorial Church
Washington Court House

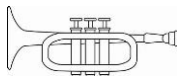
*please note new location

Second Chance Ministry

July 17 at 7 pm

Praise the Lord!

*It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.*
Psalm 92:1-3



Each Sunday we sing praises to the Lord accompanied by Praise Team musicians. When I asked the musicians "What instruments do you play?" **Adam Senig** responded, "I play lead guitar, I try to play violin and piano and I played clarinet through school."



"I play bass guitar," stated **Aaron Senig**. **Seth George** also stated, "I play guitar." **Lois Taylor** shared, "I play keyboard, organ and piano; I played clarinet in school and I play a little bit of flute," and she concluded, "that's it."

Rich Sutherland and Mark Agin both stated, "Only drums" when listing the instruments, they play. "Primarily piano," shared **Megan Byerly**, adding "and flute years ago." **Ryan Wilson** listed the instruments he plays, "guitar, ukulele, piano and trumpet."



*Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing
greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpets, praise him with
harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings
and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding
cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.
Psalm 150*

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

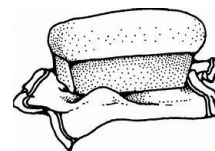
Yard Sale Operation Christmas Child August 15

Comfy corner creations

Happy Summer Everyone! We've been dealing with quick breads and now it will be fun to move onto yeast breads! Wow! As with quick breads what an exciting area to explore! Recipes are everywhere. Here's one of the simplest yeasted bread recipes I've found and will delight everyone who partakes of it. I've printed it before, but it bears repeating. Enjoy!

ENGLISH MUFFIN BREAD

2 ½ to 3 cups all-purpose flour
1 package instant yeast
1 Tablespoon sugar
¾ teaspoon salt
1 ¼ cups water
Cornmeal



In a large bowl, combine 1 cup of the flour and the yeast. In saucepan heat 1 ¼ cups water, sugar and salt until warm. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Add to dry mixture in bowl. Beat at low speed with electric mixer for ½ minute, scraping bowl.

Beat 3 minutes at high speed. By hand, stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Shape into ball. Place in a lightly greased bowl; turn once to grease surface. Cover; let rise until double, about an hour. Punch down.

Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Grease a round 1-quart casserole; sprinkle with cornmeal. Place dough in casserole; sprinkle top with cornmeal. Cover; let rise till double (30 to 45 minutes). Bake at 400 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes, or around 190 to 200 degrees internal temperature. Cover loosely with foil if top browns too quickly. Remove from dish; cool. Makes 1.

submitted by **Vicki Beavers**

Sunday School Class—for recent graduates and young married couples—taught by **Pam Paul**. Check it out!!

Support our missionaries! Pray for our missionaries!! Sign the missionary cards on the missionary table.

Check out the list to fill the calendar for the **Aaron & Hur prayer closet**. If you would be willing to be in the prayer closet in a Sunday morning service, please sign the calendar on the Welcome Center table.

Jokes of the month

*I was addicted to lunchmeat. I quit cold turkey.

*You might be a redneck if your IQ increased 20 points when you discovered the versatility of duct tape.'

*I attend a 12-step program for compulsive talkers. It's called "on anon-anon."



*My friend was washing his car with his young son. I said a sponge would work better.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Operation Christmas Child

Items of the month TOYS

Purses with a purpose

Before COVID-19, **Terra Neff** brought a ministry before the church congregation, the idea is to provide toiletry items to young ladies with a goal of 250 purses.



"There are so many people around us that need help. They need just the basics and now that I know the issue is all around, I want to help. This is very important because the high schoolers in our local schools need help. But also, to know that the churches around them love them and will support them," said Terra.

So, what is needed? Toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and personal hygiene products with the focus heavily on pads, tampons and panty liners. Bring in these items in a purse or individually, whatever works for you!

These items will be provided to girls from Logan Elm, Circleville and New Hope schools. At the time, Terra actually spoke to each school administrator and got numbers from them and heard the needs of the school.

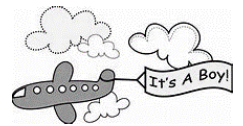
Collection sites are four of our local churches: Circleville First Church, Crossroads, Logan Elm Baptist and Heritage Nazarene. There will be a business card from every church that will go in every purse. We currently have 30 purses between all of the churches. If you need to buy a new purse with all of the items included it will roughly cost \$22-25.

The collection of the purses will run through **July 26**. When the purses are collected, they will be prayed over before distribution. There is a tub next to the decorated bulletin board in the overflow for you to place your purses with donations.



"I am really praying that God continues to move people's heart to serve and to help in any way they can! I AM SO EXCITED TO SEE WHAT JESUS WILL DO THROUGH THIS MINISTRY!" Terra concluded.

It's a boy! Congratulations to **Jarren and Chelsea Thomas** on the birth of their son, **Jaxson Ross** born on May 30 in Oklahoma. First time grandmother is **Lisa Thomas**.



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 your 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 aginkay@yahoo.com



This month:

For Sale: Black Maytag Dishwasher WITH CASE. If interested call: 740-412-3450

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 prayer@circlevillefirstchurch.com

Verse of the month



Hebrews 10:24-25 states, "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

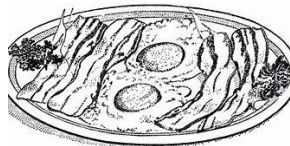
submitted by **Mike Paul**

Men's Prayer Meetings on Saturday mornings at 8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

July 18

Ferguson/Clark Hall at 8 am



Fourth of July facts



1. John Hancock was the only member of the Continental Congress to formally sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776.

2. The Fourth of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1938.

3. The first White House Fourth of July party was held in 1804.

4. Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on Fourth of July (wonder if this statistic includes the hot dogs consumed during the annual Nathan's Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest?)

5. Back in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now 240 years later, 311 million people live.



6. The now American-celebrated song, Yankee Doodle, was originally written by officers of the British army to make fun of backwoods Americans.

7. Three United States presidents died on the Fourth of July: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.

8. July 4th is also celebrated in the Philippines, because in 1946, the country was recognized as an independent nation.

9. In one year, \$600 million is spent on fireworks in the U.S.

10. Most of the signers of the Declaration did not formally sign until August 2, 1776.

11. Though it is no treasure map as predicted by Benjamin Gates in "National Treasure," the message "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776" is written upside down on the back of the Declaration of Independence.



12. More than 14,000 firework displays are put on across the country on Fourth of July!

13. Bristol, Rhode Island is home to the world's oldest Independence Day celebration. It dates back to 1785!

14. In 1781, the great state of Massachusetts became the first one to declare Independence Day a holiday.

15. Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Display is the largest in the United States.

-information taken from theodysseyonline.com



July

7 – 3 **CANCELLED—Second Chance Ministry**

7 – 4 **Happy 4th of July!!**

7 – 17 **Second Chance Ministry 7 pm South Central Nipgen Camp**

7 – 18 **Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall**



Reminder: You can read "The Witness" on the church website

Operation Christmas Child

Please remember during this time of uncertainty in our world, Operation Christmas Child. Please pray for this ministry and as you come across small items that will fit in a shoebox, put them aside. Here are a few suggestions:

Toys that children will immediately embrace such as cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), dolls, stuffed animals, etc.



School supplies such as pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid hygiene items like toothbrushes, dental floss, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories and crafts such as T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), hair bows, finger puppets, etc.

Other items such as tools, hammers, nails, screwdrivers, nuts, bolts, screws, soccer ball & air pump (must deflate).

Not Allowed: used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; food of any type; toothpaste; candy; gum; chocolate; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

The things children ask for the most are washcloths, soap and school supplies, believe it or not.



The **church yard sale** benefiting Operation Christmas Child is scheduled for **August 15**.

submitted by **Darline Gose**

Pickaway County Fair

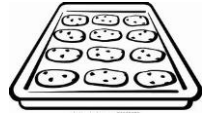


This year's Pickaway County Fair was a little different this year due to COVID-19, but a few of our church congregation members participated at the fair.

Carly Atwood has been busy in the garden. She took second place in Succulent Garden and in Daylily; she took

third for Knock-Out Roses and honorable mention in Daisies. Carly earned best of show for her bracelets!

Joy Atwood baked her way to the winner's circle. She won first places for her snickerdoodles, peach pie, Dutch apple pie, molasses cookies and chocolate chip cookies. Joy took second places for her sugar cookies and chocolate cookies while placed third for her peanut butter cookies and oatmeal cookies.



Elizabeth Paul and Josiah Paul have market goats, that was sold at auction Saturday of the fair. Josiah received a fifth-place finish in this project.

Both Elizabeth and Josiah are on the junior fair board and served all week helping other 4-H kids with their projects, helping out with the animal shows and other fair organizational details. Elizabeth lead a line dancing event on Thursday evening.

Elizabeth took Best of Show for canning apple butter. She also won first places for her Texas sheet cake, banana bread and honey cookies and received honorable mention for her toll house cookies. Her hosta leaf took second place while her clematis received honorable mention.

Pam Paul placed first for her marigold and won second place for her hosta leaf and hydrangea.



Congratulations to all!

Pray for each other

4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Stars & Stripes
LET FREEDOM RING
AMERICA
sweet land of liberty
RED ★ WHITE ★ BLUE
PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN
GOD BLESS THE USA

A few punny one-liners

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners, but catscan.
Our mountains aren't just funny, they're hill areas.
Turning Vegan would be a missed steak.
Well, to be Frank I'd have to change my name.
Ban Shredded Cheese. Make America Grate again.
Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.
For chemists, alcohol is not a problem, it's a solution.
I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.
If a cow stumbles into a pot field, the steaks will never be higher.
Crushing pop cans is soda pressing.
Irony is the opposite of wrinkly.

Baseball in heaven

Earl and Bob, both obsessed with baseball, never missed their favorite team's game. They promised whoever died first, and went to heaven, would come back to earth and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One day, Earl died. Bob waited for him to come back. Finally Earl did.

He said to Bob, "I have good news and bad news. I'll tell you the good news first. There IS baseball in heaven."

Bob said, "That's the best news!"

Then Earl said, "Time for the bad news...you're pitching tomorrow night."

Weed whacker accident

A woman was working in her yard with the weed whacker, when she accidentally cut off the tail of her cat.

She ran screaming into the house, and told her husband, wondering what to do.

He replied calmly, "Get the cat and the tail, and we'll take them to Wal-Mart."

She was incredulous. "How could that possibly help?" she asked.

"Well," he replied, "they're the world's largest retailer."

Dog employee

A salesman dropped in to see a business customer. Not a soul was in the office except a big dog emptying wastebaskets. The salesman stared at the animal, wondering if his imagination could be playing tricks on him. The dog looked up and said, "Don't be alarmed. This is just part of my job."

"Incredible!" exclaimed the man. "I can't believe it! Does your boss know what a prize he has in you? An animal that can talk!"

"No, no," pleaded the dog. "Please don't! If that man finds out I can talk, he'll make me answer the phone, too!"

Stone's Throw

A vacationer e-mailed a seaside hotel to ask its location. "It's only a stone's throw away from the beach," he was told.

"But how will I recognize it?" asked the man.

The reply came back: "It's the one with all the broken windows."

The Water Hole

A motorist, after being bogged down in a muddy road, paid a passing farmer twenty-five dollars to pull him out with his tractor. After he was back on dry ground, he said to the farmer, "At those prices, I should think you would be pulling people out of the mud day and night."

"Can't," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole."

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

