



The Witness

Circleville First Church

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Circleville First Church Re-Opening

Sunday morning services at 10:45 am will continue

Mid-week services at 7 pm
Adult Bible Study in Room A – Andrew Byerly
Connection Ministries (basement) - -Pastor Jay Neff
CFC Kids-ages 3-11 (children’s department)
Anchored-grades 6-12 (Ferguson/Clark Hall)

Sunday morning children’s ministry - children will join adults until after prayer time

Sunday evening service - no worship music or children’s ministry

Sunday School will begin September 13. Please note a new time 9:45-10:30 am

Nursery re-opens September 13

Operation Christmas Child



Items of the month
stuffed animals
monetary donations



Church website
circlevillefirstchurch.com

CFC Kids

Did you know?

Statistically, the greatest mission field in our church is the Children’s Ministry.



The probability of someone embracing Jesus as their savior who is between the ages of 5 and 12 is 32%.

The probability of someone embracing Jesus as their savior who is 19 and older is 6%.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." We need your help to reach the children in our church and community! Would you be willing to teach a small group of children on Wednesday Nights once every 1-3 months? This allows our current volunteers to have the opportunity to attend Wednesday night Bible studies a few times a month. Are you willing to serve in this important ministry?

Please contact the church office or **Kiera Yaniga** at kierayaniga@gmail.com or at 614-371-6366 for more information!

CFC Kids NEEDS:

Due to Covid19, we are currently serving prepackaged snacks only. We are in need of juice boxes and any type of individually packed snacks such as granola bars, pudding cups, cheese sticks, chips, etc. Donations may be placed in the tote in the sanctuary or dropped off in the church office. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



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Then and now



“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual song. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19,20

What is your favorite song to sing His praises?

When **Joy Atwood** was a child, one of her favorite songs to sing was *Deep and Wide*. These days Joy doesn't have a favorite. **Dee Brown**

remembers *Jesus Loves Me* being a childhood favorite while *He Lives* is now a favorite. *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* was a favorite for young **Andrew Byerly** and *So Will I* by Hillsong now tops his list.

As a child, **Chris Tener** enjoyed *Jesus Loves Me* but today Chris states, "There are too many songs that fill my heart in a special way." **Bob Dollison** claimed *The Lord's Army* as a childhood favorite and as an adult he likes *Cornerstone* and Chris Tomlin's *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*. **Joellen Byerly** enjoyed *He Brought Me Out of The Deep* by Replay and now enjoys "too many songs to list."

Next Generation

Gabriella Payne stated she likes *Your Love Awakens Me*. *Amazing Grace* is a favorite of **S'sence Gilbert** because "my mom sings it to me." **Carly Atwood** "likes them all." **Hudson Hottinger** likes to sing *This Little Light of Mine*.

"I will sing the Lord's Praise For He has been good to me." Psalm 13:6



submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

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.

Men's Prayer Meetings -- Saturday mornings at 8 am

Stay connected

“We need to stay connected,” said **Pastor Jay Neff**.

If you are unable to attend Sunday morning service you can stay connected to our church and watch the service live stream on youtube at circlevillefirstchurch (on Sunday mornings at 10:45).

So, what if you are unable to get the worship service through live stream on youtube?

Well, there is a solution to that problem.

Each Sunday morning worship service is being recorded and will be available on DVD.

The DVD will be either hand delivered to your door or sent to you through the mail.



If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.

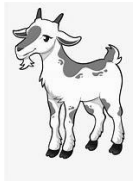
Just stay connected.



We ask that you please wear your mask inside the church until you are seated.

Thank you!

Congratulations to **Adam Leeth**, son of **Tyler and Kelsey**, grandson of **Kim Buchanan** and great-grandson of **Betty Sater**. For the first time, Adam showed his goat at the Ross County Fair. He placed second for showmanship in the Barnyard Buddies for 4-H. Great Job!



Operation Christmas Child

Since the yard sale was cancelled benefiting Operation Christmas Child and was the main source of purchasing items, **any donations and monetary donations are appreciated.**

*Later this month, shoeboxes will be available for you to take home, fill and return.

*In November, we will be sorting items and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This year it will be a little different. Watch for details.

Comfy corner creations

Greetings! Hope everyone is enjoying those fresh garden vegetables and herbs! The Bible has many interesting passages of scripture pertaining to bread, grains, fine flours, oil, etc. In my final recipe of this series is a bread I've made and shared with a Bible study class several years ago. Enjoy!

Unleavened Bread

1 ½ cups unbleached white flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
7 Tablespoons lukewarm water



Sift the flour and salt together in a large bowl and make a well in the center. Add the olive oil and water to the center of the flour and gradually mix in to form a dough. Knead on a lightly floured surface for 4 to 5 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Place in a lightly oiled bowl, cover with oiled plastic wrap and let rest for 20 minutes. Heat a griddle over a medium heat. Divide the dough into 4 equal pieces and roll each into a seven-inch round. Cover with a lightly dampened towel until ready to cook. Lightly oil the hot griddle, add 1 or 2 dough rounds and cook for about 2 minutes or until they start to brown. Turn over and cook for another minute to minute-and-a-half. Serve warm. Serves 4. You can add herbs or substitute flavored olive oils.

source: *BREAD – breads of the world and how to bake them at home*

submitted by **Vicki Beavers**



Place your tithes and offerings
in one of the boxes
that are mounted on the
back-sanctuary wall

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

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 aginkay@yahoo.com

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

September 2

7 pm

Verse of the month

The Lord's chief desire is that we walk with Him: Micah 6:8 tells us...

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**

"The Witness" can be viewed on the church website

Go to circlevillefirstchurch.com -- This will be the first page of the website

Scroll down beyond *Upcoming Events*; scroll down beyond *Most Frequently Asked Questions*.

You should see *Upcoming Events* and right under it *To See Our Monthly Newsletter*—click or tap here.

You have found "The Witness"!

Second Chance Ministry



Recently **Seth George**, Director of Second Chance Ministry, updated the church congregation on this ministry. He stated that Second Chance is meeting on **the first and third Fridays of the month at 7 pm**

in the Ferguson/Clark Hall. This month: September 4 and September 18. He continued that some people do not feel comfortable walking into a church, but they will attend a service in the Ferguson/Clark Hall. This is a way to share Jesus with others. Usually a meal is served, but due to Covid, that has not been possible, a sack lunch has been available.

Seth said that **help is needed.** Individuals to give their testimonials, preparation of food, serving of food and clean up are a few ways to serve in this ministry. Contact Seth if you are willing to help.

Congratulations! **Brandon and Kourtne Hildreth** became parents of **Brandon "Matthew" Hildreth, Jr.** on August 24. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 ¾ inches long. Grandmother is **Kim Buchanan** and great-grandmother is **Betty Sater.**



Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is in need of your help with donations especially since the yard sale was cancelled.

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- cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), dolls, stuffed animals, etc.

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

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

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

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

This month's items of the month are

stuffed animals
monetary donations

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

submitted by **Darline Gose**

Jokes of the month

Patient: "My head feels like iron, my neck is stiff as a lead pipe and my nose is completely stopped up."

Doctor: "Sounds like you need a plumber, not a doctor!"



What is a cannibal's favorite dinner?
Baked bein's



In one part of the jungle is a strangely religious tribe of cannibals. On Fridays they only eat fishermen.



A hefty gentleman stepped onto a pay scale and put in a dime. He was not amused when the machine registered this message "only one customer per dime"

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 19

Ferguson/Clark Hall at 8 am



"The Witness" deadline--third Sunday of each month. Your input always welcome! Email Kay Agin at aginkay@yahoo.com

Sunday School has new superintendent

Kim Buchanan recently took over the reins of Sunday School Superintendent from **Venita Daft**. Thank you, Venita for your years of dedicated service.

Kim has been a nurse for 32 years and is the mother of **Kourtnie (Brandon) Hildreth** and **Kelsey (Tyler) Leeth**. She has four grandchildren: **Adam, Baileigh, Cynlee** and **Matthew**.

How did the Buchanan Family come to be a part of Circleville First Church? Kim stated, "Kourtnie was helping with the teens and both girls went to church camp with **Pastor Jay and Tonya Neff**." This was 10 years ago. Since then, Kim has served as a Sunday school teacher, been involved in the nursery and Upward Football.

As Sunday School Superintendent, Kim said that she oversees Sunday School from the nursery to the adult classes. Once Sunday School resumes on September 13, her goals are to keep everyone safe and for everyone to gain more knowledge about God from nursery to adult classes.

Kim enjoys her grandkids and family. Her favorite color is green and favorite foods are chicken and taco dishes. As for her favorite Bible story, David and Goliath tops her list. "Be still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10 is her favorite biblical verse.

"Pray when you feel like worrying. Give thanks when you feel like complaining. Keep going when you feel like quitting," said Kim.



Sunday School Classes

Pre-School and Kindergarten – Teacher -- Angie Holbrook

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade – Teachers – Loretta Gibson and Penny Hixenbaugh

4th & 5th Grade Girls & Boys –Teacher -Michaela Delacio

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls & Boys – Teachers – Jeff Johnson and John Adams

High School -- Teachers – **Open at this time**

Recent Graduates & Young Married Couples – Teacher – Pam Paul

Adults:

Connection Ministries – Bobby Dollison & Chris Tener
Building Disciples - Carl Moore & Larry Keller
How to Begin --Pastor Jim Daft & Donna Ferguson

Nursery: Kim Buchanan - Director
Megan Byerly - Assistant

Sunday School Superintendent-Kim Buchanan



Thank you, Venita Daft for your years of hard work, dedication and love for our Sunday School.



9 – 2 **Teachers' Meeting** 7 pm

9 – 4 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall
No meal served—sack lunch provided

9 – 6 **Evening Service**—cancelled

9 – 7 **Labor Day**
Church Office-closed

9 – 11 **Overcomers** 7 pm

9 – 13 **Sunday School classes** begin
NEW TIME 9:45 – 10:30 am
Nursery re-opens

9 – 18 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall

9 – 19 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall

9 – 22 **First day of autumn**

9 – 25 **Overcomers** 7 pm



Needed volunteers to teach one Wednesday night a month or quarter. Substitutes are also needed. Please Contact the **church office** or **Kiera**

Yaniga for more information! You may contact Kiera at kierayaniga@gmail.com or at 614-371-6366

Second Chance Ministry

September 4 & September 18

7 pm

September 4---no meal served---a sack lunch will be provided



Thank you!

I would like to take a moment to personally thank **Vicki Beavers** who has faithfully written the Comfy Corner Creations column. Monthly, Vicki submitted recipes, being sure that each one could



be correctly made. She has added so much to our church newsletter. Without her reliability and dedication, the newsletter could not be possible. Vicki has submitted her last recipe in this month's issue. Vicki, I cannot express my gratitude for your contributions to "The Witness". Thank you so much. May God bless you!

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

A kindergarten teacher handed out a coloring page to her class. On it was a picture of a duck holding an umbrella.

The teacher told her class to color the duck in yellow and the umbrella green. However, Rian, who always does things HIS way, colored the duck in a bright fire truck red.

After seeing this, the teacher asked him: "Rian, how many times have you seen a red duck?"

Young Rian replied with "The same number of times I've seen a duck holding an umbrella."



On February 29th, the teacher was explaining to her second grade students the days of the month.

She told them that we add the extra day every four years to

adjust for the earth's rotation around the sun.

She went on to explain that, "some months have 30 days and other months have 31 days."

Then she asked "which month has 28 days?"

Rachel replied, "They all do!"



It was the first day at school. The students were all in their seats, waiting for the new teacher to start.

The teacher stands up, and says, "Whoever in here thinks they are stupid, please stand up."

The students all looked at each other, and finally, one boy stood up.

"Do you think you're stupid?" asked the teacher.

"No, said the little boy, "but I didn't want you standing there alone."



Sandy began a job as an elementary school counselor and she was eager to help. One day during recess she noticed a girl standing by herself on one side of a playing field while the rest of the kids enjoyed a game of soccer at the other.

Sandy approached and asked if she was all right. The girl said she was.

A little while later, however, Sandy noticed the girl was in the same spot, still by herself.

Approaching again, Sandy offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl hesitated, then said, "Okay," looking at the woman suspiciously. Feeling she was making progress, Sandy then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone?"

"Because," the little girl said with great exasperation, "I'm the goalie!"

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

