



# The Witness

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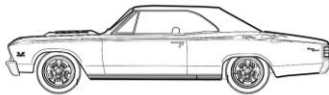
*Good, clean community fun, food & fellowship*

Circleville First Church

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, October 4

All makes, models & motorcycles welcome  
\$10 per vehicle



Vehicle Registration 2-4 pm  
Judging 4:30 pm  
Awards 6 pm

Rain Date October 11

All registered vehicles eligible to win prizes and grand prize from sponsors

Contact Durk Peters 740/225-0964, Don Brown 740/474-9634, Ronnie Harper 740/497-2650, Dan Bevan 740/601-4334

Church website

[circlevillefirstchurch.com](http://circlevillefirstchurch.com)

### Pastor Appreciation Day

October 4

*Thank you*

We will be honoring our pastors: Jay & Tonya Neff, Jim & Venita Daft and Andrew & Megan Byerly on October 4 in the 10:45 am service.

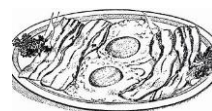
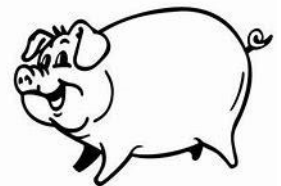
Boxes for each pastor are located in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage everyone to participate in honoring our pastors.

### Second Chance Ministry Annual Hog Roast

Friday, October 2

6 pm

Church parking lot



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

October 17

Ferguson/Clark Hall at 8 am

## Comfy corner creations

*This is a recipe that originally ran in the November 2013 issue of "The Witness". It is being run again with Vicki's permission. Thank you, Vicki!*

*I have been using fresh pumpkin puree for the past few days and since it is such an easy recipe, I thought I would share it with newsletter recipe readers. Once you make it, you can use it in any of your favorite recipes that calls for pumpkin puree.*

### Pie Pumpkin Puree

Halve a baking pie pumpkin and roast at 350 degrees cut side down in ½ inch water until tender, about 45 minutes or until a fork pierces easily into pumpkin. Scoop out and discard the seed and fiber, then scoop out the flesh and puree in a food processor. That's it! Enjoy!



reprinted from: *Baking at Home with the Culinary Institute of America*  
submitted by **Vicki Beavers**

## 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

## Just stay connected



Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD. If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.



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

## Jokes of the month

Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one pickle say to the other?  
Just dill with it!



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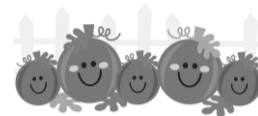
What do you call two bananas?  
Slippers

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And speaking of bananas, why did the banana go to the doctor?  
Because he wasn't peeling well

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How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?  
With a pumpkin patch



*Does that bring back any memories, Darline?*

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

## 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.**

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Take home shoeboxes-fill and return by October 11.

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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.

I would like to **Thank You** for recognizing me as Sunday School Superintendent. As I reminisced over the years, God has truly been in the center of my service. It has been wonderful serving the Lord and this church in this capacity.



God bless,  
**Venita Daft**

## You might be a pastor if...

- ~ You hesitate to tell people what you do for a living.
- ~ You've ever dreamed you were preaching only to awaken and discover you were.
- ~ You've ever wondered why people couldn't die at more appropriate times.
- ~ You find yourself counting people at a sporting event.
- ~ You're leading the church into the 21st century, but you don't know what you're preaching on Sunday.
- ~ A church picnic is no picnic.
- ~ You jiggle all the commode handles at the church before you leave.
- ~ You've ever spoken for free and were worth every penny of it.
- ~ People sleep while you're talking.
- ~ Instead of getting "ticked off," you get "grieved in your spirit."
- ~ You've ever been tempted to take an offering at a family reunion.
- ~ You read sermons to your kids at night instead of bedtime stories.
- ~ You'd rather talk to people with every head bowed and every eye closed.
- ~ You've ever wanted to "lay hands" around a deacon's neck.
- ~ You often feel like you're herding cats rather than shepherding sheep.
- ~ Your greatest joys have been in the church.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

**WE LOVE OUR PASTOR JAY!!!**

Watch the service live stream on youtube at  
circlevillefirstchurch on Sunday mornings at 10:45



Place your tithes and offerings in one of the boxes located on the back-sanctuary wall.



**10 – 2 Second Chance Hog Roast 6 pm**

**10 -4 Pastor Appreciation Day** 10:45 am with General Superintendent Mike Holbrook  
**Annual Auto Show** 2 – 6 pm

**10 – 11 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child—**  
returned



**10 – 16 Second Chance** 6 pm

**10 – 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am  
FC Hall  
**South Central District Council**

**10 -23 Church Office—closed**

**10 -30 Trunk 'n Treat** 6:30-7:30 pm



**Thank you, Pastors & families!!**

*Thank you*

**Jay & Tonya Neff, Jim & Venita Daft  
and Andrew & Megan Byerly**

**We love & appreciate you!!**

## Verse of the month

In these challenging times, the Lord would have us meet with Him and seek Him for perspective:

Jeremiah 33:3--"Call to Me and I will answer."

submitted by **Mike Paul**



**Trunk 'n Treat**

**October 30**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm**

We need candy and treat donations as well as church attendees to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and pass out treats to our community. Please no ghosts or witches in your decorations.

Let's shine the light over the families of Circleville. Contact **Kiera Yaniga** with any questions at [kierayaniga@gmail.com](mailto:kierayaniga@gmail.com)

## Sunday school section

We have had two successful Sundays for Sunday School so far. I love seeing their faces as they come down the stairs to sign in. We are looking forward to growing and expanding to reach out to others.



Please help by inviting someone.

**Kim Buchanan, 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 [aginkay@yahoo.com](mailto:aginkay@yahoo.com)

## This month:

**Free:** Cats or kittens to a good home. Most are black & white.  
Message Penny Hixenbaugh 740/207-9142

## CFC Kids

### Let God's light shine

Join us **Friday October 30 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm** for the children's ministry **Trunk or Treat!**



We are in need of candy and treat donations as well as church attendees to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and pass out treats to our community. Please no ghosts or witches in your decorations. Let's shine the light over the families of Circleville.

Contact **Kiera Yaniga** with any questions you may have at [kierayaniga@gmail.com](mailto:kierayaniga@gmail.com)

## CFC Kids need donations

Thank you for the help with snack donations. We currently are in need of juice boxes, granola bars and fruit bars.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



Welcome to Ohio

Winter is at 6 am

Spring starts at 10 am

Summer is at 2 pm and

Fall is around 4:30ish

Dress accordingly



-taken from Facebook



## Operation Christmas Child

**After you pick up a shoebox or two or more...Shoeboxes due October 11.**

Decide whether to prepare a box for a boy or a girl, then what age group: 2-4 years; 5-9 years and 10-14 years. Simple, right?

What should I put in the box? **The most important thing is prayer.** Pray for the child, his family and every person who touches this box. Pray for the items you should place in the box.



Next place **toys** such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), dolls, stuffed animals, etc. Also **school supplies** such as pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. You can include **non-liquid hygiene items** like toothbrushes, 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).

*Items of the month*

**Toys for boys & girls**

**Cash donations welcome**

## Enjoying cool temperatures... with a little help from my friends

We each enjoy our favorite time of year for various reasons. We say goodbye to highlights of one season to look forward to good times in the next. What are you looking forward to this fall?

Happy  
Fall  
Y'all!

With cooler temperatures, I am looking forward to...

"I just hiked five miles on the Canal Trail!" exclaimed Anjanette Fox. Nicole McCray looks forward to "snuggling up in bed listening to Christian music." Kourtne Hildreth is looking forward to football season. According to Tina Craft, cooler temperatures call for "wearing hoodies and going to pumpkin patches." Cooler

temperatures have Becky Tener looking forward to "fall weather, Thanksgiving since there will be no Pumpkin Show and fall leaves, adding, "It's pumpkin weather, I love this weather!"

"Having campfires and hanging out with my friends," is top of the list for Josiah Paul. Mike Paul is looking forward to the change of season for a little snow and great adventures with family around the holidays. For Pam Paul, cooler temperatures mean "being out around the campfire and watching God's creation of the leaves changing." Cooler weather means Tyler Bowens will be enjoying hikes, spending more time outside and enjoying bonfires. What does Makayla Arthurs have in mind during cooler temperatures? "Bonfires and pumpkin pickin," exclaimed Makayla.

What will the cooler temperatures have you looking forward to? Well, here are a few ideas from your friends. Enjoy!

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**



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

Reminder: **Bible Initiative Reading**

"Covid-19 or not, people need Jesus."

--Pastor Jay Neff

## Second Chance Ministry

Second Chance meets on **October 2 and October 16** (the first and third Fridays of the month) at **7 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall**.

**Seth George**, Director of Second Chance Ministry stated 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.



**The annual Hog Roast will be held on Friday, October 2 at 6 pm in the church parking lot.**

Second Chance Ministry needs your help. How? 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.

Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier.

"It says here that I should announce that there will be no BS tomorrow morning," he said.

He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study'.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

## "The Witness" is on the church website

Go to [circlevillefirstchurch.com](http://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"!



# The story behind the song

## *So Will I*

by Hillsong United

It has been a while since I have written an article. The song I am going to review is one of my favorite worship songs called *So Will I*.



Written by a great songwriter and lyricist, Ben Hastings, the song was originally called *Artisan*. Then Joel Houston, a fabulous song writer himself and the head of the band

Hillsong United, took the song. Joel, as he does, took it and was like, "I feel like there's more to this. God wants to say more in the song".

So the song is a journey of creation and all the things in the world that were created by God and for God. Following along that line, the Bible talks about singing with creation. For us, reminding us, that we are a part of this journey of creation as well. We're all singing out this one song.

When the song says, 'if creation will sing, if the wind goes where you will send it, so will I', this is singing praises that people can really declare and speak out. People really shout it out. It's a confession, "I will sing as well; so will I. I was created to sing your worship, God". And a hundred billion failures left behind seems to be the line where people go 'yeah!'



The song goes full circle. It goes from creation to salvation. Ben describes the audience's reaction, as they sing the song. As they are reading the lyrics and figuring out the whole cycle then when it comes back around to 'a hundred billion failures disappear', you actually see people in the crowd going, "Aaah"! They are reading, processing and understanding. They're like, 'This is how I want to articulate the meaning of the song, but I didn't know it.'

### "So Will I (100 Billion X)"

God of creation  
There at the start, before the beginning of time  
With no point of reference  
You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak  
A hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form  
If the stars were made to worship, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've made  
Every burning star, a signal fire of grace

If creation sings Your praises, so will I

God of Your promise  
You don't speak in vain, no syllable empty or void  
For once You have spoken  
All nature and science, follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak  
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You say  
Every painted sky, a canvas of Your grace  
If creation still obeys You, so will I  
So will I, so will I



If the stars were made to worship, so will I  
If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I  
If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I  
For if everything exists to lift You high, so will I  
And if the wind goes where You send it, so will I  
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I  
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy  
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times!

God of salvation  
You chased down my heart through all of my failure and pride  
On a hill You created  
The light of the world abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak  
A hundred billion failures disappear  
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here  
If You left the grave behind You, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've done  
Every part designed in a work of art called love  
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I  
I can see Your heart, eight billion different ways  
Every precious one, a child You died to save  
If You gave Your life to love them, so will I



Like You would again a hundred billion times  
But what measure could amount to Your desire?  
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

submitted by **Mark Agin**

