

THE WITNESS

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and the President is...



Being President can be quite a task so here are some ideas that could be of help. Asked, "What would you do if you were president?"

Stephanie Gibson stated, "Let's get the homeless off the streets and train them to go back to work", while **Amelia Wilkins** would "take a lot of flights in Air Force One!"

"Do my best to get us back to our values," stated **David Dollison**. **Katie Wilson** said, "I'd own a house in every state." **Tyler Leeth** declared, "I wouldn't be President. It isn't the job for me." **Ruth Keller** smiled and stated, "I would retire early!" **John Adams** declared he would "Get rid of 'honey do' lists, make my birthday a national holiday and everyday will be chocolate ice cream day." **Sarah Adams** would "take away all bills, all utilities are free!"

"Make peace all over the world" would be **Connie Vest's** goal, while **Ian Yaniga** would "get rid of school!" As President, **Brandon Hildreth's** contribution would be to "take away all stupid laws." **Rick Withers** would find "world peace." **Bobby Dollison** stated, "I would start with my wife, **Jean Dollison**, as my chief advisor."

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**



Don't let the donkeys and elephants let you forget you belong to the Lamb.

taken from Facebook



Second Chance Ministry

February 5 & February 19

7 pm

Ferguson/Clark Hall

1st and 3rd Friday of each month



Sunday school section

Hey you! Yes, you!

We are looking for substitute Sunday School teachers for all ages, when teachers are out sick or on vacation. If interested, please contact me. Come help show love to God's children and the future leaders of our church.

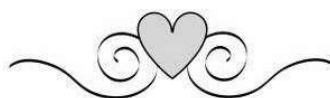


Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Kim Buchanan, Sunday School Superintendent



Serving our country: **Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Brandon Burroughs, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Elijah Garrison, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mazingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson**. Thank you for your sacrifice! Please pray for our military men and women.



God on the Mountains

An Exploration of The Mountains in Scripture

The course, taught by Dr. Blake J. Neff, Lecturer and Bible Teacher, is available via live stream each Tuesday at 10 am January through March, 2021, by connecting to:



<http://www.avonparkcamp.com/>
and clicking on livestream on the left menu.

For information or to request printed study guides contact Dr. Neff at: blakeineff@gmail.com

The God of the Mountains

February 2 Avon Park Holiness Camp Meeting

February 9 The Mount of God's Call

After eighty years of preparation Moses became a mountain climber when he met God on Mount Horeb: The Mountain of God's Vocational Call (Exodus 3 and 4:1-18). That encounter led to a later trek up Mount Sinai: The Mount of God's Holiness Call (Exodus 19, 20).

February 16 The Mount of Disappointment

At the Rephidim High Place (Exodus 17:8-16) Moses failed to trust God completely resulting in the greatest disappointment of his life on Mount Nebo (Deuteronomy 34:1-4; Numbers 20:2-11). The story does not end until Moses' disappointment is alleviated on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-13).

February 23 The Mount of Decision

On Mount Carmel Elijah challenged Israel saying, "How long will you go limping between two different Opinions? The same decision must be made by every individual today?"

March 2 The Mount of Temptation

On Mount Quarantania, the traditional site of the temptation of Jesus, He just said "no," to Satan, and demonstrated several undeniable spiritual realities in the process.

March 9 The Mount of Spiritual Discipline

In Matthew 14:22-23 Jesus demonstrated four spiritual disciplines that remain vital to the development of his followers.

March 16 The Mount of Transfiguration

Four supernatural events took place on Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the transfiguration. Where and Why the event took place is also revealing.

March 23 The Mount of Redemption

No reference to a mountain called Calvary appears anywhere in Scripture, but all four gospels report the crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27: 32-50; Mark 15:21-37; Luke 23: 26-46; John 19:17-30) by recalling the words that He spoke from the cross.

March 30 The Divided Mountain

The Mount of Olives has been/will be the site of four key events in the life of Jesus. From here he taught (Matthew 24), prayed (Matthew 26: 36-46), ascended (Acts 1:3-11), and will return (Zechariah 14:3-9).

EDGE team ministry

Are you interested in being part of one of the EDGE Teams?

The mission of the EDGE team is to recognize, welcome and encourage new visitors as well as provide continual care of those in the church family by extending God's love to them. As we strive to be an example of Jesus Christ, we will allow God to use our individual spiritual gifts to Evangelize, Disciple, Grow and Equip.

As lay workers, extend God's love to visitors and regular attendees who comes to the church. Simply smile, shake hands, and welcome them. (Due to Covid-19, we are not shaking hands at this time).

The Edge Team Ministry is made up of four teams. The Seekers is headed by **Darline Gose & Angie Holbrook**; the Crusaders is led by **Mike & Pam Paul** while the Ambassadors is captained by **Venita Daft & Dan Namowicz** and **Eric Atwood** heads up the Disciplers.

The EDGE Team Ministry needs greeters for the second Sunday of the month and baked goods are also needed.



If you would be interested in being a part of EDGE Teams or baking bread/cookies, please contact **Carl or Vickie Moore, (740) 954-3003** for more information.

submitted by **Vickie Moore**



Comfy corner creations

Little Cheddar Meat Loaves

- 1 egg
- ¾ c. milk
- 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ c. quick cooking oats
- ½ c. chopped onions
- 1 t. salt
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2/3 c. ketchup
- ½ c. brown sugar
- 1 ½ t. prepared mustard



Beat egg and milk. Stir in cheese, oats, onions and salt. Add beef. Mix well. Shape into 8 loaves. Place in greased 13x9 baking dish. Combine ketchup, brown sugar and mustard. Spoon over loaves. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**

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

Men's Prayer Meetings on Saturdays at 8 am



Men's Prayer Breakfast
February 20
8 am
Ferguson/Clark Hall

Verse of the month

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.-- Romans 5:8

submitted by **Mike Paul**



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

CFC Kids

Feeding Hearts and Bellies Party Sunday, February 14

Think back to when you were a child. Most likely, you didn't have to worry about being hungry. But for 13 million children in the United States, they have to think about it — because there could be little or no food at home and hunger doesn't take the weekends off. It is our responsibility, as a society, to make sure these children have the tools (i.e., food) they need to be successful. That is why Blessings in a Backpack exists. We bridge the weekend hunger-gap so children can return to school on Monday mornings nourished and ready to learn and succeed. Currently, 80 children benefit from this in our local school district.

CFC KIDS is currently accepting food donations to help with this need. On Sunday, February 14 during children's church we will bag up food for kids and pray over them.

We need of the following types of individual serving-sized packaged items by 10:45 a.m. on February 14 to make it a success. There is a tote to place your donations at the back of the sanctuary.

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| Slim Jim's | Tuna/chicken pouches |
| Applesauce cups or pouches | Juice boxes |
| Granola bars | Fruit snacks |
| Cheese crackers | Fruit cups |
| Cookie packs | Chips |
| Pop top entrees--soups & ravioli | |
- Please--no nuts of any kind**



submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

Prayer chain

What is the prayer chain? A chain (or list) of people willing to pray for the needs of others as they arise.



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



Circleville Community Mission news

Circleville Community Mission is supported by local churches of Circleville. Some support financially, others through prayer and others support in helping with needs. Considering Circleville First Church is a supporter, perhaps a monthly article would be appreciated.



The Mission's pastoral team consists of **Randy and Cathy Haddox**.

The Mission's kids have a total of 33, ranging in ages 6 months-17 years, have been quite active. Due to COVID-19, like most churches we have had to be

creative. Children services have been scheduled by family, meaning extra services.

The year started out with several New Year Eve parties, each on a different night, giving opportunity to clean. Children enjoyed pizza and other party foods with balloon and a candy drop and enough noise makers to wake up the neighborhood.

The Mission continues to offer tutoring to each family. In January, the teens started monthly teen meet, Bible study, craft (a clock) and snack/cooking class.

Upcoming events:

Groundhog Day Celebration (children decorate carrots with Bible verse on not being afraid, then put in nearby field for groundhogs to find, maybe the special treat will help him not be afraid and hopefully bringing us an early spring, Valentines parties and Girl Scout Cookie Challenge (children will be given variety of Girl Scout cookies and rate which one is their favorite, tallies will be totaled and favorite cookie will be announced).

Needs:

Prayer for children, their families and for Circleville Community Mission.

submitted by **Peggy Smith, Circleville First Church Representative**

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.



JOY (just older youth)

The J.O.Y. committee met to discuss an idea that I had. All members agreed and approved it. It has been a year since J.O.Y. has had any type of activity. Who would have thought last February when we had our Valentine's Banquet that would be the last get together for a year!!!

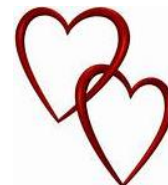
I have many comments from several of our members. Of course, we are all concerned about the safety of everyone and I have thought of different ways we could meet. We don't have a date yet and we are hoping by March things will be better. We are planning to go to the Pickaway Country Club for a nice meal and fellowship for those who are able and feel safe doing it. There will be a cost which I will have at a later date. This will be much easier and hopefully safer for all with one person preparing the meal and the ladies we don't have all the work. Ladies and gentlemen, we don't have all the work of setting up and cleaning up! Sounds good to me. You need to watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for all the details. I will need to have a sign-up sheet so I can get a count.



We have truly missed all of you and the great times we have together. Please pray about this and for all our members who are staying in. God is still in control and knows our thoughts and needs. If things start to change and get better, we will be checking into some of the activities that we had planned for 2020. We did have a great calendar of fun trips. We love you all and miss you. God Bless and keep us in your prayers.

Venita

- 2 – 2 **Groundhog Day**
- 2 – 5 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall
- 2 – 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!!**
- 2 – 15 **Presidents' Day**
- 2 – 19 **Second Chance Ministry** 7 pm FC Hall
- 2 – 20 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall
- 2 – 28 **Movie Night** 6 pm FC Hall



Jokes of the month

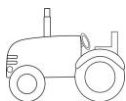
From my six-year-old grandson:

What do you call a circle of one-hundred-dollar bills?
A wreath of Franklin



What do you call a priest who becomes a lawyer?
A father-in-law

What did the farmer say when he lost his tractor?
Where's my tractor?!



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Operation Christmas Child

Items of the month



Ivory soap
Washcloths



Finding a husband

At a local coffee bar, a young woman was expounding on her idea of the perfect mate to some of her friends. "The man I marry must be a shining light amongst company. He must be musical. Tell jokes. Sing. And stay home at night!"

An old granny overheard and spoke up, "Honey, if that's all you want, get a TV!"



What do you love most...

"What do you love most about me," a husband asked his wife, "my great athletic ability or my quick intellect?"

"What I love most about you," responded the wife, "is your enormous sense of humor."



Email mix-up

It seems there was this couple from Minneapolis, Minnesota who decided to go to Florida for a few days to thaw out during one particularly cold winter. Since both spouses worked, they had difficulty coordinating their schedules, so the decision was made to have the husband leave for Florida on a certain day, with the wife following him one day later. The man made it down to Florida and arrived at his hotel. Upon getting to his room, he decided to open his laptop and send his wife back in Minneapolis an email. However, he left off one letter in typing his wife's email address and sent the email off without realizing his error.

In another part of the country, a widow had just returned from the funeral of her husband, a pastor of many years who had been called to glory just a few days earlier. She decided to check her email because she was expecting to hear from her husband's relatives and friends. Upon reading the first email she let out a loud scream, fainted and fell to the floor.

The woman's son rushed into the room and found his mother on the floor. He glanced up at the computer screen and saw the following email message:

To My Loving Wife:

I've just been checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival here tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Your Devoted Husband.

PS: Sure is hot down here!



It's got to be love

An older couple regularly attended church. The pastor was much impressed by how harmonious and how in love they seemed. They always held hands all through the service.

One day after church, the pastor couldn't resist going up to them to express his admiration. He said, "I find it so inspirational to see how deeply in love you are, after all these years, holding hands like that."

The wife looked up sharply and said, "It's not love, Pastor, I'm just keeping him from cracking his knuckles."



submitted by **Jerry Parish**

Valentine's Day Word Search

C U U U V A L E N T I N E S J
F U A H U E Q J J X N Q R K P
U T P H R Q Z P S W E E T C Q
X J W I J A U H A A W M A R V
Q I F R D R C D E O C X J B L
Z M D O Z R C X L A C T G Z L
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- Gift
- Hugs
- Love
- Arrow
- Candy
- Cupid
- Heart
- Sweet
- Kisses
- Flowers
- Chocolate
- Valentine

