

# THE WITNESS



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## Church Picnic

**June 6**

6 pm at East Pointe

Chicken, drinks & table service will be provided



Please bring a side dish to share. If attending, please sign-up; the sheet is on the Welcome Center table by Sunday, May 30 **AND** please designate on the sheet how many in your family will be attending.

## Circleville First Church Family Revival

**June 6** 10:45 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Picnic at East Pointe

**June 7** 7 pm Evening Worship Service

**June 8** 7 pm Evening Worship Service

## What is Flag Day?

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental



Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.



On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United

States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



*Happy*  
**FATHER'S DAY**

## Circleville Community Mission news

Pastoral team, **Randy and Cathy Haddox**

Vacation Bible School is here! This year's VBS is a summer long event, one night a week. June's theme is "Fun with the Son on Sunny Island, where God's love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8)". To arrive at each station, children need to crawl through mazes of cardboard boxes.



**Week one's Bible story:** The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda from John 5. Craft: making rugs for their bedrooms out of burlap.

**Week two's lesson:** The parable of the hidden treasure from Matthew 13. Craft: decorating a treasure chest, in which they will fill by panning for coins.

**Week three's lesson:** Creation from Genesis 1. Craft: painting dinosaur banks.

**Fourth week's lesson:** Jesus feeds the multitude found in John 6 with a child friendly luau.

### Upcoming events:

\*July's VBS theme is Grand Old Flag, led by Kendra Wickline

\*Revival dates, July 29-31 with ice cream social at the end of third night. Song fest on Sunday, August 1.

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

## Men's Prayer Meetings

Saturdays

8 am

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 19

8 am

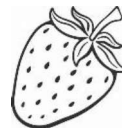
Ferguson/Clark Hall



## Comfy corner creations

### Strawberry Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 Tablespoons strawberry jell-o
- 1 quart strawberries
- 1 baked pie crust



Boil water, sugar and cornstarch until thick. Add jell-o and strawberries. Mix and pour into unbaked crust.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**

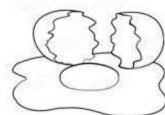
## Verse of the month

**Romans 10:9-11:** "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a *person* believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, Resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."



submitted by **Mike Paul**

**I goofed-again!** I apologize for the error. It was reported that National Vietnam Veterans' Day is May 29, in fact, it is **March 29**. I apologize for the error; it was unintentional and was meant as NO disrespect. **-Kay Agin**



## Prayer chain

If you would like to receiver the **prayer chain** list to pray for others or if you have a prayer request, contact **Barbara at 740-601-0996 or text GENEWELSH @ aol.com**

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



## Operation Christmas Child

Items of the month

**TOYS-girls & boys**



It's that time of the year again...

Time to clean out those closets,  
drawers, garages, sheds, attics...

Save those good clean items for the  
Church Yard Sale on **July 10**

## Second Chance Ministry

**June 4 & June 18**

7 pm

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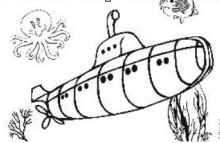
Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD.  
If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service,  
please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.

## CFC Kids

**VBS to RETURN to Circleville First Church...**

VBS is coming back to Circleville First Church on July 14-16 from  
6:30-8:30 pm. This year's theme is *Mission Deep Sea* where  
kids will explore how to deepen their relationship with Jesus!

*Dive Deep with God*



Please check the back table for  
volunteer and supply needs.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

## Jokes of the month

What do you give the cat when it's not feeling well?

A purrscription



When do ducks like to get up?

At the quack of dawn

Why did the bird go to the hospital?

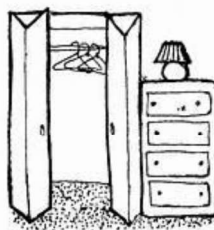
It needed tweet-ment

So, if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk  
dud or an udder failure?



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

## Aaron & Hur prayer closet



This ministry will start back up  
beginning the first Sunday in May.  
Calendars for May, June and July are  
on the Welcome Center table.

If you would be willing to be in the  
prayer closet in a Sunday morning  
service, please sign one of the  
calendars on the Welcome Center  
table.

## Restroom remodel continues

So, by now you have noticed the changes being made with the  
restrooms/old nursery area. As of now, the restrooms have been  
expanded and a "cry baby room" as **Durk Peters** calls it has  
been added. The hallway is being widened.

Demolition has taken place and the walls have been built. The  
rough-in inspection for plumbing, electric and wall framing has  
passed. Drywall has been installed.

The next step is painting, ceiling and  
flooring installation. Restrooms  
located in the basement are open for  
use. Stay tuned as this project  
continues to progress.



## War hero tells story



"I was involved in some but not all of these events, just where helicopters were involved."—**Dan Mason**

### 1965

**April 22, 1965** First U.S. helicopter assault landing of Marines in Vietnam since Korea.

**June 1, 1965** Marines laid down new air strip at Chu Lai. The first-time short air field for tactical support was used.

**June 4, 1965** In the Da Nang area, five companies of Marines killed 79 Viet Cong in the heaviest action seen by Marines since landing in Vietnam in March.

**June 7, 1965** There were more than 16,500 Marines in Vietnam.

**July 1, 1965** Battalion Landing Team 317, special landing force went ashore at Qui Nhon. They were supported by helicopters from HMM-163 (my squadron). On this night, Viet Cong demolition squads walked down a road by the Da Nang Air Base, dropped a couple men off at each defending bunker on the south end of the field and blew them up using mortar fire. The rest of the enemy went down the rows of parked helicopters, opened he door to the compartment and threw bombs into the engines. They then headed off the base. Some were killed. The next day everyone below the rank of colonel was out filling up sand bags and building bunkers to re-enforce security of the air field.

### 1966

**January 1, 1966** Marines in Vietnam numbered 38,500.

**March 10, 1966** Marine helicopters evacuated special forces and ARVN (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) troops. Viet Cong encircled camp at A Chau.

**March 30, 1966** U. S. Marines at Da Nang was surrounded by 2,000 taunting South Vietnamese.



**March 31, 1966** In six sweep and destroy missions around Chu Lai, Marines killed 1,382 Viet Cong.

**April 1, 1966** After a little over a year in Vietnam, U.S. Marines received almost 5,000 Purple Hearts and Marine flyers and gunners had been awarded 10,000 air medals.

**June 1966** 1,233 Viet Cong were killed.

**June 1966** An enemy force of more than 250 were driven back by 18 Marines in a six-hour battle when the Viet Cong attacked an outpost near Chu Lai. With most of the ammo gone, the Marines fought with bayonets, knives and rocks. This resulted in 5 Marines killed and 11 wounded while 40 enemy soldiers killed.

**July 1966** 4,600 more Marines landed.

**November 14, 1966** Two Marine helicopters were shot down by Viet Cong snipers near Da Nang; 5 crewmen killed and 2 wounded.



### 1967

**February 8-12, 1967** All offensive operations stopped during TET the Lunar New Year Holiday. Marines counted 141 enemy truce violations.

**August 1, 1967** Marines in Vietnam totals 78,000.

**August 28, 1967** Marble Mountain Air Facility (at Da Nang) was attacked. Three helicopters were destroyed and 20 damaged.

**During this year 1967** There were continuous battles; Marines were killed and wounded.



**1968—the saying was:** “With a helicopter you were right in the enemy’s face and had to know what to do like a street cop going into a bad neighborhood.”

**1968—81,249** Marines were in Vietnam.

**January 16, 1968** 26<sup>th</sup> Marines completed its move to Khe Sanh.

**January 20, 1968** The second battle for Khe Sanh took place when Marines attacked a North Vietnamese Battalion, killing 100 of the enemy.

**January 23, 1968** North Vietnamese soldiers moved closer to base perimeter at Khe Sanh; 61 Communists killed.

**January 25, 1968** Enemy reinforcements began missing near Khe Sanh-reported concentration of 35,000 North Vietnamese to within 10-20 miles of Khe Sanh.

**February 13, 1968** Marines killed 1,078 North Vietnamese and 52 Viet Cong in two weeks of fighting for the Imperial City of Hue.  
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## War hero... (continued from page 4)

**February 23, 1968** Khe Sanh combat received more than 1,300 rounds of rocket artillery fire. During the month of February: 4,404 rounds of fire were fired at Khe Sanh.

**February 24, 1968** Hue declared secure after a 25-day battle with 4,500 Communists killed.



**March 8, 1968** Statistics show--the Marines bore the brunt of the heavy fighting in Vietnam. 80,000 Marines--during February, for every 5 soldiers killed, 3 of them were Marine soldiers. At Hue and Khe Sanh, there were 449 Marines killed and 4,000 wounded.

**March 23, 1968** Khe Sanh received 625 rocket, mortar and artillery shots. Marine casualties were light.

**March 30, 1968** From January 1, 1961 to date, Marine combat deaths were 6,893.

**April 8, 1968** Siege of Khe Sanh ended.

**July 5, 1968** Khe Sanh was dismantled, approximately 3,500 Marines moved out by truck after the last bunkers were destroyed.



**July 28, 1968** Marines were ambushed by enemy force near Da Nang leaving 19 Marines killed and 32 wounded.

**September 10, 1968** First unit of Marines left Vietnam--first unit to leave since build-up in 1965.

**October 5, 1968** 84,000 Marines in Vietnam; Marine casualties totaled more than 1,000.

**February 8, 1969** Marines in Vietnam: 81,000.

**June 8, 1969** Under President Nixon's plan, the redeployment of troops from Vietnam, 25,000 would be withdrawn by the end of August. This is Phase 1 which occurred on July 11.

**August 14, 1969** 76,000 Marines in Vietnam.

**October 7, 1969** Last units from the initial group of 5,900 Marines left Vietnam.



**October 16, 1969** 67,000 Marines in Nam.

**November 6, 1969** 61,400 Marines in Vietnam.

**December 25, 1969** Marines still in Vietnam totaled 55,300.

submitted by **Dan Mason**

## June

6 - 4 Second Chance at 7 pm

6 - 6 to 6 - 8 Circleville First Church Family Renewal

6 - 6 Morning Worship Service 10:45 am  
Church Picnic 6 pm at East Pointe  
Nomination Ballots due



6 - 7 Evening Worship Service 7 pm at church

6 - 8 Evening Worship Service 7 pm at church



6 - 14 Flag Day

6 - 18 Second Chance at 7 pm

6 - 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall

6 - 20 Happy Father's Day!!  
First day of summer  
No Evening Service



6 - 20 to 27 Mount of Praise Camp

6 - 30 Annual Business Meeting 7 pm

## New members

Eight new members and two transferred memberships taken in on May 30. **Kathy Blue, Shawn Blue, Joellen Byerly, Tom Byerly, Ronnah Copeland, Erin Dixon, Wayne Dixon, Cindy Johnson, Adrian Sadlak and Helen (Rita) Tucker** joined the membership roster.



**Congratulations!!!**



## Life with Dad

Life with Dad can be an adventure ranging from everyday activities to solemn moments and lessons.



When I stated, "My dad makes the best \_\_\_\_\_"  
**Carly Atwood** and **Mom Joy** agree, **Eric Atwood** makes the best frozen pizzas. **Bradley Neff** readily admitted his dad, **Jay Neff** makes the best sermons. **Josie George** credits her dad, **Seth George** for making the best French toast while **Jack George** states **Dad Seth** builds the best houses.



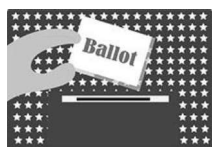
When asked what his dad, **Andrew Hottinger** makes the best, **Hudson Hottinger** boasted, "He teaches me to ride my bike at my college!" While **Adam Leeth** likes Dad **Tyler Leeth's** cheeseburgers, **Baileigh Leeth** says dad makes the best homemade chips and **Allie Byerly** says her dad, **Andrew Byerly** makes the best pancakes.



This **Father's Day, on June 20**, be sure to thank your dad for all the things he does best that help make your "life with dad" special.



submitted by **Sue Stonerock**



## Nominating Ballots

due June 6

June 20

Evening Service-dismissed



## Annual Business Meeting

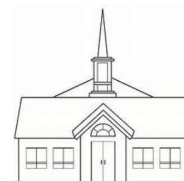


June 30

7 pm

## Mount of Praise Camp

June 20-27



## Church Yard Sale

benefitting Shoebox Ministry

**Saturday, July 10**

8 am to 2 pm

Ferguson/Clark Hall



Donations are needed—clean out the garage and closets!!

Watch the service live stream on youtube at

circlevillefirstchurch on Sunday mornings at 10:45



## Thank you serving



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

**Vic & Leona Smathers** have been transferred to Logan Elm Health Care, 370 Tarlton Road, Circleville, Ohio.

If you would like to send them a care of encouragement, their room numbers are:

Leona - Room 3

Vic - Room 1



## Your motor was running

### Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

The Annual Spring Auto Show was held on May 2. "It was a beautiful day with the best weather and a good turn out," said **Durk Peters**.

There were 103 registered cars. Durk said that this year ties (or is very close to tying) for the greatest number of cars at the car show.



A total of 55 awards were presented: 48 plaques and 6 trophies. Pastor's Choice went to a 1967 (grey) Eleanor Mustang. The Best of Show went to a blue and yellow custom-built 1937 Ford.

The Auto Show Committee would like "to thank each one who contributed to the show; whether you made donations of food, cash, time or prayers. It was a church effort to make this show a success," concluded Durk.

## Why is that?

Is it OK to use the AM radio after noon?

What do chickens think we taste like?

What do people in China call their good plates?

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

Why are there Interstates in Hawaii?

Why are there flotation devices in the seats of planes instead of parachutes?

Why are cigarettes sold at gas stations where smoking is prohibited?

Have you ever imagined a world without hypothetical situations?

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work?

If a firefighter fights fire and a crime fighter fights crime, what does a freedom fighter fight?



If a cow laughs, does milk come out of her nose?

Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of a drive-up ATM?

Why is it that when you transport something by car it is called shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?



Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

What would Geronimo say if he jumped out of an airplane?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

## Why I Don't Play Golf

A golfer is playing a round of golf with his buddies. On the sixth hole, a hole over water, he proceeds to flub nine balls into the water. Frustrated over his poor golfing ability, he heaves his golf clubs into the water, and begins to walk off the course.



Then all of a sudden he turns around and jumps back in the lake, his buddies apparently thinking he is going to retrieve his clubs.

When he comes out of the water he doesn't have his clubs and begins to walk off the course.

Then one of his buddies asks, "Why did you jump into the lake?"

And he said, "I left my car keys in the bag."

## Little boy in wedding

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he walked forward, he would repeatedly take two steps, cup his hands around his mouth and yells "ROAR!" He took turns facing the bride's side and the groom's side. Two steps, then "ROAR!"



As you can imagine, the crowd was laughing so hard, they were near tears. As he took his place at the front of the church, the groom leaned over and asked, "What are you doing?"

The little boy sniffed and seriously replied, "Why are they laughing at me? I'm the RING BEAR!"

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

## In loving memory of...

**Delbert Holbrook**, 96, of Circleville, Ohio passed away May 30. He was born on October 6, 1924 in Kentucky. He has been a member of Circleville First Church since I was a little girl and there before. **Pastor Jay Neff** asked me to write up something on Delbert. I was truly honored; I have to admit I procrastinated this week; not because I didn't want to perform the task at hand, but because I know I cannot due Delbert justice, but I will try and I truly loved this man and his wonderful wife, **Ellen** and their family.

So, I decided to let others tell you what they think and how they feel about Delbert. I hope you will excuse me for not asking permission to use your comments, but since it is on facebook (and is public) I thought it would be fine. I apologize if I offend any of you by using your words. This is meant to honor Delbert and the life he led.

### *In Loving Memory*

Many posted of Delbert's smile, he was always smiling and how his smile lit up the room; Jesus shined through his smile. Delbert was a faithful and loving son, husband,

father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a war hero, serving his country well in the United States Army in World War II and a POW. He loved his LORD and Savior Jesus Christ, his wife and family, his church, his country and a friend to all who met him. Words describing Delbert: amazing, sweet, wonderful Christian man and he is walking the streets of gold.

**Nancy (Holbrook) Dixon**, Delbert's daughter posted this on her facebook page (paraphrase). The last time Dale saw Delbert he asked who he wanted to see first when he gets to heaven. Delbert responded, "My mom." He explained that his mother had prayed him home from the service or he wouldn't be here; she would stay up all night praying for her boys to make it home. At both of the senior living facilities that Delbert lived in, the staffs said that he was always smiling, never complained and was a great example of a Godly man...

"No doubt his new home, a good man of God and we loved him and Ellen dearly."

"Delbert was a special person and his Godly example will be missed."

"We loved Delbert."

"Delbert was a great man and we know he is celebrating."

"We loved your dad."

"Delbert was a wonderful man and we thought a lot of him"-

"I truly loved Delbert; one of the Godliest men I have met. Heaven gained one of the best."

"Loved your dad so much. He truly lived a Christian life; example for all. Heaven gained a wonderful man. He was always smiling."

"...He was a great man."

"He will be missed."

"Amazing, sweet, special, wonderful Christian man and he is walking the streets of gold."

"Earned his reward."

"Heaven's sounding sweeter."

"Good and well-loved man of God."

"Wonderful Christian gentleman."

"A privilege to have known him."

"A great warrior."

"We all know Delbert is where we want to be."

"I'm sure he got a grand welcome in heaven."

"God gained another angel."

"Your (our) loss is heaven's gain."

One summed it up (with the words we all want to hear), "Well done good and faithful servant."

Delbert Holbrook was a Godly Christian man who was loved by all. Thank you, Delbert for your service to God and to our country. Until we meet again...

