

# THE WITNESS

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## Blessings and smiles...

Regardless of the concerns and challenges of the past year or two, what has made you smile?



**Melba Seevers** stated her family has made her smile. "My kids" said **Brenna Clifton-Dyke**. **Alexis Dyke** smiles due to "new friendships created, family and reading my Bible" while **Alivia Dyke** smiles because "all my friends I've been making within the church and continued worshipping."

**Anita Senig** smiled as she stated her granddaughter makes her smile. **Nancy Johnson** enjoys the Columbia Law 'smile breaks' on TV. What makes **Vickie Moore** smile? "God is good!" Vicky declared. "People of the church praying for me" has made **Carl Moore** smile.

**Sharon Vance** smiles because "We are up and vertical. We take it one day at a time and we are blessed...God is good!" **Paul Vance** has a smile and "a new kidney." **Don Barton** stated "being able to attend church, seeing friends, worshipping and being able to smile in the midst of the pandemic."



*Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Romans 14:19*

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

"The men's and women's restrooms were expanded to make them ADA compliant (better access for wheelchairs and walkers). A mother's room, I call it a 'cry baby room,' where mothers can feed and change their babies, connected to the women's restroom was also added," said Durk Peters. He went on to say that the hallway was widened for better access.

Durk Peters of Built-Rite Construction and his crew, Don Brown and Tyler Sass worked and worked to remodel the restrooms. A donation made by Dale Wolfe in memory of his wife, Donna, the remodel began before Easter and now is open and Church Board Member Jeff Oliver oversaw the project.

Pastor Jay Neff stated, "God provides. We need to give back to God for what He has given to us, even the restrooms." On August 8 the restrooms were dedicated.



Thank you for your patience. Thank you Durk and company and for all who participated in making this project possible. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

## LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

September 24 to September 26

with Dan Harrison

Friday, September 24 Session begins 7 pm

Saturday, September 25 Session 1 begins 9 am  
Session 2 begins after lunch

Sunday, September 26 Morning worship service



## The door is gone!

As **Durk Peters** said, "When you don't see the door (to the hallway), it's done..."



## Comfy corner creations

### Cranberry Chicken

2 ½ lbs. chicken breasts or thighs  
Salt & pepper

#### To make the sauce:

Mix together  
8 oz. Catalina or Russian dressing  
1.25 packet of dry onion mix  
15 oz. can whole cranberry sauce  
¼ t. red pepper



Put chicken in Dutch oven or 9x13 baking dish. Pour sauce over chicken. Cover tightly with lid or aluminum foil. Bake 375 degrees for 30 minutes; uncover and bake for 15 minutes.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**

## Men's Prayer Meetings

Saturdays 8 am



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 18  
8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall

## Home of the free because of the brave!

*Thank you for our service!*

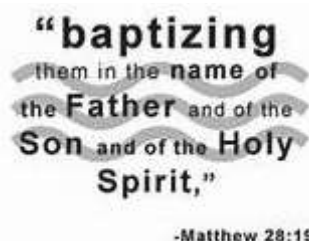
Serving our country: **Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Elijah Garrison, Zachary Haddox, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson.** Thank you for your sacrifice! Please pray for our military men and women.



**Tide pod containers with lids**  
needed for a craft

See **Kiera Yaniga**

## Youth baptism



On the evening of July 28 Circleville First Church's youth group was given the opportunity to attend a worship concert that was led by high school students. It was great. The music was great. You could feel God on the football field of Logan Elm High School.

This event was sponsored by Enlightened Students that teamed up with Indiana Wesleyan College and toured six states. Their mission is to get Jesus back into schools.

We had broken into small groups to pray that we can witness in our schools. Our group consisted of **Caleb Graul, Kennedy Neville, Logan Seymour, Mckayla Tatman, Will and me.** After praying we came back together and baptism was offered. **Pastor Van** (from Crossroads Church) was baptizing everyone. As we sang and people were being baptized, I looked over at Caleb and he was just blank. I pulled Logan aside and told him Caleb wanted to be baptized. You could see it in his eyes.

Logan and I walked up to Caleb and asked, "Are you wanting to be baptized?" He looked at us and said that he did but was nervous. I looked at Logan and said, "Let's pray for him that his nerves will be calmed." We prayed but Caleb was still nervous.

I talked to **Lisa Burroughs.** She came over and our whole youth group prayed in the middle of the football field. About 10 minutes had passed, I glanced back over at Caleb and Logan. I grabbed Caleb's arm and told Lisa to get her camera ready.

I got Caleb up to the little pool and he froze. Then the singers from the band came over and prayed over Caleb one more time. After we said, "Amen," he looked over at me and said, "Let's do this."

And in the blink of an eye, he was in the tub being baptized. Everyone that had prayed over Caleb was screaming, shouting, jumping and celebrating with us—our friend had been baptized.

### Congratulations Caleb!!

In the end, 3 people were saved, 15 rededicated their lives to Christ and 18 people were baptized!

submitted by **Bradley Neff**



## Vietnam War hero continues story

The Marine of the Year goes to...

In either 1993 or 1994, **Commandant Ed Miller** of Lancaster Leatherneck Detachment named **Dan Mason** Marine of the Year at the 221<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Dan Mason enlisted in the Marine Corps in Lancaster, Ohio in February 16, 1963 under the 120-day delay program. In June, he left for Cincinnati, Ohio to be sworn into the United States Marine Corps. Then on to boot camp in San Diego, California. At that time, boot camp was 16 weeks and then four weeks to Camp Pendleton for combat infantry training.



**MARINES**  
THE FEW. THE PROUD.

"I am what they called a 'Hollywood Marine' because boot camp was in San Diego. Even to this day, the term is used," stated Dan.

After boot camp, Dan was stationed 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft in Santa Ana, California and reported to the helicopter Squadron where he performed his military job until the middle of 1964. Then the entire squadron was ordered to Vietnam. "We were the first U.S. military squadron to be sent to Vietnam as a complete squadron," stated Dan.

He recalled that when they arriving in Vietnam, their commanding officer asked for all men who wanted to be a door gunner in the choppers. He stepped forward and volunteered. He went on to explain that as the door gunner, he rode in the back of the helicopter (UH34D), behind the pilot and used an M60 machine gun for protection. he returned from Vietnam in 1979.

During his time serving in the Marine Corps, Dan served in various places around the world which includes 39 months in Hawaii. He also served at Paris Island, Jacksonville, Florida, Quantico (outside of Washington, DC), Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines. He worked as a supply chief and keeping books and records.



Dan retired as a Staff Sergeant of Marine Corps. in 1983 after 21 years of serving his country. After retiring from the Marines, Dan worked for 14 years at Lancaster prison (formerly called Boys' Industrial School), now known as Southeast Correctional

Institute (state prison). He also earned an associate degree in accounting from Ohio University. From 1994 to 2003, Dan worked for Fairfield County Sheriff Deputy which he then retired.

He was the Commandant of Lancaster Detachment and held this position for three years. Dan enjoys putting together models, mostly ships and airplanes. He likes to watch football and his favorite team is the Denver Broncos.

Dan stated, "As a Vietnam Veteran, I was afforded the pleasure along with 120 other Vietnam Vets from the Columbus vicinity to go on The Honor Flight from Columbus to Washington, DC on April 9, 2019." He said that the trip was "fabulous."

"I was with a couple vets from World War II and one from Korea. There were ceremonies before the flight and after arriving in Washington, DC. We were escorted the entire day: on the planes, on the tours to various monuments. For every four veterans, there was a civilian escort," recalled Dan. He had been on the waiting list for two years for this trip.

"When we arrived back in Columbus, I never shook so many hands as I did that day," he reminisced.

When a veteran is asked if he/she would go to serve in war again; the answer is "Yes." Why? Dan replied, "To be part of the nation, the flag, to save many lives in the long run, proud of my country. It is a small sacrifice, even giving up body, mind, family to prevent communism to invading the United States."



***Thank you, Retired Staff Sergeant Dan Mason  
and to all who have served or is serving our  
country!***

If you are willing to participate in the **Aaron & Hur prayer closet**, please sign the calendar on the Welcome Center table.

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



## Operation Christmas Child

Items of the month



### Ivory bar soap

You can usually find at Menards or Walmart-  
10 bar pack for \$3.99

Can you pray for those in our church or those affiliated with our church? Are you receiving the church prayer chain? Do you have a prayer request?

If you can pray, if you are not receiving the **prayer chain** or if you have a prayer request, you can contact **Barbara at 740-601-0996** or text **GENEWELSH @ aol.com**

### Verse of the month

*Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
Romans 12: 1-2

submitted by **Mike Paul**



### Jokes of the month

A mom took her son to buy some camouflage pants but they couldn't find any.



How much does a chimney cost?  
Nothing. It's on the house.

Where did Captain Hook buy his hook?  
At a second-hand store.



Why was the worker let go from the orange factory?  
They couldn't concentrate!

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



## CFC Kids

### Save the date!

Join us **Friday, October 29** from 6:30-7:30 for our Bible story themed **Trunk 'n Treat!** Decorate your car as a Bible story and help provide a safe place for kids to get treats.



### What's going on in children's ministry?

Currently in children's ministry, the kids are trying to memorize 20 memory verses. The kids who succeed will be given a prize; one will win a \$40 gift!



### Would you be willing to teach 1 Wednesday evening a month?

Join kids from 1 year old to 5th grade. Help them grow their relationship with God. We typically have 1-10 children. This allows Kiera to attend Bible study once a month. Please see **Kiera Yaniga** for more information.

### Children's ministry supplies needs:

Fruit cups  
Small oranges (example: cuties)  
Thick crayons  
Large area rug for our stage area (8x10 or bigger any color)  
Orange tissue paper  
Clear contact paper

### NEEDED for a craft: Tide pod containers with lids

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



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.

happy  
FALL  
Ball



## JOY (just older youth)

The JOY committee decided to go to the **"Bible Walk"** in Mansfield, Ohio on **Saturday, September 18**. This is a beautiful place with a lot to see. I know we will have a great time. We will take 2 vans which can transport 22 people, so first sign-up, first serve. When the vans are full, individual cars will need to be used.



We will be **leaving the church at 7:30 am**. We will stop at McDonald's, which is half way, for a restroom break and for anyone who would like breakfast.

A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center Desk to sign-up and designate your dinner choice. Price is listed below. All money must be turned in to Venita by **TODAY, August 29**.



The tours include: Life of Christ, Miracles of the Old Testament, Museum of Christian Martyrs, Heart of the Reformation, Amazing Grace (the journeys of Paul), Kingdom of God.

The cost for all 6 tours is \$31.00 (group rate). There are was figures, wood carvings, old Bible displays and much more.

**Lunch is at 12:30 pm.** This meal will be a picnic and a play. Unsure of where the picnic meal will be but it will be in the same dining area. For those who went before, we had a nice hot meal, but due to COVID, this has changed. This could possibly change but as of now, the following are your choices:



1. Waldorf Chicken Salad served with croissant
2. Roman Duo-Salami & Pepperoni with mozzarella cheese & sweet peppers served on Italian bread
3. Tuna Salad served on a croissant
4. Roast Beef with blue cheese or Swiss cheese served on a hoagie bun
5. Vegetarian Delight served on Hawaiian Sweet Bread
6. Club Sandwich-Turkey, Ham & Swiss cheese
7. The Ultimate Trio-Turkey, Ham & Roast Beef with Swiss & American cheese served on a hoagie bun—the cost is \$16.50

**\*\*\*Cost for all the above is \$15**

Along with the sandwiches you have a choice of potato salad, Cole slaw or macaroni salad **and** a choice of an apple, orange, banana or dessert of 3 cookies **and** a choice of beverage: bottled water, iced tea, canned soda or coffee.



Total cost per person: All 6 tours \$31.00 (senior group rate)  
Meal & Play 15.00  
TOTAL \$46.00

If you choose the Ultimate Sandwich, the cost will be \$47.50

**The Play** which is included with the meal will be "The Royal Blood and the Kingdom."

The Bible Walk closes at 5 pm. We may stoop at an Amish Restaurant on the way home for our evening meal or other places of interest, unsure at this time but a decision will be made soon. We will return to the church around 9 pm. Some things may change due to COVID but at this time. I believe we will have to wear a mask. Questions? See Venita.

## Save the date:



November 20  
Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner  
Pickaway Country Club

Love and prayers,  
**Venita**

## Second Chance Ministry

September 3 & September 17

7 pm

**Teacher:** If you have 10 muffins and your friend takes 2 of them, how many muffins would you have left?

**Me:** 10

**Teacher:** Okay, let me try again. You have 10 muffins. What if your friend takes 2 of your muffins, how many would you have left?

**Me:** Still 10 muffins... and 1 injured friend.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



# Operation Christmas Child

## What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief organization, Samaritan's Purse. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of



Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

## Who started Operation Christmas Child?

The program was started in the United Kingdom in 1990 by Dave and Jill Cooke. Three years after this beginning, the Wales-based shoebox gift project merged in a partnership with Samaritan's Purse, allowing us to share 20 years of expertise in relief and aid work with the project, and expand the reach of the shoebox gifts to more than 28,000 children that year. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 135 million children in more than 150 countries and territories.



## Why shoebox gifts?

Shoebox gifts are a way to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## What happens after my shoebox gift is delivered?

Our local ministry partners distribute your shoeboxes to children in their communities. After receiving shoebox gifts, many boys and girls are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program. Through the program, our local ministry partners are able to establish long-term, caring relationships with children and families by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

--Taken from [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)



## What to put in the shoebox?

Please pray for this ministry and as you come across small items that will fit in a shoebox. Here

are a few suggestions:

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



**Tools** such as hammers, nails, screwdrivers, nuts, bolts and screws.

**Please Do Not Include:** 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.



Contact **Darline Gose** for questions.

Do you have an item to sell or to give away or something you need or a service you can provide or need? If so, the **Swap Shop** is the place. Give a brief description of the item or service, whether it is a free, for sale or a wanted item 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 call/text **Kay Agin** at 740/500-9836 or email at [aginkay@yahoo.com](mailto:aginkay@yahoo.com)

**Vic and Leona Smathers** are back at Logan Elm Health Care. Keep them in your prayers. To send a card of encouragement:

**Vic and Leona Smathers**  
Logan Elm Health Care  
370 Tarlton Road, Circleville





Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

- Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
- A generous army general walked into a bar and ordered everyone around.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- How much did Long John Silver pay to get his ears pierced?  
A buccaneer.
- Ron once worked at a Chicago pizza shop to get by. He kneaded the dough.
- Fran & her friends named their band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
- Dave lost his wife's audiobook; now he'll never hear the end of it.
- Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
- Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock?  
I guess, time will tell.
- Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- Doctors got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk and the results were staggering.
- I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- Greg went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
- What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up his own incision? Suture self.
- After going to California, Carolyn started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness. (Don't whine about grape puns.)

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## Tonsillectomy

We were on our way to the hospital where our 16-year-old daughter was scheduled to undergo a tonsillectomy. During the ride we talked about how the procedure would be performed.

"Dad," our teenager asked, "how are they going to keep my mouth open during the surgery?"

Without hesitation he quipped, "They're going to give you a phone."

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## Farmer Math

A Missouri farmer passed away and left 17 mules to his three sons. The instructions left in the will said that the oldest boy was to get one-half, the second oldest one-third, and the youngest one-ninth. The three sons, recognizing the difficulty of dividing 17 mules into these fractions, began to argue.

Their uncle heard about the argument, hitched up his mule and drove out to settle the matter. He added his mule to the 17, making 18. The oldest therefore got one-half, or nine, the second oldest got one-third, or six, and the youngest son got one-ninth, or two. Adding up 9, 6 and 2 equals 17. The uncle, having settled the argument, hitched up his mule and drove home.

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## Which tooth?

A lady makes an emergency stop at a dentist office and tells the dentist, "I need a tooth pulled right away. Don't even bother with the Novocain, just yank the tooth out. We're in a really big hurry."

The dentist is really impressed and says, "M'am I really admire your courage. Which tooth do want to have pulled?"

The lady shoves her husband toward the dentist and says "Go ahead dear, show him your

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## What's wrong with me?

"Doctor!" said the woman as she loudly bounced into the room, "I want you to tell me very frankly what's wrong with me."

He surveyed her from head to foot. "Madam," he said at length, "I've just three things to tell you."

"First, you need to lose at least twenty pounds. Second, you should use about half as much rouge and lipstick. And third, I'm an artist - the doctor's office is on the next floor."

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

