

THE WITNESS

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My pet turkey



We all have friends, but we didn't get to name them. We do however, get to name our pets, who some also consider friends. Dogs, cats, fish, horses, sheep, hamsters...all kinds of animals can be pets and we name them. So, in celebration of Thanksgiving, if you had a pet turkey what would you name it?

Dee Brown said she would name a pet turkey *Don* while husband **Don Brown** would name his turkey **Thomas T.** What would **Dorcas Morrow** name a pet turkey? "Thanksgiving!" she said. *Gobble, Gobble* would be **Jim Daft's** turkey. **Larry Keller** would name a pet turkey *Toby*; **Ron Harper** chose *The Eagle*.

While **Carl Moore** would name his turkey *Orange* and wife **Vickie Moore** answered *Tom*. **Bobby Dollison** said, "I'd keep it simple and name it *Gobble*". **Pastor Jay Neff** would name a pet turkey *Yummy*. *Tom* would be **Durk Peter's** turkey's name. According to **John Adams**, "People have called me turkey neck so I would name a turkey, John".

"Spot," replied **Terry Shaeffer** concerning his pet turkey's name. **Amelia Polley** likes the name *Turkey Legs* while **Evan Polley** would name a turkey *Pablo*. *Thor!* would be **Carolyn Steele's** turkey's name and **Becky Tener** would call her turkey *Charlie*. **Paul Vance** chose *Tasty* as his pet turkey's name.

Happy
Thanksgiving Day



Adam Leeth likes *Thanksgiving* for his turkey's name while *Globber* would be **Baileigh Leeth's** turkey. **Ashley Barton** would name her pet turkey *Charlie* and **Bobby Young** likes the name *Nicholas*. *Gobble* is **Connie Vest's** choice.



This Thanksgiving, when we are thinking of the many reasons to be thankful, let us remember to give thanks for our friends... including our pets.

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**



BREEZE coming soon...

BREEZE, a user-friendly software management tool, will be an addition to Circleville First Church. Databases will be created for the church as a whole and for various church ministries, making it easier to perform a variety of tasks.



The program will originate in the church office. It will take a few weeks to implement the BREEZE program. Once the program is in place, up and running, it can be used for church wide emails and texts as well as individual ministries; this is basic capabilities.

It has the ability to keep financial records, print labels plus so much more.

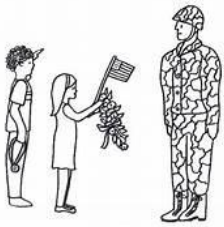
We need general information from you to begin this process: name, address, phone/cell number, birthday and email address. This user-friendly software will not be implemented until the first of the new year.



CFC veterans

Freedom is not free. Veterans Day is November 11. "The Witness" would like to take a moment to thank and recognize the veterans of Circleville First Church. Thank you, Veterans from the bottom of our hearts!

*Remembering those
who have served...*



Urban Adams-Air Force

Jeff Burroughs-Air Force-4 ½ years-fuel specialist

Bob Byerly-Air National Guard-active-22 years

Stephanie Jo Chattos-Air Force & Army Reserve- 8 years-personnel & medical dental clinic in field

Ron Cutright-Marines-1974-78-machinist welder

Jim Daft-Army- 3 years-fuel & electrical repair and dispatcher

Bob Dollison-Army-2 years-communications operator

Gary Greene-Marines-4 ½ years-communications operator

Ron Harper-Army-2 years-teletype operator

Ed Hatfield-Air Force-4 years-loaded bombs



Delbert Holbrook- Army

Bob Johnson-Navy-4 years-machinist maintenance

Jerry Keaton-Marines

Barry Locke-Air Force-4 years-aircraft mechanic

Dan Mason-Marines-21 years-gunner in helicopter

Gary Misko- Army- 10 years-Infantry

Dan Namowicz-Navy-4 years-nuclear guided missile cruiser and supply ship



Jeff Oliver-Army- 8 years-airborne infantry

Jerry Parish-Army-15 years

Marcus Paul-Marines-4 years-infantry

Dean Queen-Navy Reserve- 6 years- supply

Tim Tener-Air Force- 6 years -security specialist



Paul Vance-Army-2 years-combat medic

I hesitated to name names due to the fear of missing someone. If you were left out. PLEASE know that no disrespect intended—this was unintentional, I just did not know you are a veteran. All veterans need to be thanked and recognized, if you are a veteran and was overlooked, PLEASE let Kay Agin know and a retraction will be run—I want to recognize all veterans.



Thank you for your service! Freedom is not free!

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.

Men's Prayer Meetings

Saturdays 8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

November 20 8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall



Children's Christmas Program

December 12

10:45 am

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



Who's who in CFC Kids...

A suggestion has been made by **Kiera Yaniga**, Director of Children Ministries, to add a column featuring our children's ministry workers. Many times, these volunteers go unnoticed. They relentlessly dedicate their time, talent and finances not to mention sharing their love for the Lord. This is a small way to acknowledge and thank them.

Let's begin with **Tom and Joellen Byerly**, who recently volunteered, stepping up, obeying God's calling and ministering



to our children, the next generation of our church. You will find them downstairs in the children's department on Wednesday evenings each week. They minister to kids under 6th grade.

"We volunteered and was prompted from the Lord," said Joellen, talking of how she and Tom began teaching Wednesday Night CFC Kids and Tom added, "we try to support each other."

During Wednesday Night CFC Kids, "We have a lesson, activity or craft, a snack and prayer. We want to build a relationship with the children," stated Tom.

Tom (aka Mr. Tom or Grandpa Joe) and Joellen (aka Miss Jo or Grandma Jo) have been married 39 years and are the parents of three children, **Janice, Bob and Andrew**. They also have seven grandchildren. Tom is retired from Kroger of 39 years. Joellen is a second-grade reading/math specialist for Ohio Virtual Academy, an online public school. "This is my 20th year with them," said Joellen, "I began working for them the first year they started when we moved from Circleville to the Lebanon/Morrow area just north of Cincinnati."

Joellen declared, "I attended here as a child, **Bill and Florence Easterday** used to bring us kids to Sunday School. We then returned in 1996 after we moving from Urbana, Ohio; this is where my sister and parents attended. We stayed and did not look for another church because Tom felt the Lord had a ministry for us and our boys liked the church well enough, we didn't want to go elsewhere. We stayed active in ministry at Circleville First Church until we moved to the Cincy area. When we came back home in 2019, we didn't even bother looking anywhere, our boys came here and we wanted to support them."



Tom remembered, "I was saved when I was 19 at a revival in London, Ohio. My uncle invited me." Joellen was saved 48

years ago. She explained, "I was saved at a church revival when **Joe Leatherwood** was preaching. I felt the Holy Spirit moving (really moving) in my heart and I knew I needed to give my heart and live to the Lord. So, I went to the altar; I was in the 9th grade."

Since then, the couple ministered in a variety of ways. Tom has served as youth leader at this church; in Xenia he held the third elder position; he has lead evangelism ministry where the group randomly performed acts of kindness such as going into businesses and passing out candy bars and information about the church to the employees or various yard chores such as raking leaves. At Countryside Church, he served as a board member, went on mission trips and served in children's ministry.

As for Joellen, she is currently as well as in the past been involved in praise team (worship team) and also, drama, traveling music team, Christian dinner theater, Sunday School teacher, children's church, board member, missions, Wednesday Night Children's director, youth leaders, parish worker, bus ministry, food ministry, small groups, VBS director and volunteer and more. So, you see, this couple has been serving and is still serving God.



"While I was at Lake Erie," Tom recalled, "I was nominated and voted in as youth leader at an annual business meeting. When I returned home, I was informed of this new position. I wanted the youth to have fun but first and foremost, I wanted it to be a place where kids could worship and learn more about Jesus. I feel this is my most successful ministry."

Joellen tells, "I was not always an outgoing, bubbly type of person, (ok I left out obnoxious but...) I had an interest in the dark side of the world and was following after my brother which sought it too. Praise the Lord my brother gave his life to the Lord and I saw a change in him. My mother was saved first in our family. We all eventually chose to follow Christ. The greatest decision you could ever make. Ouija boards, witchcraft, seances, fortune tellers are nothing you should ever get involved with." (Editor's Note: Joellen is not/could not ever be obnoxious).

"Philippians 1:6 gives hope of Jesus' return. He didn't stop with His work and He is coming back," exclaimed Tom. "I am excited about what God has in store, each day in my devotions and prayer time I try to draw closer to Him and trying to live the Fruits of the Spirit."

*Thank you, Tom and Joellen for serving the Lord.
Thank you to Kiera Yaniga who suggested this column.*



Comfy corner creations

Sweet Potato Casserole

1 tall can (2 cups mashed) sweet potatoes
½ stick margarine
1 cup sugar (I use ½ cup)
½ cup canned milk
2 eggs
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla



Mash potatoes in bowl; add remaining ingredients and mix well.
Turn into greased casserole dish.

Topping

¾ cup crushed cereal (Rice Krispies)
½ cup chopped nuts
½ cup brown sugar
½ stick margarine, melted



Mix together in bowl and sprinkle over casserole. Bake 350-375 for 25 minutes.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**

Jokes of the month



Why was Cinderella so bad at football?
Her "coach" was a pumpkin!

If my son starts eating electrical cords, what should I do?
Ground him until he conducts himself properly

I told this joke to my son Kyle; this is his response:

Kyle: That is a **SHOCKINGLY** bad joke

Kyle: I'm **CURRENTLY** not in the mood for that kind of jokes...

Bob: You are so bright I might call you sun!

Kyle: They are reVOLTING...



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



Operation Christmas Child



HELP! HELP! HELP!

Your help is needed

Sorting items on Tuesday, November 16 from 12-6 pm

Packing boxes on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 pm

submitted by **Darline Gose**

How can I pray for you today?

Second Chance Ministry

November 5 & November 19

7 pm



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.



Election Day November 2

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



Getting to know your church neighbor

Continuing our column *getting to know your church neighbor*, **Andrew and Megan Byerly** comes to mind. You will find them front and center every Sunday morning leading our musical praises to God.

Andrew serves as Circleville First Church's music/worship pastor and Megan is our pianist. The couple has been happily married for 17 years and are the parents of a daughter, **Allie**. The Byerly's reside in Circleville.



Megan said, "I work for the Franklin County Domestic & Juvenile Court; I supervise the Appointed Counsel Department. My team is responsible for screening and appointing counsel for indigent parties on certain case types and we process all appointed counsel billing."

"I have worked for the Franklin County Domestic & Juvenile Court for over 13 years. I am a Senior Business Analyst in Information Technology. Most of my time is spent managing SQL databases, requirement gathering and implementing new systems and procedures," explained Andrew.



The couple have been attending Circleville First Church been about 12 ½ --13 years when "Andrew was offered the position of Worship Pastor," replied Megan. She continued, "I also attended a little bit when Andrew and I were dating (back in the day)."

He had attended CFC as a teenager and we were married in the church, so it felt like 'home'. Andrew added, "I attended CFC in middle/high school for 6 years. Needless to say, CFC is my home church."

Andrew and Megan have been part of the worship team 12 ½ --13 years. Megan plays piano and played the flute in high school. She and Allie are currently learning the ukulele. She went on to say, "I love to sing, but only with others!" Now Andrew on the other hand said, "I just sing, no one wants to hear me play an instrument' even though he played trumpet in high school and added that "I sing just on the weekends."



In 1990, at the age of 6 at CCCU Church in Urbana, Ohio,

Andrew was saved. He declared, "I remember giving my life to Christ during a Sunday evening service. I was baptized on October 10, 1990.

Megan said, "I was saved at Nipgen Camp when I was 9 or 10. I was raised in a Christian home, but that was the first time I remember having a personal encounter with God. When I saw a bunch of kids (my own age) around me worshipping God, it made me realize that I wanted to experience God for myself and have a personal relationship with Him.

"I married my high school sweetheart in 2004. then graduated from Ohio Christian University in 2006 and was ordained with the Churches of Christ and Christian Union in 2008. I enjoy NFL football, fishing and all things IT," said Andrew. Megan answered, "I love reading, quilting, cross-stitching, crocheting, scrapbooking, baking, working puzzles and shopping. Sometimes I think I was born in the wrong decade!"



Andrew recalled, "I grew up in a Christian home and have regularly attended church. As with most children who have grown up in a Christian home, it's sometimes difficult to pinpoint when we begin our Christian walk. As mentioned earlier, I started my relationship with Christ at the age of six, but, as with most who experience faith at an early age, the ups and downs of doubt and unbelief were a part of my teen years. It wasn't until I discovered apologetics and church history that my faith began to grow. In 2002 I began experiencing a call to ministry and chose to attend OCU to become a pastor. While in college, I experienced God's second work of grace and continue following after him daily."

Megan shared, "I was raised in a Christian home, but through the years, I struggled and messed up a lot. I've made poor decisions, questioned my faith, neglected my relationship with God, taken God for granted, been disobedient etc. But I've *always* been able to reconnect with Him through Scripture. In 2007, I read through the Bible from beginning to end. It helped me to see how glorious and magnificent and loving He is. It also helped me to see that there's a bigger picture and plan, which gives me the hope and strength I need each day. I can't begin to express how important it is to spend time in God's Word. Every day I find inspiration, encouragement, love, patience and hope within those pages. He's definitely still working on me, but I love the Lord and I'm so happy to serve Him."

Thank you, Andrew and Megan, for serving the Lord through your musical talents!



We would like to **thank** everyone for the cards, gift cards, cash and other items for Pastor Appreciation. A special **thanks** for all the kind words, thoughts and prayers. We truly love you all and feel blessed to be a part of such a great church.

Thank you again,
Jim and Venita

Thank You

JOY (just older youth)

ATTENTION JOY MEMBERS and ANYONE 50 AND ABOVE...



Our **Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner** at Pickaway Country Club will be on **Saturday, November 20**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. You are welcome to come early for some great fellowship. The program for the evening will be a concert by Billy Hodges from Morristown, Tennessee.



The menu is as follows: roast sirloin beef, honey pecan chicken, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, garden salad, green beans, assorted rolls, assorted pies and selective beverages.

Cost is \$18.00 per person; this includes everything listed, gratuity and tax. It will be served buffet style.



A sign-up sheet is on the information desk. Please **sign up by Sunday November 14**--money is due to Venita on or before this date. I must pay for all reservations so if you sign up you must pay by this date. No refunds after November 14. Any questions see Venita.

Venita

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 7

Turn the clock back 1 hour



Christmas Cantata practices
Sundays at 4:30 pm

Billy Hodges in Concert

November 21 6 pm

Decorate the church for Christmas
Your help is needed

November 22 & 23



November 24 -- Service Dismissed

Circleville Community Mission news

Circleville Community Mission pastoral team: **Randy and Cathy Haddox**

With new children arriving and being quite new to church, they are asking "Who is this Jesus that Miss Cathy talks about? What is that cross on the wall? What is prayer? Who made the world? What does sin mean? Why doesn't God stop all the bad things?" Considering the above questions, children lessons have started from the beginning.

Monthly Pastor Cathy dresses in costume. In October, she was a lion who told the story of Daniel and Lion's Den. This month, don't be surprised if a turkey enters teaching on being thankful.

Before children go downstairs for craft and meal, their lessons are held in the sanctuary with the adults. They coincide with sermon, with the thought that some adults new to the Bible, they may not understand one but they will the other. Plus, the adults enjoy the stories and songs as much as the children.

Football is over, several of our kids have returned. Yeah!

Upcoming events: Thanksgiving dinners are in the works for three children's services, families included. Sunday, Thursday and Saturday. Flyers will be sent home with children.

Need: Prayers for housing- family of nine children, 2 parents and several indoor dogs. Soon to be homeless. Request: housing to have heat and plumbing.

submitted by **Pastor Cathy Haddox** and Circleville First Church Representative **Peggy Smith**

Church office closed -- November 25 & 26

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



Vietnam Veteran story continues...

The United States Marine Corps ranks



One is the commissioned officers, which is the formal written authority issued in the name of the President of the United States. They are general officers, field-grade officers, and company-grade officers.

The warrant officers provide leadership and training in specialized fields and skills. They come primarily from staff non-commissioned officer ranks

(SNCO). They do not exercise command outside of their specialty.

The next group are non-commissioned officers: Grade E-4 which is a corporal and pay grade E-5 which is sergeant.

Next there is staff non-commissioned officer ranks which are ranks E 6 and higher. The E-8 and E-9 levels each have two ranks per pay grade. You have the First Sergeant and Sergeant Major (Grade E-8) which are command oriented senior enlisted advisors. They serve at senior enlisted men in a unit, charged with assisting commanding officers in matter of discipline, administration and moral and welfare of the unit.

Master Sergeant and Master Gunnery Sergeants provide technical leadership as occupational specialist in their specific MOS (Military Occupational Specialty).



First Sergeant serve as senior enlisted man in the unit (company or battery). Sergeant Major serves the same role in battalions, squadrons or larger units).

Different styles of rank insignia for different uniforms. Gold stripes on a red flash worn on Dress Blue uniform coat shows

rank. Green stripes on red flash on green Service uniform coat. Rank insignia worn on upper sleeve of both coats. Khaki shirts are green stripes on kaki flash worn on both long and short-sleeved shirts. Utility uniform rank insignia are black metal pins worn on collars of work uniform. All ranks from Lance Corporal to E-8 have crossed rifles below stripes on the flash.

submitted by **Dan Mason**



Helicopter Dan flew in as gunner, which is displayed in his home.

Dan's ribbons, medals, stripes and pins.



Editor's Note: This month's column concludes this series. It has been an honor and a privilege to talk and learn from Dan about the Vietnam War and the Marine Corps. I hope you have learned and enjoyed this series as much as I have.

Freedom is not free...

Thank You, Dan for your willingness to recall, to share, to educate all of us—Thank you most of all for serving our country—the land of the free because of the brave!





11 – 2 Election Day—Don't forget to vote!

11 – 4 Happy Birthday, Pastor Jay!!

11 – 5 Second Chance Ministry 7 pm FC Hall



11 – 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends

11 – 11 Veteran's Day—Thank you!!

11 – 16 Sort Shoebox Items 2 – 6 pm FC Hall

11 – 17 Pack Shoeboxes 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 19 Second Chance Ministry 7 pm FC Hall

11 – 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall
JOY Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm at
Pickaway Country Club

11 – 21 Concert – Billy Hodges 6 pm

11 – 22 & 23 Decorate for Christmas

11 – 24 Evening Service—dismissed

11 – 25 Happy Turkey Day!! gobble, gobble

11 – 25 & 26 Church Office-closed

11 – 26 Christmas season begins! Happy Shopping!



afraid it would accent my long neck.

Woman 1: Oh - that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from this two-by-four I have for a shoulder line.

Woman 2: Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms - see how short they are? If I had your shoulders, I could get clothes to fit me so much easier.

Male version:

Man 1: Haircut?

Man 2: Yep.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

T	H	A	N	K	F	U	L	E	K	F
S	L	D	D	E	L	B	B	O	G	E
E	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	F	T	A
V	A	S	N	G	B	X	T	A	A	S
R	M	N	R	O	C	U	L	M	P	T
A	R	S	M	I	R	G	L	I	P	W
H	F	W	E	K	L	E	E	L	L	S
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F	K	R	P	W	S	M	D	J	S	L
X	T	U	L	V	R	E	H	T	A	G

Word List:

pumpkin	thankful	harvest	gobble
turkey	pie	apples	feast
gather	pilgrims	corn	family

taken from Internet

Two versions of the same conversation

Female version:

Woman 1: Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute!

Woman 2: Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking?

Woman 1: Oh my, no! It's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think.

Woman 2: Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts - that would look so cute, I think. I was actually going to do that except that I was

