

# THE WITNESS



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## Oh, to be organized...

I noticed, have you?

Just to be more organized, a brochure display was recently added to the Information Center making the desk neat and uncluttered. The display also allows information and brochures to be readily available.

**Tom Beavers** built this display from oak to match the Information Center desk that **Urban Adams** built several years ago. It took approximately six hours from start to finish.

Tom began this interest of woodworking upon his retirement. He said, "Right now I'm constructing small projects like birdhouses, wooden trays for **Vicki** and things for the grandkids. I'm just getting started. It's rewarding working with my hands."

Thank you, Tom for this beautifully crafted addition to our church!!

## FEARLESS

### Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow



Here we are in January 2022, ready to experience all that comes our way, including tiny, cold, fluffy, one-of-a-kind snowflakes that softly flutter their way down from the clouds, accumulating and drifting, creating a wonderful winter scene. We all interpret differently although we may be seeing the same thing. What do you see? "When I look out the window and see a lot of snow, I think..."

**Penny Hixenbaugh** thinks, "How pretty and how cold" while **Becky Bailey** thinks, "I'm cold." According to **Terra Neff**, seeing a lot of snow out the window makes her think, "I need some hot chocolate." **Tonya Neff** thinks of how pretty it is. "That's a lot of work," states **Bradley Neff**. "Baby, its cold outside," chimes **Lois Taylor**.



One word describes **Dan Bevan's** thoughts..."sadness." When **John Adams** looks out the window and sees a lot of snow, he thinks, "I wish I was in Florida." **Dorcas Morrow** thinks, "Whiter than snow. He washes our sins whiter than snow." **Michael Mahon** thinks of sled riding when he sees a lot of snow. **Dee Bevan** smiles and states, "I enjoy it. It is beautiful and it comes from God." **Harry Brown** said, "I think of cold, but fun." When **Jan Hoover** looks out the window and sees a lot of snow, she thinks, "We should have this for Christmas." **Mike Holbrook** shared, "White snow reminds me of the cleansing of the blood of Christ...and its cold outside; a chance to stay home." **Charla Holbrook** said she thinks, "God's beautiful creation for us to enjoy." **Wayne Dixon** thinks, "Sunshine would be better", while **Erin Dixon** says, "YUK!"

Whether you celebrate snowfall with dread or hot chocolate, sledding or shoveling, or by admiring the beauty of God's work, may you be happy, safe and warm.

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**



**Remember:** Please check the Christmas card boxes and pick up any cards you may have received. The boxes will remain out until Sunday, January 9.



Serving our country: **Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Ryan Dean, 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

**HELP** is needed in the church nursery once a month on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to help in this ministry, contact **Kim Buchanan 740/701-6105.**



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 15 8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall

1 - 1 **Happy New Year!!**  
**Have a blessed 2022!!**

1 - 11 **The Chosen** series begins  
6:30 pm



1 - 15 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall

1 - 17 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

1 - 30 **Communion** 10:45 am  
**Movie Night** 6 pm FC Hall

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## Circleville Community Mission news

Pastoral Team: Randy and Cathy Haddox



**December:** I have shared this before; as amazing as it was to me 4 - 6 years ago, I am still in awe. The kids made stars from yellow tissue paper. We placed them on the windows. I gathered the children up front and read from the Bible about the wise men

following the stars, bringing gifts to the child Jesus.

Friends from Circleville First Church, **Sam and Kenda**, dressed as wise men and passed out gifts to our children.

After the service, a young girl about 11 years old excitedly said to her aunt when she came to pick up the girl, "Aunt Kelly, you won't believe what happened. Look at our stars. Miss Cathy read from the Bible how wise men followed the stars and brought gifts to the child Jesus. Those same wise men brought us gifts too". Oh, if only we as little children would believe.

Throughout December, there were Christmas play practices, two Christmas dinners, instead of ham, fried chicken legs were served along with many of the children's favorites, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, lasagna, fruit and veggie trays and a variety of pies and cakes. The year ended with two New Year Celebrations.

## Hello 2022



**Upcoming events:** Hot Chocolate Party, scheduled when we have a snowy day full of outdoor activities.

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

**NEEDED:** Teachers for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. If you are willing to help in this ministry, contact **Kim Buchanan 740/701-6105.**



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# Feed My Starving Children

Jackson, Ohio

Dates to be determined

See Joy Atwood for more information

## Comfy corner creations

*As I searched for a recipe, I came across a cookbook written by Mrs. Mollie Hedges' third grade class at Atwater Elementary, December 1994. Each student submitted a recipe, the cookbook was compiled and dedicated to their parents.*

### Bradney's Best Bravo Mississippi Mud Cake

1 c. oil  
1 ¾ c. sugar  
4 eggs  
1 ½ c. flour  
1/3 c. cocoa  
3 T. vanilla  
1 c. chopped nuts  
miniature marshmallows



Mix oil and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Add flour and cocoa; then vanilla and nuts. Stir well. Bake 300 degrees for 30-35 minutes in a greased and floured 9x13x2 pan. After baking is finished, turn off oven, cover top of cake with marshmallows. Set cake in oven with door slightly open, while making the icing.

Icing:

Mix 1/3 cup cocoa and one (1) pound powdered sugar. Add 1 ½ sticks melted margarine, 1 tablespoon vanilla and ½ cup evaporated milk. Pour over cake and swirl through softened marshmallows.



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

# FEARLESS

Watch the service live stream on youtube at [circlevillefirstchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) on Sunday mornings at 10:45

*How can I pray for you today?*

## Aaron & Hur prayer closet

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

## Jokes of the month

What do you call an eighty-year-old cheerleader?  
Old Yeller



What do you call a rabbit that is raised indoors?  
An in-grown hare

Why do dogs float so well in water?  
Because they're such good bouys

What does a honey bee sit on?  
A bee-hind



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

## BREEZE implemented

BREEZE, a user-friendly software management tool, has been implemented at Circleville First Church. Databases have been or 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 originates in the church office. It is now up and running. The BREEZE program is being used for church wide emails such as the prayer chain. As we, the Church, use the program, it will be expanded to texts as well as individual ministries; this is basic capabilities. It has the ability to keep financial records, print labels plus so much more.

Hopefully by now you have filled out the yellow slip provided in the church bulletin asking you for general information: name, address, phone/cell number, birthday and email address.



## CFC Kids

During the fall, CFC Kids held a memory verse competition. The kids were given new memory verses each Sunday morning. They were to recite the memory verse to Miss Kiera at any time during the following week.

**Congratulations to Caleb Yaniga** for memorizing the most verses and **Allie Byerly**, who was the runner-up!!

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



Operation Christmas Child  
Item of the month

Ivory bar soap

### NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

taken from the daily verses

## Fearless

### New Year's Trivia

Q: When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop in Times Square?

A: 1907

Q: How large is the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball in diameter?

A: 12 feet

Q: How much did the first Times Square New Year's Eve Ball weigh?

A: 700 pounds

Q: How much does the Times Square ball weigh in 2020?

A: 11,875 pounds

Q: How much confetti is dropped in Times Square on New Year's Eve?

A: About one ton

Q: What was the most popular 2020 New Year's resolution?

A: To exercise more

Q: In what year was January 1 officially declared the first day of the new year?

A: 46 B.C.



Q: How many glasses of bubbly are consumed on New Year's Eve?

A: 360 million

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

## The Chosen January 11 at 6:30 pm

Dig deeper into the life of Jesus through a realistic tv series. Join us as we watch how Jesus works his first miracles and embarks on his journey to change the world. We look forward to seeing him through the eyes of those who knew him best. Discover the greatness of Christ and realize that being chosen by God is not about what you can do, but is about what He has done for you.

We will be meeting each **Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm beginning January 11** to watch one episode and discuss how we can apply Jesus' work to our everyday life.

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.

