

THE WITNESS

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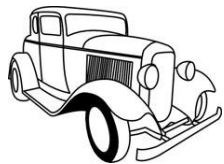
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Circleville First Church 16th Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, May 1

Rain Date May 15

Vehicle Registration 3-5 pm
Judging 5:30 pm
Awards 7 pm



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"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is once a year, but everyday can be a celebration of our relationship with our mother. What is a special memory of you and your mom?



Bradley Neff remembered, "When I was preschool/kindergarten age, I hid a snake in mom, **Tonya Neff's** bed. She went to get a blanket and when she lifted the blanket, and came down near her face. She got even..."

the snake flipped up and came down near her face. She got even..."

Sara Slark shared, "I was doing a school project and I wrote a poem about being blessed and being adopted into the family. Mom, **Rhonda Slark**, was happy with the poem and I got a hug from her." **Liv Dyke** spoke of mom, **Brenna Dyke**, "We went to Hawaii and the whole family went to Koko Head Mountain which is 642 feet tall. The family went on ahead and I climbed with Mom. We enjoyed our time together talking, making jokes and watching the sunset..."

"I am a mama's boy," **Chris Tener** said, adding, "so anything I do with her, mom **Becky Tener**, is special. One time I took her to a Broadway show at Ohio Theater and saw *Mary Poppins*." **Aaron Senig** claimed, "It's hard to single out something. We used to go camping and mom, **Anita Senig**, would get up early to fix breakfast. We would wake up to breakfast cooking."



"I just love hanging out with her, doing things with her, going to dinner..." **McKenzie Darling** stated of mom, **Kathy Blue**.

Memories can involve fun times, heart to heart talks or quiet times, but memories also consist of love. May 8, 2022 is Mother's Day. What a wonderful time to make new memories and spend the day showing someone how special they are.

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

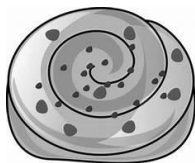


Kitchen delights

Since Mother's Day is May 8, the following recipe is fairly easy and can be made by Dad and/or kids together.

Pull-Apart Coffee Cake

1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup of raisins
1/4 cup of nuts - optional (almonds, walnuts)
2 Tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 can of Pillsbury refrigerated buttermilk or original flaky biscuits



Heat oven to 375 degrees. Line bottom of 8- or 9-inch round cake pan with waxed paper. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except biscuits.

Separate dough into 10 biscuits. Cut each into quarters. Place biscuit pieces in sugar mixture; toss to coat. Arrange in single layer in waxed paper-lined pan. Sprinkle top with any remaining sugar mixture.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until deep golden brown. Run knife around side of pan to loosen. Place heatproof serving plate upside down over pan; turn plate and pan over. Remove pan and waxed paper.

Cut coffee cake into wedges or pull apart. Serve warm. Enjoy!!

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Thank you for your serving! Pray for **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** and their families. Please pray for our military.



Men's Prayer Meetings

Saturday mornings 8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 21

8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall



Do you remember your mom ever saying...

1. *Haste makes waste.*
2. *A rolling stone gathers no moss.*
3. *Money doesn't grow on trees.*
4. *You made your bed, now lay in it.*
5. *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.*
6. *A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.*
7. *Keep your words sweet. You may have to eat them.*
8. *Don't talk with your mouth full.*
9. *If you can't say something nice, then do not say anything at all.*
10. *Anything worth doing is worth doing right.*
11. *Actions speak louder than words.*
12. *An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.*
13. *The early bird catches the worm.*
14. *You're a chip off the old block.*
15. *Don't cry over spilled milk.*
16. *Sit like a lady!*
17. *A penny saved is a penny earned.*
18. *If the shoe fits, wear it.*



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Need a gift? How about a candy bouquet? Everyone likes candy!

Candy Bouquets are available for any occasion; located on the back table.



Envelopes are pre-marked for your convenience.

Proceeds benefit missions
See Cathy Marck for questions

National Day of Prayer May 5

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the month

Small stuffed animals



Getting to know your church neighbor

As we continue the column, *Getting to know your church neighbor*, we have focused on the worship team, beginning with the musicians now moving onto the singers. **Kimberly Polley** is married to **Adam**; they are the parents of **Evan**, 12 years old and a 6th grader and **Amelia** who is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. She is a wife and stay-at-home mom and has lived in Circleville her entire life.



"I have called Circleville First Church home since I was 3-4 years old; my family and I were gone a few years but have been back for about 8 years," said Kimberly. She has been on the worship team since returning to CFC. She added, "My dad led worship at CFC when I was growing up, I've been singing since before I could talk."



Kimberly has played trombone since 6th grade, "although it's been years since I picked one up," she said, "I'm trying to teach myself piano and acoustic guitar." Her favorite music ranges

from Barry Manilow to all worship, 90's country, Frank Sinatra and most of all Queen, which is her favorite band. "I really love singing *Death Was Arrested* by North Point Worship, especially with our congregation!"

Kimberly's favorite color is green. Her food favorite is tacos and obviously her Chipotle tops her list for places to eat. "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God," 1 Peter 4:10 is her favorite Bible verse.

"Hands down Job! To have everything ripped away and still praise Jesus, it's just so amazing!" she stated on her favorite biblical person/story. Kimberly recalled when she was saved, "As a child, again as a teen, but like Job, our lives had a significant change and loss and it was about a year ago when I gave it ALL back to God."

"I have a huge "I Love Lucy" collection and have been obsessed with Lucille Ball since I was little! I've visited the home she was raised in, stayed at the camp where she spent summers, even held her high school diploma! I have the entire Vitametavegamin speech memorized! Kimberly exclaimed. She enjoys crafts and making things as well as cooking and entertaining.



Kimberly testified, "God always comes through. Might not be when we want, but He's always on time." She concluded, "I just want to express how much love and appreciation I hold in my heart for our church. I've called CFC home for over 30 years and I am so thankful to be raising my kids in the same place. Thank you so much for loving me and my family."

To be baptized...

On April 10, **Ashley Barton, Allie Byerly, Kimber Colahan, Lydia Colahan, Russ Colahan, McKenzie Darling, Tonya Grant, Donald Largent, Baileigh Leeth, Amelia Polley, Ken Smalls, Navaeh Wilbur and Navaeh Young** were baptized. Congratulations!!

Matthew 3:13 says, "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

Baby Dedication will be on **Sunday, May 8**. If you would like to have your baby dedicated, please contact the office by Wednesday, May 4.



Coming Soon: New CFC parking lot



Please be in prayer as we prepare for this exciting improvement.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please mark "PARKING LOT" on your tithing envelope.

Verse of the month

John 5:24 NLT states, "*I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.*"

submitted by **John Adams**

FEARLESS



Circleville Community Mission news

April ends with beautiful weather for kite flying at Barthelmas Park, 38 children and adults enjoyed racing kites through the air.

Randy Haddox, Mike Henderson and Michael Fobes were our kite rescuers from tangled string, roofs, trees and flag pole; **Peggy Smith and Penny Funk** with tape and scissors were our kite repairers. **Karen Ferguson and Jayden Brown** were the toddler rescuers from mud puddles that our photographer, **Cathy Haddox** helped the toddler find. Cute picture.



The champion kite flyer, **Diana Ferguson**, ninth grader from Circleville High School connected three spools of string, she flew the highest and successfully kept her kite from the nearby trees and from other kites. The event ended with all receiving \$2 and a trip to Dairy Shed.

May is here, we have one graduating from high school, **Karen Ferguson**, senior of Circleville High School; from Circleville School campus, finishing middle school, **Mercadies Fowler**; graduating from elementary school are **Kaylena Fowler, Faith Buckler, Bentley Gavin and Ava Sparks**.



Upcoming events:

Summer long Vacation Bible School, God's Zoo with each month having its own animal theme. June is In the Beginning, learning about God creating the world and Noah's ark ending with a pet day (might have to pray on that one a little longer). July is Bible stories relating to birds, such as Elijah being fed by a raven and in August, fish. Considering fish live in schools, the children will hopefully wake their brains with two weeks of reading writing and arithmetic activities. They actually enjoy this. They are already asking can we start now.

VBS is Thursday night 6 pm all summer long



Also in July: Annual Ice Cream Social on July 4 at 2 pm. Free and all are welcome. Vanilla ice cream is served, regular and sugar free along with more toppings than one can imagine.

Praise report: Another family has found housing. Since we first asked for prayer, three families have found housing. Thank you!!

Two more families still in need: a mother is looking for housing to raise her three daughters; a second family with 10 children, who lost their home to fire in February, still staying in motel, costing \$1200 a week. Father works 40+ hours a week.

submitted by Circleville First Church Representative **Peggy Smith** & Pastoral Team **Randy & Cathy Haddox**

Joke of the month

If my body were a car...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...But that's nothing, the worst of it is...

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not a graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins, it takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it--Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!!

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

CFC Kids

Family Fun Nights

Vacation Bible School for the whole family? That is what is coming to CFC this summer! One (1) night a month, the whole family, getting closer to God and each other. Keep an eye out for more details to come soon!

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

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





5-1

**Annual Car Show
Nominating Ballots due
No Evening Service**



5-3 **Election Day**



5-5 **National Day of Prayer**

5-8 **Mother's Day
Baby Dedication 10:45 am
No Evening Service**



5-14 **JOY Riverboat Trip**

5-21 **Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall**

5-25 **Annual Business Meeting 7 pm**



5-29 **Communion Service 10:45 am
No Evening Service**

5-30 **Memorial Day—Remember...**

Your missions corner

Have you ever wanted to go on a missions trip? But you were unsure, maybe an out-of-the-country trip is just too far or you had language barrier concerns or the timing wasn't right...well, here is your chance. A missions trip to **Kentucky** is being planned for **July 30 – August 5**.

This trip is sponsored by Praying Pelicans Missions (PPM) which is an interdenominational mission that has had 50,000 short term missionaries serve in over 450 different communities. PPM began in 2003 in Belize, expanded to Jamaica in 2007 and is now serving 14 countries throughout the world.

PPM partners with the local church in the area that is being served. The work varies based on needs and what other teams have accomplished. Work may include clean-up and construction, as well as outreach including possible food distribution or Vacation Bible School or block parties.

Once partnered with a church, we will have a consultation with PPM and the church which helps to determine the desires and skills of the mission team.

Teams arrive on Saturday evening and typically participate in worship with their local host church on Sunday. Mission activities begin on Sunday afternoon. PPM staff is "on the ground" with our team for the week.

The cost of the trip \$445 per team member and includes lodging and food. Typical lodging is within the church (sleeping on air mattresses/cots) and showers are available at the church, at a local YMCA or potentially even a shower trailer brought in.

If you are interested in a missions trip, prayerfully consider this **missions trip to Kentucky from July 30 to August 5**. Contact Joy Atwood for more information.



submitted by **Joy Atwood**

JOY (just older youth)

The J.O.Y. group is back in action. We have been out and about, doing things which I'm so thankful for. First of all, 10 of us enjoyed a wonderful concert by the Hoppers on April 10. What a blessing they were, it was a great evening of Christian fellowship. Some of us went early enough to enjoy a meal at York Steak House. This was a special treat. And of course, after the concert we visited Dairy Queen where some had some big delicious banana splits!!! I almost forgot to mention how lucky some of our group are. **Linnie Grisso** and **Dee Brown** won CD's while **Barb Welsh** won 2 tickets to the National Quartet Convention. WOW!



We are now planning a lunch cruise down the Ohio River on May 14. A total of 33 will take in this adventure. This always turns out to be a good day. Lots of fun fellowship and relaxation.

We are planning more trips to several gospel concerts. Some you need tickets for, some are free for a love offering. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for details. One is possibly on **May 8** with the **Tribute Quartet**. I need to know how many is interested. This one is free. Love offering only.

Another concert is already booked for **July 15** at the Der Dutchman in Plain City with the **Hoppers**. This one is dinner and concert; the cost is \$40. I have 4 tickets left at this time. Not sure how long they will last. If interested please be sure to see me soon. We already have 10 going. Further details will be in the church bulletin. We have a blessed time on all our trips.

Anyone 50 years old and above in invited to join us.

We have several in our group that need your prayers. A lot of health issues. We love you and you are a great group.

Love and prayers,
Venita



Evening Services dismissed: May 1, May 8 and May 29

The nursery is open for Wednesday night services

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If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.

You can watch the service live stream on youtube at circlevillefirstchurch (on Sunday mornings at 10:45)



Most of our generation was HOME SCHOoled in many ways



1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11 My mother taught me about WEATHER

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went



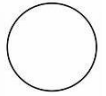
through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."



14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"



20. My father taught me HUMOUR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE,

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



The story behind the song

Thank You

by Ray Boltz

It's been a while since I wrote an article on the story behind a song. Kay and I were headed to Sam's Club when she asked me to do an article for the newsletter on the song "Thank You" by Ray Boltz, requested by **Nancy Johnson**. This song was sung by **Bret Gardner** at Circleville First Church. This emotional song of appreciation for all the people that had an impact on Bret's life, made it difficult for Bret to get thru each time he sang this great song.

The song was written Ray Boltz in response to a request from a member in his church asking him to write a song for Pastor Appreciation Day. Ray explained: that he would try and thought he had plenty of time - eight weeks. Well, the time flew by and he was just not having any success. Finally, the night before Pastor Appreciation Day, Ray was sitting at his piano trying to write something. As he sat there, Ray began to think about the people who have had the greatest impact on his life and realized that none of them were famous. They were people like Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, neighbors and in that list, he included his pastor, **Eldon Morehouse**. Boltz decided to write a song that honored all of them and he performed *Thank You* the next morning in church.

I urge you to go to your favorite app and take a listen.

Thank You Lyrics

I dreamed I went to heaven
And you were there with me
We walked upon the streets of gold
Beside the crystal sea
We heard the angels singing
Then someone called your name
You turned and saw this young man
And he was smiling as he came
And he said friend you may not know me now
And then he said but wait
You used to teach my Sunday School
When I was only eight
And every week you would say a prayer
Before the class would start
And one day when you said that prayer
I asked Jesus in my heart

Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

Then another man stood before you
And said remember the time
A missionary came to your church
And his pictures made you cry
You didn't have much money
But you gave it anyway
Jesus took the gift you gave
And that's why I'm here today

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

One by one they came
Far as the eyes could see
Each life somehow touched
By your generosity
Little things that you had done
Sacrifices made
Unnoticed on the earth
In heaven now proclaimed

And I know that up in heaven
You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure
There were tears in your eyes
As Jesus took your hand
And you stood before the Lord
He said, my child look around you
For great is your reward

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave
I am so glad you gave

submitted by **Mark Agin**



Church Business Meeting

May 25 7 pm



♥ BEST ♥ ♥ MOM ♥

My mom is _____
Years old.

Her favorite
flower is

My mom
always says

Her favorite color is

My mom makes
the BEST

She is SO good
at

My best memory
of my mom is

EVER!