

# THE WITNESS

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## Back-to-School Family Fun Night

August 12

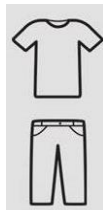
6 – 8 pm

Circleville First Church

Join us for a FREE night of games, waterslide,  
back-to-school clothes, dinner & so much more!

Back-to-School Family Fun Night on August 12 from 6 – 8 pm.

**Needed:** donations of kids' clothing, deodorant, feminine care items, soap, hair brushes/combs, ponytail holders, body spray, toothpaste & sinch sack bags. Cash donations can be placed in the offering boxes and marked for Family Fun Night. Items can be placed in a tote on the back wall of the overflow.



We live south of Commercial Point and built our house when Reed was 3 and Sydnee was on the way.

I am an RN and worked at Mount Carmel Medical Center for 22 years, most of those on a medical/surgical floor and a few on the rehabilitation floor. I homeschooled Reed starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Sydnee starting in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I am on the Board at the Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry; Sydnee and I have been volunteering at the food pantry every Thursday since January 2021.

I grew up in the church. I was baptized when I was 6 weeks old, always attended church, sang in the choir and was active in youth group. I started attending Circleville First Church in 2014. I have been on the worship team for 6 years. I have always loved music and singing. A few of my favorite songs are, "If We're Honest" by Francesca Battisteli, "Amen" by For King and Country, and "Truth Be Told" by Carly Pearce and Matthew West. Some of my favorite Christian singers are Amy Grant, Francesca Battisteli, We The Kingdom, Cain and Carmen.



I don't really have a favorite color, but I like different shades of purple. I like Mexican, Chinese and Italian foods. My favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness". My favorite Bible person is Esther, because God placed her in the right place at the right time. In Esther 4:14, it says that she was made for "such a time as this". I often think about those words and each of us being born in God's perfect time that we  
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## Getting to know your church neighbor

My name is **Kristie Steck** and I have been married to my high school sweetheart, **Christian**, for 25 years. We started dating when we were juniors in high school. We have 2 children. **Reed** is 22 and lives in Akron and **Sydnee** is 18 and will be going to Otterbein in January. My parents are **Terry and Patsy Shaeffer**.



## Getting to know... (con't from page 1)

would be able to walk through this life, with God's help, no matter what we may face.

I was saved September 1, 1985 at Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church. The sermon was about letting your light shine and I kept thinking about the song lyrics "hide it under a bushel? No, I'm gonna let it shine". I remember thinking I could not wait for the altar call because I felt God calling me and I knew I needed to be at the altar. I was sitting in the last pew and kept thinking that is a long walk up to the front, but when the preacher finally gave the invitation all I remember is taking the first step and then I was at the altar. I don't even remember the old wooden floor squeaking or the clicking of my shoes on the floor. I was just there at the altar asking Jesus to be Lord and Savior of my life.



I enjoy crocheting, quilting, baking, hanging out with friends, sitting on my porch watching hummingbirds, listening to music and watching movies with my family.



Christian and I were planning a trip in 2020 to Austria, Switzerland, and Oberammergau, Germany to see the Passion Play. However, due to Covid our trip got postponed. We now leave this fall and are getting excited that it is finally going to happen. This will be my second time out of the country and Christian's first. My first time out of the country was the church mission trip to Haiti in 2015.

## Need a gift?

How about a candy bouquet? Everyone likes candy!

**Candy Bouquets** are available for any occasion; located on the back table. They are ready to go, grab one or two and place your payment in the pre-marked envelop.



Guess What? You will be helping missions! **Proceeds benefit missions.** See **Cathy Marck** for questions.

## Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings 8 am



**OOPS! I did it again!** In last month's newsletter, I reported that Terra Neff is the substitute for the nursery when in fact, she is a sub for all classes and is now teaching the Pre-School - Kindergarten class. I am sorry for the inconvenience. -Kay

*Revised and corrected Sunday School Classes and teachers*

## Let's go to Sunday School!

Pre-School (ages 3 - kindergarten) - Teacher - Terra Neff

Elementary (Grades 1-3) - Teachers - Loretta Gibson and Penny Hixenbaugh

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys - Teacher - Ashton George Sub. Nancy Neff

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys - Teachers - Jeff Johnson and John Adams

Senior High School -- Teacher - Joy Atwood Sub. Lisa Burroughs

Young Adult/Recent Graduates/Young Married Couples - Teachers -- Tyler Leeth and Megan Byerly

### Adults:

Connection Ministries (Room A) - Bobby Dollison and Chris Tener

Building Disciples (Ferguson/Clark Hall) - Carl Moore, Larry Keller and Blake Neff

How to Begin (Room B)--Pastor Jim Daft and Frances Curry

**Nursery:** Kourtne Hildreth - Director

**Substitute for all classes:** Terra Neff

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Kim Buchanan

*Try a Sunday School class,  
stay where you fit in and feel comfortable*

## Kentucky Missions Trip

July 30 - August 5

Please pray Sam Davidson, Larry Gillian and this team



## Kitchen delights

My recipe for this month is easy to make and delicious to eat.

### CREAMY GRAPE SALAD

- 2 lbs. seedless green grapes
- 2 lbs. seedless red grapes
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese - softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

#### Topping:

- 3 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. chopped pecans



In a large mixing bowl, beat together the cream cheese and sour cream until smooth. Add sugar and vanilla until blended.

Add washed grapes and toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. Top with brown sugar and pecans before serving.

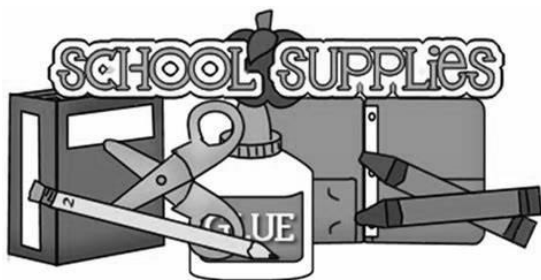
Very good!

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

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

## Operation Christmas Child

### Items of the month



## Thank you for your service!



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** as they serve our country. Don't forget to pray for their families.

## CFC Kids

### We need your help!

On Sunday mornings, we are having more 3–5-year-olds. We are in need of volunteers to **help 1 Sunday a month** to do a small craft with them and other activities. This is a great way to serve for anyone 13 or older. Please see Kiera for more details.

### Family Fun Night

Summer is winding down and a new school year is right around the corner! On **August 12 from 6 - 8 pm**, we will be having a **free family fun night for the community**. We will offer a free meal, giant waterslide, free back-to-school clothes and hygiene needs. One other fun activity, we will have is a dunk tank! **Pastor Jay Neff** will be in it for a while, so warm up your throwing arm! We have other great activities planned for that night but most importantly, we want our community to see Jesus thru us.

### How can you help?

- \*Pray
- \*Invite your friends and family to join us!
- \*We also need donations and volunteers
- \*Food donations needed –see the information desk or contact Megan Byerly
- \*Other Donation needs:
  - Kids clothing
  - Drawstring backpacks
  - Deodorant
  - Body spray
  - Brushes
  - Combs
  - Feminine care items
  - Other personal care items



\*Cash donations may be put in the offering boxes and marked appropriately.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



I've read the end of the Book...

## Verse of the month

"Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call upon Him now while He is near."

Isaiah 55:6 (The Way—The Living Bible)

submitted by **John Adams**



## FEARLESS

### JOY (just older youth)

On July 15, fourteen of us traveled to Der Dutchman in Plain City for a delicious family-style meal and a wonderful concert by the Hoppers. It was an evening of fun, fellowship and good Christian music.

Be sure to watch the church bulletin each week for upcoming activities. We will be attending more concerts.

The committee met and decided to take an overnight trip to the **Amish Country on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17.** We will be leaving early on Friday morning and returning late on Saturday.

We will be staying at the Encore Hotel, walking distance to the Schrocks Heritage Village and the Christmas Store. We will be attending to a show at the Amish Country Theatre; the show is "All Hogs go to Heaven," (similar to Comedy Barn in Pigeon Forge).



We shop in Berlin, Walnut Creek, Flea Market, possibly Kidron Hardware Store and two different cheese factories. Meals at Farmstead, Dutch Valley, possibly Der Dutchman or another restaurant.

Not sure of all the places, working on a schedule to fit everything in. This depends on how many will be going as to the price of everything and if rooms and tickets are available.

We will be taking the church van. First ones to sign-up will be eligible to ride in the van, others will need to drive.



As of now, the price includes motel, show and four large meals. I will have the exact price once I have a count of the number going. Single...\$265 Couples...\$350 Prices are close and will work to get the prices lowered.

At this time, this is the cost, hoping to get it down, again, depending on how many sign-up to go. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk, **please sign-up by Wednesday, August 3** if you are interested in going, so that reservations can be made. **Money needs to be turned in by August 7.**

A **meeting** will be held on **Sunday, August 7** following the morning service for those who will be going on this trip. I will have the prices broken down for each. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 740/474-7353.

### Upcoming Event:

September 11 at 6 pm—Gold City Concert at West Broad Street Nazarene Church in Galloway

### Venita

The nursery is open for Wednesday night services

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## Just arrived New CFC parking lot

As you have probably noticed, our church parking lot is now completed with nice, new, bright blacktop and freshly painted parking lines as well as at least 100 new parking blocks. "Thank you to **Pastor Jay Neff** and the trustees for jumping in and making this parking lot resurfacing happen. We have an awesome church family," stated **Durk Peters.**



Durk continued, "Due to the poor condition of the parking lot, more work needed to be done which obviously increased the cost of this project and therefore, we ran over budget." If you would like to contribute to the parking lot cost, please mark your tithe envelop "PARKING LOT". Thank you for your support.

*We have not because we ask not...*

## Jokes of the month



### Heaven? Who's there?

I was shocked, confused bewildered as I entered heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all, but by the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in heaven who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch  
money twice.

Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear your  
take.

How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a  
mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet, so somber? Give me a clue."

"Hush, child," said He, "they're all in  
shock.

No one thought they'd see you."

Judge Not.



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Leadership Summit September 23 & 24

## In recognition...

Thank you for serving! On June 27, **Bob Dollison and Cherise Oliver** received a gift of appreciation for their service. Bob served as custodian and Cherise took care of the church financial books. **Linnie Grisso** received a plaque. She has served as church secretary for 38 years.

Thank you for a job well done! You are appreciated!

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Miss Jane!!

**Jane Seymour**, mother of **Sharon Harper** and **Judy Leming** will turn 100 years young on **August 8**. They would like to see their mother receive 100 birthday cards.



You can help make this happen for this special lady. Please send her a card, see Sharon or Judy for the address OR a basket has been placed at the Information Desk for cards.

## Church Yard sale

The Church Yard Sale is a great money maker for Shoebox Ministries. But due to health reasons, I am unable to do the yard sale.

### Is someone willing to step up and take over the yard sale?

I will gladly help assist with what we have done in the past. This is a large fundraiser for this ministry. See **Darline Gose** if you are interested.

submitted by **Darline Gose**

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See the Information Desk or **Kiera Yaniga**.



## Things your mother should have told you

1. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.
2. Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!
3. Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
4. Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.
5. To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese or heavy cream in and then beat them up.
6. For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.
7. Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic; at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.
8. Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!
9. Reheat Pizza-Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.
10. Easy Deviled Eggs-Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.
11. Expanding Frosting-When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.
12. Reheating refrigerated bread-To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

13. Newspaper weeds away-Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

14. Broken Glass-Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

15. No More Mosquitoes-Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

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## AUGUST

7 – 30 to 8 – 5 **Mission trip** to Mayfield, Kentucky

8 – 7 **Mission Service**—Share Kentucky Mission Trip

8 – 12 **Back-to-School Family Fun Night** 6 – 8 pm

8 – 14 **Pastor Jay Neff pray over our kids**

8 – 28 **Take in New Members**

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## Kid Quotes

"Everyone has feelings, except for snakes and principals."  
- Donna Maria G, age 9

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and the world laughs at you."  
- Rob P, age 8

"If life gives you nothing but lemons, make up a better shopping list for it."  
- Steven B, age 8

"Moses came down with the Ten Amendments, which were God's Bill of Wrongs."  
- Susie F., age 7

"Doctors automatically know what's wrong with you. They have a sick sense."  
- Beau M., age 10

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

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*We have peace, hope and victory because of Jesus.*

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