

THE WITNESS

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Getting to know your church neighbor



Durk Peters has been married to **Kimberly** for 25 years on October 17. They are the parents of one child, **Kaitlynn**. He has lived in Circleville for 34 years and is self-employed, his business is Built-Rite Construction.

Durk has attended Circleville First Church for approximately 24 years and became a member in 2003. Durk commented, “**Ruth Johnson** wishing us to visit and when we did, it just felt like home.” He serves on the church board and is a member of the safety team. Durk was saved in 1989 and rededicated his life to Christ in 2003.

Born on July 26, Durk’s favorite color is blue/teal; favorite food is pizza but likes to eat at Texas Roadhouse. Can anyone out there guess one of Durk’s hobbies? Did you guess cars? You are correct! He also enjoys taking road trips.

Thanks, Durk for all you do for God’s kingdom!!

Thank you for your service!

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!



Brandon Burroughs-Army-4 years-Infantry
Jeff Burroughs-Air Force-4 ½ years-Fuel Specialist
Bob Byerly-Air National Guard-**Active**-25 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 & Dispatcher
Bob Dollison-Army-2 years-Communications Operator
John Gardner
Gary Greene-Marines-4 ½ years-Communications Operator
Ron Harper-Army-2 years-Teletype Operator
Ed Hatfield-Air Force-4 years-Loaded Bombs
Bob Johnson-Navy-4 years-Machinist Maintenance
Barry Locke-Air Force-4 years-Aircraft Mechanic
Dan Mason-Marines-21 years-Gunner in helicopter
Dan Namowicz-Navy-4 years-Nuclear Guided Missile Cruiser & Supply Ship
Ron Neuhauser-Air Force- 24 years-Master Sergeant
Jeff Oliver-U.S. Army- 8 years (1982-90)-Airborne Infantry
Jerry Parish-Army-15 years
Jeffrey S. Patrick-UCCM (SCW) U.S. Navy Seabees-23 years, 26 days-Force Master Chief, Atlantic Fleet
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!



Election Day
November 7

What military wives are made of (Honor Our Vets)

It was just another harried Wednesday afternoon trip to the commissary (grocery store on military bases). My husband was off teaching young men to fly. My daughters were going about their daily activities knowing I would return to them at the appointed time, bearing, among other things, their favorite fruit snacks, frozen pizza and all the little extras that never had to be written down on a grocery list. My grocery list, by the way, was in my 16-month-old daughter's mouth and I was lamenting the fact that the next four aisles of needed items would wait while extracting the last of my list from my daughter's mouth, when I nearly ran over an old man.

This man clearly had no appreciation for the fact that I had 45 minutes left to finish the grocery shopping, pick up my 4-year old from tumbling class and get to school, where my 12-year-old and her carpool mates would be waiting.

I knew men didn't belong in a commissary and this old guy was no exception. He stood in front of the soap selection staring blankly, as if he'd never had to choose a bar of soap in his life. I was ready to bark an order at him when I realized there was a tear on his face.

Instantly, this grocery aisle roadblock transformed into a human..."Can I help you find something?" I asked. He hesitated and then told me he was looking for soap.

"Any one in particular?" I continued.

"Well, I'm trying to find my wife's brand of soap." I started to loan him my cell phone to call her when he said, "She died a year ago and I just want to smell her again."

Chills ran down my spine. I don't think the 22,000-pound Mother of all Bombs could have had the same impact. As tears welled up in my eyes, my half-eaten grocery list didn't seem so important. Neither did fruit snacks or frozen pizza.

I spent the remainder of my time in the commissary that day listening to a man tell the story of how important his wife was to him -- how she took care of their children while he served our country. A retired, decorated World War II pilot who flew missions to protect Americans still needed the protection of a woman who served him at home.

My life was forever changed that day. Every time my husband works too late or leaves before the crack of dawn, I try to remember the sense of importance I felt that day in the commissary.

Sometimes the monotony of laundry, housecleaning, grocery shopping and taxi driving leaves military wives feeling empty -- the kind of emptiness that is rarely fulfilled when our husbands come home and don't want to or can't talk about work.

We need to be reminded, at times; of the important role we fill for our family and for our country. Over the years, I've talked a lot about military spouses...how special they are and the price they pay for freedom too. The funny thing is most military spouses don't consider themselves different from other spouses. They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is. Is there truly a difference? I think there is. You have to decide for yourself...

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they'll live in base housing or rent and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flare tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms.

Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces.

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room/dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say goodbye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won't see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say good-bye to their deploying spouse and know they won't see them for months, or a year or longer. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses, when a washer hose blows off, call Maytag and then write a check out for having the hose reconnected. Military spouses have to cut the water off and fix it themselves.

Other spouses get used to saying "hello" to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying "goodbye" to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another school next year and whether that school will be the worst in the city...again.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special
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What military wives...(con't from page 2)

events: birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation and even the birth of a child. Military spouses only count on each other; because they realize that the flag has to come first if freedom is to survive. It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons around their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for Mom's Thanksgiving dinner. Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for dad's funeral.

The television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it touches other spouses. The card simply says, "Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been sixty today." A military spouse is the lady with the card and the wall is the Vietnam Memorial.

I would NEVER say military spouses are better than other spouses. But I will say there is a difference. I will say, without hesitation, that military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active-duty husbands and wives.

Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn't near as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country, and having to live without them.

God bless our military spouses for all they freely give.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings
8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

November 18

8 am FC Hall



Penny March—November 5



Kitchen delights

I was looking through "Taste of Home" cookbook and thought this would be good for November. Enjoy!

Great Pumpkin Dessert

1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
3 large eggs, room temperature
1 cup sugar
4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
3/4 cup butter, melted
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts (your choice)
Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream



In a large bowl, beat first 5 ingredients until smooth. Transfer to a greased 13x9 in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cake mix and drizzle with butter. Top with walnuts.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Verse of the month



"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2 NKJV

submitted by **John Adams**

Sunday school section

HELP!!! The Sunday School Department is looking for **subs to help with Sunday School** for pre-school thru high school classes.

Also looking for a teacher to help teach and grow the minds of the **pre-school-kindergarten class**.



Please pray and if God is leading you, please contact me.

submitted by **Kim Buchanan**, Sunday School Superintendent

Shoebox Ministries

Boxes are located in the library
Ready to be filled
Please return by November 5

How to fill a shoebox...

First, decide whether to prepare a box for a boy or a girl. Next, decide what age of the three age groups: 2-4 years; 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

So, what should I put in the box? **The most important thing to place in the box is prayer.** Pray for the child, his family and every person who touches this box. Pray for the items you should place in the box (what the child needs).



Next place toys include items 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, etc. Also, **school supplies such as**

pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. You can include **non-liquid hygiene items like** toothbrushes, 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. **Other items** such as tools, hammers, nails, screwdrivers, nuts, bolts, screws, soccer ball & air pump (must deflate).

Information taken from Samaritan's Purse.org

submitted by Darline Gose-Withers

Thank you for your service!

Sean Baldwin, Bob Byerly, Sgt. Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Ryan Dean, Elijah Garrison, Zachary Haddox, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson are serving our country. Please pray for them and their families.



Thank you, Security Team!!



We have a **blessing box** at the side of the Ferguson/Clark Hall. You can help fill it with food to feed our community in need. Canned goods especially pop-top cans, snacks, personal items, individually wrapped plasticware, blankets can be placed in the box. Thank you for your support!

Jokes of the month

Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex?
They were watch dogs.



The skunk family was going down a path. They came to where the road split. Mama Skunk said, "My instincts tell me we should go left." Daddy Skunk says that his instincts tell him that they should go right. Baby Skunk says, "My end stinks too, but that doesn't tell me which direction to go."



What did the skunk say when the wind changed direction?
Ahh, it's all coming back to me now.

submitted by Bobby Dollison

CFC nursery wants you!!



Can you rock a baby, give a toddler a snack or even watch them play?

We are looking for individuals willing to serve in our church nursery on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings or Wednesday evenings. Ages are newborn to 3 years.

Contact Kourtne Hildreth at (740) 703-5182 or Joellen Byerly

Unable to get to evening Bible study?

Join Larry Keller on Wednesdays at 1 pm
in the Ferguson/Clark Hall



CFC Kids

Save the date!

On **December 10** during the morning service, CFC Kids will be having their Christmas program. The children are working hard and are excited to show everyone the real meaning of Christmas.



Secret Santa

At CFC Kids, we offer a chance for children to pick out Christmas gifts for their family members for free! This is a huge hit with the kids and a great way to share God's love.

We need your help for this to be a success. Gently used or new items may be donated at the back of the sanctuary. Ideas include small toys, candles, lotions, devotionals, small tools and mugs. Any item that a child could gift their parents or siblings would be greatly appreciated!

Donations are needed BEFORE the Sunday, December 17 morning service. The children will "shop" that morning for their family members. Cash donations may be placed in the offering box and marked accordingly on the envelope.

Any questions, please see **Kiera Yaniga**.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

Secret Santa

Let me tell you about God...

My dad was in the Air Force, so we moved a lot (2 or 3 different states). We moved to Fairborn, Ohio and was there approximately 5 ½ years then to Dayton where I graduated from Wayne High School. While in high school I worked as a 16-year-old.

I was getting into trouble and drinking, then a co-worker asked me to church. I ended up being baptized but I didn't feel that I was saved, something was missing. I backslid and stopped attending church and got into trouble.

To change my life, I had to move away from that area, that's when I moved to Circleville and then met my wife, **Teresa**. She invited me to church. I attended twice; the second time is when **Pastor Jim Daft** got a hold of me and I was saved.

Since being saved, I stopped drinking. My dad was an alcoholic and a heavy smoker, I went to Kentucky to visit him. I took my Bible and began sharing the Word with him. At that time, he was going to church but not like he is now, he quit smoking and drinking and is now a Sunday school teacher! He no longer

allows that type of stuff in his home. My step mom has also quit smoking and drinking.

One night driving home from work, it was late (early in the morning), it was an hour and 10-minute drive, I fell asleep at the wheel. I drove into a steep ditch. My driver's side door would not open and the passenger door would not open as well. I was able to climb out the sliding window and able to stand in the bed of my truck and jump out. I was not hurt, not a scratch...God protected me!

Jason Seat

November 15

Packing Shoeboxes – NO Bible Study

Matthew 3:11-17 states that if a sinless man (Jesus Christ) was willing to be baptized, then we should follow His example.

Following that example, **Susan Cornwell, Crystal Evans, Phillip Evans, Monty Robinson and Gene Teal** were baptized by **Pastor Jay Neff** and **Pastor Jeremiah Martindale** on October 8. **Congratulations!!**



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5

Turn back your clock 1 hour before bedtime on November 4

Candy bouquets ministry. The bouquets are located in the back of the church. They are \$10 each; proceeds go toward missions. Place payment in the envelopes and place in the collection boxes. There are also floral sticks and cards/stickers you can add to your bouquet for a gift card or greeting card. At Christmas time, some floral and pine bouquets will be available but will not include candy bars. They are also \$10. Thanks to all who have donated toward this ministry.



submitted by **Cathy Marck**

Coming soon in 2024...

Chili Cook-Off

11 – 4 Remember to set clock back 1 hour before bedtime

11 – 5 Shoeboxes – Return today
Penny March

11 – 7 Election Day—Go vote!



11 – 11 Veterans' Day—Thank you for your service!!



11 – 13 Sort Shoebox items 1 – 6 pm

11 – 14 Sort Shoebox items 10 am – 2 pm

11 – 15 Packing Shoeboxes 7 pm
NO Bible Study

11 – 18 JOY Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner

11 – 19 Church Carry-in Dinner 6 pm
NO EVENING SERVICE

11 – 22 NO Bible Study

11 – 23 & 11 – 24 Church Office—closed

11 – 23 Happy Thanksgiving! Give thanks
to God for your blessings!



11 – 24 Black Friday

I reached out to the other youth leaders and students to see who would be able to help with this. **David, Kyra, Jeremiah, myself and 6 youth students: Bradley, Ian, Caleb, Damien, Gabby, Allie** were able to come together and package up approximately 40-45 boxed meals on Sunday, Oct 8.



We loaded the food up in the van, prayed that our visit would go well and went on our way. Upon our arrival, we parked the van in a neutral spot, set up a table for the boxed meals and water. In groups of two, we went door to door just to say that we were from Circleville First Church and that we had a free meal if they wanted something to eat. Some would say *thank you* and shut the door but eventually come out while others would just come straight out of their house to get the food. Not once did I hear someone ask what we were serving to eat, they just appreciated the food no matter what it was.

It was an opportunity to love on our community in a simple way. It brought joy to my heart to watch the youth of our church be the hands and feet of Jesus. They did not go into this place with judgement or fear but with love. I hope they left that place appreciating everything that God has blessed them with but also understanding that the smallest acts of kindness can change the lives of others.

I want to thank the leaders that helped me that night but I want to especially thank the youth that went with us. There are so many other things that you could chose to do but you are making choices to honor God. It is a pleasure to be your youth leader and I love each of you!

My prayer for our church is that you get to know our youth. They are amazing young people who have hearts that are seeking after Jesus. They will one day be where you are so pray for them, lift them up, encourage them and be an example before them.

Our Youth: Bradley, Caleb, Liv, Lex, Logan, Lydia, Matty, Ian, Carly, Damien, Allie, Bailey, Nevaeh, Jack, Braxton, Madison, Carson and Gabby.

Much love,
Lisa Burroughs



Let the bidding begin!!

This year the Sunday School classes will be decorating wreaths instead of small Christmas trees.



The wreaths will be on display in the church library and the bidding will begin on **November 19**. Bids will be accepted until the end of the morning of **November 26**.

So, let the bidding begin...

A look at our youth

There was extra food left over from the Hog Roast so **Pastor Jay Neff** reached out to see if we would be able to package up the food and run it by a local living complex to see if anyone could use it. John 6:12 says, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."



Church Carry-In

November 19

6 pm



I'm Here, Now What?

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psalm 95:6

Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School

Sunday 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 am

Nursery is provided for newborn to 3 years old

Christian Education Classes

Beginners – ages 3 thru K

Primary – Grades 1 thru 3

Juniors – Grades 4 thru 8

Senior High – Grades 9 thru 12

T & T – Age 20s & 30s

Adults – 2 adult elective classes

Basic Christianity

Morning Service & Children's Church

Sunday 10:45 a.m. – Noon

Nursery is provided for newborn to 3 years old

Children's Church is available for children age 3 thru grade 6

Sunday Evening Service

6 pm – 7 pm

Nursery is provided for newborn to 3 years old

Children's Ministry – age 3 thru grade 6

Youth – Grades 6 thru 12 (F/C Hall)

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.

Proverbs 1:5

Wednesday Bible Studies

Men & Women Bible Study

1 pm (FC Hall)

Christian Education Classes

7 pm – 8 pm

Nursery provided for newborn to 3 years old

Children's Ministry – age 3 thru grade 6 (downstairs)

Youth – grades 6 thru 12 (FC Hall)

Adult Group Bible Studies - men, women and open adult classes

Saturday

Men's Prayer Meeting

8 am – 9 am

Part 1 of a 3-article series

submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

Bible Study--dismissed--November 22

Shoebox Ministry packing party!

Help is needed for the Shoebox Ministry packing party!

Sorting of the items

Monday, November 13 1 – 6 pm

Tuesday, November 14 10 am – 2 pm

Packing shoeboxes

Wednesday, November 15 7 pm



Goal is at least 400

Lots of help needed!



JOY Ministry

Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner

NOVEMBER 18

at Pickaway Country Club



Proverbs 23:26



WOBBLE GOBBLE TILL YOU
GOBBLE TILL YOU WOBBLE
TILL YOU WOBBLE GOBBLE

What is ministry?

One way to understand ministry is to look at the red CFC Mission Statement plaques on the back wall of the sanctuary, near the Welcome Desk.

Circleville First Church Mission Statement

OUR VISION

To relentlessly know Christ and make Him known in our community.

OUR MISSION

To help people know, grow and go in Christ's love!

OUR VALUES

Believing the Bible is God's Word. It's accurate, authoritative, and applicable to our everyday lives.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16)

Focusing on bringing people to Christ both near and far.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen. (Matthew 28: 19, 20)

Power of prayer.

Pray without ceasing. (I Thessalonians 5:17)

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains. (Colossians 4: 2, 3)

Worshipping together in His presence.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Helping our family develop their God-given ability to serve others.

For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Seeking to look like Jesus.

But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

Part 2 of a 3-article series
submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

This is a list of CFC ministries and essential positions. Some contact information has been included. If you have questions or you see a ministry you would like to be a part of, you can call the contact person or the church office. Special events and activities always need behind-the-scene assistance, set-up, clean-up, as well as hands on volunteers. More information about seasonal and special events become available closer to the date of the event. You can use this list as an ongoing prayer tool to assist you during your prayer time. Please keep all people, events and activities in prayer as planning and preparing are ongoing.

CIRCLEVILLE FIRST CHURCH

Ministry & Prayer List

Jay Neff - Senior Pastor
Jeremiah Martindale - Associate Pastor
Jim Daft - Pastor of Evangelism & Senior Ministry
Andrew Byerly - Pastor of Music & Worship Ministry
Kiera Yaniga - Director of Children's Ministry
Lisa Burrow - Director of Youth Ministry
Office Manager - Kim Peters
Church Custodian – Keitha Wilbur

CFC Board Members:

1st Elder – Tim Tener
2nd Elder – Tom Byerly
3rd Elder – Dorcas Morrow

Christian Education Superintendent – Kim Buchanan

The Sunday School Department is looking for substitutes to help during Sunday School for pre-school thru high school classes; also looking for a teacher to help teach and grow minds of the pre-school/kindergarten class. If interested, contact Kim.

Missionary President – Joy Atwood

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Ministry & prayer list (con't from page 8)

Church Extension President – Cathy Marck (Church Extension candy bouquets, sales benefit missions)

Youth President – Lisa Burroughs

Trustees - Eric Atwood, Brandon Hildreth, Seth George, Durk Peters & Shawn Blue

Children's Ministries Representative – Kay Agin

Evangelical Christian Senior's Representative – Nancy Johnson

General Council Delegates – Tom Beavers, Lois Taylor

District Council Delegates – Tom Beavers, Sam Davidson

Nursery (newborn to 3 years old) –

Sunday mornings - Kourtne Hildreth 740-703-5182

Sunday evenings & Wednesday evenings – Joellen Byerly 513-680-6012

Teachers of all classes and all who attend:

nursery, children, youth, teens and adult

J.O.Y. Ministries – Venita & Jim Daft - An active fellowship group for those aged 50+ that enjoy fellowship, meals, services, activities and trips.

T & T – Jeremiah Martindale - For ages 20s - 30s

Benevolence Committee – Valerie Moore

Aaron & Hur Prayer Closet – during Sunday morning service, sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk. The main purpose of the prayer closet is to have active prayer during the morning service while the service is taking place. There is a prayer card in the room (closet) to assist you as you pray, based on what is taking place...singing, offering, sermon, altar calls...

Men's Saturday morning prayer – John Adams 8 am in sanctuary - 3rd Saturday of month: men's breakfast in Ferguson/Clark Fellowship Hall

Women's ECL – Darline Gose Withers Promotes and organizes women's fellowship and church social activities.

Adult and children Christmas and Easter Cantatas

E.D.G.E. (Evangelize, Disciple, Grow and Equip) **Team** – Jim Daft - Sunday morning door greeters and 'floaters' who welcome all guests and hand out church bulletin. Some

E.D.G.E. Team members bake and/or deliver baked goods to newcomers.

Christmas Card Boxes – during the Christmas season, this is CFC way to help with Christmas card exchange. Make out your cards and drop them in the appropriate box for your friends to pick up.

Operation Christmas Child –Darline Gose-Withers - A Samaritan's Purse program that collects items all year to send to children in other countries for Christmas. Also called Shoebox Ministry. This is an all-year ministry – donation 'items of the month' listed in The Witness (the church newsletter) & a fellowship night to complete the project.

Blessing Box – You may be familiar with the Community Cupboards around Circleville and Pickaway County. Circleville First Church has a 'blessing box' at the Ohio Street parking lot entrance near the F/C Hall. Feel free to leave items or take items as your situation allows. Nonperishable foods, hygiene items...items hungry and homeless people may need

CFC Yard and Bake Sale – Information will come available as this event nears. Donations will be accepted and help will be necessary. Proceeds benefit Shoebox Ministry.

Penny March for Missions – The first Sunday morning service each month the children roam the sanctuary to collect pennies to be used for missions.

Hog Roast/ Cruise-In – Good food and fellowship, testimonies, cool cars and music

CFC Annual Car Show

Chili Cook-off and Cake Auction

Trunk or Treat – Decorate your vehicle with a Bible story theme and hand out treats to community guests. Food is available and volunteers are needed.

Nipgen Camp – a camp for youth and teens

Easter Prayer Vigil, Easter breakfast, Easter services

Summer Community Events including VBS (Vacation Bible School) and other activities

Personal Evangelism – Jim Daft

CFC website – Aaron Yaniga

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Ministry & prayer list (con't from page 9)

1 On 1 Discipleship – Tom Byerly - Meet one-on-one with an assigned partner for 1 hour per week for 10 weeks to create a conversion pathway

Praise and Worship Team - Andrew Byerly - Musicians and singers who lead the Sunday morning service to praise God and worship in song.

The Witness – Kay Agin aginkay@yahoo.com -The monthly church newsletter shares articles concerning past, present and future CFC happenings. Located at Information Desk or online at CirclevilleFirstChurch.com

Security Team, Audio/Video Teams, church grounds and inside decorating volunteers

Circleville Community Mission

CCCU Missionaries - General Missionary Department, Churches of Christ in Christian Union in partnership with World Gospel Mission -Check out the world map on the back wall of the overflow next to the Church Extension

Candy Bouquets (sales benefit missions). Around the corner from the candy bouquets (through the doorway and on your left) you will find information of some missionaries.

Tithe and Offerings

Dinner with Friends – Joellen Byerly

Work teams, foreign and home mission services

Prayer Chain – share and receive concerns that need to be prayed on

Part 3 of a 3-particle series
submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

SURRENDER



Thanksgiving Trivia



- The Plymouth pilgrims were the first one to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- The wishbone of the turkey is used as a good luck charm on Thanksgiving.
- Californians are the largest consumers of turkeys in the United States.
- The official Thanksgiving Proclamation was signed on 3rd October 1863 by Abraham Lincoln. According to this proclamation, the last Thursday of November was celebrated as Thanksgiving.
- It was Sarah Joseph Hale, a magazine editor who persuaded President Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She had previously persuaded Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan.
- In 1941, the Congress passed an official proclamation and made Thanksgiving a national holiday which would be observed on the 4th Thursday of November every year.
- New York state made Thanksgiving an annual custom in 1817.
- The pilgrims crossed the Atlantic Ocean to reach the lands of North America.
- When pilgrims reached North America, they found out that Native Americans wear clothes made of animal skin.
- The great Benjamin Franklin wanted turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- Thanksgiving is also considered the busiest travel day in the United States.
- Almost 280 million turkeys are consumed during Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation presents a live turkey and two dress turkeys to the President on Thanksgiving. The President pardons the live turkey and it is sent to a historical farm where it lives the rest of its days.



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