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Getting to know your church neighbor

"I'm part of the church safety and security team," said **Jeff Burroughs**. "My wife, **Lisa** and I have been married for 30 years now. We have two wonderful sons **David**, who is married to **Alyssa** and **Brandon**."



The couple have lived in Circleville for 25 years, but Jeff is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. He said, "I work in Environmental Health & Safety at Crown Cork & Seal for the last year. We manufacture caps. It's really cool." Jeff continued, "I spent most of my

career in law enforcement with the State Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department. I also spent several years in IT Project Management."

Jeff has been attending Circleville First Church since about 2005. He said, "My wife had been coming here. I finally wised up and started to go with her."

His favorite colors are green and black; while his favorite food is Skyline Chili and LaRosa's Pizza (Cincinnati). As far as musical groups, Pink Floyd tops Jeff's list. "My favorite biblical person is Andrew and my favorite bible verse is 2 Corinthians 4: 8-18.

Last month, Jeff celebrated his birthday on February 18. (*Happy Belated Birthday!*) "In my spare time I enjoy being active - Sports and CrossFit," stated Jeff. "I'm not sure I have any talent left," he joked, "Now I'm just getting by on hard work. But I would say that the best jobs I ever had were as a K-9 handler and a Highway Patrol Academy Instructor."

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Service
March 29
7 pm



Good Friday at 9 pm to Easter Sunday at 6 am



Sonrise Service 8 am
Breakfast 8:45 am
Easter Service 10:45 am
Evening Service--dismissed



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

Jeff was saved in 2005 and participated in bible study and membership class with **Pastor Jim Daft**.

He concluded, "I am thankful for Circleville First Church as I continue to learn and grow on my Christian walk. God has brought so many blessings in my life and I'm so grateful."

Thank you, Jeff for serving our church and the Lord!

Penny March—March 3

Chili Cook-Off/Dessert Auction



The Annual Chili Cook-Off/Cake Auction was held on February 18 in the Ferguson/Clark Hall, entries began arriving at 5 pm.

"This is a record year with twenty-two chilis," said **Joy Atwood** who has headed this event for the third year. The chili cook-off categories were mild, spicy, and specialty.

Now the evening's festivities began with sampling and voting of the chilis, then of course, eating your choice of chili.

After bellies were full, the battle began...

The dessert auction was on...Our first elder, **Tim Tener** served as auctioneer. And the bidding wars began...Several members of our congregation bid against each other, fighting (in good fun) for a wide variety of desserts. Laughter, ooohhs and aaahhs could be heard all over the Ferguson/Clark Hall.

Cakes included: ABIDE cake (butter cake with caramel filling and roasted pecans and butter cream frosting), angel food, carrot cake, cinnamon apple, chocolate, German chocolate, Heath Bar cake, Italian cream cake, pineapple, pineapple orange, pineapple upside down, red velvet and white & chocolate.

Cupcakes of all varieties: blueberry cheesecake, chocolate, chocolate with butter cream icing, cookie dough bar, lemon with raspberry butter cream and strawberry cheesecake.

Pies that were up for bid included apple, blackberry, blackberry/blueberry, blueberry, cherry, pecan and sugar cream as well as iced sugar cookies, no-bake bites and peanut butter chews.

In addition, apple bread, cinnamon strudel bread and yeast rolls,

peach cobbler, rhubarb cobbler, peanut butter fudge, spiced apple/pear jam, strawberry/jalapeno jam, a Reese's candy bouquet and two wooden barn quilt squares were also auctioned.

The top selling dessert was a sugar cream pie selling for \$700 then donated back for reauction. Three pies were bought by **Chuck Wellman** and he donated them back to be reauctioned. Thank you, Chuck!

Now the votes for the best chili were counted. And the winners are...

For the traditional chili, **Wesley Wilbur** took first place! He is a first-time winner. In the specialty category, **Bradley Neff** took that one for his YeeHaw chili! He, too is a first-time winner! Now the spicy chili, that is many of us need a fire extinguisher to calm the heat, the winner is our own **Jim Senig**. **Congratulations to these men!!**

Joy reports, "The festivities of the evening raised \$5,835. for missions."

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's chili cook-off. Thank you for the donations of chili and those who you ate the chili, dessert donations, set-up, clean-up, serving, prayer and any other task performed to make this event a success! There are too many to name, but you know who you are and you know what you did. Thank you!!

This year our church will have two mission teams. Our Youth Group will be taking a mission trip from July 13 – 19 to the Dominican Republic. They will be building houses on this trip. The second mission trip will be (at the same time) from July 13 – 19 to Belize. Please pray for the mission trips.

Until next year...keep on cookin'

Shoebox Ministries

Items of the month

TOYS

submitted by **Darline Gose-Withers**



ABIDE



Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings

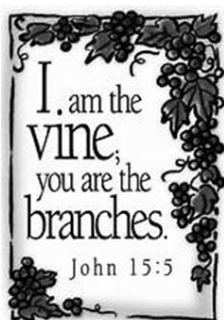
8 am



Men's Prayer Breakfast

March 16

8 am FC Hall



Growth group goings on...

We are looking for a teacher for the pre-school age class. We also need substitute teachers for Sunday School classes. Please pray about how you can help in this ministry.



Kim Buchanan, Sunday School Superintendent

We are looking for individuals willing to serve in our church nursery. Ages are newborn to 3 years. Can you rock a baby, give a toddler a snack or even watch them play?

Contact Kourtne Hildreth at (740) 703-5182.

Leadership Summit March 8 & 9

Kitchen delights

Since it is still winter, soup always tastes good when it's cold.

Quick & Easy Chicken Noodle Soup

1 Tbsp. butter
1/2 cup of chopped onion
1/2 cup of chopped celery
4 (14.5 oz.) cans chicken broth
1 (14.5 oz.) can vegetable broth
1/2 pound chopped cooked chicken breast
1 1/2 cups egg noodles
1 cup sliced carrots
1/2 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
Salt and pepper to taste



Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook until just tender, 5-7 minutes. Add chicken broth, vegetable broth, chicken, egg noodles, carrots, basil, oregano, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

Yum, yum!!

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

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.



CFC youth

Our Youth Group will be taking a mission trip from July 13 – 19 to the Dominican Republic. They will be building houses on this trip.

Please pray for our youth and this ministry.

submitted by **Lisa Burroughs**



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!



Verse of the month



"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him. And by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5 NKJV

submitted by **John Adams**

Friday's Disappointment = Sunday's Empty Tomb

submitted by **Keitha Wilbur**

Your missions corner

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14

Have you ever thought about missions? Do you feel called? This could be your time!

BELIZE July 13 – 19

God's still working out the details!

Trip Leader:

Sam Davidson
740-248-9575 (cell phone) or email at
samdavidson322@yahoo.com

Missionary President:

Joy Atwood

submitted by **Sam Davidson**



Be on watch for information on the sanctuary updates

This is my story...

I grew up in a small PA town with a Christian mother and non-Christian alcoholic father. I started drinking in high school and stopped in 2002. With God's help I haven't had a drink since.

I was baptized in Colorado in 1992 and moved to Ohio in 1993. We have been at Circleville First Church since 1994 when then **Pastor Mike Holbrook** invited us. The boys liked the youth program and we have been here since. I served as a board member and first elder. I went to Roatan, Honduras on a mission trip.

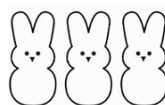
submitted by **Jeff Oliver**

I feel blessed that I can't remember a time when I didn't know about God. My mom played the piano in church most of her life (since age 14) so I was there for every service growing up. Never thought about church or God not being a part of my life. Mom was such a beautiful example of a Christian. She was a prayer warrior and taught me to always talk to God in all situations big or small. Yes, there have been trying times-hospitalizations, divorce, cancer, losing both parents, accidents, some scary situations but they have made my faith even stronger as the Lord has always been there carrying me through and feeling me with His peace. I am blessed with 2 wonderful sons and a husband of 35 years who believe in God. It is amazing to reflect back on my life and see how awesome God is!

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

submitted by **Cherise Oliver**

CFC Kids



Tell your peeps, Jesus is risen!

Children's ministry has some donation needs for Easter! Please see information desk or email Kiera at cfckids@circlevillefirstchurch.com for current needs.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

If you are unable to get to evening Bible study; then join Larry Keller for Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 1 pm** in the FC Hall.



Swap shop

Do you have **an item** you would like to **give away**? To **sell**? Or maybe there is **an item you need**? Well, it also does not have to be an item, **maybe you are willing to provide a service or if you need of a service**. If any of these apply, you can place an ad in the Swap Shop.

It is simple, really...Give a brief description of the item, whether this is a free item or for sale or a wanted item OR a description of the service you will provide or need and how to contact you, your name and phone number. Sounds easy, right?

You can contact Kay Agin by calling or texting her at 740/500-9836 or email her at aginkay@yahoo.com

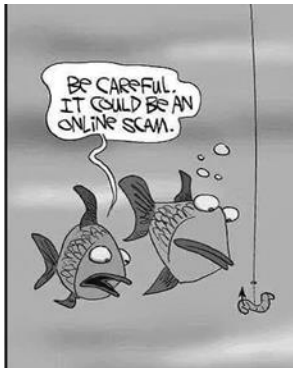
Each listing will be run for one month. If you would like the listing to run again, simply contact Kay Agin by phone, text or email, otherwise the listing will not be run.

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This month:

WANTED: Love Seat. Contact Donald Largent (740) 497-4819

Jokes of the month



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

I am involved with **Candy Bouquets Ministry**. The bouquets are located in the back of the church seating area. They are \$10 apiece; the money goes toward missions. Envelopes are provided for your payment and can be placed 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.



Thanks to all who have donated toward this ministry.

submitted by **Cathy Marck**

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

Saturday, March 23 – AM only-- South Central District Deercreek Ladies Retreat is going on, we are going to crash their morning sessions. The price will be \$25 per person (to help pay for the speaker and retreat). Contact: Joellen Byerly 513-680-6012 if interested. Details to come.

Saturday, March 23 – an afternoon - Baby Shower for Kourtne Hildreth. If you haven't heard yet, she is having twins, one of each.

Saturday, May 4 – We will join the Crossroads ladies at their Refresh, Restore, and Rejoice conference; approximately \$25.00 includes lunch and ...

Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast on Easter morning will be at 8:45 am. Join us for a free community

breakfast of pancakes, sausage and gravy and so much more! Please see the welcome desk for donation needs.

Church Work Day

April 13

Raindate: April 20

Time Change begins March 10

Set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed



It's Friday.

Jesus is in custody.

Judas is ridden with guilt. He returns the silver, his betrayal payment, and hangs himself.

Religious leaders deliver Jesus to Pilot, the governor. Each Passover, Pilot releases one prisoner to the crowd. Barabbas, a prisoner guilty of theft, insurrection and murder, is brought in.

Pilot asks Jesus - are you the king of the Jews? Jesus confirms.

Pilot asks the crowd who to release. Barabbas.

He asks what he should do with Jesus, they shout - Crucify him. Crucify him.

Jesus is delivered to the soldiers. They place a crown of thorns on his head. They mock him, beat him, strip him of his clothes.

They head for Golgotha. Jesus bears the burden of carrying his own cross. He is too weak. Simon, a passerby, takes the cross and carries it on Jesus' behalf.

Jesus, spotless and innocent, is hung on the cross. A nail in each hand and a nail in his feet. A sign is placed above his head reading - King of the Jews.

They mock him, insult him, spit on him, pierce his side with a sword.

Hours of agony pass. Jesus cries out - Father, forgive them. Jesus, in his final moments, prays mercy over his enemies that they may come to know and believe in him.

With one final cry Jesus proclaims - it is finished.

Jesus hangs his head. He gives up the ghost. The veil of the temple is torn, top to bottom, in two.

Joseph takes Jesus' body. He wraps him in clean linens. He places him in a tomb, a borrowed tomb, belonging to Joseph. He seals the tomb with a stone.

With that, the plan for salvation is complete.

Sin, paid for. Debt, paid for. A promise of hope, mercy, forgiveness, eternal life. Free, if we'll just trust him. Believe in him.

It's Friday. But Sunday is coming.

submitted by **Keitha Wilbur**

3 - 3 Penny March

3 - 8 Leadership Summit 7 pm

3 - 9 Leadership Summit 9 am-Lunch-After Lunch
Set your clock forward 1 hour before bed

3 - 10 Time Change begins

3 - 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall

3 - 17 St. Patrick's Day

3 - 23 SCD Retreat (for Ladies) am session
Baby Shower for Kourtne Hildreth

3 - 24 Palm Sunday

3 - 28 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

3 - 29 Good Friday 7 pm
Prayer Vigil begins

3 - 31 HE LIVES!!!
Sonrise Service 8 am
Breakfast 8:45 am
Easter Service 10:45 am
Evening Service--dismissed

MARCH

Palm Sunday

