

# THE WITNESS

## Circleville First Church

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## Annual Yard Sale Shoe Box Ministry

Thursday, May 2 & Friday, May 3  
8 am – 5 pm

Saturday, May 4  
8 am – 11 am

Baked Good needed  
Start collecting those **Clean and Appropriate** items  
No large appliances, please

### Drop off

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Monday, April 29 from Noon – 1 pm & 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 30 from Noon – 1 pm & 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### Set up

Wednesday, May 1 from 9 am until finished

## Volunteers needed daily

Contact person: Joellen Byerly  
[byerlyjo@yahoo.com](mailto:byerlyjo@yahoo.com) or  
513-680-6012



## Circleville First Church 18th Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, May 19

*Good Clean Community Fun, Food & Fellowship*

Vehicle Registration: 3 pm- 5 pm Judging: 5 pm  
Registration Fee: \$15.00 Awards: 7 pm

All makes, models and motorcycles welcome

Please no Alcohol or Trailered Vehicles

All registered entries eligible to win Prizes &  
Grand Prize from sponsors!

Circleville First Church nor the Event Planner is responsible for  
any accidents or damages to vehicles

For information

Durk Peters (740) 225-0964 Don Brown (740) 474-9634  
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Day of Show  
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## Shoebox Ministry

Items of the month

### **TOYS**

to fit in a shoebox



submitted by **Darline Gose-Withers**

## ABIDE

### Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings

8 am



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 18

Speaker: Ron Adkins

8 am FC Hall



**Ladies Conference** will be held on May 4 from 9 am – 3:30 pm at Crossroads Church. Brochures available. Cost \$25.00.

We would like to support their ladies and enjoy a day of Refresh, Restore and Rejoice.

See Joellen Byerly 513-680-6012 or [byerlyjo@yahoo.com](mailto:byerlyjo@yahoo.com)

### Penny March—May 5

Can you help in the nursery?

Contact Kourtnie Hildreth at [kshildreth17@gmail.com](mailto:kshildreth17@gmail.com)



## Kitchen delights

*This is another one from CBC cookbook*

*Originally submitted by **Sue Knece***

### **Impossible Pie**

(makes own crust)

4 eggs

1 cup white sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

2 cups milk

1 cup coconut

1/4 cup margarine, softened

1/2 cup flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. vanilla

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until well mixed (about 60 seconds).

Pour into deep buttered 10-inch pie pan (or 2 if smaller).

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Remove with spatula when serving. Enjoy!

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.



Our Youth Group will be taking a mission trip from July 13 – 19 to the Dominican Republic. Please pray for our youth.

## Growth group goings on...

I need substitute teachers for Sunday School classes. Please pray about how you can help in this ministry.

**Kim Buchanan, Sunday School Superintendent**

**HAPPY Mother's DAY**

## Blessing box

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

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 NLT

submitted by **John Adams**

## 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!

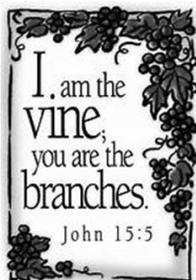
### Trip Leader:

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

### Missionary President:

Joy Atwood

submitted by **Sam Davidson**



## Afternoon Bible study

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.

## Need a gift?

Hey! Do you need a gift for someone? Well, check out this option...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**

## Help needed!!



Looking for several people to volunteer to do Face Painting for our Sunday, May 19 Car Show. If interested, contact Joellen Byerly at 513-680-6012 or [byerlyjo@yahoo.com](mailto:byerlyjo@yahoo.com)

## Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 16  
6:30 pm  
Ferguson/Clark Hall

**Be on watch for information on the sanctuary updates**

Try a Growth Group,  
stay where you fit in and feel comfortable

**Thank you, Security Team!!**



## Church Yard Sale

Thursday, May 2 8 am – 5 pm  
Friday, May 3 8 am – 5 pm  
Saturday, May 4 8 am -11 am

Clothing, household essentials, décor, tools, toys, baby products, furniture, baked goods and more!!

All proceeds go directly to filling and shipping shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry (Shoebox Ministry)

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## Celebrating 50 years of Marriage

*Blake & Nancy Neff*

*Saturday, June 22*

*2 - 4 pm*

*Ferguson/Clark Hall*



## Jokes of the month

A young blonde was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana. She wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way, but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking. After becoming very frustrated with the “no haggle” attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the blonde shouted, “maybe I’ll just go out and catch my own alligator so I can get a pair of shoes at a reasonable price!”

The shopkeeper said, “By all means, be my guest. Maybe you’ll luck out and catch yourself a big one!”

Determined, the blonde turned and headed for the swamps, set on catching herself an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper is driving home when he spots the young woman standing waist deep in the water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he sees a huge 9-foot alligator swimming quickly toward her. She takes aim, kills the creature and with a great deal of effort hauls it onto the bayou bank. Lying nearby were several more of the dead creatures.

The shopkeeper watches in amazement. Just then the blonde flips the alligator on its back and frustrated, shouts, “this one isn’t wearing any shoes either!”



Why can't you play cards in the jungle?  
Because there are too many cheetahs.



I thought our goat was giving birth...  
Turns out she was just kidding.



Where do pigs like to vacation in the winter?  
Mihammy Beach

### These were sent to me from Tim Tener:

People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.



I rescued a cow from the slaughterhouse, I call him Jake from Steak Farm.



I've been off work all week because my pet cow is sick. My boss thinks I'm milking it.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



## Making Scripture personal

One of the rules of thumb in scripture is that you will always have the natural and then the spiritual.

- #1 Cain, as you know, never became a spiritual individual, he remained the natural and he was born first. Abel, on the other hand, was the spiritual one, born second.
- #2 Isaac and Rebekah's children: Esau, who was born first, the natural and his brother, Jacob who was the spiritual believer.
- #3 King Saul, the natural who was the first King of Israel, but not a believer and then the second King of Israel, David, the spiritual one who was a believer.
- #4 In 1 Corinthians 15:42-46, we have the natural body with corruption, dishonor and weakness. Then we have the spiritual with incorruption, glory and power.
- #5 The book of Revelation and finalizing of God's program, first, we're going to have the appearance of the anti-Christ, the natural and then the appearance of the true Christ, the spiritual.

So, when you study your Bible, look for the natural then the spiritual.

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## CFC Kids

### Summer family fun!

Join us on the first Fridays in June, July and August for community family fun nights from 6:30-8:30 pm.

June will be themed *Jump into Summer!*

Please keep an eye on the welcome desk for volunteer and donation needs each month.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**



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**Evening Services - Dismissed**  
May 12    May 19    May 26

**Church Office – Closed**  
May 27

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## JOY (just older youth)

On May 12 we will be going to York Steak House & Brian Free & Assurance Concert at West Broad Street Nazarene. Watch for more details.

Love and prayers,  
**Venita**

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- 5 – 1    **Set up for Church Yard Sale** 9 am
  - 5 – 2 & 5 – 3    **Church Yard Sale** 8 am – 5 pm  
FC Hall
  - 5 – 4    **Church Yard Sale** 8 am – 11 am FC Hall
  - 5 – 3 to 5 – 5    **Youth Retreat** at Nippen
  - 5 – 5    **Penny March**  
**Evening Service** with John & Priscilla Kunkle and  
Crossroads Church
  - 5 – 12    **Happy Mother's Day**  
**Accepting New Members** 10:45 am  
**Evening Service**-dismissed
  - 5 – 12    **JOY Ministry**—Meal at York Steak House & Brian Free  
& Assurance Concert
  - 5 – 16    **Ladies Night Out** 6:30 pm FC Hall
  - 5 – 19    **Annual Auto Show**  
Vehicle Registration: 3 pm- 5 pm  
Judging: 5 pm  
Awards: 7 pm  
  
**Evening Service**-dismissed
  - 5 – 26    **Evening Service**-dismissed
  - 5 – 27    **Memorial Day**  
**Church office** - closed



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## Coming soon...

ECL concert, speaker and dessert buffet on Friday, June 21 at Ohio Christian University. Buffet runs from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Concert starts at 7:30 pm. Price for admission is \$15. Last year we took 40 ladies, let's up that goal and try for 50 this year. Love to have you there.

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cheery."

- ~ "Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, it's good for another week."
- ~ "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
- ~ "Well, if Timmy's mom says it's okay, that's good enough for me."
- ~ "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- ~ "I don't have a tissue with me . . . just use your sleeve."
- ~ "Don't bother wearing a jacket. The wind chill is bound to improve."

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

The mother of a large family was explaining why she dresses her children alike, right down to the youngest baby.

"When we had just four children, I dressed them alike so we wouldn't lose any of them."



"Now," she added, looking around at her brood of nine, "I dress them alike so we won't pick up any that don't belong to us."

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One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why you should go to church. (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

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**Things Moms Would Probably Never Say**

- ~ "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- ~ "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too."
- ~ "Just leave all the lights on . . . it makes the house look more

**Memorial Day is May 27**



**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

