The Witness

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Auto Show held

The 18th Annual Spring Auto Show was held on May 19. The weather was warm, actually, hot but there was no rain.

With the sun shining, 79 vehicles were registered at this year's show. The vehicles were all so nice, each with their own special qualities and beauty.

The DJ played great music, door prizes were awarded, wonderful food, a balloon man for the kids…big and small, a popcorn machine and great fellowship. A total of 35 awards were received to the vehicle owners.

The best motorcycle award went to **Steve Bloxam** for his 2007 Harley Davidson American Iron. The best car was the 1957 Chevy Bel Air, owned by **Jim Loftes.** Now the best truck went to **Alan Dill** for his 1946 Chevy 3100 pickup. **John Tomer's** 1977 Chevy Malibu took the Pastor's Choice Award. (Photo by Hannah Martindale). Drum roll, please…Best of Show went to the 1941 Dodge Military Weapon Carrier, owned by **Kevin Foust** of Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Photo by Hannah Martindale). **Ryan Delozier** stated that his favorite vehicle was the 1941 red Dodge Military Weapon Carrier (truck); **Tom Byerly** agreed as did **Dee Brown, Lee Chattos, Hannah Martindale, Donna Payne, Durk Peters** (continued on page 2)

Church Business Meeting
June 2

Mark your calendars! Family Fun Nights – **the first Friday of June, July and August** from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church parking lot. Games, dinner, give aways and fun for all! Please see the Information Desk for a list of donations and volunteers needed.

Auto show (con't from page 1)

and Aaron Senig. "Jimmy Holland's black cherry Ford," said **Dorcas Morrow.** Now **Kim Peters** chose the 1979 black/gold Trans Am as her favorite. **Wayne Dixon** chose the Hellcat while his wife, **Erin** had her own picks of the Camaros. **Don Brown and Andrew Byerly** agreed that their favorite was the green 1967 Corvette.

Thank you to all of our awesome sponsors!! Thank you to the many volunteers who made this ministry possible, from donations to set-up, to registration, to preparing/serving food, to chatting with individuals on the premises, to clean-up…whatever you did to help…THANK YOU! (Photo by Shauna Adams)

Now for next year…Vroom! Vroom!!

Penny March—June 2

Shoebox Ministry

Items of the month

STUFFED ANIMALS

to fit in a shoebox

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.

ABIDE

High School

Alexis Dyke – Circleville High School graduate – going to Ohio University- Lancaster

Alivia Dyke – Circleville High School graduate – going to Ohio University- Lancaster

Logan Holbrook – Circleville High School graduate – going into Army National Guard this fall

Bradley Neff – Logan Elm High School graduate – going into the workforce

College

Terra Neff – Indiana Wesleyan University – Dual Bachelor Degrees

Tonya Neff – Pheonix University – Master's Degree in July

submitted by **Lisa Burroughs**

Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings

8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 15

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Mark Taylor

JOHN 15:5

Kitchen delights

This recipe is one that **Pearlina Johnson** (Jeff's mom) made for family get-togethers.

Mom's Potato Salad

Dressing:
2 eggs
2 T. cornstarch
Salt (to taste)
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup vinegar
1 T. butter

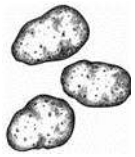
Mix these ingredients together in a saucepan; cook until it boils and thickens. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Cool totally. Add 2 cups Miracle Whip and whisk together.

Boil, peel and dice 5-7 lbs. potatoes
Boil 8 eggs, then chop (set 2 eggs aside for later)
Chop 6 sticks of celery
Dice 1 medium onion

Pour dressing over this mixture and stir well. Top with boiled egg slices and celery seed.

Chill before serving.



Absolutely delicious!! (I'm prejudiced!)

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Youth Group Mission Trip

July 13 – 19
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

Verse of the month

"And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life." 1 John 5:11-12 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

Missionary President:
Joy Atwood

submitted by **Sam Davidson**

Celebrating 50 years of Marriage

Blake & Nancy Neff

Saturday, June 22

2 – 4 pm

Ferguson/Clark Hall

Can you help in the nursery?
Contact Kourtnie Hildreth at kshildreth17@gmail.com

Bible Study with Larry Keller - Wednesdays at 1 pm FC Hall

Welcome members!

On May 12, Circleville First Church welcomed six new members! **Stephanie Chattos, Chad Howard, Linda Howard, Kyra Sass, Malisa Sass** and **Gene Teal** participated in the new members' class and was accepted into membership. **Congratulations!**

On May 12, Mother's Day, five special ladies were honored. The Queen of Circleville First Church, **Tonya Neff;** keeps us worshiping, **Megan Byerly; Hannah Martindale** with two boys keeping her on her toes; **Venita Daft** who co-ordinates the JOY Ministry and the Queen Mother, **Nancy Neff** were honored. Each received a small gift. Thank you, Ladies for all you do!!

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**

Ladies! We all have to eat, so what about eating with some new and old friends? **Let's do lunch on June 11** at 11 am at El Palomar (Wal-Mart Plaza). I would love to have you join me.

Ladies the 6:30 fellowship for Tuesday evening, June 11 is canceled. We will be meeting for lunch instead.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

Critters, critters, critters everywhere!

Check out the lawn critters and plaques up for Silent Auction! Deadline for bids is June 9. All proceeds benefit the Belize Missions Trip!

Silent Auction

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

Thank you, Security Team!!

CCW Class & Training

June 8 at 9 am
Cost: $50 per person

Bring: snacks & drinks. Need an unloaded handgun with 50 rounds of ammo, eye and ear protection

Classroom time will be in the Ferguson/Clark Hall and shooting portion will be at 11169 Heffener Road on the same day.

Contact: Chad Howard 740-207-3742

Auto Show 2024

Photos by **Shauna Adams**

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!

June 14
FLAG DAY

CFC Kids

Summer Family Fun Nights!

Mark your calendars! Family Fun Nights – the first Friday of June, July and August from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church parking lot. Games, dinner, give aways and fun for all! Please see the Information Desk for a list of donations and volunteers needed.

Family Game Night will be held on Friday, June 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm.
From classics to messy, join us for a free evening for all games and food!

Donations and volunteers are needed! See the Information Desk for a list of how you can help!

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

Ladies! Don't forget the **ECL Dessert and Concert with the Jones'** on **June 21** at Ohio Christian University.

Tickets are $15 and registration forms are available at the Information Desk. Money is due to **Joellen Byerly by June 12** to reserve your spot. Our goal is 50 ladies from Circleville First Church.

It's twins! **Kylie and Cooper** were born to **Brandon and Kourtnie Hildreth** and big brother, **Matthew** on April 24. Kylie weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. and Cooper weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. Grandmother is **Kim Buchanan** and great-grandmother is **Betty Sater.** Congratulations!!

Baptismal Service will be held on June 30. If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up at the Information Desk by June 23.

Mount of Praise Camp

June 23-30

Ohio Christian University

Nipgen Junior High Camp June 9 – June 14 ages 12-14

Nipgen Junior Camp June 16-20 ages 9-11

General Evangelical Christian Ladies Banquet June 21
at Ohio Christian University

Global Impact Rally at Mount of Praise Camp June 23 6 pm
at Ohio Christian University speaker: Rev. Benji Jenkins

Lily Lake Camp Meeting July 28 - August 4

Teens of Praise Camp June 23-28 grades 7-12
at Ohio Christian University

Nipgen Teens in Action July 20-27 ages 15-18

Nipgen Camp Meeting

July 20-July 28
Nipgen Campgrounds

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6 – 2 **Penny March** 10:45 am
Church Business Meeting

6 – 7 **Family Game Night** 6:30-8:30 pm

6 – 9 to 6 – 14 **Nipgen Junior High Camp** (ages 12-14)

6 – 11 **Ladies' Lunch** 11 am at El Palomar

6 – 14 **Flag Day**

6 – 15 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall

6 – 16 **Happy Father's Day!**
Evening Service- dismissed

6 – 16 to 6 – 20 **Nipgen Junior Camp** (ages 9-11)

6 – 21 **General Evangelical Christian Ladies Banquet** at Ohio Christian University

6 – 23 **Global Impact Rally at Mount of Praise Camp** at Ohio Christian University

6 – 23 to 6 – 30 **Mount of Praise Camp Meet**

6 – 26 **Service** – dismissed

6 – 30 **Baptism** 10:45 am

Today we shared hope.
Today we helped a woman choose life.
Today we extend grace, mercy and forgiveness through Christ.
Tomorrow, we will do it all over again!

Interested in volunteering?
We are always looking for volunteers to help in our centers. Our Elizabeth's Hope location at 157 West High Street in Circleville could use someone to sort and hang clothes or help with our Mom's Program! We provide all the training for free. So, if you have a couple of hours each week and would be interested in coming alongside a mom that could use your mentorship, please let us know! Our number is 740-477-1761 and we are open Monday through Thursday from 10 – 4.

If you would like to make a material donation, here is a list of items we always run short on…

Cute diaper bags, baby lotion, baby wash, shampoo & body wash for women, sippy cups, baby gates, wipes, larger size diapers (size 5 and up), toddler training pants, toddler toothbrushes & toothpaste,

new socks, diaper rash cream, anti-colic/gas bottles like Dr. Brown's, individually packaged snacks & boxed juice for children during client visits, cases of water, reams of paper.

Thank you in advance!
Kristie Steck BSN, RN
Mobile Nurse Manager
Elizabeth's Hope Women's Center

First Church Ladies…

What have the ladies of our church been up to lately? Well, in April we met for a time of food and fellowship, followed by making wreaths and crosses for our summer decorated doors. They will make their appearance in June.

In May we had 2 activities scheduled, the first one was the **Refresh, Restore, and Rejoice** women's conference, held at Crossroads. (See the other write ups in the newsletter for details). We will plan on attending again next year, it was fabulous.

On May 16, we met together for food and fellowship (you can't join together without food) and we brought our painting talents to refurbish some donated **"lawn ornaments"** that are in the library. These will go to a happy home via a **silent auction.** Go, take a look and put your bid down. The money will go **to help support the Belize mission trip.**

In June, we will have 2 activities scheduled. On **June 11** at 11 am, **we will meet for lunch at El Palomar (Wal-Mart Plaza),** hope you can join us. This is just another time we can get to know more ladies and share in fellowship. **This will replace the scheduled June 11 evening time together.**

On **June 21,** we are attending the **concert at OCU,** with dessert. You can give your $15 registration to me **by June 12.** Last year we had 40 ladies attend, this year I have a goal of 50. Don't miss it. (More information about this at the Welcome Center – brochures were in the bulletin a few weeks ago).

What is coming up for July? Watch your bulletins and newsletter for details. We hope to meet monthly for some kind of fun. If you have any ideas, please pass them my way.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

Jokes of the month

*Marriage is mostly feeling blessed that you found such an amazing person and partly wondering how much jail time you'd get for smothering them while they are snoring. -from Tim Tener

*Every time I'm about to win an argument with my wife, someone wakes me up. -from Tim Tener

*I bought my daughter a handbag from Iraq.
She said, "Thanks for the Baghdad."

*Don't ask your wife where she wants to eat. Just say, "Guess where we're going to eat?" And the first thing she guesses, just smile and say, "That's right!" Then head there to eat.

*Struggling to get your wife's attention?
Just sit down and look comfortable.

*So, my husband and I were sitting on our couch watching TV yesterday. Suddenly, I hear that I got a text on my phone that I left in the kitchen. I go to the kitchen to check it and it's a text from my husband: *"Please bring the chips on your way back."*

*My wife is mad at me. She says I'm lazy. I don't know what's wrong, I wasn't doing anything.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Flag Day trivia

1. What day is Flag Day found on the calendar?
July 14 August 14
September 14 June 14

2. Which US president set aside a special day for honoring the flag?
Woodrow Wilson Abraham Lincoln
Franklin Roosevelt Lyndon Johnson

3. Flag Day is considered a federal holiday.
True False

4. Which state became the first to honor Flag Day as a state holiday?
Arizona Washington Pennsylvania New York

5. In what year did the first Flag Day parade take place?
1914 1920 1901 1937

6. Who first began promoting the idea of setting aside a day to honor the United States national flag?
A school teacher A WWII veteran
A governor A banker

7. In 1890, what group proposed a nationwide display of the flag on June 14?
The Daughters of the American Revolution
The Sons of the American Revolution
The Boy Scouts
The Girl Scouts

8. True or False—George Washington once thrashed a man because he thought he saw the man use the flag as a handkerchief.
True False

9. What year did the United States flag add its fiftieth star?
1957 1961 1959 1960

10. What is your basic stars and stripes knowledge? How many red stripes are there and how many white?
6 red, 7 white 6 red, 6 white 7 red, 7 white 7 red, 6 white

From www.funtrivia.com
Answers on page 8

Ladies' conference
Refresh, Restore, and Rejoice

Refresh, Restore, and Rejoice women's conference, attended by a couple hundred and we had 14 associated with our church attend. I was blessed to attend this conference this year. I had heard about it in the past but didn't have any information about it, so this year, I went seeking the information out. Our speaker Burnette Brown was anointed by the Lord as she spoke and shared, her message which encouraged so many as she shared a Pledge of our Faith. 1. God is who He says He is 2. God can do what He says He can do 3. I am who God says I am 4. I can do all things through Christ (my personal favorite verse) 5. God's word is alive and active in me! I loved that she reminded us that We are Daughters of the King!! Her platform was only part of our day, we had breakouts with fantastic teachers on multiple topics, a wonderful brunch, great worship time and more. Don't miss it next year. -**Joellen Byerly**

Saturday, May 4th, a day I won't forget for a long time. It was the Women's Conference at Crossroads Church.
Burnette Brown, speaker and Amber Kasper, worship leader, are both ladies of God and they show it. Of all the breakout sessions, which were helpful, I keep coming back to the closing session "Where We're Going".
God is who He says He is. Regardless of where we've been....He's still God!
I am who God says I am.
In the Bible, Ephesians 1, says who you are.
Vs. 3 Blessed
Vs. 4 Chosen
Vs. 5 Adopted
Vs. 6 Accepted
Vs. 7 Redeemed
Vs. 7 Forgiven
We are loved!!
Jesus is coming back again!
-**Nancy Johnson**

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Ladies' conference (con't from page 7)

The ladies' conference was really amazing!! I learned a lot in the breakout sessions. The food was delicious. My absolute favorite part was the worship services and the sermons. You could feel the Spirit moving. People were praying with others. It felt welcoming and peaceful. **–Donna Payne**

I signed up to go to the women's conference and then felt I was too busy it's just getting back from Florida. I am really glad that I went! The ladies did a great job with the breakout sessions (would have liked to go to all of them), the speaker, the entertainment and the worship leader. It was an uplifting, spirit filled time and I'm glad I went. I am able to continue to grow while reading the books that I got there. I would encourage all who can to attend next year. You won't be sorry that you did!
-Nancy Neff

Answers to Flag Day trivia

1. June 14 2. Woodrow Wilson 3. False 4. Pennsylvania 5.1909 6. A school teacher 7. The Sons of the American Revolution 8. False 9. 1960 10. 7 red, 6 white

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If I were the Devil…

*I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world.

*I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's efforts, instead of God's blessings.

*I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around.

*I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue.

*I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership.

*I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies.

*I would make it socially acceptable to take one's life and invent machines to make it more convenient.

*I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more that human beings.

*I would take God out of schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit.

*I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young and I would get sports heroes to advertise them.

*I would get control the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda.

*I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation.

*I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable-if the family crumbles, so does the nation.

*I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens and I would call it art.

*I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct.

*I would convince the world tht people are born homosexuals and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled.

*I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out-of-date and the Bible is for the naïve.

*I would dull the minds of Christians and make them believe that prayer is not important and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

***In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.**

*Paul Harvey, 1965

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**-from **Pastor Jim Daft**