

THE WITNESS

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Getting to know your church neighbor



"My first job was working on a farm where I baled hay and straw. I have worked at John's Place in Williamsport (I lived upstairs) and also DuPont, GE (General Electric) and Walmart," said **Wayne Dixon**. He continued, "At DuPont and Walmart, I worked in the maintenance and also carts at Walmart; at GE, I worked in light bulbs and I have delivered advertisers."

Wayne is married to **Erin** and the couple have been married 16 years. His birthday is May 21, you'll have to ask him his age. He has 12 brothers and sisters and has lived in Circleville "a long time."

As a kid, Wayne stated that he rode the church bus to Williamsport Church of Christ in Christian Union. He was saved some years later at Circleville First Church and also baptized here. Wayne came to attend our church because "my Aunt Dodie (Dollison) and my Aunt Violet Dollison attended here and in later years, my wife started to attend."

"I have been involved in men's prayer/men's breakfast, Second Chance, Vacation Bible School, the annual car show, Trunk 'n Treat and various church activities here at church," he recalled.

Wayne's favorite food? "My dad's food and my wife's cooking; both good cooks. Dad was a cook in the service during World War II," he stated. He liked to eat at Ponderosa when it was in Circleville. Matthew is his favorite biblical book and "Jesus is my favorite person in the Bible because He is the Savior of the world." Now, "Come, Jesus, Come" tops his favorite song list while Elvis, Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash are his favorite singers.

Wayne enjoys washing dishes and doing the laundry as well as feeding birds and picking blackberries. He added, "I talk a lot and fussed with my dad. Well, my brothers and sisters, we fussed a lot too."

When Wayne was saved here in our church, he said, "Something came over me (Jesus) and I just knew... I feel better about myself. I highly recommend Jesus. If someone came to me and said that he/she was thinking of getting saved, I'd help them."

Trunk 'n Treat

October 24

6:30 pm

We need everyone to dress up/decorate their vehicles in a biblical theme as in year's past



Donations of candy are needed

Sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center

Questions? See Tanya Patrick

ABIDE

JOHN 15:5



Ladies: Mark your calendars



What have the church ladies been up to?

On September 10, the ladies lunched at Arby's. We are planning meet for lunch monthly to continue building relationships. Friends are always welcome to come.

On September 26 we met at the Ferguson/Clark Hall and had a great time eating, sharing and painting.

Ladies, what is coming up next? Mark your calendars

Tuesday, October 8 - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - meeting at Pizza Cottage (room has been reserved)

Thursday, October 24 – Ladies Night----CANCELLED---due to Trunk 'n Treat

Tuesday, November 12 - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - meeting at the home of Jeannie Harper, she has graciously invited us to her home

Thursday, November 21 - Ladies Night at 6:30 in the Ferguson/Clark Hall

Tuesday, December 3 - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - meeting at the home of Stephanie Chattos

Thursday, December 12 - Ladies Night at 6:30 in the Ferguson/Clark Hall - We will be having our White Elephant sale. Everyone who came last year really enjoyed this, make sure you join us this year for the fun.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

Ferguson/Clark Hall--We are now only renting to members & organizations that have been consistent renters. Prices etc. will remain the same.

Thank you for your service!



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

Shoe Box Ministry

The Shoe Box ministry is coming up soon. You can build your own boxes if you would like and boxes are available for use in the library. If you enjoy dropping off items monthly, we still have a box in the back of the sanctuary for those items. It is never too early or too late to help support this ministry.

We will be **sorting** the items already donated on Monday, November 5 11 am -6 pm. We will be **packing** boxes on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 pm; several Growth Groups will be



helping out and we need your help too. Many hands are needed for this task. Watch for the announcements in the bulletin for more details. Any questions, check with **Darlene Gose-Withers**.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

It's a girl! **Juniper Mae** was born on September 6 to **Kyle and Rachel Howard**, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Chad and Linda Howard**. **Congratulations!!!**



Come as you are to Bible study is held at **1 pm on Wednesdays in the Ferguson/Clark Hall**. So, come as you are...to Wednesday Bible Study!

Men's Prayer Meeting - Saturdays at 8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

October 19

8 am

FC Hall

speaker: Jeremiah Martindale



Penny March – October 6



Sydnee across the ocean



My name is **Sydnee Steck** and I wanted to share about my amazing opportunities I have had while traveling to other countries during my time at Otterbein University. My first trip was from June-August in the summer of 2023 when I got accepted to be an intern at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda

Breeding in China. There, another girl that traveled with me from Otterbein, and I worked with 4 different pandas over the course of 2 months. My job was documenting the pandas' behavior including any abnormal behaviors which in the zoo world are called "stereotypical behaviors". It was so much fun experiencing Chinese culture and trying new foods. In Chengdu, they really like spicy foods which I am not a fan of, but I was able to find other foods that I liked such as dumplings that were filled with beef, pork, or seasoned rice. Some of the more unique foods I tried were squid, cow stomach, and cow intestines which I did not like. I also got to try rabbits head which I unexpectedly liked even though I realized that the meat I was eating was not on the hindquarters, like I had thought, but instead on the skull! Also, to my surprise, the Chinese have lots of American style restaurants like KFC and McDonalds, which I was very happy for, though they did not have the same menu as we do here. I was very thankful to Otterbein for allowing me to have that experience.

My most recent trip was from January-May of this year when I did a study abroad in the United Kingdom. There I studied at the University of Salford in Manchester.

This was my first time I traveled alone and internationally. At first, it was difficult not knowing anyone in Manchester, however just 2 days later the University of Salford had an international student meeting. There I got to meet many other people from around the world who were going through the same thing as me, not knowing anyone and being a new international student. From then on, 13 other girls and I made a huge group chat and grew to be best friends. We did everything together from shopping, to exploring the city we lived in, to traveling to other parts of the UK together. Some of my European friends are from the Netherlands, Finland, and Barcelona, Spain!



I also met quite a few people from the U.S. and even 1 from Ohio! While in the UK, I got to travel to a couple of zoos and a bird sanctuary through my Conservation in Zoos class and my Practical Ecology and Conservation class trips. We went to Blackpool Zoo, Chester Zoo, and Yorkshire Wildlife Park. I got to spend a week in Millport which is a town on an island in Scotland for one of my Ocean Challenges class trips. My friends and I got to travel to York, London, the Lake District, and Edinburgh in Scotland. I also got to go back to London when my family came to visit which was such a surprise! My last 2 weeks in the UK I got to travel around with a small group from Otterbein for a summer travel course that I took. While I was in England, I got to see London (for the third time), Gloucester, Chester, and the University of Oxford, and while I was in Wales, I got to see Aber, New Quay, and Snowdonia. I am very lucky and happy to have travelled to these places and have met such awesome people. I am looking forward to my last semester at Otterbein this fall and am excited to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Zoo and Conservation Science and walk for graduation next May! I want to thank all of you who were thinking of me and praying for me during my travels while in China and the United Kingdom.



Picture 1- At internship with pandas in Chengdu, China

Picture 2- Big Ben in London

Picture 3- My international friends and I during a trip to London

Verse of the month

Psalm 86:5 NLT says :

"O Lord, you are so good so ready to forgive so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help."

submitted by **John Adams**



Kitchen delights

"Football, Friday night. Football, Friday night." And...NFL on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. Here's some game day/night dips for chips, crackers, etc.

Slow Cooker Dip

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. ground sausage
16 oz. Velveeta cheese (cubed)

10 oz. can Rotel
8 oz. cream cheese (cubed)

In a large skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef and ground sausage until no longer pink. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a paper towel-lined plate to drain.

Spray a 4 to 6-quart slow cooker with non-stuck cooking spray. Add the cooked beef and sausage, cubed Velveeta, Rotel and cream cheese, and stir to combine. Cook on high for 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the Velveeta and cream cheese are completely melted and creamy. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips, crackers, etc.



Mom's 4-Ingredient Pizza Dip

1 (8 oz.) block cream cheese, softened
Italian seasoning (optional)
Crushed red pepper (optional)
1 cup pizza sauce
1 pound pork sausage, cooked and drained
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

*You can also use pepperoni and other pizza toppings, as desired



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix cream cheese, Italian seasoning and crushed red pepper in a small bowl. Spread mixture in the bottom of an 8 x 8 baking dish.

Add pizza sauce over the cream cheese mixture, spreading it evenly. Top with an even layer of sausage (pepperoni, etc.), followed by an even layer of mozzarella cheese.

Cover and bake for 20 minutes. Then uncover and bake for another 10 minutes or until the sauce is bubbly and the cheese is lightly browned. Serve with chips or crackers.

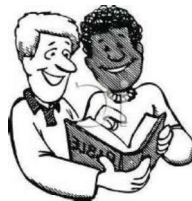
submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Discipleship 1 on 1

Our Mission:

To help people Know, Grow and Go in Christ's Love.

Matthew 28:18-20



This is a wonderful start for all new converts or people who feel they need to learn more about being a Christian and your daily walk with Him. You will be paired up with a mentor to meet weekly for these classes. The date and time is up to you and your mentor.

Questions: Tom Byerly 614-440-4301 tom.byerly@yahoo.com

Thank you, Security Team!!

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Hope Strong

On August 25, Keith and Jane Stevenson spoke to our congregation about Hope Strong which is in 12 states nationally at this time, showing children the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The U.S. Supreme Court declared that release programs are legal in 1952. It requires that the students travel off school property, usually to a church and usually during lunch. This is a once-a-week program at no cost to parents or taxpayers. This program is now in Circleville, Logan Elm, Teays Valley and Westfall School Districts.

At this time, approximately 20 churches are involved with Hope Strong. With over 100 volunteers, they consist of pastors, youth pastors, children's pastors and lay people. All of the workers are Christians and have been background checked.

How can you help?

You can **pray** for this program, the volunteers and the children. You can **serve/volunteer** approximately 2 hours a week. Thirdly, you can **give**. This is the third year and donations have always met the needs of this program.



Jokes of the month

*My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.

*Why should you never brush your teeth with your left hand?
Because a toothbrush works better.

*Did you hear about the fight at the fish place?
The fish got battered.



Sent to me from Tim Tener:

*I just stepped on a cornflake, now I am officially a cereal killer.

*I tried to start a new business "recycling gum," but I'm having trouble getting it off the ground.



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

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

Shoebox Ministry

Items of the month



TOYS
FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Small enough to fit in a shoe box

Place items in the box in the sanctuary on the Ohio Street side

submitted by **Darline Gose-Withers**

Don't forget, if you need of a gift...**Candy Bouquets Ministry.** The bouquets are located in the back of the church seating and are \$10 apiece; the money benefits 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 as a gift card or greeting card.



Thanks to all who have donated toward this ministry.

submitted by **Cathy Marck**

CFC youth

Until the first of the new year, we will only have a Sunday activity once a month.



October 20 – Harvest Party 4 – 7 pm

November 7 – Bowling/Friendsgiving 1 pm

December 8 – Zoo Lights (details to come)

submitted by **Lisa Burroughs**



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The Pumpkin Show, the Pumpkin Show, let's all go to the Pumpkin Show...



October 16 - 19

Growth group goes on...

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

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

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



10 - 6 Penny March

10 - 8 Ladies Lunch 11 am
at Pizza Cottage



10 - 14 Columbus Day

10 - 16 to 19 Circleville Pumpkin Show



10 - 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am
speaker: Jeremiah Martindale



10 - 20 Youth - Harvest Party 4 - 7 pm

10 - 24 Trunk 'n Treat 6:30 pm
Ladies Night----CANCELLED



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!

Shoe boxes

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Church website

You can watch the Sunday morning worship service live as well as passed services on line. Just go to circlevillefirstchurch.com

To view the current sermon: Click "Circleville First Church", this is the church website and the home page. Scroll down and click "watch this week's service".

To view a past sermon: Click "Circleville First Church", this is the church website and the home page. Scroll down and then click "Sermons". Then click the date of the sermon.

Church newsletter

"The Witness" can be viewed on the church website. Go to circlevillefirstchurch.com

Click "Circleville First Church", this will be the church website and home page. Scroll down to "Upcoming Events". Click "To see our monthly newsletter".

*Christians are like tea: Their strength is not drawn out until they get in hot water.

*God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

*Sin causes the Christian's cup of joy to spring a leak.

*An optimist is:
A man who thinks he can find some big strawberries in the bottom of the box.

*If you want to avoid being tempted to eat forbidden fruit, stay out of the devil's orchard.



Teen Creed

Don't let your parents down,
They brought you up.
Be humble enough to obey,
You may give orders someday.
Choose companions with care,
You become what they are.
Guard your thoughts;
What you think, you are.
Choose only a date
Who would make a good mate.
Be master of your habits,
Or they will master you.
Don't be a show-off when you drive,
Drive with safety and arrive.
Don't let the crowd pressure you;
Stand for something
Or you'll fall for anything.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

