

# THE WITNESS

## Circleville First Church

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### verse of the month



"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon Huis shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

submitted by **John Adams**

*Festival of Carols* -Saturday, December 7 at 6 pm and Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm at Ohio Christian University Ministry and Performing Arts Center. Admission is **Free**, however you must go on line and reserve a seat [OhioChristian.Edu/Christmas](http://OhioChristian.Edu/Christmas)

This will be a wonderful start to your Christmas season and you may even recognize a few people singing in the choir.



### Children's Christmas Program

December 22

10:45 am



8 pm

### Church Christmas Fellowship

December 15 6 pm FC Hall

Bring finger foods to share

### Pastor Jim to be celebrated

**Pastor Jim Daft** will be resigning as Evangelism and Seniors Ministries Pastor after 25 years of ministry service to Circleville First Church. On **December 22**, we will be celebrating Pastor Jim during the morning worship service.

Pastor Jim has aided in leading many souls to the Lord. Thank you, Pastor Jim for your years of dedicated service!

## 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.



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

December 21

8 am

FC Hall

speaker: Pastor Greg Gardner



## Members inducted

New members were taken in on November 3. Terry Beachy, Kelly Hendricks, Larry Hendricks, Dawn Myers, Greg Myers, Martha Moore, Donna Payne, Isac Payne, Sierra Payne and Wesley Wilbur became members of Circleville First Church.

*Congratulations!*

A special **Thank You** goes out to everyone who helped bring up Christmas decorations from the basement and take down the fall decorations. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate for this wonderful Christmas season. I think that HE deserves a beautiful decorated party for HIS church.



## CFC Kids



Secret Santa, is a time for kids to select and wrap their gifts for family members. Examples would be ties, tools, socks, books, jewelry, candles, pens, stuffed animals, ornaments and other items like these. Taking donations from now until Dec 8th. Blue tub located in overflow area of Church.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> kids shop for gifts.

Questions: Tanya Patrick

614-353-4690

**December 1** – NO Penny March-There is a mailbox in the overflow with a slit on top to put your donations for missions.

**December 8** - Dress rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Program during children's church. We really need all of the children to be here on this Sunday.

**December 15** – Secret Santa -The children will be shopping for gifts for their families.

**December 18** – Secret Santa – For any child that did not shop on December 15.

**December 22** – The Children's Christmas Program during worship service.

**Merry Christmas!**

God bless,  
Tanya Patrick



## ABIDE



JOHN 15:5

### CFC youth

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

December 8 – Zoo Lights



submitted by **Lisa Burroughs**

### *Jesus is the Reason*



*For the Season*

*Thank you, Security Team!!*

On October 17, Pumpkin Show Thursday, the \$2,000 was raised parking cars which benefits junior high camp! On Pumpkin Show Saturday, October 19, \$2,500 was raised and this goes towards replacing windows.

Thank you to all who took part in raising these funds!

### Church website

You can watch the Sunday morning worship service live as well as past services on line. Just go to [circlevillefirstchurch.com](http://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.

## "The Witness" newsletter

"The Witness" can be viewed on the church website. Go to [circlevillefirstchurch.com](http://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".

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**

### Growth group goings 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**

*The temperatures are getting cooler, so don't forget:*



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 as well as personal items, hats, gloves, coats, blankets can be placed in the box. Thank you for your support!

We were able to raise enough funds to give \$3,344. to the Spetnagel's, missionaries to Honduras and also \$1,000. to the Beavers'.

Thank you for supporting our missionaries!



## The Meaning of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are RED  
Like the blood shed for me  
WHITE is for my Savior  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus!  
My Lord, that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see  
Jesus my shepherd  
Was born for Me!



## Jokes of the month



\*What do you call a snowman who plays the piano?  
Meltin' John

\*Two antennas got married. The reception was incredible.

\*I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.

\*What do you call a woman standing in the middle of  
a tennis court?  
Annette.



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

## Children dedicated



On November 17, **Eliza and Juniper**, daughters of  
**Kyle and Rachel Howard** were dedicated to the Lord!  
Proud grandparents are **Chad and Linda Howard**.

No Penny March for December— a mailbox  
is provided in the overflow for your  
donations in lieu of the Penny March.

## Sanctuary updates continue.

Pricing and scheduling are in the works at this time.



## Recently married...

Tyler & Abby Darling - September 22  
Caleb & Ashley Johnson - September 28  
Aaron & Angela Senig - November 9



**Congratulations!!!**

## DECEMBER

12 – 15 **Church Christmas Fellowship** 6 pm FC Hall

12 – 22 **Children's Christmas Program** 10:45 am  
**Evening Service**—dismissed



12 – 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
8 pm



12 – 24 & 25 **Church Office-closed**

12 – 25 **Merry Christmas!!**

12 – 29 **Communion Service** 10:45 am  
**Evening Service**—dismissed



12 – 31 **New Year's Eve**

## JOY Ministry

On December 7, we will be attending Christmas in Bethlehem. We will be meeting at the church at 3:30 pm. We will be taking the van but will need personal vehicles as well. Dinner will be at Golden Corral in Chillicothe (buffet). The cost is approximately \$12-13 per person (this does NOT include a drink). Watch the bulletin for exact cost. After our meal, we will be traveling to Kingston, where the CCCU Church will be performing Christmas/Walk Through Bethlehem at the park. This is an outside event and we will be walking through the different parts. The deadline to sign-up is December 1 at the Information Desk.

See Venita for questions.



## Kitchen delights

These can be used for almost any occasions and are fun to make:

### MASON JAR COOKIES

#### Sand Art Cookies

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup candy-coated chocolate pieces (M&M's)
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup crisp rice cereal
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips



In a quart or 1 liter jar, layer the ingredients in the order given. Lightly pack down the jar after each addition.

Attach a card with the following instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a cookie sheet. Empty the entire contents of the jar into a medium bowl. Add 1 large egg and 1/2 cup of margarine melted; mix well. Form dough into 1-inch balls and bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

#### Best Ever Chocolate Chip Cookies



- 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

Combine the flour, baking soda, white sugar and the chocolate chips. Place 1/2 of the mixture in a clean quart sized glass jar and pack firmly. Place the brown sugar on top, again packing firmly. Place the remaining flour mixture on top. Cover with lid.

Attach an index card with the following directions:

Empty contents of jar into a large bowl. In separate bowl combine 3/4 cup of butter, 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until creamy. Add to dry mixture. Drop by tablespoonful onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake

in a preheated 375 degrees oven for 8 - 10 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

Have fun and enjoy!

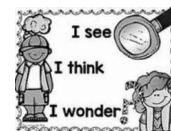
submitted by **Nancy Johnson**



Coming soon to the Ferguson/Clark Hall near you...

## Annual Chili Cook-Off

I see that many of the washcloths that were in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen are missing. I think that perhaps they were taken home to get washed and have been forgotten. I wonder if you could please return them to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Thank you,  
Ladies ECL

## Shoe boxes packed

On November 20 at 7 pm, over 50 people gathered in the Ferguson/Clark Hall to fill shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse ministry. This year our church packed 465 boxes to go to children in other countries. Each child is required to attend 12 Bible classes before receiving their box and they anxiously wait for their last class. The boxes have been prayed over and will be prayed over several more times to bless the child who will receive one. A special thanks go out to each and every one who helped in this year, from the 14 people who sorted, and gathered and untagged, and wrapped small gifts to get rid of the "litter" to the 50 + who came and packed, to the people to donate each month and to the people who made personal boxes and those who purchased those last-minute items. Thank you.



**NOTE:** A special shoebox fund will be established in **Darlene Gose-Withers** name for future years, in honor of the years she dedicated to this project.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**



## What have the church ladies been up to lately?



On November 12, **Jeannie Harper** opened her home and so graciously had a wonderful meal for us.

On November 21, we met at the Ferguson/Clark Hall and had a great time eating, sharing and playing a Gratitude game that we can now share with our families.

*Ladies, what is coming up next?  
Mark your calendars*

**Tuesday, December 3** - Ladies Lunch at 11 am, we will meet for lunch at Ohio Christian University. We can meet at 10:45 and carpool over if you would like.

**Thursday, December 12** - Ladies Night at 6:30 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall.

We will be having a ...

Everyone who came last year really enjoyed this, make sure you join us this year for the fun and bring a friend along with a snack to share.



What is a White Elephant gift exchange? It is something that you have, that still works, but you just don't have a use for it anymore. Like, a partially burnt candle that doesn't agree with your "smeller", those super cute socks, you just had to have and now are wondering what in the world ever possessed you to buy them, I think you get the gist. Make sure you wrap it or put it in a bag so they will remain "incognito".

**Tuesday, January 7** – Ladies Lunch at 11 am at the home of Stephanie Chattos, 10750 Peters Rd. Amanda, Ohio.

**Tuesday, January 21** - Ladies Night 6:30 pm the Ferguson/Clark Hall - food, fun & fellowship

**Tuesday, February 4** - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - we will meet for lunch at El Palomar (Wal-Mart Plaza)

**Tuesday, February 18** - Ladies Night in the Ferguson/Clark Hall

- food, fun & fellowship

**Tuesday, March 4** - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - Lunch to be Determined.

**Tuesday, March 18** - Ladies Night in the Ferguson/Clark Hall – food, fun & fellowship

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

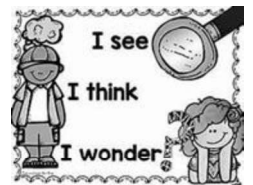
December 24 & 25 - Church Office - Closed

Evening Service - dismissed

December 22

December 29

**I see** A Ladies Blessing Bag was started over a year ago however, it has stopped circulating. **I think** that someone may have it at home but, forgot all about it. **I wonder** if you have it, could you please start circulating it again or just give it to **Joellen Byerly or Megan Byerly** (piano player) so we could get it going once again.



Thank you so much,  
Ladies ECL

We will be starting a Darline Gose-Withers Memorial Shoebox Fund, to honor Darline and the ministry she so dearly loves.



*Merry Christmas*