

THE WITNESS

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Welcome Shauna Adams – leading the charge in church communications



We're excited to introduce **Shauna Adams**, who has recently stepped into a new leadership role facilitating both inward and outward-facing communications for our church. While she hasn't been given an official title just yet, we're exploring possibilities ranging from Communications Coordinator to Communications Director; she's open to creative suggestions!

Shauna's role includes managing internal communication like this newsletter and our Sunday morning slideshow, as well as external outreach through our website and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube). Her vision is to not only build a strong communications team but also to train up the next generation, especially teens, to get involved and use their creative gifts to glorify God.

Meet the Team

The Communications Team is growing! Current team leads include:

Aaron Yaniga – Website & YouTube
Kay Agin – Newsletter
Kim Peters – Liaison
Sierra Payne – Photography
Kyle Howard – Website
Kourtne Hildreth – Creative Writing
Keitha Wilbur – Social Media

The team is overseen by **Andrew Hottinger** (Communications) and **Andrew Byerly** (IT).

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Welcome Back

*Welcome back Hottinger Family
Andrew, Megan, Hudson & Caroline!!!*

CFC Kids

Back-to-School Event

August 15 6 pm

To make this event possible: BACKPACKS – NEEDED

Goal: 100 backpacks

HELP!! DONATIONS NEEDED:

Backpacks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, erasers pens, scissors, tissues and anything other school supplies.

Place your donated school supplies in the tub located in the overflow. Thank you for your support. Questions? See Tanya Patrick.



Welcome Shauna Adams... (con't from page 1)

Why This Matters

According to PrioriData, over 5.2 billion people worldwide (around 64% of the global population) use social media. Platforms like Facebook (3.15B), YouTube (2.5B) and Instagram (2B) represent vast mission fields. We want to reach people where they are – online – and draw them into God's love by connecting our community to the church and ultimately, to Christ.

About Shauna

Shauna grew up in a ministry family and has a deep love for the church. She became a Christian in 2011, started attending CFC in 2016 and became a member in 2018. She currently serves on the Safety Team, attends Growth Group, loves being involved in ladies' events and helping wherever there's a need. Her favorite Bible characters are Joseph and Ruth, whose stories remind us of God's providence. Her favorite saying? **"God is in control!"**

Want to Join the Team?

The Comms Team is looking for individuals interested in:

- Creative writing
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Photography
- Videography
- Information gathering



Whether you're already skilled or just interested in learning, **we'd love to have you on the team!**

Reach out to Shauna via call or text at **740-656-2049**.

Missions trip/work team

Circleville First Church has been offered an opportunity to serve with Samaritan's Purse in Yancey County, North Carolina this summer.



These teams will be focused on rebuilding for individuals who have lost everything in hurricane Helene and the subsequent landslides and flooding in 2024.

Spots are available on work teams for August 24-29. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age or older. Youth, ages 14-15, must be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian and youth, ages 16-17, must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid

to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anyone interested should contact **Joy Atwood** for more details.



submitted by **Joy Atwood**

Dale Wolfe has been named as third elder.
Thank you, Dale for serving!

Kitchen delights

This is a recipe from Betty Crocker's Good and Easy Cookbook.

Layered Chicken Salad

- 1 package (10 ounces) salad mix
- 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 can (10 ounces) chunk chicken drained
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 c. pimiento-stuffed salad olives
- 3/4 c. mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 c. frozen green peas, rinsed & drained

To complete recipe:

- Tomato wedges, if desired
- Parsley sprigs, if desired



Layer salad mix, zucchini, chicken, onion and olives in large bowl.

Spread mayonnaise over olives, sealing to edge of bowl. Sprinkle with cheese and peas.

To store in refrigerator: Cover tightly and refrigerate no longer than 24 hours.

To serve - Toss just before serving. Garnish with tomato wedges and parsley sprigs.

NOTE: If you have a recipe that you would like to share or if you need to find a recipe for something they want to make, please let me know. I'll try to help.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

CFC kids corner

On July 15, we held a family fun night event at Circle City. There were 31 children in attendance and 26 workers/adults. Everyone had an evening of fun, bouncing, games and pizza. Thank you to the parents for bringing their children and to those who helped.

Our next event will be a **Back-to-School Event** on **August 15** at 6 pm. **We need your help to provide backpacks and school supplies.**



We need backpacks at this time.

We also need crayons, markers, colored pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, erasers pens, scissors, tissues and anything other school supplies.

Place your donated school supplies in the tub located in the overflow. Thank you for your support.

Can you take a child to the bathroom? Can you help with snacks? How about helping with a craft? Prayerfully consider helping, even once a month will help.

You will get far more than you give. If you are willing to help, see Tanya.

submitted by **Tanya Patrick**

Bouquets are located in the back of the church. The cost is \$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**



Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 8 am



Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 16

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Mason Spencer

Verse of the month

"The Lord is my high ridge, my stronghold, my deliver. My God is my rocky summit where I take shelter, my shield, the horn that saves me, and my refuge." Psalms 18:2 NET



submitted by **John Adams**

The McGuire Home

Mark 16:15 – "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation"

The McGuire Home, a home purchased by Circleville First Church in March 2025 to provide rent free housing for missionaries on furlough, raising funds to continue their ministry is undergoing renovations and updates.

Seth George, who oversees this project, said that demolition and framing of new walls have updated the McGuire Home.

Plumbing, electrical work, insulation, drywall, painting, flooring and trim still needs to be addressed. In addition, backyard landscaping and front yard weeding needs to be made.

So, what can the congregation do to help? **Labor, money and prayer** are needed to make these renovations possible. Seth said, "If you have experience in any of these areas and want to help, please contact me (Seth George). We will get them plugged in."



Community cupboard needs

Cereal, Cereal Bars & Powdered Milk

a tote is located in the overflow for donations

Penny March – August 3

Circleville First Church

Revival

September 19 at 7 pm
September 20 at 7 pm
September 21 10:45 am & 6 pm

speaker: Dr. Blake Neff

Coming in November...

Feed My Starving Children Event

Nelsonville, Ohio

Crockpot Potluck

Young Adult Fellowship

September 5
6 – 8 pm

Mary Virginia Crites Park



See: Ryan Delozio, Seth George, Kyra Sass or Terra Spencer

Operation Christmas Child
Items of the month

School Supplies

to fit in a shoebox



Romans 12: 1-2 “Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.”

Summit -- Coming in March 2026

8 – 3 Penny March

8 – 5 Ladies' Lunch 11 am

8 – 15 JOY – Tecumseh!
Back-to-School event 6 pm

8 – 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall

8 – 19 Ladies' Night 6:30 pm



8 – 24 Getting Started Class
Begins

8 – 31 Communion

Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

Generosity and Blessings

Recently I was contacted by a lady who needed some help. Her baby was in the NICU dealing with stomach issues and she needed a breast pump to be discharged home. She was scared, frustrated and didn't know where to turn. She had been praying, but with no insurance and limited resources, felt stuck, literally stuck in the NICU. I explained how we help Mom's get the items they need for their babies and after making some calls, was able to assure her that we could get the breast pump she was needing. She was beyond thrilled. A friend of hers was coming in to pick up the pump for her. When the friend showed up, not only were we able to bless her with a breast pump, but a box of diapers, some wipes, a few newborn sleepers and some other items she might find useful. The friend gathered the items and after giving me a quick hug, left.

Several days later I got a call from the friend. She wanted to let me know what happened when she delivered the items. She said the family asked how much they owed and she told them everything was free and Elizabeth's Hope simply wanted to bless them. The family was overwhelmed by Elizabeth's Hope's generosity. They didn't realize or understand that there were agencies that help like that. They said they felt very blessed.

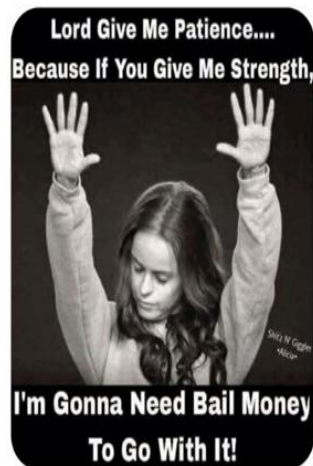
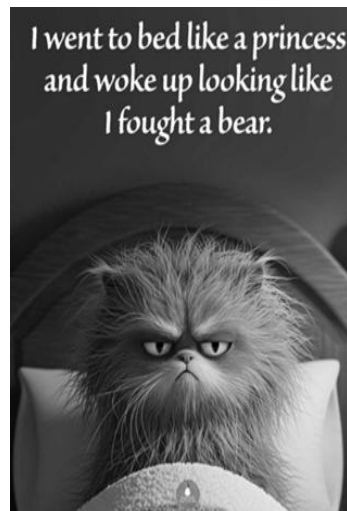
Today we gave grace, offered hope...tomorrow we will do it again.

If you would like to make a donation to Elizabeth's Hope, please go to our website and click the Donate link or send a check to P.O Box 262 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Kristie Steck BSN, RN

Mobile Nurse Manager at Elizabeth's Hope

Jokes of the month



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Try a Growth Group class at 9:45 am,
stay where you fit in and feel comfortable.

TRANSFORMATION



Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall

Congratulations! Rob Roesch was baptized on July 13.

Hog Roast/Cruise-In

September 13

Ladies, what is coming up next?

Tuesday, August 5 - Ladies Lunch at 11 am at Zanzi's

Tuesday, August 19 – Ladies' Night 6:30 pm at FC Hall

Tuesday, September 2 - Ladies Lunch at 11 am at OCU

Thursday, September 18 - – Ladies' Night 6:30 pm at FC Hall

JOY (just older youth)

August 15

Outdoor Drama - Tecumseh!

HELP! Teachers are needed for Sunday School classes.
Please pray about how you can help in this ministry. Please see
Kim Buchanan, Director of Growth Groups.

The "Getting Started" Class will begin on August 24 at 9:45 am,
taught by **Pastor Jay Neff**. This class is geared towards all who
are new to Circleville First Church or for those just starting your
walk in faith.

Ladies, don't forget lunch will be back at Ohio Christian
University on **Tuesday, September 2** at 11:00. If you haven't
joined us before, please come, it is a nice time of relaxing
fellowship. Need a ride call Diana Moore at 740.497.4042.

Sean Baldwin, Bob Byerly, Sgt. Travis Cotton, Ryan Dean, Jeffrey Fowler, Trent Holbrook, Oscar Knece, Brittany Mazingo, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson are serving our country. Please pray for them and their families.



If you have a recipe that you would like to share or
if you need to find a recipe for something you want
to make, please contact **Nancy Johnson**. I will try
to help.

Requested/needed items from Elizabeth's Hope

Baby wipes (travel packs are ok, but regular packs used more)
Larger-sized diapers (size 3 & up—single packs preferred (not boxes) due to ease of use when distributing)
Pull-ups for boys & girls potty training pants
Toddler underwear
Boys' clothes size 12-18 months (outfits preferred)
2T – 4T clothes for boys & girls (not needed in abundance but needed)
Diaper creams, baby washes, medicated orajel for teething
Shampoo/conditioner, body wash for moms
Jackets, coats, snowpants
Travel First Aid kits
Car seats-all sizes



For the center:

Snacks, bottled water-for kids when they come with Mom
Printer paper for lesson worksheets etc.

While we will take the following items, we do not see them moving very fast, best to call beforehand to see if we need them and have space:

Books, bibs, diapers (newborn/size 1), diaper bags, pacifiers, teethingers, baby bottles, pack 'n plays, high chairs

Kristie Steck BSN, RN

Mobile Nurse Manager at Elizabeth's Hope



On **Wednesday, August 13** at 7 pm, we will be **filling backpacks** for the Back-to-School event. Any CFC adult that would like to help, can text **Tanya Patrick** at (614) 353-4690.

Operation Christmas Child – ideas

“WOW” items and Toys: Soccer ball with pump, dolls, stuffed animals, shoes, toy cars, jump ropes and yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries taped to them), puzzles, finger puppets, silly putty, play jewelry, plastic tools, yo-yo, small plastic musical instruments, jump rope, play-doh.

Personal care items, School supplies: toothbrushes, socks, combs, hairbrushes, band-aids, dental floss, pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators, sunglasses, flashlights, washcloths, small towels, lip gloss, purse, wallet, coin purse, cups, straws. **Small tools:** hammer, screwdriver, tape, pliers, gloves...small enough to fit in a shoebox.

School days, school days...

As summer comes to a close, the beginning of a new school year begins here is a list of first day of school...



Circleville
August 14 Grades 1 – 12
August 19 Preschool & Kindergarten
last name A – L
August 20 Preschool & Kindergarten
last name M – Z
August 21 All Preschool & Kindergarten

Crossroads Christian Academy August 20

Logan Elm
August 14 K,1,3 5,6,9,11
August 15 K, 2, 4, 7,8,10,12
August 18 All students

New Hope Christian August 20

Teays Valley
August 13 Preschool - Grade 9
August 14 Grades 10 – 12

Westfall
August 13 Preschool & Grades 1 – 5, 6, 9
August 14 All students grades 1 – 12
Kindergarten last name A – K
August 15 Kindergarten last name L - Z



Dinner with friends

How many of you like to eat? How many of you would like to get to know our church family better?

If your answer was “yes” to these questions...

We would love for you to sign up for Dinner with Friends

You will meet 1 time a month at a home, bring a dish and meet new friends or get to know others better.

We did this in the past and it was very successful. Please sign up and give it a try.

Joellen Byerly will let you know where to go and your host family will get with you as to the time and date.

Time and dates are very flexible according to your group.

A purple sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Desk.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**



