

# THE WITNESS

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## 20th Annual Spring AUTO SHOW

All Makes, Models, Motorcycles Welcome



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY FUN  
A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR EVERYONE!

**Sunday, May 3**

Rain Date: May 17

Vehicle Registration 2 – 4 pm

Judging 3 pm

Awards 6 pm

\$15 Registration Fee

All registered vehicles eligible to win prizes  
& grand prize from sponsors

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## MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

A banner for "CAMP CHAOS" VBS. The banner features a target icon and the text "Jesus is Our Path to Peace". Below the banner is a scene of a camp with tents, a campfire, and a starburst that says "SAVE THE DATES!".

**CAMP CHAOS**  
Jesus is Our Path to Peace  
**VBS**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Circleville First Church**  
**July 29, 30 & 31**  
**6:00pm - 8:30pm**  
(check-in begins at 5:45pm)

FUN SKITS, WORSHIP,  
INTERACTIVE LESSONS,  
GROUP DISCUSSION, GAMES,  
AND MORE!

LIMITED  
TRANSPORTATION  
AVAILABLE - PLEASE CALL  
(740) 474-2250

Calling all men...

## Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 8 am

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

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## Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

### The Power of the Pause

While counseling a client who was looking for the abortion pill, she mentioned that she used to drink. She told me she had stopped when she found out she was pregnant because she didn't want the drinking to hurt the baby. She told me that she used to smoke but had stopped that also when she found out she was pregnant because she didn't want the smoking to hurt the baby. She went on to explain to me that she didn't want to hurt the baby until she...and she paused and then said hurt the baby. She lowered her head and then asked if that made any sense.

Thankfully I was reaching for a paper when she said these things and felt God with me. I felt Him tell me to pause before answering. I think in our society we are so quick to try to understand where everyone is coming from, which isn't a bad thing. However, the problem is when we agree too quickly with what has just been said. I felt God give me the words my client needed to hear at this moment.

I paused and took a breath. I gently told her no, that that didn't make sense. I slowly repeated her words back to her. I told her that it sounded to me like she had quit drinking because she was caring for the baby. I told her it also sounded to me like she had quit smoking because she was caring for the baby. I explained that if she did decide to take the abortion pills, she would not be caring for the baby and somehow, she would have to reconcile that. We sat in silence for several minutes while the weight of the words sunk in.

As the silence settled, she finally lifted her head. Her shoulders softened and there was a steadiness in her voice that hadn't been there when she first walked in. She told me she was grateful to have a space where she could say everything out loud without being rushed or dismissed. She said she hadn't expected to talk through her feelings so honestly and that doing so helped her understand herself better than she had in weeks.

Before she left, she smiled and said she was glad she came in. She said she felt lighter simply because someone was willing to

sit with her in the tension instead of pretending it wasn't there. And at that moment, it was clear that the conversation, difficult as it was, had given her something she truly needed: room to breathe, room to think, and room to be heard.

**Hebrews 10:24-25:** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."* – Galatians 6:2

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Kristie Steck BSN, RN**  
Mobile Nurse Manager  
Elizabeth's Hope

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Hey, you guys!!!

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 16

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Eli Adkins

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## Ladies Lunch

Last month's lunch was great, **Ginny** read a devotion, **Joellen Byerly** prayed and we all ate. **To the sweet lady who secretly bought my lunch, THANK YOU!**

We have a road trip planned for this month; we will be going to **The Willow in Washington Court House on May 12**. The first Tuesday in May is the primary election, so I changed our lunch to the second Tuesday, May 12, so everyone can attend. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am to ride in the van or share a car. The Willow is a great place to eat and just around the corner there are places to shop.

Have questions? Please call me at 740-497-4042

submitted by **Diana Moore**

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## Annual Business Meeting---May 27

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## Operation Christmas Child



sunglasses, hair accessories,  
shoes, dolls



**Reminder:** Shoeboxes are available all year round. Please contact Brittany Graul for a box(es) and details.

### Verse of the month



“For I am the Lord your God, the one who takes hold of your right hand, who says to you, ‘Don’t be afraid, I am helping you.’” Isaiah 41:13

submitted by **John Adams**

### Sabbath

A special THANK YOU to the Crossroads Christian Academy students who spruced up the outside of our church. They pulled weeds and spread mulch around the property.



Interested in learning more about your walk with Jesus? More about the Bible? More about what we believe and

how to pray? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Tom Byerly at 614-440-4301** and he can partner you with a mentor that would love to take this journey with you. It is a 10 week study, you and your mentor pick the time and date. Those who have done this in the past are glad they did. Just ask one of 20+ who took the journey last year.

## For All the Girls!

When I was in my younger days,  
I weighed a few pounds less,  
I needn’t hold my tummy in to wear a belted dress.  
But now that I am older,  
I’ve set my body free,  
There’s comfort of elastic  
Where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes  
My feet have not forgiven;  
I have to wear a nine now,  
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose—  
They’re sized by weight, you see,  
So how come when I put them on  
The crotch is at my knees?

I need to wear these glasses  
As the prints were getting smaller;  
And it wasn’t very long ago  
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to grey  
And my skin no longer fits,  
On the inside, I’m the same old me,  
Just the outside’s changed a bit.

submitted by **Sue Knece**

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### Community cupboard needs



#### CANNED GOODS

a tote is located in the overflow for donations

### Kid Power Offering—May 3

#### Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm     Ferguson/Clark Hall

## Kitchen delights

### Ham & Broccoli Casserole

originally submitted by **Edna Temple**

- 2 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 cup Bisquick baking mix
- 2 cups (cut-up) fully cooked ham
- 3 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (about 6 oz.)
- 4 eggs



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook broccoli as directed on package; drain. Spread in ungreased rectangle baking dish (13 x 9 x 2-inch dish).

Layer ham and cheese over broccoli. Beat remaining ingredients with hand beater until smooth; slowly pour over cheese. Bake uncovered for 1 hour. 6 to 8 servings.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**



### Mark your calendars!

**Tuesday, May 12 – Ladies Lunch** at The Willow in Washington Court House. Meet at the church at 10:30 am to ride the van or share a car.

**Thursday, May 21 - Ladies Night** at 6:30 pm in the FC Hall, bring a friend and snack to share. This will be a Make-it-Take-it Night, please bring a pie pan. (like one you would find a pie in, minus the pie).

**Friday, June 19 - Ladies Night at OCU.** \$15.00 for the dessert and Speaker/Comedian Sally Bauke. Dessert is open from 5 -7 pm. Service starts at 7:30. Brochures available at the Welcome Center.

**Tuesday, July 21 - Ladies Tea** at 5:30 pm Nipgen Camp. *Made for More* - Speaker Leatha Jenkins and Music by Amber Sparks. The van will leave at 4:00 pm.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly & Diana Moore**

"Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

Isaiah 56:2

## Baptism

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Baptism illustrates the union with Christ; dead to sin, alive to God (Romans 6:3-4). It is not required for salvation, but it is the public testimony of a believer to what has occurred in one's life.

On April 19, **Dustin Buckner, Chelsea Burris, Shiann Colburn, Megan Lieb, Faith Metcalfe, McKinley Metcalfe, Aden Mills, Amber Spears, Damien Spears and Nilani Wilbur** were baptized! **Congratulations!**

## Dinner with friends

Last week to sign up. Purple paper in the back on the



Welcome Center. You will be glad you did. Questions? Joellen Byerly 513-680-6012

## Thank you for serving our country...



Please pray for our country, our leaders and all of our military and their families as they serve but especially **Isaac Bennett, Ryan Dean, Cameron Kilbarger and Tanner Wilson.**

Pray for this missions team to Dominican Republic. They will be serving from June 23-30.



### June 4, 5, and 6

Rummage Sale for Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoe Box Ministry. Everyone is

welcome to join us for this one. We will start set up on May 31. So, start setting aside all of your "good used" items you no longer want. We **will not** accept mattresses or large appliances and make sure all clothing is appropriate. We don't want to advertise "things of the world".

## Church Extension

From Rev. David Dean, Director of Evangelism and Extension

**The Great Commission Offering for Church Planting will be on May 17.**

I am asking for you to join me in prayer for our Church Extension offering on May 17, that 100 churches would give \$1000 to this offering to plant new churches.

**God is doing amazing things as on Easter 2026, 3 new churches were started!**

1. Redemption Church – Owego, New York
2. Brookside Hispanic Ministry
3. Sabina, Ohio – reopened after being closed under the leadership of Freedom Ministries, a new church just 10 years ago.

**Did you know...**

...Church Extension is so named to allow churches to EXTEND their ministries to new communities as new churches are planted?

...That if every member of our churches just gave \$10 to the Great Commission Offering for Church Planting we would raise over \$100,000 for Church Planting?

...That Jesus said, "You know the saying tht four months and then comes the harvest. But Al say to you, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe of the harvest." John 4:35 NLT

**Dates to remember:**

Great Commission Celebration at Mount of Praise  
June 22 at 7 pm

submitted by **Cathy Marck, Church Extension President**

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### JOY Ministry

Hoppers Concert & York Steak House

May 17

3:15 pm

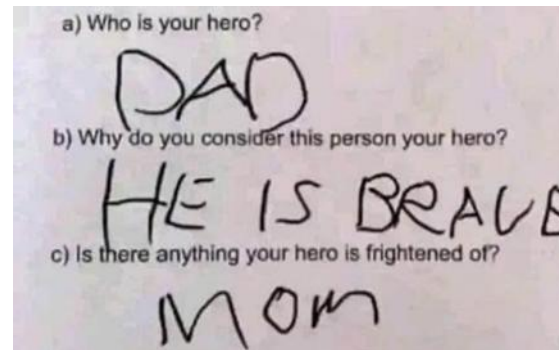
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**Annual Business Meeting**  
May 27 at 7 pm

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## Jokes of the month

This kid knows what's up...



A lady had identical twins, Ahmal and Juan, but she only carries a photo of Juan in her wallet. She tells people, "If you seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."



How did the crab call his mommy? On his shell phone.



About a week ago, I asked my wife for some ChapStick. I'm sure it was inadvertent, but she reached in her purse and pulled out a glue stick and handed it to me instead. I haven't spoken to her since. (from Tim Tener)



My wife never complained...until I got hearing aids.



I asked my wife if our kids were spoiled. She said, "All kids smell that way."



Saw a flying saucer today. It appeared right after the flying cup that my wife threw at me. (from Tim Tener)

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



July 29-30-31

Volunteers needed

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## Attention Ladies...

**March 12-13, 2027** – We will be attending the Deer Creek SCD ladies retreat once again. **So, mark your calendars.**

**Praise the Lord!** 40 ladies from our church signed up to attend the *Joy of the Journey* Crossroads Ladies Conference – watch for testimonies in June's Witness.



5 – 3 **Annual Car Show**

5 – 4 **May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you**

5 – 7 **National Day of Prayer**

5 – 10 **Happy Mother's Day!!**



5 – 17 **New Members Received**  
**JOY- Hopper's Concert & York Steak House**

5 – 25 **Memorial Day—Office Closed**

5 – 27 **Annual Business Meeting 7 pm**

This really does taste like pecan pie...

### Bush's Pinto Bean Pie

- 1 unbaked pie crust
- 1 c. sugar
- ¾ c. margarine (melted)
- 1 t. vanilla
- ¾ c. Bush's pinto bean (heated & lightly mashed)
- ½ c. finely chopped pecans
- 2 eggs, well beaten



Drain the pinto beans saving ¼ of the liquid to be used when combining the other ingredients. Combine all the ingredients and pour into unbaked pie shell.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour. Center of the pie will be slightly unset. Can be frozen.

submitted by **Sue Knece**



## May 7



Some people are like blisters. They don't show up until the work is finished.



"Do you like raisin bread?"  
"Don't know, I never tried raisin' any."



"Can you keep a secret?" -- "Sure."  
"I need to borrow some money."  
"Don't worry. It's just as if I never heard it."



"When you hear an evil report about anyone, halve and quarter it and then say nothing about the rest."

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

### A Woman's Prayer

Dear Lord...

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, or cursed. I have not charged on my credit card or eaten any chocolate.

However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes and I will need a lot more help after that!

Amen

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



## CAR SHOW – MAY 3

