

THE WITNESS

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Sarah filling in



Sarah DeLozier has recently been filling in as church office manager. She is married to **Ryan**; they are coming up on one year of marriage on August 23.

She has lived in Circleville for a year, but was born and

raised in Cincinnati. "I starting attending Circleville First Church in 2024 when Ryan and I met. I felt welcomed by everyone! I became a member in November 2025."

Sarah's birthday is July 29 (it's not proper to tell a lady's age) and her favorite color is purple. As for her favorite food, any bakery item tops the list. "I don't have a favorite place (to eat) because I just love good food. Take me to a place with a good burger and I'm a happy girl!" she said.

Her verse is Philippians 4:6-7 and song is "Take Me Deeper" by Crossroads Church. Her favorite book, Sarah replied, "How about author, Kristin Hannah. But I also love anything WWII & Holocaust era and mystery/thriller/suspense."

Sarah stated, "I have a Master's degree in nursing with experience in cardiology, colorectal surgery, quality improvement & leadership and two certifications. Since moving, I have taken a step back from nursing to settle in to married life and my new surroundings. I am currently assisting in the church office until someone permanent is found."

She is currently a part of the Safety Ministry at CFC and has served in the nursery. Sarah explained, "I went deaf when I was about 3 years old for several months due to multiple ear infections and tubes being replaced. I am very thankful to have my hearing today!" (continued on page 2)

CAMP CHAOS
Jesus is Our Path to Peace
VBS
SAVE THE DATES!
FUN SKITS, WORSHIP, INTERACTIVE LESSONS, GROUP DISCUSSION, GAMES, AND MORE!
Circleville First Church
July 29, 30 & 31
6:00pm - 8:30pm
(check-in begins at 5:45pm)
LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE - PLEASE CALL (740) 474-2250

Volunteers Needed

Items Needed

Check the Welcome Center to volunteer & the list for items needed

Kid Power Offering – July 5

The last fiscal year, Kid Power Offering raised over \$2200. for missions! Thank you!!!



Sarah... (con't from page 1)

"I am an introvert by nature. I love to be at home with my husband and dog, **Millie** (Mildred, when she is being rotten). I enjoy reading, drinking coffee and napping. We have some land so it's nice to just enjoy it by having a driveway fire or sitting on the deck. Ryan named me project manager of the house, so I have kept us busy with projects! We love to get away which has led us to Yellowstone/Grand Tetons, Hawaii and several trips to Hocking Hills. I am looking forward to our next trips to St. Louis, Florida and a road trip to Maine in September!" Sarah said.

Sarah testified, "In 2018, I was in a deep depression and unhappy marriage. It was not the kind of marriage God would have wanted for me and I knew that, but I just didn't see a way out because I didn't want to fail at something as sacred as marriage. I put all my efforts into my profession and schooling to keep busy. I kept feeling the tug of God but never felt like I found my home church in Cincinnati. I love music, so singing on my way to work and praising Him was my way of communicating with Him. For about six months I asked Him to give me a sign to make a move and boy, did He deliver. I experienced a traumatic event in July 2018 and immediately knew it was God working in my life to save me. I was able to leave my marriage quickly and safely with no ties to my ex-husband or his family. I called my good friend Lorel (who had been planting seeds in my life for many years at this point) and we went to church that next day. I began to work on myself, to know that I am called, loved and protected by Him to bring a purpose to this earthly life. To know that I am worthy of more. I have a great support system who helped me through that dark time in my life and have watched the transformation from then to now. I dedicated my life to the Lord October 28, 2018, at Church on Fire in Harrison, Ohio. My relationship with God has grown so much since 2018 and I am so, so thankful for Him and the grace and mercy He has given me."

We want you!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

July 18

8 am FC Hall

speaker: John Adams



Hey, get connected to our church...
Get involved with a Growth Group class at 9:45 am

Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

Taking the Time to Care

Some moments stay with you, and this was one of them. Recently, I performed an ultrasound for a couple who have lived all over the United States. This was her fifth pregnancy and she has received care from many facilities and providers across the country. Yet, this was her first time getting an ultrasound with me at Elizabeth's Hope. As I always do, I walked them through each image on the screen explaining what we were seeing, what was normal and expected and what wasn't. When the scan was finished, I printed them pictures. They were both so impressed and thankful. They said they have had ultrasounds at other offices before, but they felt "so thankful for what we do at Elizabeth's Hope." Her husband complimented us on the thorough and caring job we did and even said there are "many other states that don't do as good a job as you do!" This is one of those moments that confirms why the work we do here matters and why taking the time with every client, through every scan, during every conversation is so important. This couple felt it and immediately recognized the difference, not in the equipment, not in the building, but in the care.

Romans 12:10-13 ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

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

Ladies Lunch

The Ladies Lunch will be Tuesday, July 7 at Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant on Rt 23 at 11 am. They have a very large menu and plenty of lunch specials.



Call 740.497.4042 if you want more information or need a ride.

submitted by **Diana Moore**

We want you! Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 8 am

Operation Christmas Child

Items for July

puzzles, jewelry/hobby kits, jump ropes, slinky/yo-yo's



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

Verse of the month

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12 NASB

submitted by **John Adams**



On May 30, **Tyler Bowen & Makayla Arthurs** became Mr. & Mrs. **Congratulations to the newly married couple!!**

Clutter happens—I can help!

Is your closet hiding things you forgot you owned? Is that junk drawer no longer just one drawer? If you've been thinking about getting organized (or avoiding it), I'm here to help! I'm offering organizing services for anyone who needs help decluttering or tidying up their home. I genuinely enjoy sorting and organizing just about anything—whether it's closets, drawers, cupboards, or even entire rooms!

I can help you:

- Declutter and sort items
- Create a more functional and tidy space
- Make your home easier to maintain

If you're interested, for pricing or have any questions, feel free to email me at slsfork12@gmail.com or see me after church!

submitted by **Sydnee Steck**

Kitchen delights

Hamburger-Corn Bread Casserole

submitted by **Mary Waggoner, Missionary to Kenya, Africa**

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 package taco sauce
- 3/4 quart canned tomatoes
- 1 package corn muffin mix
- 1 can whole kernel corn

Brown hamburger and drain. Add tomatoes, corn and taco sauce; cook well. Stir so mixture doesn't stick. Pour into casserole dish.

Prepare the package of corn muffin mix according to directions. Spoon on top of meat mixture.



Bake in a 350-degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until corn bread is done.

Peach Cobbler

submitted by **Nancy Bost**

- 3 cans of peach filling
- 1 cake mix
- 1 stick butter



Put filling in cake pan (13 x 9). Pour dry cake mix evenly on filling. Put slices of butter on top of the mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Community cupboard needs

Pasta & Sauce, PB & Jelly



a tote is located in the overflow for donations

Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm Ferguson/Clark Hall



Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, July 7 – Ladies Lunch at Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant on Rt 23 at 11 am.

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 from the church at 4 pm.

We will start up our monthly Lunch Fundraisers in August or September to raise money to help our ladies attend the March 2027, SCD ECL Ladies Retreat. It was advertised that the same speaker and worship leader as last year, will be there again. I hope to have at least 24 - 28 ladies join us. So, start saving your money now. The cost last year was \$150.00 per person for a room with 4 ladies. I do not know the cost for this one, but it will give you an idea of the expense.

Praise the Lord! 35 ladies attended the "Funny Gal Sal," ECL gathering on Friday, June 19. A good time was had by all who attended, just ask one of us, chances are your neighbor in the pew was one of them. And the desserts were very good. I had the lemon bars and a delicious cupcake, bypassing many other tempting choices.

Frances Curry and Joellen Byerly would appreciate your prayers for their work team adventures. They will be traveling back to North Carolina for Samaritan's Purse and helping build or rebuild homes which were destroyed by the hurricane a few years back.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly & Diana Moore**



Recently, the Rummage Sale was held in the Ferguson/Clark Hall. Proceeds went to Operation Christmas Child. In 2025 approximately \$2500-2600. was raised, but this year \$3194.66 was raised.

The leftover items were donated to The Free Store, The Salvation Army, Crossroads Christian Academy for Secret Santa, Elizabeth's Hope and McGuire Home.

Thank you to everyone who took time to donate items, set up, clean up, worked the sale or anything else to help make this a success for the shoeboxes

Jokes of the month

**COOKOUT AT MY HOUSE,
JULY 4TH.
BRING GRILL & MEAT,
I HAVE PAPER PLATES.**



I was washing my car and my neighbor asked, "You washing your car?"



I said, "No, I'm watering it to see if it will grow into a bus."



I sing when I'm in my car, but only in reverse. I'm a backup singer.



Gravity is one of the most fundamental forces in the universe. But if you remove **it**, you will be Gravy.



NASA is launching a satellite to say sorry to the aliens. They're calling it the Apollo G.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Pray for our pastors and each other



Lucy Lynn was born to **Mason and Terra Spencer** on April 29. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. First time grandparents are **Pastor Jay and Tonya Neff**. Great-grandparents are **Dr. Blake and Nancy Neff**. First time uncle is **Bradley Neff**. Congratulations!!

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Thank you for your service!!

Isaac Bennett, Ryan Dean, Cameron Kilbarger and Tanner Wilson are serving our country. Please pray for them and their families.



What a Friend!

Jesus is . . .

F orgiving
R ich in love
I nviting all
E ver faithful
N ear to help
D elighted with us

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Vacation Bible School
Camp Chaos
Jesus is Our Path to Peace

July 29 – July 30 – July 31

6 – 8:30 pm
(check-in begins at 5:45)

Ages: 4 years (Pre-K) to 12 years (6th grade)

There will be funny skits (watch out for the squirrels!), worship, lessons, crafts, snacks, games and group discussion time with memory verse activities!

We need volunteers! Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Jesus is our path to peace!

At Camp Chaos, kids will learn how Jesus is our path to peace in a chaotic world. In the external mess we live in, Jesus helps us focus on what's good.

The Bible begins with an image of chaos.

Genesis 1:1-2 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

At this point, the initial ingredients of creation exist in states of formlessness, emptiness and darkness. In the Bible, waters are often used to symbolize chaos and disorder. Soon God's creative acts will transform the chaos into order and beauty. But initially, creation exists in a state of mayhem. And where is God?

He is over the waters. He is above it all.

In these chaotic times, we need to be reminded that our God is above the chaos. This truth is lived out in the words and actions of Jesus. In the Gospels, we learn that...

Day 1 VBS Lesson - Jesus Is Our Strength in Chaos

Key verse: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24

Scripture: The Wise & Foolish Builders – Matthew 7:24-27
In this parable, Jesus describes how the firm foundation of His teaching gives us the strength to stand firm in the chaotic storms of life.

Main Idea: Jesus is our Strength in the midst of chaos.

Day 2 VBS Lesson - Jesus Saves Us from Chaos

Key verse: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Scripture: Jesus Saves a Sinful Woman – John 8: 1-11
A crowd of men stand ready to throw stones at a woman caught in sin as they demand a snap judgment from Jesus, forcing Him to choose between law and compassion.

Main Idea: Jesus is our Saviour in the midst of chaos.

Day 3 VBS Lesson - Jesus Kicks Out the Chaos

Key verse: "The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace." Romans 8:6

Scripture: Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter – Mark 5:21-43
A frenzied crowd converges with a funeral procession. Shouting and wailing are soon joined by jeering, laughter and heckling. But Jesus handles this chaos the same way He handles ours.


Main Idea: Jesus puts the chaos outside.

submitted by **Megan Byerly**



S A B B A T H



- 7 – 4 **Happy Independence Day!!**
- 7 – 5 **Kid Power Offering**
Mission Team to share 10:45 am
- 7 - 7 **Ladies Lunch** - 11 am - Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant
- 7 – 12 **Carry-in Dinner** 6 pm
Jason Beavers will be sharing
-  7 – 17 & 18 **District Council Meeting**
- 7 – 18 to 7 – 26 **Nipgen Camp Meeting**
- 7 – 19 **Evening Service** -dismissed
- 7 - 21 - **Ladies Tea** at 5:30 pm Nipgen Camp
The van will leave from the church at 4 pm.
- 7 – 22 **Evening Bible Study** - dismissed
- 7 – 26 **Evening Service** - dismissed
- 7 – 29 to 7 – 31 **VBS—Camp Chaos**
6 – 8:30 pm



"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

Nipgen Camp Meeting July 18 – 26

Nipgen Campgrounds
329 State Route 772
Bainbridge, Ohio

District Council Meeting July 17 & 18



Butter/Margarine to Oil Conversion Chart



BUTTER/ MARGARINE	=	LIQUID COOKING OILS
1 teaspoon	=	3/4 teaspoon
1 tablespoon	=	2 1/4 teaspoons
2 tablespoons	=	1 1/2 tablespoons
1/4 cup	=	3 tablespoons
1/3 cup	=	1/4 cup
2/3 cup	=	1/4 cup + 1 tablespoon
3/4 cup	=	1/2 cup
1 cup	=	1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons
2 cups	=	1 1/4 cup

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For the first time in many years, a friend of ours traveled from his rural town to the city to attend a movie.

After buying his ticket he stopped at the concession stand to purchase some popcorn. Handing the attendant \$1.50, my friend couldn't help but comment, "The last time I came to the movie, popcorn was only 15 cents."

"Well, sir," the attendant replied with a grin, "You're really going to enjoy yourself. We have sound now."

After years of scrimping and saving, a husband told his wife the good news: "Honey, we've finally saved enough money to buy what we started saving for in 1979."

"You mean a brand-new Cadillac?" she asked eagerly.

"No," said the husband, "a 1979 Cadillac."

"If you'll make the toast and pour the juice, Sweetheart," said the newlywed bride, "breakfast will be ready."

"Good, what are we having for breakfast?" asked the new husband.

"Toast and juice," she replied.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

