

THE WITNESS

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20th car show in the dust

On May 3, the 20th Annual Auto Show was held in the church parking lot. This year's show was coordinated by **Tyler Myers**. There were 102 registered vehicles and 56 awards which includes 50 plaques and 6 awards.



Why did Tyler step up to coordinate this year's car show? He responded, "I have been attending car shows for years. I know what kind of car show this is, geared for community outreach and I didn't want to see this go to the wayside."

Tyler added with a smile, "One time, I came to the car show dressed for prom. I attended the show then went and picked up my date for prom."

Tyler and **Tom Byerly** added that the sole purpose of car show is to share the Word of God. "The Lord has provided, all of the meat, the trophies have all been sponsored and donated," he said.

The Best Truck went to **Ron Ramey** of Circleville for his 1956 yellow ford F100. The Best Motorcycle award was won for a green 1942 Seaplex WWII owned by **Steve Elain** of Loveland. **Robert Clay** of Stoutsville took the Best Car for his 2025 white Ford Mustang. A black cherry 1934 Ford Coupe owned by **Jim Holland** of Circleville took the Best of Show award. The Skip Morrow Memorial award went to **Alan Dill** of Ashville for his blue 1946 Chevy 3100 truck. **Gary Green** of Circleville took the Pastor's Choice award for his teal 1967 Chevy Impala. Congratulations!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this year's car show a success. To those who served at check-in, cooked and served food, worked parking cars, helped with door prizes, set-up, cleaned up, donated, prayed and helped in any way.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Lex Dyke graduated from Ohio University with an associate degree.

Donna Payne graduated from Ohio Christian University with a bachelor degree.

A colorful poster for 'Camp Chaos' VBS. At the top, it says 'CAMP CHAOS' in large, bold letters, with a target icon between the words. Below that, it says 'Jesus is Our Path to Peace' and 'VBS'. A starburst graphic on the left says 'SAVE THE DATES!'. The background shows a camp scene with tents, a campfire, and various outdoor gear. At the bottom, it says 'Circleville First Church July 29, 30 & 31 6:00pm - 8:30pm (check-in begins at 5:45pm)'. On the right, it says 'LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE - PLEASE CALL (740) 474-2250'.

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

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

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Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

Compassion and Care One Heart at a Time

I had scheduled a lady for an ultrasound who wanted to discuss her options concerning her unexpected pregnancy. She walked in already exhausted — financially stressed, physically unwell, unsure what her body was doing, and trying to make a decision while feeling completely ungrounded. That's a lot for anyone to hold alone. She needed answers in order to move forward and make a decision about her pregnancy. Her uncertainty wasn't about values or beliefs; it was about not knowing what was happening inside her own body. The spotting, the cramping, the fear of miscarriage — all of that created a fog she couldn't see through. She wasn't looking for persuasion; she was looking for clarity.

Immediately when I started the scan, we saw her baby on the screen, and she was the one to declare that she saw the heartbeat. I asked if she wanted to hear it and she nodded yes. Soon the quick whoosh whoosh whoosh sounds of her baby's rapidly beating heart could be heard. Very softly she said, "that is the most precious sound in the world". She couldn't believe that she had been so confused for days about what she was going to do and after hearing the sound of her baby's beating heart she knew there was only one decision for her to make. The scan gave her the information she needed to think clearly again. She thanked us for being there for her and decided to continue with her pregnancy.

This powerful and very human moment is witnessed over and over again at Elizabeth's Hope. It captures how complicated, emotional, and overwhelming pregnancy decisions can feel when someone is scared, uncertain, or under pressure. We, at Elizabeth's Hope, were able to provide her with a calm environment, accurate medical information, and the emotional space that brought clarity to her situation in a loving and compassionate way.

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

We want you!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 20

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Tony Amann



Ladies Lunch

We had a fantastic time last month at The Willow, we are thinking of going back in December. The food was great and portions huge, we left with lots of their home-made pie. We shopped at Beals for a perfect end to the day. **Thank you, Joellen Byerly, for safely driving us.**

Next month, we will meet **Tuesday, June 2** at 11 am in the Ferguson/Clark Hall to help with the yard sale. Pizza will be ordered or bring your own lunch.



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

submitted by **Diana Moore**

Operation Christmas Child

Items for June



water bottles
flashlights
games
balls



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

Verse of the month

"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13 NLT

submitted by **John Adams**



"Flirt with your wife" Friday
on AirOne

"Do you play soccer?"

"No."

"You look like a keeper."

submitted by **Ryan Delozier**

Kitchen delights

Surprise Cake

originally submitted by **Dixie Derexson**

1 box Duncan Hines Buttercream Cake Mix

Mix according to instructions on package. Line a long cake pan (13 x 9 x 2 inch) in the bottom with miniature marshmallows. Pour cake batter over marshmallows. Top cake with strawberries. Bake as directed on the cake mix box.

The strawberries go to the bottom and the marshmallows rise to the top as it bakes. Cool cake. Top with strawberry ice cream syrup and Cool Whip.

This is nice on a hot summer day!!



submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

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

Church Extension

From Rev. David Dean, Director of Evangelism and Extension

New Church Extension Focus

Redeemed Community CCCU
Owego, New York
Pastor James Jividen



On Easter Sunday 2026, the Redeemed CCCU Church held its first service in a rented tent. There were 350 people present and 29 were baptized on this first Sunday as a CCCU Church. The church collected food items for the community and served over 1400 meals.

The church held a Family Easter Egg Hunt for children in the community and provided over 10,000 Easter eggs. James Jividen is the grandson of Rev. John Jividen, who pastored our New Lexington Church for many years. Let us celebrate and pray for Redeemed Church as they seek for a permanent home.

Dates to remember

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

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

Community cupboard needs



SNACKS

individually wrapped

a tote is located in the overflow for donations

Membership

Membership classes were held on Wednesday evenings in April and May, **Pastor Jay Neff and Pastor Andrew Hottinger** took time to explain what biblical membership looks like.

Members received on May 17 were **Carson Blackford (junior member), Maddie Blackford, Amy Jeffers, Randy Jeffers, Chasity Leist, Luke Leist, Michelle Parmer, Gabby Payne (junior member), Debbie Russell, Gary Russell, Linda Shuttleworth, Krista Stacy and Sydnee Steck.**

Congratulations!!!



Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, June 2- Ladies Lunch at 11 am in the Ferguson/Clark Hall to help with the yard sale. Pizza will be ordered or bring your own lunch

Friday, June 19 - Ladies Night at OCU. \$15 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 pm.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly & Diana Moore**

We want you! Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 8 am

Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm Ferguson/Clark Hall

Hair, hair


I recently had the chance to donate my hair again. It's something I've been doing since I was about 7 years old. I grow my hair out and every couple of years I donate it and now at 22, it's become a little tradition I really enjoy. This was my 7th time and I ended up donating 15 inches!



The best part is knowing that something as simple as a haircut can make a big difference in a child's life. Instead of my hair being thrown away, it's used to make a wig for someone going through cancer. I used to donate my hair through Locks of Love but found out they charged kids for the wigs, so now I donate through Wigs for

Kids which gives the wigs to kids for free. This time I was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter telling me that my hair helped a young boy. When I donate, I have never had the opportunity to know anything about the child whom I helped, but getting this letter felt extra special and I wanted to share it.

ALL ABOUT ME



MY NAME CAIN

BIRTHDAY OCTOBER 12

AGE 8

FUN FACT ABOUT ME
I LOOK UP TO MOMMY, BECAUSE I LOVE HER AND SHE IS NICE.

WHAT MAKES ME SMILE
GOING TO SCHOOL - I'M SUPER INTERESTED IN SCIENCE AND SPACE.


MY FAVORITES

FOOD: BACON

GAME: UNO

BOARD GAME: CHESS


ACTIVITY: SWIMMING



WHAT A HAIRPIECE MEANS TO ME
HAIR LOSS HASN'T BEEN TOO BAD, BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO NOT NEEDING A HAT IN PUBLIC.

Cain's Mom shares, "Cain is a bright, caring 8-year-old who was diagnosed with brain cancer in November 2024. He has faced surgery, proton radiation, and now chemotherapy with remarkable strength and courage. Even when he lost his hair during treatment, his smile never faded – a reminder to all of us of the power of resilience and hope."

Your support helped this child! Thank You!



Meet Our Kids

It's amazing to think that a small act, like letting your hair grow out and then donating it, can bring a smile, some confidence, and a bit of hope to someone who really needs it. It's a small act,

but one that reminds me how God can use even the simplest things to bring comfort and encouragement to others.

submitted by **Syndee Steck**

"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

Matthew 3:13 says, "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

On May 24, **Hayden Agriesti, Mike Davis and Alexandra Martin** were baptized! Congratulations!!



Help needed for the Rummage Sale



We will be setting up Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 5 daily.

Come an hour or 2 or 4 or all day. **Much help is needed.**

The sale starts:

June 3 at 8 pm for 1 hour
 June 4 & June 5 from 9 am – 5 pm
 June 6 from 9 to 11 am only

All proceeds go to support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoe Box Ministry.

All hands are needed. (Teens, I will sign off for needed community service).

Drop off items:

*May 31 after Sunday morning service--set up tables and bringing over items from the church basement at that time too

*May 31 at 5:00 before Sunday evening

*Monday (June 1), Tuesday (June 2) and Wednesday (June 3) -- Someone will be there daily from 10 am - 5 pm on set up days

JOY Ministry

June 2 – Clippers Game

June 20 – Jack Pine Studio Tour then to the Old Dutch Restaurant in Logan for dinner

What does the Bible say about how to treat a pastor?

The Bible instructs believers to treat pastors with deep respect, financial support, obedience and prayer.

The New Testament emphasizes that those spiritual leaders carry a heavy burden and should be highly valued for their labor.

Key biblical principles for treating your pastor includes:

RESPECT & HONOR

Believers are told to “esteem them very highly in love” and give “double honor” to those who preach and teach well.

OBEDIENCE & SUBMISSION

The Bible urges congregations to submit to their leaders spiritual authority and guidance, making their work a joy rather than a burden.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Congregation is commanded to share material blessings with those who teach the word so they can be supported in their ministry.

PRAYER

Pastors face unique spiritual and emotional weights. Regular prayer for their protection, wisdom and endurance is heavily encouraged. Pray for their household and family.

GRACE & PROTECTION

Believers are cautioned against being hyper critical and are instructed not to entertain accusations against an Elder without proper witnesses.

SUPPORT THEM WITH UNDERSTANDING & BOUNDARIES

Pastors are “on call” for crises BUT they also have families! Avoid dropping by their homes without an invitation and be mindful of calling or texting during their designated days off or late at night.

ADDRESS DISAGREEMENTS PRIVATELY

Never air grievances or criticize your pastor to other congregants. If you disagree with a decision or have an issue with a sermon approach them directly in private.

BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

Pastors love seeing their church family thrive. Be engaged in church ministries, volunteer your time and show up faithfully on Sundays. Volunteer – you do not have to wait to be asked!

LOYALTY

It is easy to support someone when things are going good. Stand by your pastor during difficult times, trials and periods of opposition. Be loyal all the time.

submitted by **Lisa Burroughs**

Praise the Lord! Over 41 ladies signed up to attend the *Joy of the Journey Crossroads Ladies Conference*. Everyone who attended said they had a great time. I know I certainly did, so did my daughter-in-law. We will attend again next year, Lord willing.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

Church board

July 1, 2026---June 30, 2027

First Elder	Tim Tener
Second Elder	Tom Byerly
Third Elder	Ryan Delozier
Sunday School Superintendent	Kim Buchanan
Missionary President	Joy Atwood
Church Extension President	Cathy Marck
ECY President	Lisa Burroughs
Trustees	Eric Atwood Seth George Tyler Myers
Children's Representative	Kay Agin
Seniors Representative	Bob Dollison
ECL Representative (non-board member)	Joellen Byerly
General Council Delegates	Sue Knece Blake Neff
District Council Delegates	Dee Brown Sarah Delozier
Local License	Eli Adkins Tom Byerly

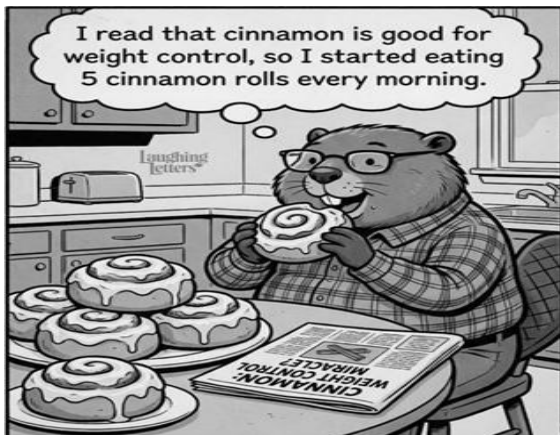
Please pray for the church board

Sabbath

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Jokes of the month



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

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.



The ECL Ladies will be collecting money to help out with filling the McGuire House (missionary house) with kitchen and bathroom items. Think of what you needed for your **first totally empty house/apartment**, in those areas. We have bedroom and living room items but...please help by supporting this effort. You can either give the money to our committee members or put it in an envelope and mark it ECL McGuire. **Committee members are: Chasity Leist, Sarah Delozier, Donna Payne, Kelly Hendricks and Joellen Byerly.** The money will be put towards purchasing the needed items for August. We are collecting money instead of items so we don't end up with 25 potato peelers and 1 dish towel. The money will be used to purchase the needed items. Thank you for your support.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

Mount of Praise Camp Meeting

June 21 – June 28

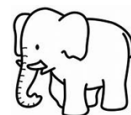
Nipgen Camp Meeting

July 18- 26

Elephant Stew

originally submitted by **Sue Knece**

1 medium-sized elephant
Salt and pepper
Brown gravy
2 rabbits (optional)



Cut elephant into bite-sized pieces. Add salt, pepper and brown gravy to cover. Cook over kerosene fire at 465 degrees for about 4 weeks.

Makes 3,800 servings. If more guests are expected, the rabbits can be added. Do this, however, **ONLY** in an emergency, as most people do not like hare in their stew.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

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.

Kid Power Offering—June 7

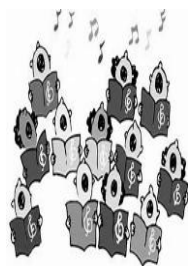
Hymns for almost every profession




The Dentist's: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
 The Weatherman's: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
 The Contractor's: "The Church's One Foundation"
 The Tailor's: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
 The Golfer's: "There's a Green Hill Far Away"
 The Politician's: "Standing on the Promises"
 The Optometrist's: "Open My Eyes That I Might See"
 The IRS Agent: "I Surrender All"
 The Gossip's: "Pass It On"
 The Electrician's: "Send the Light"
 The Shopper's: "Sweet By and By"
 The Realtor's: "I've Got a Mansion, Jus Over the Hilltop"
 The Massage Therapist's: "He Touched Me"
 The Doctor's: "The Great Physician"

For those who speed on the highway – a few hymns

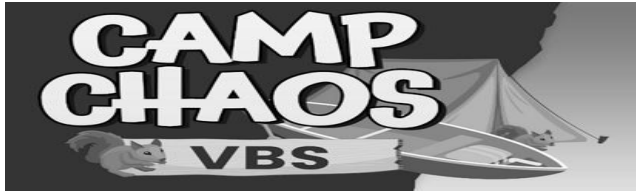
45 mph "God Will Take Care of You"
 55 mph "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
 65 mph "Nearer My God to Thee"
 75 mph "Nearer Still Nearer"
 85 mph "This World is Not My Home"
 95 mph "Lord, I'm Coming Home"
 Over 100 mph "Precious Memories"

submitted by **Sue Knece**



- 5 – 31 **Drop off / set-up** for Rummage Sale after morning service & 5 pm before evening service
- 6 – 1 **Drop off / set-up** for Rummage Sale
6-2 & 6-3 from 10 am – 5 pm daily
- 6 – 2 **Ladies Lunch** -11 am FC Hall
Helping with the rummage sale
Pizza will be ordered or bring your own lunch
JOY- Clippers Game
- 6 – 3 **Rummage Sale**—special sale 8 – 9 pm
- 6 – 4 & 6 – 5 **Rummage Sale** 9 am – 5 pm
- 6 – 6 **Rummage Sale** 9 – 11 am
- 6 – 7 **Kid Power Offering**
Evening Service – dismissed
- 6 – 14 **Evening Service** – dismissed
Flag Day 
- 6 – 19 **Juneteenth**
Ladies Night at OCU - \$15 for the dessert & speaker/comedian Sally Bauke-Dessert is open from 5 -7 pm. Service starts at 7:30 pm. Brochures available at the Welcome Center
- 6 – 20 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall
speaker: Tony Amann
JOY- Jack Pine Tour
- 6 – 21 **Happy Father's Day**
Evening Service – dismissed 
- 6 – 23 **Mission Trip to Dominican Republic**
Pray for this team 
- 6 – 24 **Evening Bible Study** - dismissed
- 6 – 28 **Evening Service** – dismissed

Thank you to those who are tending to our church lawn and McGuire House lawn. You are appreciated.



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**

A man walked into a doctor's office. "What do you have?" the receptionist asked.

"Shingles," he replied.

She told him to sit down. Soon a nurse called him and asked, "What do you have?"

"Shingles," he replied.

She took his blood pressure, weight, and complete medical history. Then she took him to a room and told him to remove all of his clothes. After a few minutes the doctor came in and asked, "What do you have?"

"Shingles," the man told him.

The doctor looked him up and down and said, "Where?"

"Out on the truck. Where do you want me to unload them?"

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

