

THE WITNESS

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30 Days of Prayer for our Pastors

August 1	God
August 2	Wisdom
August 3	Family
August 4	Preparation
August 5	Preaching
August 6	Criticism
August 7	Conflict
August 8	Prayer
August 9	Word
August 10	Counselor
August 11	Caregiver
August 12	Expectations
August 13	Weddings
August 14	Funerals
August 15	Weariness
August 16	Leading
August 17	Others
August 18	Encouragement
August 19	Courage
August 20	Hope
August 21	Loss
August 22	Failure
August 23	Anger
August 24	Temptation
August 25	Comparison
August 26	Joy
August 27	Clarity
August 28	Friends
August 29	Equipping
August 30	Love



Pray for our kids as
they go back to
school

Crossroads Christian Academy

August 17 Open House

August 18 First Day of School for Students



We want you!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

August 15

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Gary Russell



Kid Power Offering – August 2

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

Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

The First Heartbeat

The call came from a soft-spoken Mennonite woman, her voice warm but edged with the kind of caution that only comes from heartbreak. She told me she and her husband had experienced multiple miscarriages, each one so early that they had never once heard the sound of their baby's heartbeat. They had spent years pouring love into other people's children as foster parents, opening their home again and again, but they longed deeply for a child of their own.

When they arrived for their ultrasound, they were hopeful but cautious. She was almost ten weeks along this time, further than any of her previous pregnancies. I could tell they were nervous. As soon as I placed the probe and the image flickered onto the screen, the room shifted. There it was—a tiny, steady heartbeat pulsing with life. Strong. Certain. Unmistakable. As the sound filled the room, her tears welled up. They didn't speak at first. They just listened...listened to the rhythm they had prayed for, waited for, ached for. The heartbeat that had eluded them through so many losses was now echoing through the room, steady, and alive.

It was at that exact second, they realized they were no longer just hoping for a baby. They were hearing their baby. When they finally looked at me, their faces were lit with pure joy. And I realized that sometimes, in this work, we don't just show people images. We show them possibility. We show them the future they've been afraid to imagine. And that day, I got to show them a heartbeat that meant everything.

If stories like theirs move you, inspire you, or remind you of the quiet miracles happening every day at Elizabeth's Hope, I invite you to consider supporting our mission. Your generosity helps ensure that families facing uncertainty, loss, or fear can receive compassionate care, early ultrasounds, and the reassurance they desperately need. Every gift—no matter the size—helps us continue offering hope, healing, and moments just like this one.

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

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.



Ladies Lunch

I want to thank all the ladies who came out for our Mexican lunch in July, we had fun and lots of food.

Our **next lunch will be at Goodwin's on August 4** at 11 am. What is nice about Goodwin's you can get breakfast if you are a late riser like me and **Joellen Byerly** likes their fried mush.



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 August

School Supplies Stickers



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

Verse of the month

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27 ESV

submitted by **John Adams**



Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm Ferguson/Clark Hall

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

Bob Evans Salad Dressing

originally submitted by **Martha Williams**

1 cup oil
1/2 cup vinegar
1/2 cup honey
1 Tbsp. mustard
1 Tbsp. celery seed

Blend well.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**



Community cupboard needs

Cereal
Cereal Bars
Powdered Milk



a tote is located in the overflow for donations



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Mark your calendars! For Ladies Nights on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall: August 13, September 24, October 29, November 12 and December 10. **Bring a snack to share and a friend.** More details coming.

The Ladies Tea at Nipgen Camp: *Made for More* - was definitely worth attending. **Leatha Jenkins** spoke and music was given by **Amber Sparks**; they both did an outstanding job and there were about 60+ ladies there. The food and desserts were fantastic too. The lady who in charge of the SCD ECL requested for registrations to be sent in quickly for the March Ladies Retreat, stating they are filling up quickly. We are starting fundraisers to help with the cost to attend.

Sorry no registration forms for the **March 12 & 13, 2027 Ladies Retreat** yet, but if you are interested in attending, please let one of us know as soon as you can. Your ECL committee members are: Chasity Leist, Sarah Delozier, Donna Payne, Kelly Hendricks or Joellen Byerly. Cost will be at least \$150.00 per person - 4 to a room. It may be more; I am not sure. However, I will have scholarships available, and we intend to pay at least \$75.00 for each one attending.

Frances Curry, Darlene Parsley, Amber Spears and Joellen Byerly would appreciate your prayers for their Samaritan's Purse work team adventures. They will be leaving Sunday, July 26 for North Carolina, and helping build or rebuild homes which were destroyed by the hurricane a few years back.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly & Diana Moore**

ECL Fundraising Lunch

Sunday, August 30
immediately after morning service

We will be having spaghetti, meat sauce or meatballs, garlic bread or bread sticks, cookies & drink.



Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for family. Donations are always appreciated.

These funds will help pay at least \$75 for each lady wanting to attend the March Retreat.

JOY (just older youth)

Mark your calendar for JOY Adventures

- August 15** Picnic at Canal Park 2 – 6 pm
Chicken & pop provided 
- September 19** Share with shut-ins 2 – 5 pm
- October 10** Bob Evans Farm Festival – leave church at 8:30 am Cost: \$5 each
- November 14** Thanksgiving/Christmas Carry-In 4 – 7 pm
- December 6** Guardian Concert 2 pm
Leave church – Lunch before concert

Jokes of the month

It's so hot the polar bears are wearing sunscreen!



I pick fresh vegetables every day. I feed them to my pig and he converts them into bacon.

I pulled out a nose hair last night to see if it hurt. Judging by how fast my husband woke up screaming, it seemed pretty painful. 



What do you call a funny hill? Hilarious!

It isn't hard to make a mountain out of a mole hill.
Just add a little dirt.

And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the earth round...and laughed and laughed and laughed. (sent to me from Sue Stonerock)

"Keep using my name in vain---I'll make rush hour longer. " -God
submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

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- 8 – 2** VBS Sunday
McGuire Home Open House 4 – 6 pm
- 8 – 4** Ladies Lunch at Goodwin's 11 am
- 8 – 9** Evening Service- dismissed
- 8 – 13** Ladies' Night 6:30 pm FC Hall
- 8 – 15** Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall
JOY Picnic at Canal Park 2 – 6 pm
Chicken & pop provided
- 8 – 16** Evening Service- dismissed
- 8 – 17** Crossroads Christian Academy Open House
- 8 - 18** Crossroads Christian Academy – school begins
- 8 – 23** Evening Service- dismissed
- 8 – 30** ECL Fundraiser Lunch
Evening Service- dismissed



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Pray for our pastors and each other

"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

Fall Revival

September 18 - 19 – 20

Mission House
McGuire Home - Open House

August 2 4 – 6 pm

God is good, all the time...

All the time, God is good!

