

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

Cut and Pasted from Bob Russell's Blog:

I'm scheduled to do an interview with a national publisher in a couple of weeks. He sent several questions in advance so I could give more thoughtful answers. The very first question is, "Who are you learning from these days?"

My first reaction was, "Hey, I'm now 73 years old! I shouldn't be asked that kind of question." I had expected him to ask, "Who are you mentoring?" Or, "What lessons do you want to teach younger preachers?" Not, "Who are you learning from?"

But the more I thought about that question the better I liked it. No mat-

We are the body of Christ. In a sense that means we are here serving the world as Jesus did when He was physically here on this Earth. However, as human beings we have a problem that Jesus did not have. That is our sinful nature. While our sinful nature acts out in many ways against the wishes of our loving Father, many of our sinful actions are conceived and developed in our own minds. It may be convenient to blame Satan for our sinful

ter how old or experienced we are, we should still be learning and growing as Christians. I tell young preachers they should have a goal of being a better preacher at fifty than they were at thirty-five. They should even try to be a better preacher at sixty-five than they were at fifty. You are either growing or you're dying! Even though I'm 73, I'm learning from Ben Merold, a 90 year-old preacher, who shares the teaching responsibilities at my monthly retreats. Ben is teaching me about aging with grace and finishing strong. I'm learning from Dr. Matthew Sleeth, author of

the book 24/6, who is teaching me about the need for taking a Sabbath and the proper stewardship of earth. Hopefully, I'm still growing as a Christian and as a leader.

Listen to what Simon Peter wrote about the necessity of continued growth in the Christian faith. "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

### An Attitude Adjustment

thoughts and actions, but the Bible makes it very clear that many are of our own creation.

Often, as we receive correction either from a caring Christian or directly from God's Word, we may allow resentment and pride to cloud our judgement. We very clearly develop what is commonly called an "attitude". This attitude is simply our sinful nature rising up against what God has

asked us to do; be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us.

Philippians 2:5 says: *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.* This says we should take on the mind of Christ and discover His humility. When we think of taking on the mind of Christ we usually think of doing His will, or going where He asks us to go. It involves an action. However, God wants our relationship

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The next paragraph reads, "For if you possess these qualities **in increasing measure**, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of

with Him through Jesus to be much deeper. He wants us to take on the mind of Christ, to have the ability to fundamentally alter our sinful nature, and to shape us into the very image of Christ.

As we take on the mind of Christ, we find His great humility. The ability to obey God, to serve mankind, and to die in their place is His level of humility. A total character change for us while replacing

## Serving in November

### Greeters:

- 6—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 13—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 20—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 27—Bettie Finken (A)

### Communion Ministry:

- 6—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 13—Jason Gregg
- 20—Brock Rohrer

27—Adam Perry

### Prayer Warriors:

Cindy Horton & Jane Runyan

### Welcome Center:

- 6—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 13—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
- 20—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 24, 11:00-1:00. Sign up sheets are posted near the welcome center for workers and food donations. Please sign up.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Sandy Gordon
- 3 Greg Hartman, Roy Koerner
- 5 Naida Rittenhouse, Wes Tressler
- 6 Ashley Baines, Traci Hartman, Marilyn Sanders
- 7 Keith Baerlin, Kim Baerlin
- 9 Gary Carroll, Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snavelly
- 11 Mike Hug, Chuck Salisbury
- 14 Tasha Karnes
- 16 Nick McCarthy, Mark Rhodes
- 17 Clayton Farrell, Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy, Luke Newberry

- 18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West
- 19 Dan Olds
- 21 Judy Koerner, Brian Rogers
- 22 Tim Calvin
- 23 Nanci Frazer
- 25 Angie Murphy
- 27 Heather Day
- 28 Chuck Barnes
- 29 Terry Hallett
- 30 Dan Gallagher, Sophie Hull



- 4 Vincent & Nola Girardot (65)
- 13 Chris & Anna Trubey (7)
- 15 Chuck & Madelon Salisbury (62)
- 16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (32)
- 18 Scott & Pam Hartman (16)
- 20 Kirk & Eileen Savage (40)

## Family News

Congratulations to the following families:

- ♥ Ben & Emillie Riehle on the safe arrival of Quinn Daniella who was born October 17, weighing in at 7# 10 oz. and 20".
- ♥ Adam & Lydia Riehle on the arrival of Nora Olive on

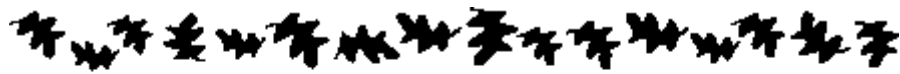
October 19. She weighed in at 7# 10 oz. and 19". She joins siblings June & Elijah. Proud grandparents of both these young ladies are Kermit & Denise Riehle. Great-grandparents are Don & Delores Suffel.

## Loads of Love

Loads of Love is our new Change for Change project. We will be serving

the folds at Bryan's laundromat on Thursday, January 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM. To accomplish this, we will need \$300-500 in quarters! Place your quarters in the Change for Change pan in the sanctuary or the detergent bottles in the foyers.





# NOVEMBER

Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 10:00 Craft Group	2 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	3 9:30 Senior Seekers	4	5
6  8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group	7	8 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 	9 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	10 9:30 Senior Seekers	11  <b>VETERANS DAY</b> 6:00 Jr. High Movie Night	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
13 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	14	15 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	16 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies	17 9:30 Senior Seekers	18	19
20 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group	21	22 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	23 No Wednesday night activities	24  11:00 AM-1:00 PM	25	26
27 Camo Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	28	29 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons	30 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion (5-12) 6:30 Fusion (PK-4) 6:30 Bible Studies			



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Love All, Worship One,  
Make Disciples



Connect with us!



## Facts & Figures

October 2	
Attendance SS 26	Worship 49/104
Offering	\$5,175.00
October 9	
Attendance SS 27	Worship 38/135
Offering	\$9,280.00
October 16	
Attendance SS 19	Worship 38/101
Offering	\$4,508.00
October 23	
Attendance SS 27	Worship 46/123
Offering	\$4,768.00
October 30	
Attendance SS	Worship
Offering	\$
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

## Love All

*Our Service Personnel:* Kevin Bergman (GA), Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

*Cancer:* Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Judy Koerner, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Norma Kuster, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry

Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, Criss Sproles, Ron Stark, Dinah Stillner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Jo Harman, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Doc Engel, Cindy Wolf, Brent & Natasha, Jordan & Kristy Karnes, Kirt & Kristy Whitman, Alex & Kendra Anderson, Maryann Mitchell, Tyler James, Charlotte Brandt, Henry Kidd, Janet

McCarthy, Lola Pardee, Walz Family, Mary Jane Sweebe, Cheryl Towers; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: June Crawl, Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis, Doc Engel Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, Genesis: Geri Cox, Vivian Holdsworth, The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



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an attitude of resentment and pride can be ours. Our work, prayers, and attitude will all be changed by the Holy Spirit as we receive the mind of Christ.

Continually overcoming,  
Tim Calvin



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the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8). The challenge is to keep growing so that we can keep on being productive in our service for Christ...regardless of age.

What about you? Who are you learning from these days? What exactly are they teaching you? What are your goals as a follower of Christ for the next five years? Are you adding to your faith? How can you be more effective in God’s service? Don’t allow yourself to slip into the common practice of becoming a crotchety old fogey who does nothing but complain about personal health issues or the dramatic changes in technology that threaten your security. Make up your mind to keep adding to your faith and to continue learning from others so that you make a positive contribution to God’s kingdom until the day you die.

A vibrant, elderly woman was involved in an animated conversation with several young women after church. The younger ladies burst into laughter at something humorous the older woman had said. Afterward someone remarked, “Madge, you are absolutely beautiful!” The elderly believer immediately quipped, “Well, I should be! I’m 84 years old!”

*“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.” (Philippians 2:14-16).*

Destined to win,  
Larry Snavelly

*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*

*Psalm 95:2, NIV*



