



The Charleroi Christian First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family!

Psalm 1:3

**And he shall be like a tree planted by rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in season;
His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

Last month our church was a witness to the baptism of Garrin Robert Billy, a Charleroi Middle School student. This was truly a significant event in his life as well as our church. Baptism is a public proclamation of an inner confession that Jesus is Lord in a person's life.

The Road to Emmaus! What a powerful story in the bible. This was the focus of the message on the first Sunday after Easter. We read about the conversation that the resurrected Jesus had with two people as they walked from Jerusalem to a small village called Emmaus. Is there a time in your life when YOU had a Road to Emmaus encounter with Jesus?

Matthew 5:14-16 tells us how you and I can be the light of the world. Light over-comes darkness. Our light as Christians MUST shine in a dark world. This is one way the world will see the importance of living a life for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We welcome you to come and visit us. We would enjoy the fellowship with you.

Grace and Peace,
Senior Pastor Dennis J. Stitch



Tithes and offerings

A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER PLEASE REMEMBER: JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE STILL IN USE, THE CUSTODIAN HAS CLEANED THE CHURCH, AND THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. SO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS A SUNDAY (OR THREE OR FOUR SUNDAYS) **PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR PLEDGE/OFFERING. THANK YOU!**

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" **In tithes and offerings!!** – MALACHI 3:8

BIRTHDAYS

May 5	Colton Brightwell
May 6	Chuck Moreland
May 8	Sherry Caldwell
May 9	Miley DelVal
May 14	Mickey Polinski & Pat Lincoski
May 19	Bertha Zollars
May 22	Rob Waggoner
May 26	Ashley Rice
May 28	Paula Barndollar



"God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well." –Voltaire

ANNIVERSARIES:

May 5	Dennis & Valerie Stich #24
May 12	Kim & Keith Quinn
May 23	Mark & Karin Brightwell Mike & Heather Cramer
May 30	Bill & Garnet Krutz



- “Thanks for joining me on this lifetime journey! Here's to many more years.”
- “Finding a love like yours feels like a dream. Please don't wake me up!”



ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – MAY 2024

MAY 5	RON BIRD, SR. DEBBIE COLVIN
MAY 12	JOE VALLA DIANE RUSAK
MAY 19	DENNIS CALDWELL KRISTIN BLAIR
MAY 26	THOMAS GRIFFITH DEB CALDWELL



DEACONS' SCHEDULE - MAY 2024

MAY 5	GEORGE HOGAN & DIANE GRAY
MAY 12	VALERIE STITCH & BETH HUGHES
MAY 19	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZ
MAY 26	SUE LATOUR & NANCY LESSMAN



**MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 7 P.M. –
SOCIAL HALL, EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

THANKS TO MALCOLM CALLERY, A MOVIE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. COME AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL HALL. If you have a favorite DVD movie or a suggestion for Malcolm, please let him know. Our next movie will be presented on **Friday, May 17th.**

**SAVE THE DATE -2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH) – August 17th (rain date, August 24) – 11 AM – 4 PM.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

SAVE THE DATE: VENDOR CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 – 10 AM TO 3 PM – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 61 Walnut Ridge Road, Charleroi, PA 15022 –VENDORS & CRAFTERS WANTED!! FOR VENDOR INFO EMAIL: DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.COM OR Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com Free admission, plenty of parking, handicap accessible ~ 50/50 raffle, auction basket raffle, kitchen open!!!

REGIONAL MEETING: Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18 at First Christian Church (DOC), 615 East Beau Street, Washington, PA. Watch for more information in the coming months. **SAVE THE DATES**

SAVE THE DATE IN 2025 – NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY – JULY 12-15, 2025 IN MEMPHIS, TN

PENTECOST - Elder Tom Griffith Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples and other Followers of Jesus, following His ascension into Heaven. The Disciples were then sent out, with the Holy Spirit, to spread the Good News throughout the world. God, we wish to follow the Disciples by walking with the Holy Spirit and sharing our Good News to all we meet. Help us be examples of Your love and works as we live each day for you Lord, and with the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and actions. Amen!

MEMORIAL DAY – Elder Tom Griffith

On this Memorial Day, as with every one, we pause and remember all those men and women who served in the Armed forces or in other ways to support, protect and defend our way of life and the freedom to worship as we please. We particularly remember those who gave their lives in that service for us. We remember! For "No greater love hath anyone than they give their lives for another!" Amen!

EVANGELISM – Margie D'Antonio

There were **11** prayer letters sent last month. These prayer letters are always available in the narthex for you to sign and to put a name in the notebook for someone to get the prayer letter. You can call Margie at 724-239-2560 with a request, too!

NEW MEMBERS – Please fill out the “membership information form” so we can put your information in the church directory! If you have a photo of yourself, Malcolm will use it in the directory. If not, please ask Malcolm when he could take one.

Thank you for becoming a part of our church family! Blessings all around!

MOTHER’S DAY – MAY 12, 2024

Mother's Day in the United States celebrates motherhood on the second Sunday of May. A day to honor mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, and all motherly figures.

In her embrace, warmth and might,
Every lesson, a beacon so bright.
God’s love, through her hands does flow,
Guiding me, wherever I go.
Her voice, a whisper of divine say,
Echoes Christ, in every way.
In her prayers, in tears she’d shed,
She walks the path He has led.
For in her faith, so strong and true,
God’s grace shines brightly through.
Mother, with love so profound,
In your embrace, heaven is found.



MOTHERHOOD

**Through the years a mother has been
All that's sweet and good
For there's one bit of God and love,
In all true Motherhood.
~ Helen Steiner Rice**

Upcoming dates to put on your MAY calendar:

5/7 – C.A.M.A Meeting – 6:30 p.m.-Social Hall

5/9 – FCC Board meeting – 7:00 p.m.-Social Hall

5/17- Movie Night – 7 PM – Social hall

5/19-Celebrate Women’s Day Luncheon – after worship – Social Hall – prepared by the Men of the Church

5/19-Baccalaureate Sunday – Charleroi Area High School Community Room – 4 p.m.

****Need cookies, please!***

PRAYER CONCERNS

* For my Aunt, Anne Vargo Yohe, who went to be with the Lord. This is my mom’s sister. Keep our/her family in your prayers. Pastor Dennis is officiating her home going. Requested: Valerie Stitch

* For prayers, peace and love to whoever needs it.

* For Sherry Ballentyne with health concerns. Requested by: Ken

* For my nephew, Matt Hanna, with heart problems. Requested by: Diane Gray

* For Jeremy, for a job closer to home to be close to his son. Requested by: Margie

UPDATE: No Cancer! Praise God!* For Roxanne Burgess for good test results.

Requested by: Roxanne

* For Debra, my grandma, who has COPD. We are all scared that she won’t have much longer to live. Requested by: Trinity

* For Chuck Weaver for healing of cancer. Requested by: Roxanne Burgess

* For Sarah for a negative breast cancer test. Requested by: Brian Burgess

* For my family, health/prosperity with cancer. Requested by: Brian Burgess

* For my clients, their health/families. Requested by Brian Burgess

* For Tim (Chas brother) who is in prison. Please pray for his safety.

* For Cynthia Frascatore who recently had a bad stroke last Sunday evening. She’s at Mercy Rehab currently. Requested by: Kristin Colvin

* For Al Cialone who is in the hospital recovering from complications of recent heart surgery and for his wife Mary Ann’s blood pressure, as she worries about him!

Requested by: Terri Greenlee

* For God’s will to be done in my life. I pray for guidance. Requested by: Sarah Stitch

* For Missy Montgomery who is praying for rheumatologist results and x-rays which shows deterioration in hip, knee and feet. Damage cannot be reversed. Missy will see Dr. Ripipi in May to see what they can do to keep this deterioration from progressing.

Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

***UPDATE: No Cancer! PRAISE GOD!** For Nancy Dunmeyer who is hoping for a successful biopsy and negative for cancer. Requested by:Nancy

*For Rose Wilkinson as she starts her chemotherapy for lung issues. Requested by: Mike Wilkinson

*For my Aunt Rina Mannella who fell twice. Heal her body! Requested by: Valerie

* For Dave Deilman who has prostate cancer. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

* Arlene DeSalvo requesting better care in nursing home. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

Under Long-Term Care >>

**CAMP LAURELVIEW
2024 SCHEDULE**

**MAY 31 – JUNE 2: FAMILY CAMP
ALL AGES**

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 22: CHI RHO
CAMP
7TH- 9TH GRADES**

**JUNE 23 – JUNE 29:
CONFERENCE CAMP
10TH – 12TH GRADES**

**JULY 7 – JULY 13: JUNIOR
CAMP
4TH – 6TH GRADES**

**JULY 14 – JULY 17: MINI CAMP
1ST – 3RD GRADES**

SAVE THE DATES!

ALL ARE WELCOME

**REGISTRATION:
<https://Laurelview.org>**

SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Ellis & Darla White*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Bill & Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Ken & Sherry Ballentyne*</i>
<i>Grace Vandernitte*</i>	<i>Father Bob Hanna*</i>	<i>Kristin Colvin*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila Risch*</i>	<i>Alicia Hruby*</i>	<i>Sarah Matay*</i>
<i>Bertha Zollars*</i>	<i>Jack Sharp*</i>	<i>Gage Peters*</i>
<i>Lois Buberniak*</i>	<i>Hannah Simpson*</i>	<i>Cindy Buckley*</i>
<i>Michael Erdely* (Mike & Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Terri Fabrizio*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Sam & Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse & Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Connie Siranni*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Matt Sezewich*</i>	<i>Senia Lowther*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>	<i>Eliza Caldwell*</i>

Mother's Day Scripture

Proverbs 31:25-28 ~She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: