

Church of Christ

Fifth at Main
Middleport, OH
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FACTS & FIGURES

Jan 15, 2012

Sunday School	102
Worship I	73
Worship II	126
Offering	\$4,913.00
Needed to date	\$18,109.65
Received to date	\$16,004.87
Stewardship Life	\$379.00

Jan 22, 2012

Sunday School	84
Worship I	67
Worship II	119
Offering	\$4,423.00
Needed to date	\$24,146.20
Received to date	\$20,427.87
Stewardship Life	\$474.00



January 29

Worship I: Jarret & Trenton Durst
Worship II: Ron & Judy Clark

February 5

Worship I: Help Needed
Worship II: Mahrs & Cub Scouts

February 12

Worship I: Help Needed
Worship II: Richard & Phyllis Gilkey

We need greeters for first worship services. If you would be willing to take one Sunday please contact Teri in the office.

Typewriter needed

If you have an electric typewriter that we can borrow please contact Teri.

Missions Ministry Team

If you are part of the Missions Ministry Team don't forget the meeting on Saturday, February 4th. this will be held at Nora Rice's at 9:00am.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

2011 Giving Records

If you would like a print out of your giving for 2011 and you used the numbered offering envelopes, please see Teri in the office. These are now ready.

Baby Bottles

We are collecting change for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Athens. If you would like to give to support this ministry please pick up a baby bottle, put your donation in it, then return it to the church by Sunday, February 5th. For more information on the Resource Center go to www.prcfriendsonline.com

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"Connecting people with God and others"



www.middleportchurch.org

Friday, January 27th

Our monthly Free Dinner for the community is this Friday, January 27th, at 5:00pm. This is a great ministry to help those in our church and community whether it is with their food budget or just having someone to eat with because they are alone. Why not come and eat with us and reach out to others. This may be out of your comfort zone but Christ didn't call us to be comfortable. You never know when you will meet someone who just needs a friend to talk to.

Family Game Night

Sunday, February, 26th

Come out for the excitement of calling out those numbers & covering your card with our Upward families at 6:00pm on Sunday, February 26th.

Al's Thoughts . . .

I just wanted to say that Dodger did an excellent job preaching two Sundays ago. I appreciate him filling in since I had been gone and relieving some of the pressure. We all get caught in traps and some are obvious, some are comfortable and some are hidden. But still they are traps designed to keep us from living the abundant life Christ offers us. The enemy is a master trapper, so as you journey through this world be sensitive and alert so as to avoid these many traps set for Christ's followers.

Life is a sacred gift and as I shared Sunday, we as God's people ought to affirm that because His word teaches us how precious EVERY life is. This is not a political issue, it is a moral issue that the church needs to take a stand on. If we turn away and hide our heads in the sand are we any different than those who propagate the cheapness of life? Don't be afraid to stand for life, it is a gift from God Himself.

Don't forget Upward every Saturday. Pray for the children, the coaches, the cheer advisors and David & Lisa Schenkelberg as they lead this ministry. Ask God to use this amazing ministry to reach children and family with His great love. Al



Kids Kount!

Strike! Spare!

Ouch! No!!! Gutter ball again? Those were the sounds coming from Skyline Lanes as the preschool and elementary youth groups tore up the lanes. I don't think they will ever be

the same again after Cole bowled the high score for the second game (Until next time Cole!) I've never seen so many different dances (I believe 17 was the number we came up with after careful thought) after bowling a strike. They ranged from the pointing dance to a Russian split that I'm still enjoying picturing in my mind. Thanks to everyone who helped out in making this day great for our kids.

We will be having a security meeting on February 26 after first service in the back of the auditorium. Come early and find a good seat and I promise not to keep you very long. By the way, I am in need of people to help with the check in desk on Sunday mornings. It's quick, painless (mostly) and if I can do it, anyone can do it. See me so you can sign up to help.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming back and you can help. Beginning February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday), we will begin collecting non-perishable items to give to the food pantry in our area. We will continue to collect for the whole month and you can place your donation at the box outside of the office beginning February 5.

Coming to Kid Zone beginning February 5: Angry Birds!

Coming to Fun on Wednesdays beginning February 1: Painting Ceramics with Mrs. Evans! (Wear old clothes!)

Coming Soon Attractions:

Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 29 – Fun on Wednesdays

Feb. 4, 11 & 18 – Upward Basketball games

Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Youth Groups at 6pm

Feb. 4-Mar. 4 – Souper Bowl of Caring food collection

Feb. 22 – Joyful Noise Choir practice at 7:00pm

Feb. 26-Joyful Noise Children's Choir to sing

Feb. 26 – Security meeting following 1st worship

See you in the Zone because Kids really do Kount for Him! Doug

The Epicenter..

“Where God Begins to Move”

Can I just say that I am really looking forward to hitting the slopes with our senior high students this weekend? Our group is excited to be heading to Cincinnati Christian University for the Winter Weekend ski retreat. While skiing will no doubt be a blast (and highly entertaining to watch) I am more excited to have the opportunity to spend the weekend learning and growing with our students. I think this will be a fantastic time, but I'm asking you to support us by praying for us while we are gone. Please pay for safety in travel and on the slopes. Additionally, please be praying that God moves in our group in a major way.

Middle school students, don't feel like I've left you out. You know I have nothing but love for you guys. Parents, if you have a middle school student, please mark your calendar for two dates. The first is Sunday February 19th. This is going to be a special middle school only adventure. I'll provide details later, but for now, let's just say you won't want to miss it. The second date is March 16-17. This is an event called "Cedarmania." It is an overnighter at Cedarville, Univeristy near Dayton, OH. The cost is only \$25 and includes t-shirt, late night pizza party, speakers, worship, and tons of fun. More details soon on this one too. I can't wait!

The OVCA senior high retreat is coming up February 10-12th. This starts at 6pm on Friday and runs through Noon Sunday. CCU is sending a group down to lead workshops and preaching. Additionally we will have praise and worship throughout the weekend as well. The cost is only \$30 and includes everything from housing, to food, to teaching and entertainment. This is going to be a great opportunity to fellowship with other students (many of whom we will see at camp in June)! The theme is "Connected." This will be an awesome opportunity to "Connect" again with Jesus, the question remains... "will you?" Til next time,
Peace – Dodger

NURSERY WORKERS

February 5

Worship 1: **Help Needed**

Sunday School: **Help Needed**

Worship 2: **Help Needed**

February 12

Worship I: **Help Needed**

Sunday School: **Help Needed**

Worship II: **Help Needed**



Would you like to serve the Lord in some way this year? Why not consider taking care of the little ones in the nursery? If interested, see Stephanie Roush.

Wild Game Night

The annual Southeast Ohio Wild Game Feast at the Fifth Street Church of Christ in Beverly will be held on Saturday, February 25th. Supper and music by The Wallace Brothers will be from 5:00-6:30. Preaching begins at 7:00 by David Jones. Sign up on the bulletin board by February 18th. You must be pre-registered and present to have your name in the drawing for the gun and prize drawings. If you have any questions see Jim Snyder.

Training

The Prayer Task Force will hold another training similar to what they held here. It is called "Drugs In Our Community, How Can We Be a Part of the Solution." This will be held at the Soul Harvest Church in Mason, WV on Thursday, February 23rd, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Save the Date

Austin Cross & Erin Hartson are getting married Saturday, May 26th, 2012

Singers & Musicians

The adult choir will be starting on their Easter music this week. If you love to sing, even if you don't read music, come and join them at practice on Sunday evenings at 7:15pm in the sanctuary.

Also, if you would be interested in being part of the Sunday morning praise teams, either singing or playing an instrument, please attend the informational meeting on Sunday morning, February 12th, at 9:30am. This will be held in the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Mike Wilfong.

Ladies Bible Study Class

The ladies Bible study class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in room 201 of the Family Life Center will be starting a new study on February 19th. The study is "The Friendships of Women" by Dee Brestin. You will experience deeper intimacy with each other as you study the pattern of friendship God revealed in Scripture to Dee. The cost of the study book is \$8. If you are interested you need to contact Teri by February 1st to get your book ordered.

Ladies Day Out "Sew Simple"

Would you like to learn some simple sewing projects? Learn how to make a Ten Minute Tablerunner, make a wall hanging or blanket. Join us for an afternoon of simple sewing lessons on Sunday, February 12th, at 2:00. We will get together in the fellowship hall. If you would like to try the table runner please bring 1/3 yard of the main fabric, a 1/2 yard of a coordinating fabric for the back, and two buttons. This is very simple straight sewing and makes for a nice table runner. These are so easy to make that you can make one for each holiday. If you have any questions see Teri, or Maryln Wilcox.

Upward

The Upward games are up and running in full force and Saturdays are pretty exciting in the Family Life Center. There are lots of kids and their parents around. This is a great opportunity to reach out and make connections with people and let them know that we care. If you haven't stopped in yet why not drop by this Saturday. Games begin at 9:00am and finish at 5:00pm.

Solace Group

A new support group is starting called "Help Us Love Tough" for families and friends who are living with the effects of a loved one with an addiction. The group will meet at 7:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at the Middleport Nazarene Church. The first meeting is Thurs., Feb. 2nd.

