

Church of Christ

Fifth at Main
Middleport, OH
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FACTS & FIGURES

April 15 2012

Sunday School	99
Worship I	83
Worship II	149
Offering	\$3,792.44
Needed to date	\$96,584.80
Received to date	\$76,575.24
Stewardship Life	\$157.00
30 Pieces of Silver	\$101.35

April 22, 2012

Sunday School	89
Worship I	75
Worship II	126
Offering	\$3,627.00
Needed to date	\$102,621.35
Received to date	\$80,202.24
Stewardship Life	\$237.00



May 6

Worship I: Help Needed
Worship II: Help Needed

May 13

Worship I: Help Needed
Worship II: Help Needed

Mary Poole is working on a new greeter schedule. If you would be willing to serve in this area, please see her or stop by the office.

Floor Help

We are replacing the tile in the Fellowship Hall this Friday & Saturday, April 27 & 28. They will start at 10:00am each day. Help is needed to take up the existing tile and making any repairs. Then they plan to lay the new tile Saturday. If you have any questions, contact Frank Ihle.

"Jesus Take the Wheel" 2

The Prayer Task Force is sponsoring "Jesus Take the Wheel" 2 on the Pomeroy parking lot on Friday, May 4th. This will begin at 7:00pm and end at 9:00pm. There will be praise music and testimonies, etc. Come and check out this event. Also, continue to pray for our country and the drug problem here.

ELDERS & DEACONS

PLEASE check your car & house for outside communion kits & parts. We are missing several of these and only have one complete kit here at the church. We will not be able to take outside communion to the shut-ins if these are not returned.

Missions Ministry Team

You will be meeting on Saturday, May 5th, at 9:00am. This will be at Nora Rice's home.

GOD

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OTHERS

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Not A Fan

Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus Christ

April 29 – June 10

We are beginning a series based on the book by Kyle Idleman called, "not a fan." Which deals with being a completely committed follower of Jesus Christ. Al will be preaching on this topic on Sunday mornings. Then at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings, beginning May 2nd, we will watch a "not a fan." video and then break into smaller discussions groups. Mike Gerlach & Mike Wilfong will each lead a group and Donna Hartson will lead a group for women (ladies you don't have to be in Donna's group you can go to one of the other groups if you want). Please sign up in the hallway which group you would like to be part of.

Also, there is a 42-day journal. If you would like one of these please sign up on the bigger sheet in the hallway. If you could donate \$5 toward the journal, that would help with the cost but if you can't that is not a problem. Plan to join us each week and learn whether you are a "fan" or a "follower."

Al's Thoughts . . .

Congratulations to Dodger on his Ordination last Sunday night.

Jesus was clear in His teaching in Luke 13 that there is a narrow road to heaven. And that many follow the wide road that leads to destruction while only a few find the narrow road that leads to eternal life. It's obvious from His teaching that everyone will not go to heaven and that hell would be a place of eternal torment. The logical question then is to ask, "Will you be in heaven because you're following the narrow way (Jesus Christ)?"

I can't tell you how excited I am about the "Not A Fan" series we're starting this Sunday morning the 29th! I will be preaching six messages with a break on May 27 when we'll have a special guest, and will conclude on June 10th with our Celebration service. Then on each following Wednesday night we will show a 30-minute video on the same topic and split into three different discussion groups. These will be led by Mike Gerlach, Mike Wilfong and Donna Hartson with a women's only group. We also have a 42-day devotional journal available that goes with the series. I hope you'll plan to join us for this exciting faith journey as we choose to be followers and "Not A Fan."

Al



Kids Kount!

Helping Kids Practice Honor

Honor sounds like a medieval word. It's not a word we use very often in today's world, but the concept of honor is HUGE.

HONOR: Showing others that they are important to you.

The Bible tells us to "honor one another above ourselves" in Romans 12:10. This means putting others first. Treating EVERYONE like they matter. It can be a tough concept for kids to get.

It might help if you talk to your kids about what honor looks like in real life.

Here are a few honorable ideas!

- Hold the door, and let someone go through before you.
- Talk to someone that everyone else makes fun of or leaves out.
- When a teacher asks you a question, look them in the eye and really listen.
- Ask someone in the family what they would like to do on Saturday afternoon, and do it.
- Sit by someone at lunch who is sitting alone.
- Do what you are asked right away.
- Visit a grandparent, or older adult, and listen to their stories.
- Ask your parents how you can help them.
- Play with your younger brother or sister.
- Answer respectfully when your mom or dad calls you for dinner.
- Don't allow your friends to talk bad about other people.
- Offer to help your teacher or neighbor.
- Tell everyone the truth.

Coming Soon Attractions:

Apr. 29 – Youth Groups at 6pm

May 2,9,16, 23, 30 – Fun on Wednesdays at 7pm

May 20 – Camp Kick-Off 2pm-6pm

Registrations due for discounted rate

June (date to be determined)-Bash at the Beach

the sequel

May 13 – Youth Night at 6pm July 23-27 - VBX

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

The Epicenter...

"Where God Begins to Move"

Wow! It's really all I can say in response to my ordination ceremony. I am still overwhelmed by all the love and support from my church family. It was also really good to have Bill and Missy Frazier come back for the ceremony, although I would like to point out that I remember many of Bill's stories a little differently than he told them! It was a very memorable evening for me; from the outpouring of love from everyone, to Al's charge to me, to Darren's prayer with all the students on stage surrounding me, it was an evening that I will always carry with me. Thank you all so much!

Parents of high school seniors, we are planning our annual graduate breakfast for Saturday morning May 12th at 9am. Please take a moment to mark your calendar as we would love to have the opportunity to spend a little time with you and your student to celebrate this exciting time. I will be mailing out additional information in the coming weeks so please watch your mail. On a related note, we want to be able to recognize all of our MCC graduates, high school and college alike. If you know of someone graduating from high school, college, or grad school, please take a moment to sign them up on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

Finally, one thing that I'm excited about is that I am working with some area youth pastors on bringing in a couple bands to the Pomeroy parking lot to perform on Saturday May 19th. We will be hosting two bands, Sent By Ravens and Nine Lashes, who were both just signed to a major Christian Label, Tooth and Nail Records. One of the next stops for these bands following their performance in Pomeroy will be at the Spiritsong Festival at Kings Island alongside artists like Toby Mac, Third Day, and Switchfoot. The best part is that it will be totally free of charge. Please join me in praying that God will use this event as an opportunity to impact students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Til next time, Dodger

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 29

Worship 1: **Help Needed**

Sunday School: **Tara Gerlach**

Worship 2: **Stephanie Roush**

May 6

Worship I: **Help Needed**

Sunday School: **Help Needed**

Worship II: **Help Needed**



If interested in helping in this ministry please see Stephanie Roush.

YOUTH NIGHT

We will be having Youth Night on Sunday, May 13th, at 6:00pm. All of our youth will be sharing in the service. The teens who were in the Ohio Teens for Christ competitions will be sharing what they did. We hope you will join us. You will be blessed and be an encouragement to them.

Bridal Shower

The ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Erin Harton on Saturday, May 5th, at 2:00pm. This will be held in the Family Life Center. Please RSVP to Cassie Vaughan Yoder or on the bulletin board by April 29th. Erin is registered at ElderBeerman, Kohls and Walmart.

Weddings



Erin Hartson & Austin Cross - Saturday, May 26th, 3:30pm at the Civitan Park, Belpre, OH. Reception will follow in the FLC at 5:30pm. There are RSVP cards by the bulletin board to return by May 5th.

Cory Kelley & Alisha Brink - Saturday, May 26th, 3:00pm at the Haven Reformed Church, Hamilton, Michigan. Reception following at 5:30pm at Baker Lofts, Holland, Michigan.

Beth Wilfong & Mark Lemaster - Saturday, June 9th, 4:30pm at Gallipolis City Park, Gallipolis, OH. The reception will follow on the 2nd floor of the Ariel Theater, Gallipolis. Please RSVP on the bulletin board by May 13th.

See the bulletin board for details.

Mowing

Lawn mowing season has begun. We will need help this year keeping the church yards looking nice. If you would take a week to do this please sign up on the list the bulletin outside the sanctuary door.

Apr. 29 – Scott Johnston
May 13 – Jim Snyder
May 27 – Scott Johnston

May 6 – Tim Smith
May 20 – Tim Smith



Walk for Life



The annual Walk for Life to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center in Athens will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Registration begins at 8:30am at the Grace Episcopal Church in Pomeroy with the walk beginning at 9:00am. The walk is 2 miles along the river. Walkers & sponsors are needed. If you need more information contact Becky Benson or the office.



The 21st year of Meigs County's National Day of Prayer activities begin on Sunday, April 29th, with Circle the Courthouse with Prayer at 3:00pm. There will be Bible reading & prayer on the Pomeroy parking lot daily Sunday-Wednesday. We still need some people to read for this, contact the office. Also Sunday-Thursday on the Pomeroy walking path there will be signs with concerning issues & people to pray for.

The main National Day of Prayer observance on the courthouse steps is Thursday, May 3rd, 11:30am-12:30am. Then join Meigs County Pastors as they pray for our county from a boat docked at the Pomeroy levy that day from 1:30pm-2:30pm. The day's activities will end with the Youth Night at the Mulberry Community Center at 7:00. Plan to be part of some of these activities and use this day to pray for God's guidance for our country, state, and county.