

The Z-Disciple

NOVEMBER 2017

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Lessons Learned

It wasn't in my plan for the fall season—or any season for that matter. But in spite of my plans for the evening of October 7th, I ended up with a broken leg. Early on I realized that this is the way things were and the only thing I could do about it was to do everything within my power to allow healing to take place. As I enter my third week with my left leg in an air-cast, I have been reflecting on the lessons—many of them spiritual—that this experience has taught me. The learning is not yet over but I want to share just a bit.

The first lesson of course is to slow down. I often get up from a chair with my body prepared to walk at my usual quick stride, only to be reminded, again, that a broken leg cannot move at such a pace and for me to get anywhere at all, I have to slow down drastically and take a deep breath. Of course, it is when I do slow down that I notice what a beautiful fall day it is, how the colorful leaves are pirouetting their way to the ground, how the very young and the very old and the similarly lame, are moving at a similar pace to my own. I notice them and wonder what important task has motivated them to venture out today. Things look different when you move more slowly.

I also have gotten some practice receiving. All my life, I've been taught to be generous with my time and attention. If I saw a need, the way to respond is to lend a hand, offer support a kind word or at least a smile. I am by nature a giver and find blessing there. And yet, a broken leg has taught me the blessedness of receiving what another has to give—a wheelchair, a ride, a meal, an offer to make a hospital call or preach a sermon. Offers—not bartered or negotiated—but a sincere offer to lighten my burden for a moment, or an hour, or an evening. And what blessings I have discovered when I stretch beyond my comfort zone to receive the gift another offered out of love and care and generosity. I am able to be independent only to the extent that I accept the help offered. Of course our faith teaches us that we are stronger as a community than as individuals. How amazing is that? And why is it so difficult for us to do?

Another important learning has to do with letting go of what we carry with us. I am a multitasker. Yet I quickly learned that when you depend on your hands to help you move from place to place, whether with crutches or railings, you need empty hands to be successful. If your hands are already full of stuff—you can't even stand up, let alone get anywhere. The stuff we carry is most often less important than getting from one place to another. And I discovered that I don't really need all the stuff I thought I did anyway. When I let go of the stuff, I was free to notice where I was going and the best way to get there.

In this season of thanksgiving, I am grateful for lessons learned. It was certainly not by choice that I broke my leg, however, I pray that the lessons learned will stay with me long after my leg is healed. What are you thankful for this season? May you have an abundance of reasons to give thanks to our Creator God!

Shalom,

Dawn

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With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families who recently lost loved ones:

Rebecca and William Cooper on the death of their daughter, Beth, who died on September 27th.

Jana Fulks whose father, Dana Sprinkle, died on October 26th.

New Member

Amber Thomas recently joined First Christian Church. Welcome Amber!

College Care Packages Sent

We mailed 20 care packages to our college students the end of October. Thank you for your donations that made it possible.

Upcoming Dates:

- All Saints Sunday will be held November 5th.
- We will honor the veterans of our congregation on Sunday, November 12th
- Sunday, November 19th is Thanksgiving Sunday
- Tuesday, November 21st Northside Community Thanksgiving Service

Community Thanksgiving Celebration:

The Northside Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. The congregation of Faith United Methodist is hosting us this year. All are invited to join us as we worship together as a community.

The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 23rd & 24th.

Looking Ahead to Next Month:

Sunday, December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

December 10th: Blue Christmas Service 3:00 p.m.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services:

Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion service at 10:00 p.m.

December 31st: Regular worship services will be held at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Fair Trade Items Make Great Gifts

You can help small farmers around the globe by



purchasing fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate and olive oil available here at the church. Not only to you get a great product at a fair price, but you help the growers earn a living wage. In

addition, a percentage of each item purchased through the Disciple Coffee Project goes directly to Week of Compassion.

During the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas we will fully stock our supplies of coffee, tea, chocolate, snacks and olive oil. (We have coffee and tea year-round.) Stop by the Fair Trade Table and check it out.

Timothy Fund

A *Timothy* is someone raised in the church who hears the call to ministry and responds through education and training in preparation to be a pastor. The Timothy Fund of our church was established many years ago to help with the cost of a seminary education for our members. It is administrated by our Outreach Committee.

Although gifts to this fund can be made at anytime, each year during the month of November, we highlight this fund as a special offering. Donations given to the Timothy Fund will be used to fund the *Herbert R. Hicks Scholarship Fund of First Christian Church* at Lexington Theological Seminary and to assist someone who feels a call to ministry with their education. Our Timothy Fund most recently assisted Aaron Phillips, with the cost of his education at MTSO. Thank you for your help in assisting with quality education for the future leaders of the church.

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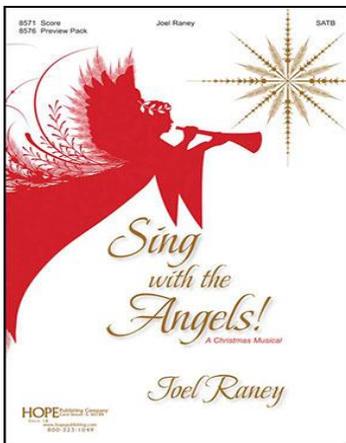
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Advent Retreat for Women will be held on Saturday December 2nd, 9 am - 3 pm at the Herald B. Monroe Lodge, Camp Christian. **A day for women of prayer, crafts, conversation, and silence as we prepare for this Advent Season.** Led by: Rev. Margot Connor & Wendy Taylor. The cost is \$40 per person if registered by November 26th (\$45 the 27 & after). Come for a slumber party at 7:00pm the night before for an additional \$20.00. Registration info in the church office.

Come to the Table...Consecration Sunday on October 15th was a great day of celebrating God's love and blessing that unites us around the Lord's Table in love for each other. Thank you to the planners, decorators, callers, servers and all who helped in any way to make the day extra special. You are appreciated!

From the Choir Director

So you like to sing? Don't feel like making a "forever" commitment? The Chancel Choir is providing the special music for Christmas Eve at the 10:00 PM service with "Sing With the Angels!" by Joel Raney. We will rehearse the cantata music at 7:00 PM the beginning of our regular Wednesday rehearsal, so if you are coming only to sing for Christmas Eve, you don't need to be there for the entire rehearsal. Rehearsals will begin on November 29. Songbook and practice CD will be provided to all who would like to participate. Join us in this celebration of the birth of Jesus by singing with the Angels! For further information, or to let Susan know you will sing with us, contact her at 740-221-1030.



Christmas Poinsettias

We will place our order for poinsettias with Timber Run Gardens and the cost is \$7.50 each for a plant in a 6 ½ inch pot with foil (an order form is included in this newsletter). Checks are made payable submitted to the church office.

Thank You!

Your helpful words, cards and kind gestures as I recover from my recent injury have meant so much. Thank you for the meals, rides, wheelchair, hospital visits, love and care. I appreciate it. Dawn

From Chuck and Lila Kinney

We would like to thank everyone for our 70th Anniversary cards. They were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during Chuck's recent surgeries.

Thank You

Joanne McIntyre would like to thank our church family for the caring support during her recent health issues. She would like to offer special thanks to those who have visited or called and to Mickey Spragg and Mel Granberg for transporting her lift chair to her at the Oaks at Bethesda. With our sincere thanks as well, Amy and Mike Whitson

Library Update

Stop in the church library and check out the new resources that have been added to the collection. Elders may find these books especially helpful: *Fed by God's Grace*, *52 Devotions for Church Leaders*, *A Handbook for Today's Disciples in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, *Eldership at the Lord's Table*, *Communion Prayers for Holy Days and Holidays*, *Let the Whole Church Say Amen!*, *Let Us Pray: 120 Prayers for All Occasions*, *Celebrating the Offering*

Members in the News

Brady Neal has been promoted to Vice President/Accounting Office/Controller of The Community Bank.

Nolan Kimberly, ZHS golfer, landed in the top 15 overall at state competition last weekend.



Adult Work Trip-Houston

We are in the early stages of planning an adult work mission trip in the summer 2018. If you are interested in being a part of the mission trip please contact Susie Mercer by November 1st.

CROP Walk Update

We had a great turnout for CROP Walk! Thirty-three of us walked, we raised approximately \$2,300. Twenty five percent of monies raised will stay in our area supporting local food banks, pantries, and other hunger-fighting initiatives. Thanks to the walkers and the walk sponsors.

Klothes for Kids

You may have noticed tables of new clothes in the main hallway a couple of weeks ago. Your outreach dollars help buy clothes for some less fortunate Zanesville Middle School students. Thanks for supporting our outreach ministry.

Bethel Community Center- Christmas

Each year Bethel has a Christmas party for children & teens that they serve. Bethel tries to provide gifts for newborn thru age 18. If you have gently used toys for the children and any unopened lotions, creams, or make-up for the teens and would like to donate to Bethel it would be very much appreciated. There will a tote in the main hallway. Donations will be accepted thru November 30th. Thanks so much!

Christ's Table

As you count the many blessings that you have this Thanksgiving season, consider being a blessing to someone less fortunate. You can do this by giving a few hours of your Saturday helping at Christ's Table. We will be serving at Christ's Table, Saturday, November 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the main hallway bulletin board.

Food Collection

As you do your weekly grocery shopping, consider buying an extra can or two of soup to place in our grocery cart located next to the elevator. Food donations are given to the Eastside Community Ministry Pantry. We are thankful for your generosity and continued support of this important ministry, feeding God's people.

Thanks to all who baked cookies for the SOUPer Bowl!

It's a Tradition You Don't Want to Miss... The Great Chili Cook-Off 2017



Please join us November 12th at 11:30 for a cooking show down between the youth! The youth have been split into four teams and each cooking up a 'winning' pot of chili. Your job, should you choose to accept it, is to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall! You will be treated to hot dogs, cinnamon rolls, and of course chili! You will get to try a small sample of each team's chili and then vote with your monetary donation for the chili you like best. You may vote for as many teams as you like, but the team that raises the most money will be deemed the Chili Champions of 2017! All proceeds will benefit the youth summer mission trip. This year the youth will travel to Milwaukee, WI the week of June 9-15 where they will serve alongside great organizations in the Milwaukee community.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Musical is called "The Christmas Present". Presented as a poem, with several speaking parts, new songs and some familiar carols, the message centers on Jesus as God's true Christmas present, the "gift" that gives daily. If your child would like to participate, please sign them up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Practice CDs will be available with rehearsals beginning on Sunday, November 19th at 9:30 AM in the chapel.

Rehearsals will be on Nov. 19th, 26th, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th at 9:30 in the chapel. The children will practice 20 minutes each of those weeks before heading downstairs for their Sunday School lesson.

There will also be two additional rehearsals in the sanctuary at 11:30. Those will be on December 10th and December 17th.

The program will be shared at our Family Christmas Eve service at 5 pm.

Please Save Your Tissue Boxes We need at least 40 empty cube shaped tissue boxes for props for our Christmas program. Please save any empty cube shaped tissue boxes you have and drop them in our donation tub.

Advent Workshop Everyone is invited to join us on December 1st at 5 pm for the Advent Workshop. We will share a light dinner and celebrate the beginning of Advent with your church family making crafts and singing Christmas carols! This is a yearly tradition in our church family that we all eagerly anticipate. There will be crafts appropriate for all ages. Gather your family and join us as we prepare our hearts for the journey to Bethlehem.

What's Happening in Youth Groups?

CROP Walk



The youth and children of the church were a strong presence at the Crop Walk in October. First Christian Church took home the Golden Shoe Award for the most walkers at the Crop Walk. Of the 33 walkers from FCC who participated, 20 were children and youth! The Crop Walk raised over \$11,000 this year to address the needs of hunger in our community and around the world.

JC and Kingdom Kids (K-5th grade)

In honor of Veteran's Day the JC and Kingdom Kids have adopted a platoon! On November 5th we will meet at 11:45 in the Multi-Purpose Room to pack foot care packages for our platoon. Our platoon serves in high desert temperatures in the summer and in the winter they face cold and wet environments. They must constantly take care of their feet guarding against sores, blisters, fungus, bacteria and keeping their feet dry. We will send them packages of socks, powder, cream and other foot care products and write them cards to let them know we are praying for them.

Also, the JC and Kingdom Kids should mark their calendars for the evening of December 9th. More details will be coming soon about the caroling event that we are planning for that evening.

Chi Rho (6-8) and CYF (9-12)

October has been full of activity for this group of teens. In addition to our regular meetings where the CYF have been doing a study titled, "Can I Ask That?", and Chi Rho has been doing a study titled, "The Four Acts of Love", the youth have also walked in the Crop Walk and served at the church Consecration Dinner. At the time this article is being typed they are also gearing up for their annual Halloween Mystery Party. This year's theme for the party is a spin off-of the Pirates of the Caribbean movies.

In November the youth are looking forward some friendly competition at the annual Chili Cook-Off. Since the proceeds benefit the summer mission trip, everyone's a winner!

Mark your calendars!



Vacation Bible School will be on July 16th -20th
Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity

**Camp Christian
Summer 2018**

Grandparents Camp (K, 1st, 2nd grade and grandparent)- June 1 and 2

Ribbit Camp (2-4th grade)- July 4-7

Otter Camp (3rd-5th grade)- June 17-23

Chi Rho Camp (6th-8th grade)- June 3-9, July 8-14, July 22-28

CYF Camp (9th-12th grade) - June 10-16, June 24-30, July 15-21



It's time to order Christmas poinsettias!

We will place our order with Timber Run Gardens and the cost remains \$7.50 each for a plant in a 6 ½ inch pot with foil. Checks are made payable to First Christian Church and the order submitted to the church office.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ poinsettia(s)

Red: _____ White _____ Pink _____ Jingle Bell _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

My check is in the amount of \$ _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ cash

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Weekly Worship:
 Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Wednesday 1:00 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1 pm Christian Ed 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	2 7 pm Property	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Ends All Saints Day 6 pm Youth Groups	6	7 7 pm Worship Committee	8 1 pm Christian Ed 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	9 7 pm Board Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Veterans Sunday 11:30 Chili Cook-Off	13	14	15 1 pm Christian Ed 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	16	17	18 8 am Men's Breakfast
19 Thanksgiving Sunday 6 pm Youth Groups	20	21 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service Faith UMC	22 1 pm Christian Ed 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	23 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	25 10 am Christ's Table
26 6 pm Youth Groups	27	28	29 1 pm Christian Ed 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	30		

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Acolytes

November 5, 2017

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Janetta & Marissa Rose

November 12, 2017

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Kenton Casey
Leila Hawk

November 19, 2017

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Parker Roberts
Gaige Brailer

November 26, 2017

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Carolyn Geis
Jacob Hittle

December 3, 2017

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Alaina Paul
Sydney Allen

Jr. Deacons

Justin Allen
Olivia Allen
Callie Buchanan
Jacob Devoll
Nolan Kimberly
Anna Paul
Austin Perry
Trey Wilson
Mady Wilson
Izabella Yerian

Greeters

November 5, 2017

8:30 Cato & Marcia Coleman
10:30 Paul & Sharon Krause

November 12, 2017

8:30 Margaret Hayes
Melanie Mast
10:30 Maxine Rice
Carol Hunt

November 19, 2017

8:30 Dave & Penny Higgins
10:30 Lori & Rick Griffin

November 26, 2017

8:30 Ken & Sandy Jones
10:30 Jerry & Tanya Sturtz

Communion Preparer

The Griffin Family

Deacons

Jana Fulks	Steve Kimberly
Mike Frye	Lee McPherson
Judy Gorsky	Judy Newsom
Deborah Granberg	Martha Pettry
Mel Granberg	Rod Richardson
Sandy Grizzard	Jerry Sutherland
Lori Hittle	Susan Sutherland
Sue Kimberly	Susie Mercer

Elders

November 5, 2017

8:30 John Grubbs
Randy Roberts
10:30 Brady Neal
Bill Anderson

November 12, 2017

8:30 Penny Higgins
Dave Higgins
10:30 Dick Church
Heather Near

November 19, 2017

8:30 Marcia Coleman
Cato Coleman
10:30 Jerry Sturtz
Dale Newlon

November 26, 2017

8:30 John Grubbs
Sue Frye
10:30 Jim Wilson
Amy Wilson

Welcoming Team

8:30 Sandy & Kenny Jones
Jim & Lee McPherson
10:30 Jane & Rod Richardson
Mike & Amy Whitson

Worship Leaders

November 5, 2017

8:30 Sandy Jones
10:30 Joan Barr

November 12, 2017

8:30 Lee McPherson
10:30 Valencia Clark

November 19, 2017

8:30 Yvonne Factor
10:30 Mike Whitson

November 26, 2017

8:30 Sandy Grizzard
10:30 Heather Near

Lectors

November 5, 2017

10:30 Callie Buchanan

November 12, 2017

10:30 Mady Wilson

November 19, 2017

10:30 Callie Buchanan

November 26, 2017

10:30 Trey Wilson



November
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Bertha Glosser	November 1
Amber McLaughlin	November 1
Cooper Milner	November 1
Mirem Rose Buzza	November 2
Isabelle Near	November 2
Dawn Remster	November 3
Peggy Gordon	November 4
Cheryl Beight	November 5
Kay Fox	November 6
Lynne Leasure	November 6
Jim McPherson	November 6
Barbara Agin	November 10
Sandy McGee	November 10
Barbara Phillips	November 10
Gavin Sowers	November 10
Jonathan Perry	November 15
Coulton Waite	November 15
Robert Wise	November 15
Carson Milner	November 18
Kelcee Downs	November 20
Drake Downs	November 22
Brooklyn Moon	November 22
Deidra Allen	November 23
Jean Denton	November 23
Logan Baker	November 28
Chloe Buchanan	November 28
Charlie Huizenga	November 28
Carolyn Scott	November 28
Karen Barnett	November 29
Beth Fineran	November 29
Moses Ihinger	November 29
Sandy Jones	November 30
Michael Robinson	November 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Cindy & Jeff Baker	November 3
Jim & Beth Fineran	November 3
David & Betsy Devoll	November 19

Special Events this month:

Barbara Agin celebrates her 85th birthday. Her address is 1532 Pine St., Zanesville, OH 43701.

Your Special Day

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.



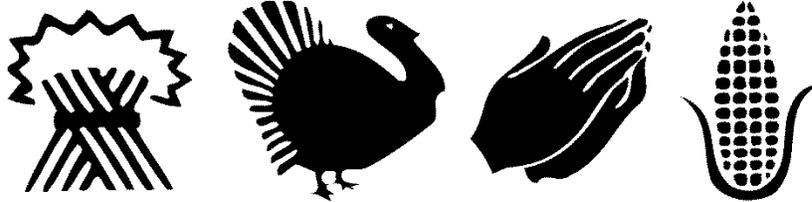
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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

“ _____ will _____
 _____ , _____ name in _____
 and _____ with
 _____ ”

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glory him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV