
❖ Bazetta Beacon ❖

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From the Pastor...

It's almost Lent. Ash Wednesday will be here on February 14th, the same day as Valentine's Day. As often celebrated and remembered, Ash Wednesday is a day in which we recognize our mortality. And remembering our mortality is a reminder that life changes. As I start looking ahead to the coming year, I see changes in many of the ways we do things.

One of our bigger projects the past few months has involved a small team of church leaders working with a website company to build a new website. We are learning that our virtual representation in the digital world is as meaningful as our in person representation of Christ. While many of us could not have imagined the similarities a few years ago, we are having to look at how we define community and our reach in new ways all the time. The virtual world is just one of those places.

One of the invitations that we have been given is to see ourselves differently, and see how others might see us as people of Christ. It's exciting and challenging to see the things we do from another perspective. It's like knowing how to do something and so you do it the same way year after year, even though there are many newer, better ways to do the same thing.

I remember the old story about the woman who was preparing a roast and her husband watched her cut the ends off the roast. When asking her why, she replied that was how her mother did it. She called her mother and asked why her mother did it that way, and her mother replied that was the way her mother had done it. So calling her grandmother, she asked why she cut the ends off her roast and her grandmother replied it was the only way the roast would fit in the pan. Two generations later, even though she had a bigger pan, she was still cutting the ends off the roast because it was the only thing she knew.

While we often think of Lent as a season of denial, or sacrifice, Lent really came about as a season of change. As some of the early Christians journeyed through the season, they were often encouraged to look at their life and compare it to the life of Jesus. Then, in some way or another, the simple question would be asked "what needs to change, to become more like Jesus?"

For us, as a church, we are committing ourselves to a life like Jesus by focusing on our three part vision, enriching our spiritual lives, empowering one another to walk more closely with Christ, and extending the love of Christ to the world. It's not work that we undertake lightly, but it is work we believe is filled with hope, excitement, and promise.

As you hear about changes in the coming season, I want to encourage you to listen with grace. More importantly, I want to invite you to consider how these changes can help both you, and the greater body that is the church, better live into the fullness of Christ together. We recognize the world around us is changing. While we may all have different perspectives on whether that is good or bad, we are called to change in two very specific ways. One, we change as we become more like Jesus. And two, we change how we encounter and encourage the world in love. It's not the same world any of us might have grown up in, but it is still the world Jesus loves. And so we learn to love, and to share, differently.

So I encourage you, make room to be changed. Make room to embrace change. And may we live more fully together as the presence of Jesus in the world.

I love ya, I know God loves you more.
p.t.

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Love and Sympathy to: Chris & Family

Members who have concerns: Evelyn Beavers, Cindy Dickerson, Jake & Donna, Bev Reiner, Ron Saum, Karolyn Shockey, Courtney Williams

Some of members' friends & family who need prayers:

Aloma, Allen Burnett, Mark Bush, Casey, Connie, Deanna, Dan, Denise, Cindy & Larry, Emily, Eric, Jabin, Jamie, Brad Bevan, Steve Cerny, Rachael Christner & Elliot Family, Tim Hanawalt, Theresa Hartman, Family of Fred Hoover, Family of Beverly Kuhns, Baby Jackson Family, Dottie & Jim Johnson, Phil Mansfield, Virgil Mokodean, Rosella, Ross Family, Ryder, Debbie Shields, Mike Tomlinson, Shelia, Ruth West



12-Hour Prayer Vigil

February 14

6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There will be a sign-up sheet at BCC to register for the time you would like to pray. You may participate physically at BCC or in your home.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 14

7:00 p.m.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

For the months of January, February, and March, the funds collected in the jar will go to Bella Women's Center, an organization that provides confidential and medical services for women facing unplanned pregnancy. They offer pregnancy testing, ultrasound, STD testing with limited on-site treatments and options consultation, all free of charge.

Your generosity is very much appreciated!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sherri Mayoros is excited to announce the birth of her granddaughter, Lydia Selah Chiodo born January 15, 7.5 pounds, 20 1/2 inches. Her parents are Ian and Camille Chiodo. Love and prayers to all!

HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY Mercy Health Grief 101 Support Group

St. Joe's at the Eastwood Mall: Thursday, February 8, 3:00-4:00 p.m. **Niles McKinley Library:** Thursday, February 15, 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Support groups are limited in size and registration is required. Please call Kim Calhoun at 330-549-5901 to register or for more information on Hospice of The Valley.

Christmas cards were received from:

Chuck & Jan
The Jacksons
Friends of Mosquito Lake Park
Richard & Cathy Wilterdink
Sandy Brunke & Joyce Field
Ken & Pat Shafer
Larry & Kelly
Kay & Rick Mundell
Jim & Myra
Ron & Linda Dolgae
Bill & Lois Stavara
Michelle, Marshal, Dominic & Leigha
Jean & Lance Elmore
Sara Glee & Tim



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Breakfast

Tuesday, February 6, 8 a.m.
Eat 'n Park
All are welcome.
Each pays for own meal.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesdays, February 7 & 21
3 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 10
8 a.m.
Bring a friend!

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

12 Hour Prayer Vigil
6:30a.m.– 6:30 p.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, February 13,
6:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 20,
6:30 p.m.

Book Study

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
All are welcome!



Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FEBRUARY

Elders:

At the Table:
Michelle Stineman
Megen Stocker

Visitation:

4 Megan Stocker
11 Larry Swiger
18 Dan Davis
25 Paula Davis

Deacons:

Deb Maloy Carolyn Rowe
Robin Walker Roger Rowe

Ushers/Greeters:

Michelle Aliesch
Don Murphy

Liturgists:

4 Janis Ulicny
11 Mitch Callahan
18 Megen Stocker
25 VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Communion Preparer

Michelle Stineman



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2 Edwina Wolcott
6 Rebecca Wrightsman
8 Mike Jackson
8 Adam Pirtz
11 George Herbert Stanford
14 ♥ Richard & Ronna Yoho
15 Sara Glee Baxter
17 Janis Ulicny
19 Lance Elmore
20 Eleanor Timko
21 Grace Murphy
23 Michelle Stineman
27 Bob Stocker

If you would like to be included on the birthday/anniversary list or have any corrections to be made, please call the church office.

Flowers

If you wish to order flowers for the Sanctuary in Honor of or Memory of, please call the church office with your request.



A large centerpiece from Heritage Florist is \$29.50 and a small is \$26.50. There will also be a additional fee of \$5.99 for delivery.

Stewardship Corner

Monthly budgeted amount
needed: \$15,396.00

Amount received as of
January 22:
\$14,153.48

Mission Jar

*Thank you for your
donations.*

\$327.89 was collected and the Elders matched an additional \$300 to total \$627.89. Pastor Tim personally delivered the generous donations The Youngstown Blue Coats headquarters in Hubbard.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

If you are a member of BCC, and are in the hospital, please let your family know if they should contact the church. Also, let us know if you would like visitation and or communion.



Elder Expressions

I was given the opportunity of writing the Elder Expression this month. I thought PERFECT! What better time to share about our devoted secretary, Sara Glee Baxter.

Many of you who don't know Sara Glee, this will give you a glimpse of how blessed we've been over the 27 years & 7 months (she's been keeping track) Those that know her will have your memory jogged.

I casually interviewed her one Friday afternoon. These are a few of her responses:

Sara Glee loves the interaction and continual growth she gathered through the 7 different pastors and interims during the years. There were many, but these were a few of her comical memories....

One morning during worship, Pastor Jeff disappeared to the back choir area. Forgetting to turn off his microphone, we knew where he'd gone after the flush!! LOL

While parking cars for the fair, Pastor Paul, coming to us from PA, came across a license plate he'd never seen. When seriously inquiring of its unusual origin, (he liked it) the driver replied, It's a DUI plate. Surprise answer! Sometimes less is more.

As Pastor Sandy led us through a difficult time, he kept us all talking.....or in Pastor Sandy's style, we were doing more of the listening. 😊

A big delight to Sara Glee was mingling with the childcare. She was called by name loudly on many occasions, "GOOD MORNING MISS SARA GLEE" ♥ Her door was always opened to the BC3 staff anytime with mutual respect, as they went about their day.

Some highlights that she enjoyed but not limited to include, the picnics under the pavilion, watching fireworks around the bonfire, worship at the fairgrounds, annual baptism at the Schwartz pond, 8 am Tuesday breakfast at Eat n Park,

the Thursday Ladies Lunch Bunch, Beacon parties (she always wanted to print it upside down for an April Fools joke but was never brave enough. Then it accidentally happened January 2024 edition) and last but not least, the numerous pop-in visits from folks in the congregation that eventually grew to be friends. She always felt welcomed with us.

Sara Glee's husband is Tim, who recently retired. She has 2 married daughters Katie/Andrew and Cassandra/Patrick. She is also blessed with 3 grandchildren: Charlie, Henry and Clara and 2 fur grand pups: Jingles and Tracker. These people are who you can bet she'll be spending much more time with after retirement.

"Thanks for having me all these years. I treasure our time together. I am not good at good-byes. I plan to continue amongst BCC occasionally at different functions" sgb

It's been such a pleasure having Sara Glee Baxter as our friend and secretary. She was Gods gift to us for all these years. So kind, loving and has one of the biggest hearts I know. One of the best people on the planet. I'm thanking God for her and her steadfast love for us. May she go in peace and know she's completed a job well done as a true and faithful servant.

We love you MISS SARA GLEE ♥
Enjoy retirement!

Michelle Stineman, Elder

Happy Retirement , Sara Glee



Join us on Sunday, February 11, following worship to celebrate Sara Glee and her retirement. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, beverages and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet outside of the office door. We need to have a general count for ordering purposes.

A Celebration For A Job

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are greatly appreciated. You are truly a blessing to me.

I am so grateful to be able to worship with you at BCC. Wishing all of you a year filled with joy, peace and beautiful music.

Sincerely,
Anthony Ruggiero

A NOTE OF



Dear Bazetta Christian Church,

I would like to thank you for allowing me to do an Eagle project on your property. I would also like to thank you for charting my Troop all these years. We would not exist without you.

Finally, thank you for paying for the cake for my "Court of Honor".

Sincerely,
Ben Petrick

Cathy and Richard Wilderdink wish to thank everyone for all the Christmas cards. They read each card and it warmed their hearts so much.

Dear BCC Family,

Thank you very much for the generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Love,
Sara Glee

To my church family,

Thank you so much for my Christmas bonus. Your kindness is very much appreciated! May you all have a wonderful New Year, God's Blessings and Love. Thank you so much again you are an amazing and wonderful church family!!

Darlene Ball

Bazetta Christin Church,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, texts and visits theses past few months. Your kindness and support have been a blessing in my life.

Some people make your day better, and some people make your life better. My church family does both.

Love,
Kay Aiken



Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child is grateful for our gift of \$610.00 to help support their ministry.

Your gifts and prayers equip Samaritan's Purse to enter crisis zones in the Middle East and deliver the Joy and Wonder of the first Christmas.



Daily Devotions

Pastor Tim has been providing daily devotions on Facebook. You don't have to have a Facebook account to see these. You can listen live at 8:00 a.m. or just listen anytime later.

Here are directions to watch:

Go to our website by typing in:
www.bazettacc.com.

When our website comes up, click on **GET IN TOUCH** in the upper right-hand corner.

Then click on **"Follow Us on Facebook"**.

Scroll down until you see Pastor Tim. **Click on Pastor Tim** and listen to his message of the day.

Pastor's office hours

Monday: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Thursday: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday: Off

Other times, as needed, by appointment

PANCAKES, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Hosted by:

First Christian Church, Niles

330 North Arlington Ave.

Disciples of Christ District 4

All church event!

Sunday, February 18, 2024




4:30-6:30 p.m.

No need to bring anything except yourselves
and church friend!



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February 24 Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9 am Small Group Discussion 10 am Worship	5	6 8 am Breakfast @ Eat 'n Park 10 am Book Study 7 pm Scouts	7 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl	8 11:30 am Ladies Lunch Bunch 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 8 am Men's Breakfast
11 9 am Small Group Discussion 10 am Worship Lunch Celebration	12	13 10 am Book Study 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting 7 pm Scouts	14  ASH WEDNESDAY 6am-6pm Prayer Vigil 7pm Service	15 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 9 am Small Group Discussion 10 am Worship	19 President's Day	20 10 am Book Study 6:30pm Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm Scouts	21 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl	22 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
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BCC Elders

Dan Davis
Paula Davis
*Jim Dolgae
Heather Faler
Myra May
Christy McCollum
Valarie Rizzo
Michelle Stineman
*Megen Stocker
Larry Swiger

*Co-Moderator

The Elders meet the 2nd Tuesday of
the month at 6:30 p.m.

BCC Administrative Board

Patti Barney
Shelley Dolgae
Tom Maloy
Roger Rowe
Ken Shafer
*Kelly Swiger
Karen Wrightsman
*Moderator

Trustees:
Mitch Callahan
**Dave Maloy
Rich Pirtz
**Co-Moderator

The Administrative Board meets
the 3rd Tuesday of the month
at 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Relations

Jim Dolgae
Lance Elmore
Heather Faler
Don Murphy
Pat Shafer
Michelle Stineman

BCC Modules

Discipleship, Fellowship, Finance,
Nominating, Outreach, Personnel,
Property

Sundays at Bazetta Christian Church

Four opportunities to Worship at 10:00 a.m.

In sanctuary, in parking lot (tune in to Radio Station 88.7), Zoom, & Facebook Live