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CONNECT TO CHRIST

Sunday Services:
Traditional Worship 8:00 am
Connection Time 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Contemporary Worship,
Pre-School and
Junior Worship 10:30 am



Connexions

Christ Community Serving Others

God's Glory and Grandma's Traditions

By Steven Furtick

He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it.

2 Kings 18:4

It wasn't supposed to be this way.

The bronze snake had at one time been an instrument of transformation. It healed people. Saved them from the consequences of their sin. But then the people turned it into an object of worship. And thereby ruined it and robbed it of its power.

This is the essence of traditionalism. It's not simply holding onto Grandma's preferences. It's when we take things. Good things. Effective things. And we end up worshiping them instead of the God who used them for a season. And it can happen to anything.

Hymns. Or modern worship.

Live preaching. Or video preaching.

One campus. Or multiple campuses.

Sunday school. Or small groups.

Dress formal or casual.

The church serves me or I serve the church.

The Pastor does this or I can do that.

None of these are bad things, but they're also not the ultimate thing. And therefore, we shouldn't treat them as such.

Otherwise, we run a dangerous risk. The very thing you hold up as a tool for transformation today can easily become an idol of tradition tomorrow.

And God has a way of smashing our idols. Or rendering them powerless.

Don't get me wrong. We should never lose our appreciation or respect for the things God uses to reach people and transform their lives.

But we should also never allow them to steal God's glory by becoming a greater object of our affections than God or the new ways He wants to work among us.

God's glory is greater than Grandma's traditions.

And our own as well.

GO BEYOND CHALLENGES:

Pray for 1 person for 1 minute or more than one person

- Pray that they are open to Jesus
- Pray that you will interact with them
- Pray that they will accept your invitation to bring them to Easter Sunday.
- Invite them in the next 2 weeks.

What traditions are you letting get in the way of you following Christ?

Make a list of what we do at the body of Christ. Those things that aren't in God's Word (methods) and those things that are in God's Word (principles) - Building, order of service, ministry teams, Sunday school, location, night of worship, worship style, times of services, furniture, decorations, style of clothes, prayer, bible reading, community groups, leadership

If some of those were changed or stopped – how would you react?

That will reveal who you follow.

Going Beyond,

Mike

**GO
BEYOND**

The Magnitude of God's Love

It would be spectacular and amazing ... if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be a profound humility?

Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent.

And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more he befriends us, the more he cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon his own back.

Whenever the devil declares: "You are a sinner!" Christ interposes: "I will reverse the order; I will be a sinner, and you are to go scotfree." Who can thank our God enough for this mercy?

—Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 22, 166-167

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 11: 6:30pm	<i>Women's Group</i>
Sunday, April 14: 11:45 am	<i>Children's Ministry Meeting</i>
Thursday, April 18: 7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Night</i>
Saturday, April 20: 10:00 am	<i>Easter Family Fun</i>
Sunday, April 21:	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Saturday, April 27: 9:00 am	<i>Second Harvest</i>
Saturday, May 11: 4:00 pm	<i>Spaghetti Dinner</i>

CONNECT TO SERVING

PRAYER CHAIN: The Prayer Chain Ministry is revamping the Prayer Chain. If you are interested in being apart of this ministry please call or email the Church Office.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm we'll be helping out at the food bank. Meet at the food bank at 9:00 am. For more information contact *Linda Alexander*.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

WOMEN'S GROUP: Our next meeting is Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm at the home of *Kathie Lovrinoff*, 3072 Paradise Ave, Canfield. All women are welcome! Please contact *Stacey Mills* if you have any questions (330-533-1123).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The children's ministry will be meeting Sunday, April 14 following the second service in the Café.

THIRD THURSDAY PRAYER NIGHT: Join us Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the conference room in the Upper Building to pray for our church, community and country. We also get together every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:25 am in the Upper Building auditorium. *Everyone is welcome!*

FAMILY FUN SATURDAY: Easter family fun Saturday April 20, 10:00 -1:00 pm. Wrapped candy donations accepted by April 14. Please drop off donations in the Church Office. Look forward to visiting the train museum during this Easter Fest. Easter egg hunt and lunch included. Invite your friends and neighbors. Free event. If you have any Questions about event contact *Kim Cameron* (330) 565-9996.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: On Easter Sunday we'll offer indoor and outdoor services at 6:00 am. If you attend the outdoor service please dress for the weather, it is in the woods and it will be dark. The indoor service will be in the Upper Building auditorium. A breakfast will follow at 7:00 am and regular worship services will be held at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with Sunday School at 9:30 am.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Four Mile Run's Family Ministry invites you to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11, 2019, to save the date for the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to send our youth to Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp throughout June and July 2019, as well as CIY in June. Spaghetti dinners will be available between 4-7pm to dine in here at the church and fellowship with others in attendance, as well as carry out for your convenience to take home and/or bless a neighbor. This event will feature fresh food, opportunities to connect with others, and displays featuring our youth including two who went to be with the Lord too soon, Danielle Dickson and Denny Vestal. Ticket details will be available soon so make plans to attend!

CHILDREN & TEENS

OUTBREAK: Every Wednesday from 6:00pm- 8:00 pm in the Upper Building. Outbreak Sponsors lead middle school and high school students in a time of learning, discussion and fun.

CHRIST IN YOUTH: We'll be going to the CIY Move conference in Cedarville, Ohio June 16-20. This event is open to all of our High School students (including those who will be freshmen in the fall as well as those who graduate this spring). CIY Move is an action packed week of fun and adventure. More importantly, it's a time that our students will most certainly encounter God in a life changing way. So that we can guarantee our spot for the week we are requiring that each student pay a \$50 deposit by April 14. This is so we can register our group and work out transportation. (The church will pay for the rest of the trip.) Checks can be made out to FMRCC and given to *Rachael Ray* or *Caleb and Jamie Spalding*. You can also check out what Move is all about at <https://new.ciy.com/move>.

Elkhorn Valley Camp

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for summer camp programs at Elkhorn Valley! Visit elkhornvalley.com for program information and to register online. This church is blessed to be able to pay the cost for our students to attend; campers are responsible for the required deposit. Please **register and pay the required deposit before April 22** to help the church take advantage of the maximum camper tuition discount! Contact *Rachael Ray* or *Brittany Spalding* for the discount code.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cumisha Amado, Bob Beckett, Carl Beckett, Chris Beeman, George Beil, Alexis Bezilla, Joseph Billey, Karen Billey, Barb Caspary, Priscilla Cole, Kelly Connor, Bobby Czopur, Ceil Czopur, Tom Devofer, Debbie Dilks, Carole Dios, Charles Eckley, Debbie F., Barbara Frederick, Craig Freudenrich, Donna Glover, Laura Haines, Tim Hanick, Leona Hasen, Bob Hillman, Jill Hoover, Wendy Horvath, Karen Ita, Art King, Jerry Klicka, Michael Kline, Cyndi Loar, Ashley Loutzenhiser, Mikela Lovrinoff, Margie Ludt, Jim Maher, Annette Mahood, Nelson Malone, Henry Marshall, Gabriel Mathews, Mo McGuffin, Terry Metsals, Tina Miller, Charles Monk, Brooklyn Moore, Sharyn Moore, Mike Morrissey, Joyce Moser, Ron Moser, Pam Mozzillo, Ron Nicholson, Kristen Osiniak, Amy Parkinson, Tommy Peachock, Kelly Phillips, Angela Schaper, Christine Schultz, Drew Schultz, Ethel Sheesley, Danny Shoemaker, Linda Shoemaker, Cara Smeltzer, Danny Stanley, Mary Stefanik, Janice Summers, Cindy Sweeney, Bill Taylor, Ella Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Thomas, Kennedy Turek, Shirley Vestal, Judy Yohman, Cherly, Amanda, Val, Alice, Karen, Harper, Drew

Retirement Home Residents:

Inn at Christine Valley: Hope Fairbanks - room 215
Personal Touch Retirement Home: George Olinger

Military: Austin Beckett, Daniel Beckett, Dustin Beckett, Travis Beckett, Jordan Cranor, Jason Donelson, Mike Eaglen, Heather Kirk, Jordan Mack, Michael Moy, Kodey Paden, Mark Porter, Michael Scott, Jeffrey Shaffer, Ronnie Shaffer, Stefan Yuhas

****Please update the office by calling, emailing or filling out a Connexion Card if someone can be removed from the prayer list.**

CONNECT TO SERVING ~ April 14, 2019

Connection Time:

Kay Eckrote

8:00 am Greeters:

Carol & Don Barone

10:30 am Greeters:

Gwen Smith & Sherri Yuhas

Communion: Dave

Cameron, Ted Cox, Josh Garris, John LoCicero, Bob Schaeffer, Cooper Smith, Luke Spalding, Steve Easton, Dave Summers

Ushers: Daniel Spalding

Matt Fabian

Nursery:

SS – Brittany Spalding
 Worship – Chris Spalding

Youth Worship:

Pre & K– Brittany Spalding
 Grades 1-5 - Kim Cameron

Tech Team:

Computer:

8:00 am - Cooper Smith
 10:30 am - Josh Morrissey
 Sound: Nate Spalding

Lock up: Jeff Mills

Vince Silvestri

ATTENDANCE

April 7, 2019

Sunday School

Attendance..... 75

Worship

8:00 AM 31

10:30 AM 111

Nursery 3

Pre-School Worship 5

Junior Worship..... 10

Total 160

CHURCH STAFF

Mike Smith
 Senior Minister

Brian Morrissey
 Associate Minister

Rachael Ray
 Administrative Assistant

Joann Gurd
 Custodian

WALK FOR LIFE: Join our team at the annual *Walk for Life* on May 4th at Boardman Park! Both Walkers and Contributors are needed. Support the life-changing ministry of Pregnancy Help Center. Get a pledge sheet from the Walk information table in the upper or lower building lobby. Our goal is 10 fundraising walkers from our church. Will you join us?

Pregnancy Help Center is holding their annual *Walk for Life* on May 4th at 9 a.m. Please join the Four Mile Run team and start fundraising. The more sponsors you ask, the more lives YOU can save. You can make a difference! Sponsor forms are available in the upper and lower building lobbies. Or register online at <http://bit.ly/lifeisagift2019PHC>.

Last year Pregnancy Help Center raised nearly \$67,000 in the *Walk for Life!* Join us as a sponsored walker and help us provide life-changing services to women, men, and their families that come to us for help. The Walk registration begins at 9 a.m. and walkers may begin at 9:30 a.m. Pick up sponsor forms at the Walk table in the upper or lower building lobby and begin asking friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you! YOU can make a difference in the life of an unborn child.

Please contact Stacey Mills with questions (330) 533-1123.

