

# CHURCH *Life*

A monthly publication of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Princeton WV



Presently we are between two very important days of recognition in our culture. The first is now past and the second is shortly forthcoming. Two days of celebration whose origins date all the way back to creation. Unfortunately, the spirit of these days of recognition has been under assault for quite some time. There are those who are forcefully attempting to discredit their significance and preeminent control in our land.

*And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Dominion over God's creation is and has been our first mandate. The second follows closely, And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over... Gen 1:26-28a.*

God's intent for mankind is to procreate and fill the earth with His image. Every child born, whether honorable or dishonorably, bears the image of God. That is why Satan is so hostile toward children and attempting to confuse, mutilate, and even murder them because they bear the image of the One he hates to the core of his being. God established the home as His primary building-block for the kingdom rule upon this earth. Any nation with a strong home and family foundation will be a strong nation. If the family unit is broken and weak than so goes the nation.

There is no greater societal responsibility than to build God's kingdom in this manner. Some have not been blessed to share in bringing children into this world, yet however they can still have a tremendous impact as they work within the church community. Many homes are broken and struggling and need strong solid believers to step in and surrogate when and where needed. The church community desperately needs strong solid believers to reinforce sound Biblical teaching to our children. Often, those who cannot have biological children are blessed with more than they can raise themselves.

Mothers and Fathers are the foundation stones on which every society rests. Our day and times have brought an assault against these God ordained ministers. Our day and times have brought an assault against godly homes and godly rearing of our little bearers of His image. Our day and times are doing everything they can to subvert the advancement of His kingdom on this earth. We must realize, and I cannot emphasize enough, that the battle we are fighting is spiritual in nature. *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, although Satan uses people who are surrendered to him and members of his kingdom, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.* Eph 6:12

Our human sexuality, truly a gift from God, has been assaulted and perverted to a point of unrecognition. Those *who profess to be wise* have gone so far as to deny the existence of mas-

culine and feminine genders, *have become fools.* Rom 1:22 Purity and holiness in the union of man and woman has been twisted and perverted. The church also has failed to protect the marriage covenant by denying the teachings of Moses, the prophets, the apostles and Jesus Himself. Holiness and sexual purity is mocked and ridiculed in every venue of our society. Heartbreakingly the church has followed the culture in this ungodly quest. Peter quoted the Old Testament LAW, *You shall be holy for I am Holy.* 1Pet 1:16

Sexual purity, within the scriptures, is given a high level of importance as the union of man and woman; spiritually, emotionally, and physically, is a venue for portraying the image of God to a lost and dying world. *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality...and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.* Gal 5:19-21

We must stand strong against this wave of sexually immoral living. We must call to attention the ugliness of this lifestyle while continuing to love those who are ensnared in its prison. We must strive to bear the image of a holy and just God whose love for the lost and dying is unsearchable, but whose justice and holiness will call into account those who refuse to repent of their sin

**Pastor Steve**

**Prayer Concerns****Week Ending May 20, 2023**

*Betty Blankenship, Steve Carr,  
Pete Carter, Charlotte Lett,  
Family of Loretta Mooney*

**Week Ending May 13, 2023,**

*Diane Forbes, Hannah Gates,  
Sonny Gentle, Pastor Bill Pollack,  
Believers of Ukraine, Bud Raines,  
Judy Reed, Diane Sanders, Scooter  
Smith, Jerry Wimmer*

**Week Ending May 6, 2023**

*Mike Elmore, Loretta Mooney,  
Gary Reed*

**In the Military:**

*Mike Kennedy, Devin Lusk, T. J.  
Morris, Robert Worrell*

**Our Friends Who are Homebound:**

*Violet Belcher, Betty Craft, Betty  
Doyle, Mike Elmore, Lola Fanning,  
Aster Jessee, Evelyn Jenkins*

**Our Friends in Nursing/Retirement  
Facilities:**

*Stonerise Princeton: Pete Carter  
(Formerly Glenwood Park)  
The Havens: Peggy White  
The Havens: Cleo Halsey  
Stonerise Princeton: Gary Reed*

**Mark Your Calendars!****Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

*Elders Meeting — 6:00 p.m.  
Ministry Teams — 6:30 p.m.*

**Social Media Broadcast**

*Follow us on Facebook at First Christian  
Princeton WV.*

*Website: [firstchristianprincetonwv.org](http://firstchristianprincetonwv.org)*

*Youtube: First Christian Princeton WV*

*E-mail: [fccprincetonoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccprincetonoffice@gmail.com)*

*Phone Live Stream: 1-833-336-0457*

**With Sympathy**

We offer our love and sympathy to the families of:

† **Loretta Mooney** who passed away on May 15, 2023.

† **Betty Blankenship** who passed away on May 22, 2023

**Memorial Gifts Fund**

Memorial gifts have been given in loving memory of:

† **Eileen Mooney** by Shirley Mooney

† **Eileen Mooney** by Donald L. Rector

† **Loretta Mooney** by Larry Wimmer

† **Loretta Mooney** by Sam & Margaret Conner

† **Loretta Mooney** by Kenneth E. Mooney

† **Loretta Mooney** by Shirley Mooney

**June 2023**

Elder: Kenneth Reeves

Deacon: Randy Winfrey

Deaconess: Margaret Conner, Darlene Hall

Lay Reader: Tonni Bennett

**Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational meeting will be on **Sunday, June 25, 2023** following the morning service. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Disciples Women**

Disciples Women will meet on **Thursday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m.** in the upstairs lounge.

**Senior Breakfast**

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Come join the fellowship and fun.

**From the Archives**

From Margaret Ann Scott's history of the congregation: "Hal Bailey, Milton Warren Christie, and Brother James H. (Uncle Jimmy) Johnston spent much of their time talking and visiting among those of like faith. Late in 1906 or early in 1907, at the urging of these three, about twenty Princetonians met to make arrangements for a revival to be conducted by the **Rev. George F. Crites** of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society. ... The revival was held in the spring of 1907 in the Old Presbyterian Church on North Walker Street. At the conclusion of the revival, the church was organized with fifty-two members."

George Francis Crites was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on October 26, 1856. He confessed his faith in Hebron, Ohio, in 1873 and was baptized in an Ohio canal on a day when the temperature was  $-3^{\circ}$  F. Rev. Crites was ordained in Newark, Ohio, October 10, 1886. He married Minnie V. Johns in 1888. Following her death in 1896, he married Mary Asenath Sanborn in 1899.

During his career, Rev. Crites held pastorates at thirteen churches in Ohio, preached at 557 churches in Ohio, organized churches in several locations and served as an evangelist in West Virginia.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

# June 2023

*First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*



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### Mother's Day

The children sing "Jesus Loves Me" on Mother's Day.



### Baptism



On **Sunday, May 28th**, Angela Windland was baptized by Pastor Steve. We rejoice with you as you follow our Lord in baptism. You are a blessing.

### Fellowship



There will be a Fellowship Dinner, **Sunday, June 11, 2023** following morning church. The meat, rolls, desserts and beverages are provided by the Fellowship ministry. Everyone is to bring a side dish or salad. Come and join us for an afternoon of love and laughter. *Margaret Conner*

### Membership

We will be celebrating and honoring the fathers and men of the We celebrated Mother's Day on **Sunday, May 14th**. The ladies in the church received a gift. The oldest mother, Phyllis Baker, and the youngest mother, Ashley Evans were recognized. They received a plant and candy.

We will be recognizing the Graduates on **Sunday, June 4th**. We will celebrate Father's Day on **Sunday, June 18th**.

*Donna Reeves, Membership Ministry*


### Worship

We wish to thank the Lay Reader, *Braxton Testa*, the month of **May**. We are looking forward to having, *Tonni Bennett*, as the Lay Reader for the month of **June**



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