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 Monday through Friday

**Dec.
2017**

8368 Hill Church Street, SE
 East Canton, OH 44730

Sunday Mornings
 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
Sunday Evenings
 6:00 p.m. - Social Time
 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group
 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 259 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

217,000 Ways to Glorify Christ in 2017 *Over the Goal

Scrap*	91,926 pounds	goal = 75,000 pounds
Paper	39,940 pounds	goal = 40,000 pounds
\$ for Other Ministries*	\$28,577.00	goal = \$25,000.00
Debt reduction	\$45,600.00	goal = \$50,000.00
Vegetables*	50,000 pounds	goal = 26,800 pounds
Attendance	195	goal = 200

And we are so thankful for the month that contained Thanksgiving! The E.C. boys, including our own **Tony Cappillo**, claimed the County Cross Country championship. Way to go, **Tony!** Our sister, **Brenda Griffith** was re-elected to the office of township trustee. Congratulations, **Brenda!** At our annual meeting the proposed budget for 2018 passed 93 – 4. We enjoyed a great visit from the Texans who blessed us throughout a Sunday morning service. We were blessed at our annual Thanksgiving Eve service. And we were blessed with **Don VanVoorhis'** return to the worship service (**Don** thanks all who prayed for him) and the safe arrival of **Malia Dillree** who was welcomed into the family by **Mike, Melissa, and Myah**. Praise God for all! We ask your prayers for **Larry Cross** who went through knee replacement this chapter and look forward to offering up more praises for God's goodness to **Larry**. See you in chapter 260!



The Catbird Seat! Most of us have heard the expression and have at least a basic idea what it means – to be sitting pretty – to occupy a place of advantage over others in the same time and space. Where does the phrase come from? Well, that is a question. Most wordsmiths will tell you that the phrase was popularized by James Thurber in 1942 through his story – The Catbird Seat. In the story itself, one character uses the phrase often and another character surmises that the first character picked the phrase up from real-life baseball commentator Red Barber. Barber certainly used the phrase and though there are a few competing stories, Barber's final printed official version is that he first heard the phrase in a poker game in Cincinnati during the Great Depression (The winner was dealt three aces and after winning the pot declared he had been in the catbird seat all along.)



After this the trail branches out almost past following. The main options are as follows: 1. The phrase developed in the 19th Century American South based on the observation of the male Gray Catbird's tendency to perch on the highest branch of whatever bush to sing his mating song. 2. The phrase was in use earlier (the 17th Century) especially by sailors to describe duty in the what is also sometimes called the crow's nest because the sailor on lookout duty didn't have to do manual labor. This option would still rely on observation of the Gray Catbird. 3. The phrase comes from Australia where a species of Bower Bird known as the Green Catbird uses brightly colored leaves, fruits, shells, stolen human items, etc. to decorate an avenue leading to a proposed nesting site for potential mates. Sometimes bower birds even clear spots on the ground and make piles of such objects to mark the way. You really want that female to find her way to the spot! Incidentally, Thurber is alleged to have said he thought the expression came from that tendency of the Australian Green Catbird – though in that explanation, Thurber is said to have thought the bird in question piled up pebbles and shells to make a throne of sorts on which he sat to sing. This, as far as I can tell, is not so.

Either way, the expression relies on the behavior of a bird to describe a seat that, by altitude or glory or both proclaims the prestige and power of the occupant. For human beings, the catbird seat is a passing phenomenon. Sometimes we sit there. Sometimes we don't. Not so with God. His knowledge is high above ours and the glory leading to His throne is more than our imagination can encompass. The maker of the Catbird (Green or Grey) always sits in the catbird seat. Psalm 2:4, 47:8.

Terry

October 2017



Church

Balance October 1	\$17,769.91
Deposits	16,919.72
Expenses	(16,723.77)
Balance October 31	<u>\$17,965.86</u>

Missions

Balance October 1	\$ 0.00
Deposit	1,941.00
Expenses	(1,941.00)
Balance October 31	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Special Gifts

Balance October 1	\$ 18,474.96
Deposits	2,919.00
Expenses	(140.00)
Balance October 31	<u>\$ 21,253.96</u>

New Building Vision Fund

Balance October 1	\$25,701.93
Deposits	5,035.31
Expenses	(359.00)
Balance October 31	<u>\$ 30,378.24</u>
Total Balance October 31	<u>\$69,598.06</u>

~ Attendance ~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Oct. 29	48	60	130
Nov. 5	71	79	161
Nov. 12	59	69	141
Nov. 19	53	62	123
Nov. 26	55	61	151

OUR CONGREGATION DONATED 39 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES THIS YEAR! THANK YOU!



Pantry items for December re baking goods such as flour, sugar, box cake, icing, etc. There is a box across from the office for your donations.

Thank you!



for December

1-3.	Mark 8
4-10	Luke 2
11-17	Luke 2 & Matthew 1-2
18-24	Luke 2 & John 1
25-31	Mark 1-8

By The Way

I was talking with a friend the other day about how he was trying to get some assistance from local organizations and churches with getting gifts for his kids for Christmas. He had been turned down by everyone, and I told him I was sorry he was having such a hard time, and his response was: it's alright. It's a rough time of year.

That bothered me. This is Christmas. True I'm a professed holiday hater, but this is Christmas, and this is how the country as a majority views this time of year, as a rough time. If you don't believe me look up some statistics for alcoholism, depression, and suicide rates in this season.

What ever happened to peace on earth? We replaced Joy to the World with Toys to the world, and the only goodwill we know is the one all the toys go to a month after Christmas is over.

If this is how the world views Christmas, then I believe that in some way we have failed as Christians. I don't know the solution, and I'm not saying you should not buy gifts this year, but try to remember that we already received our gift, the one of salvation. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men.

Caleb Bailey

Women's Ministry



Merry Christmas, Ladies!! We just want to thank all those who came out to the Ladies Christmas Dinner. We had great food, fellowship and fun with the Secret Sister reveal. If you weren't at the dinner and would still like to be part of the Secret Sister program, it's not too late to sign up! Sign-up sheets will be at the entrance to the church and completed forms can be given to Mary Sanders, Stacey Fallot, or Mikel Bailey.

May this month mark another period of joy, peace and love in your life and may the festive season of Christmas make our friendships grow stronger and longer.



God Bless,
Stacey Fallot

December Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Christmas Caroling 2pm	4	5 Elders Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Last Day to drop of gifts.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Christmas Play	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31	Looking Ahead: Jan. 13 - Bunco, Jan. 17 - Community Fellowship Dinner					

Prayer Calendar for December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Mark & Terri Cook and Family	2 Terry & Mikel Bailey
3 Duane & Chris Miller	4 Jordan & Sarah Bennett and Family	5 Bud & Nancy Barlow	6 Mary Clapper	7 Melissa & Rebecca Hudy	8 Greg & Donna Biedenbach	9 Mabel Hudak
10 Richard & Judy Borne	11 Bill & Cindy Dews	12 Paul Sr. & Betty Fox	13 Jeff & Amy Burner	14 Paul & Kristen McCarty and Family	15 Jim & Flo Shephard	16 Jack Spencer
17 Christian Children's Home of OH	18 Gary & Missy Wellendorf and Family	19 Kris & Becky Vincent	20 Mark & Christa Clapper and Family	21 Philip & Erin Roach and Family	22 Colombian Christian Mission	23 Bill & Cheryl Costello and Family
24 Mariah Rayls	25 Lonnie & Vicki Lowry	26 Larry & Helen Cross	27 Bill Miller	28 Mark & Diann Davis and Nathan	29 Mike Stahler	30 George & Chris Leyda
31 Jeremy & Rachel Avery and Devin	1	2	3	4	5	6

Scripture Search for December

The answers to last issue's search, concerning the first mention of various animals, were as follows.

1. Goats, Genesis 27:9
2. Horses, Genesis 47:17
3. Dogs, Exodus 11:7
4. Peacocks, I Kings 10:22
5. Spiders, Job 8:14



Russell E. Thorn, Diane Gross, Lynn Schaeffer, and Deb Reed all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this new search as we turn the last search over and look for the last Biblical references to the same animals. What is the last Biblical reference to –

1. Goats
2. Horses
3. Dogs
4. Peacocks
5. Spiders



When you know the answers and the references, get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your Bibles too well.



Set your dates on the calendar for IRCC's Annual Bunco Party on **January 13 at 7:00 pm** for a high rolling night of fun. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Also, bring a wrapped \$1 prize marked Child (ages 4 through 15) or Adult (ages 16 and older). In the event the party is cancelled, a robo-call will notify you of the cancellation. Jan. 20 will be the reschedule date. Hope to see you all there!



Christmas Love Offering

We are collecting donations for a Christmas Love Offering for Terry and Caleb Bailey.

Contributions should be appropriately marked and returned to:

Indian Run Christian Church
8368 Hill Church St
East Canton OH 44730
ATTN: Bill Costello.

We will present this gift at the Christmas Eve Service.

November: Thankful in All Things

Focus: Encourage kids to understand that a thankful heart involves more than just words and thoughts; it's a spiritual attitude that develops when we learn to give God thanks for all things.

Scripture Focus

Psalm 100

- Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 100 Key Concepts

- In verse 1 the psalmist says to "shout for joy," which is what people did back in David's day when royalty was close by.
- "Worshipping the Lord with gladness" is mentioned in verse 2 and is something we should do because as our spiritual King, God is worthy of our service to Him.
- In verse 4 we see the real heart of the passage. If we're going to gladly receive God's mercy, then we should gladly give Him thanks at all times.
- In verse 5 we find out why God is worthy of our thanksgiving: it's because He's good, His love is eternal, and He's always faithful!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Key Concepts

- In verse 16 we find that we are to always be joyful. Joy is different from happiness because joy is a deep, constant emotion that exists because of our relationship with God. This joy can't be swayed by circumstances or our environment. Happiness is an emotion we feel based on what's going on around us. While it can feel great, it can be pretty quick to disappear when things get tough.
- Verse 18 speaks to a similar point when Paul tells the church to give thanks in all things. The church in Thessalonica was being persecuted and was going through some rough times. Paul was encouraging them to be thankful in their circumstances.
- Part of expressing thankfulness and praise to God is in light of the joy He allows us to experience even in the midst of hard times.

Tipping the Scales

- Nothing that life deals them can ever tip the scales to the point where our troubles outweigh the awesomeness of our relationship with Christ or the power we have in the Holy Spirit.
- No matter how tough our circumstances in life may seem, having Jesus in our lives should always cause us to be thankful.
- We should live in thanks knowing that God is present with us and will never leave or let us down.

God Bless,
Jeanelle Thorn

Lesson materials pulled from YM360 (<https://youthministry360.com>).



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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