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 Monday through Friday

**Feb.  
2018**

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 261 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill. We are happy to report that Christ was glorified in all 217,000 ways set out for the previous year. Praise His name. And now -

**218,000 ways to glorify Christ in 2018**

Scrap	6281 pounds	Goal = 75,000 pounds
Paper	4830 pounds	Goal = 40,000 pounds
\$ for Other Ministries	\$1,575	Goal = \$27,000
Debt Reduction	\$3800	Goal = \$48,000
Vegetables	0	Goal = 28,000 pounds

God was good in January – and all the time! We had a great time with the annual bunko party – despite a little inclement weather. We enjoyed our first Community Fellowship Dinner and look forward to many more! We were blessed with a visit from the local gospel music group – Inspired. We put away the nativity set – the last little bit of last year. **Bud Barlow** returned to the house of the Lord following his heart attack – Praise the Lord and thanks to all for the prayers lifted up on Bud’s behalf. And we said goodbye for a time to some much-loved folk. **Phillip & Erin Roach** said goodbye to Phillip’s mom, Judy and **Dave and Lynn Schaeffer** said goodbye to Dave’s Mom, Teresa. Let us all lift up the families in prayer and join them in the hope of the resurrection. See you in chapter 262.



*Talking Leaves*  
 February 2018

**For The Birds**

This is the ninth consecutive winter I have seen our resident population of winter-over Eastern Bluebirds. I started noticing them after we moved from the top of the hill to the bottom. Prior to 2008 I guess I assumed Buckeye Eastern Bluebirds all headed south about the first of October. Research reveals the phenomenon is nothing new. Here are the points I am able to gather. 1. There have always been fully migratory, slightly migratory and non-migratory Eastern Bluebirds and sometimes more migratory local populations and even migratory individuals change their mind and stay. Temperature is not the issue. The totally non-migratory bluebirds are now thought to represent a genetic sub-culture. Even the more migratory bluebirds can tolerate the cold just fine and will alter their behavior based on the availability of food. It has been argued that winter-over bluebirds disappear in the middle of winter if it gets really cold. The truth is they just hole up for a while or, in truly extended catastrophic cold, some die. If they didn’t leave in October they aren’t leaving.



But, while winter-over bluebirds aren’t likely to change their minds, they do change their behavior. First, they shift their diet from insects to berries. Second, they flock up and will sleep as many in a cavity as will fit. People who keep bluebird houses and note winter-over populations are now encouraged to place a number of internal perches in their bluebird houses to facilitate the ‘group home’ practice.

And, there is some evidence that, at least in some localities, the winter-over population may be gaining in numbers and territory over their more migratory brethren. The reason is simple. Come Spring, they are first in line to stake out prime territories and, as long as the berries are abundant, start the season with better body weight than birds that just flew several hundred miles. Of course, a couple of truly harsh winters can change the balance in the other direction.

So, it’s an open question. There are advantages to migrating south for the winter and advantages to staying put. There are disadvantages to both as well. Freezing, starving, travel exhaustion, gain or loss of territory. Name your poison. Dance to the music – pay the piper. And speaking of music – The Clash aren’t the first to ask the question – ‘Should I stay or should I go?’ Or, to lament – ‘If I go there will be trouble if I stay it will be double.’ Jacob/Israel struggled, torn between his desire to be reunited with his son, Joseph and to maintain the legacy of the covenant God made with his father Isaac and grandfather Abraham. One option meant staying in the north. The other meant migrating to the south. There was even the question of starvation in there somewhere.

Fortunately, Jacob availed himself of option the bluebirds don’t have. He asked God which thing he should do. And God answered. Of course, God’s answer kind of included both options – the reunion and the continuation of the covenant – "Do not fear to go down to Egypt, I will make a great nation of you there and I will go down with you to Egypt and I will also surely bring you up again. Your son, Joseph will be there to bury you when the time comes but the covenant with your father and grandfather will move forward too." Walking with God, north, south east or west, is always the answer to difficult decisions. And, walking with God leads us to the best of all possible worlds - now and later.

Genesis 46:1-7

*Terry*

# December 2017



## Church

Balance December 1	\$19,975.28
Deposits	22,287.10
Expenses	(12,808.94)
Balance December 31	<u>\$29,453.44</u>

## Missions

Balance December 1	\$ 0.00
Deposit	2,670.00
Expenses	(2,670.00)
Balance December 31	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

## Special Gifts

Balance December 1	\$ 19,392.16
Deposits	2,817.00
Expenses	(3,232.09)
Balance December 31	<u>\$ 18,977.07</u>

## New Building Vision Fund

Balance December 1	\$27,815.24
Deposits	6,511.88
Expenses	(0.00)
Balance December 31	<u>\$ 34,327.12</u>
Total Balance December 31	<u>\$82,757.63</u>



- 1 Leviticus 11-14
- 2 Leviticus 15-17
- 3 Leviticus 18-20
- 4 Leviticus 21-23
- 5 Leviticus 24-27
- 6 Numbers 1-3
- 7 Numbers 4-6
- 8 Numbers 7-9
- 9 Numbers 10-13
- 10 Numbers 14-15
- 11 Numbers 16-18
- 12 Numbers 19-22
- 13 Numbers 23-25
- 14 Numbers 26-28
- 15 Numbers 29-31
- 16 Numbers 32-35
- 17 Numbers 36, Deuteronomy 1-2
- 18 Deuteronomy 3-5
- 19 Deuteronomy 6-8
- 20 Deuteronomy 9-12
- 21 Deuteronomy 13-15
- 22 Deuteronomy 16-18
- 23 Deuteronomy 19-21
- 24 Deuteronomy 22-25
- 25 Deuteronomy 26-28
- 26 Deuteronomy 29-31
- 27 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 28 Joshua 1-4

## ~ Attendance ~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Dec. 31	56	80	142
Jan. 7	40	71	142
Jan. 14	45	73	128
Jan. 21	51	87	149



## February Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Elders Meeting 6:30	7 	8	9 Chili Cook-Off @ Foltz Center	10
11 Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 IRCC Valentine's Dinner	17 AED/CPR Classes
18	19	20 	21 Community Fellowship Dinner @ 5:00	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



## Prayer Calendar for February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Joyce Carroll	2 Susie Burgess	3 Mark & Brenda Renicker
4 Caleb Bailey	5 Mark & Sherri Oberly and Family	6 David & Vida Schilens	7 Steve & Bessie Stanojevic and Family	8 Kevin & Marylou Miller and Family	9 Kenny Parsons	10 John & Andrea Stubblefield and Family
11 Dave & Lynn Schaeffer	12 Adam & Ashley Bennett and Family	13 David & Marilyn Napier	14 Doug & Lindsay Milano and Family	15 Kathy Mitchell	16 Jim & Renee Depp	17 April Thoenen and Family
18 Kris Gray	19 Mike & Trina Griffith and Family	20 Denny & Cheryl Krider and Family	21 Andrew & Heather Bailey and Family	22 Enrico Caruso	23 Cathy Leshner	24 Brian & Jennifer Westfall and Family
25 Mike & Melissa Dilree & Family	26 Rick & Deb Mohr	27 Manny & Janice Nieto	28 Kate Mottice	1	2	3



**January: Generosity**

Focus: Encourage kids to be...

- more generous.
- willing to share.
- willing to put others' interests ahead of their own.

Memory Verses

- ✓ "...Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35
- ✓ "Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." 1 Corinthians 10:24
- ✓ "I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause for the needy." Psalm 140:12

But it's not fair! (Matthew 20:1-16) - **The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

- **Key Concepts**  
God wants us to content with what we have rather than complaining and looking at how generous He has been to others. As long as we are comparing what we have to what others have, we will never be content.

Grace Like God's Grace (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

- **Key Concepts**  
When we give to others, even when we think they don't deserve it, it is called grace. God demonstrated grace when He sent Jesus to die so our sins could be forgiven. It is called grace when God forgives our sins, even though we deserve to die for our own sins. We practice grace when we share God's love with others through forgiving them. It is important to excel in faith, in speech and knowledge and in love, but it's also important to excel in the grace of giving. Giving can be giving money, but it can also mean sharing what we have and sharing God's love by forgiving those who have hurt or upset us.

A Generous Promise (Psalm 37: 26; 2 Corinthians 9:7-10; Proverbs 11:24)

- **Key Concepts**  
God is generous and He wants us to be generous too. One way He rewards our generosity is by taking care of our physical needs. The best thing about being generous is that when people see our generosity, they will thank God.

Gimme my share! (Luke 12:13-21) - **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

- **Key Concepts**  
A man came to Jesus, hoping that Jesus would make his brother share his inheritance with him. Jesus told him a story about a rich man who had such a large harvest from his crops that he had to build more storehouses to hold all his grain and his many possessions. Then God said to the man that his life would be taken from him that night. Jesus ended the story by saying, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

God Bless,  
Jeanelle Thorn

\*Lesson materials pulled from Kids of Integrity (<http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/confidence>).\*

Upcoming...

- February 18th – Minute-To-Win-It Night

**Scripture Search for February**



Last issue's answers are as follows.

1. Genesis 43:11
2. Seven – most more than once – only one sample per book given.  
Exodus 3:8, Leviticus 20:24, Numbers 14:8, Deuteronomy 6:2, Joshua 5:6, Jeremiah 11:5, & Ezekiel 20:6
3. Hezekiah, II Kings 18:32
4. Three – Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:6, Luke 24:42
5. Revelation 10:10

Deb Reed, Lynn Schaeffer, and Diane Gross all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Good going all! Join them in this new search on ointments (some versions will have 'perfume' or 'oil')

1. Whose letter and gifts prompted Hezekiah to show off his treasures – including precious ointments?
2. Solomon said – just as oil and perfume gladden the heart – so it is with \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Which prophet disapproved of celebrating with wine and oil or ointment while not grieving over the ruin of Joseph?
4. How many of the gospels tell of at least one instance in which Jesus' feet were anointed with oil?
5. Revelation speaks of merchants mourning what city because when it is gone, there will be no more ointment or perfumes among other commodities?

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



Pantry items for February are canned vegetables such as green beans, corn, peas, etc. There is a box across from the office for your donations.

Thank you!

**East Canton Rotary Chili Cook-Off**



**All You Can Eat**  
Feb. 9, 2018  
4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Suggested Donation \$5.00  
Foltz Community Center, 224 Wood St. East Canton, Ohio

# IRCC Youth Annual Valentine's Day Dinner

\$20 a person

*Date: Feb. 16, 2018  
Friday Evening*

Get your tickets by  
Sunday  
February 11th

Dinner times:  
5 pm  
6 pm  
7 pm

Seating is done in 2's but  
group tables can be arranged  
in advance

PH:330-437-5811 Sarah & Jordan  
PH:330-904-4419 Caleb  
E-mail:smbdiner1@yahoo.com

All tickets are by presale only.  
See Sarah, Caleb, or Jeanelle  
for your tickets!!

Join us this year for our  
Annual Valentine's Day  
Dinner. This year we will start  
out with Salad and a cheese  
and fruit plate. Followed by  
Chicken Cordon Bleu and  
Green Beans. Finish the night  
off with a Chocolate  
Strawberry Parfait.

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[www.ChristforEastCanton.com](http://www.ChristforEastCanton.com)



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## Community Fellowship Dinner

Join us for a free  
dinner every  
third Wednesday  
of each month.