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 Monday through Friday

Jan.  
2019

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



**The Book of Chronicles**

Chapter 271 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill. The last of the 218,000 ways to glorify Christ in 2018 was realized this chapter as the giving to other ministries exceeded \$27,000.00 God is good! May Christ be glorified by His people. Which brings us to...

**219,000 ways to glorify Christ in 2019**

Scrap	100,000 pounds
Paper	60,000 pounds
Garden	30,000 pounds
\$ for other ministries	\$25,000.00
Pantry Items	2000 (Canned, boxed, or bagged food items.)
Pairs of Eyeglasses	2000 (Eyeglasses are donated to the Cross-Eyed Mission.)

God was good to us all year and the closing month was no exception. The youth gave us a fine Christmas Play at our Christmas Eve service, the carolers were much appreciated by the folks they visited, and a great Christmas celebration was had by all. We also held Rosebud Services for two wonderful new arrivals – **Paul Picciano** and **Silus Graham**. May God bless these youngsters and their families. **Chase Sanders** is still awaiting a final test this month – please pray for a pronouncement of all clear. Our brother **Bill Picciano** is also scheduled for back surgery this month. Please pray for great success! Praise God that **Janice Iles** is home from her surgery and doing well. Several others including **Flo Shephard**, **Norma Johnson** and **Bessie Stanojevic** all had surgeries or procedures as the year closed and we pray for a complete recovery for all. Finally, **Caleb Bailey** completed his time as the congregation’s Youth Minister. We are all grateful for everything **Caleb** has done and pray God’s blessing for him in whatever comes next. God bless all and we’ll see you in chapter 272.



For The Birds

I discovered on Christmas Day that I am still not very good at identifying bird songs. My son and grandson contrived a game in which they called up various bird songs on a cell phone and I tried to identify them. I only batted about 500. I have admitted this deficit in my bird knowledge many times before. I can tell a Red-Tailed Hawk from a Cooper and Barred Owls are easily distinguishable from Great Horned Owls or Screech Owls. The Red Winged Blackbird is a cinch. Cardinals, Titmice, Robins and Pileated Woodpeckers are all in my wheelhouse. Whip-poor-Wills, Pee-wees, Phoebes, Killdeers and several others that endlessly repeat their own names are no problem. Dramatic calls like those issued by the Common Loon or the Peacock make impressions that stick. Calls that sound comical to me – Nuthatches, Wood Cocks, California Quail – also stick well. I can tell you when a Blue Jay is ratting me out to the squirrels and everybody and his brother knows when Guiney Fowl are ratting them out to the world at large. **BUT** – every warbler on earth presents only a minor variation on a theme and there is very little distinctive to my ear in the chirping of Goldfinches. I don’t believe I have ever heard a Scarlet Tanager or an Indigo Bunting making a noise while I was looking at them. As I wrote this, I stopped to listen to recordings of a bluebird and a song sparrow. I could tell the difference while listening but I barely know how to describe either song.

I’m willing to admit that the heart of the problem is my lack of disciplined study. I certainly could learn more bird song than I know with a little application. But it would take application. A lifetime could be spent studying bird song! If any birder ever got to the point of being able to distinguish every basic bird song on earth, he would just be ready to start looking into regional variations, seasonal variations, individual variations, frequency and purpose (distress calls, hunting calls, mating calls, etc.) of different songs by any individual(s). And when the birder got all that sorted out...well, the individual birder would not live long enough. Sometimes I think God is just showing off!

But, we learn some of it. Even as a very amateur birder, I learned early the specific vocalizations (and other behaviors) of birds in defense of their nests. Killdeers, Mockingbirds, Martins and Swallows were my early teachers – and of course, chickens. I bring all this up because I recently read a verse I have surely read each and every time I went through the Bible and yet, this was the first time it really struck me. (We would only have scratched the surface of the riches to be found in the Bible long after we had learned everything there is to know about bird song.) Anyway – Isaiah 10:14, *And My hand reached to the riches of the people like a nest, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth and there was not one that flapped its wing or opened its beak to chirp.*

*Terry*

# November 2018

## Church

Balance November 1	\$27,627.87
Deposits	14,107.92
Expenses	<u>(11,849.48)</u>
Balance November 30	<u>\$29,886.31</u>

## Missions

Balance November 1	\$ 0.00
Deposit	1,262.00
Expenses	<u>(1,262.00)</u>
Balance November 30	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

## Special Gifts

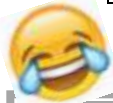
Balance November 1	\$11,927.40
Deposits	938.00
Expenses	<u>(1,888.00)</u>
Balance November 30	<u>\$ 10,977.40</u>

## New Building Vision Fund

Balance November 1	\$9,503.31
Deposits	492.94
Expenses	<u>(0.00)</u>
Balance November 30	<u>\$9,996.25</u>
Total Balance November 30	<u>\$50,859.96</u>

## ~ Attendance ~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Nov. 25	58	73	147
Dec. 2	52	78	152
Dec. 9	59	63	130
Dec. 23	68	57	198



The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No ma'am," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."



- Genesis 1-2, Matthew 1
- Genesis 3-4, Matthew 2
- Genesis 5-6, Matthew 3
- Genesis 7-8, Psalm 1, Matthew 4
- Genesis 9-10, Matthew 5
- Genesis 11-12, Matthew 6
- Genesis 13-14, Matthew 7
- Genesis 15-16, Psalm 2, Matthew 8
- Genesis 17-18, Matthew 9
- Genesis 19-20, Matthew 10
- Genesis 21-22, Matthew 11
- Genesis 23-24, Psalm 3, Matthew 12
- Genesis 25-26, Matthew 13
- Genesis 27-28, Matthew 14
- Genesis 29-30, Matthew 15
- Genesis 31-32, Psalm 4, Matthew 16
- Genesis 33-34, Matthew 17
- Genesis 35-36, Matthew 18
- Genesis 37-38, Matthew 19
- Genesis 39-40, Psalm 5, Matthew 20
- Genesis 41-42, Matthew 21
- Genesis 43-44, Matthew 22
- Genesis 45-46, Matthew 23
- Genesis 47-48, Psalm 6, Matthew 24
- Genesis 49-50, Matthew 25
- Exodus 1-2, Matthew 26
- Exodus 3-4, Matthew 27
- Exodus 5-6, Psalm 7, Matthew 28
- Exodus 7-8, Mark 1
- Exodus 9-10, Mark 2
- Exodus 11-12, Psalm 8, Mark 3

## January Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 First Breakfast Bible Study 8am	10	11 Bunco at 7 pm	12 
13 Concert - Jonathan White Board Meeting 7:30 am	14	15	16 Community Fellowship Dinner 5pm Breakfast Bible Study 8am	17	18 Bunco Snow Date	19
20	21	22	23 Breakfast Bible Study 8am	24	25	26 
27	28	29	30 Breakfast Bible Study 8am	31		

## January Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Rebecca Hudy	2 Greg & Donna Biedenbach	3 Mabel Hudak	4 Judy Borne	5 Bill & Cindy Dews
6 Paul Sr. & Betty Fox	7 Jeff & Amy Burner	8 Paul & Kristen McCarty and Family	9 Jim & Flo Shephard	10 Jack Spencer	11 Christian Children's Home of OH	12 Gary & Missy Wellendorf and Family
13 Kris & Becky Vincent	14 Mark & Christa Clapper and Family	15 Philip & Erin Roach and Family	16 Colombian Christian Mission	17 Bill & Cheryl Costello and Family	18 Cross Eyed Mission	19 Lonnie & Vicki Lowry
20 Larry & Helen Cross	21 Bill Miller	22 Mark & Diann Davis and Nathan	23 Mike Stahler	24 George & Chris Leyda	25 Jeremy & Rachel Avery and Devin	26 John & Susan Effinger
27 Robert & Pat Barnhouse	28 Chris & Stacey Fallot and Jackson	29 Gaylon & Barb Ferguson	30 Silas & Stephanie Stubblefield and Family	31 Wanda Sanor	1	2

# By The Way

Seeing as this is my final newsletter article I just wanted to take a moment to say goodbye, and thanks for all the years of service I have been afforded at Indian Run Christian Church.

But since I don't like talking about myself, I'll leave it at that, and instead give a sneak peek of my last sermon I will likely ever preach.

Part of my dislike for New Years is not just the message of the holiday, but also the timing. One week before hand, Christians everywhere (theoretically), humble themselves before God in reverence and admiration of the ultimate gift so completely undeserved and yet given freely, God himself becoming human and submitting himself to the form of a slave and even death in our place.

Fast forward seven days and all of a sudden we have a holiday that is all about me. Me me me me me me! This year I'm going to... I could drag this out, but you get the idea. New Years is a holiday all about bettering ourselves for the sake of ourselves, and in my opinion that is a big waste of time.

Every human is valuable and unique, but only as in they are every last one of them beloved children of God. Our value is not something that comes from our stellar personalities, or morals or ethics, but only from our Creator, and so we should strive at all times not to better ourselves for the sake of ourselves, but to be better involved in the grace and glory of God.

God Bless,  
Caleb Bailey

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BUNCO?

Set your dates on the calendar for IRCC's Annual Bunco Party on **January 11 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. 18 will be the reschedule date. Hope to see you all there!

Please join us on Jan. 16 for our Community Fellowship Dinner from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All are welcome! There will be no charge for this meal. Don't forget to bring a friend!

## Scripture Search for January



The answers to last issue's search were as follows:

1. The slaying of Goliath, I Samuel 18:4
2. Ahab and Jehoshaphat, II Kings 22:10
3. Micah, Micah 2:8
4. Purple, (Scarlet or Crimson in some translations) John 19:2-5
5. The blood of the Lamb, Revelation 7:14

Diane Gross, Lynn Schaeffer, and Deb Reed know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in the new search on the month of Nissan, first month of the Hebrew year, in the books of Moses called Abib and often referred to as simply – the first month.

1. What important thing occurred for Noah on the first day of the first month?
2. On which day of the first month did the Israelites set out on the Exodus?
3. In Nissan of what year of Artaxerxes reign did the king note Nehemiah's sadness?
4. In Nissan of what year of Ahasuerus' reign was the lot cast before Haman?
5. On what day of the first month did Daniel have the terrifying vision on the banks of the Tigris?

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 January are canned fruit such as pears, peaches, pineapple, etc. There is a box across from the office for your donations. Each item you donate will help us achieve our goal of 2000 items. Thank you!



Starting Jan. 9 at 8:00 am we will begin a morning (with breakfast) Bible Study geared toward our Senior Citizens. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 330-488-2938.