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THE GOOD NEWS

Rev. Bobby Dickerson

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Words from the Pastor

I am always astounded how God works in the life of the church and in my personal life. At times it seems that God planned it all out days, weeks, months, or years in advance. And at other times it seems that God and I are both flying by the seat of our pants. However it happens it always works out for God's glory and my personal benefit or growth. This past week is a perfect example.

The "Our Daily Bread" is what Leanne and I use for our personal devotions each day. Sometimes we are able to read it together but most often we read it separately and later discuss it. During this Lenten season I have been struggling with two spiritual issues one is being **faithful** to God and the ministry that he has given me and the other is **listening** to God and others as they speak His will for my life. The church's spiritual issue is financial (**giving**) and because of that mine also. On Thursday last week our devotions were on **faithfulness** and doing everything in the name of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17). On Friday it was about being quick to **listen**, slow to speak (James 1: 19). On Saturday it was about the Macedonian church **giving** out of their extreme poverty, especially of themselves (2 Cor. 8:2). The first time it happened it was unbelievable, the second time it happened was a miracle, the third time it happened was almost an audible voice. I am so glad God still speaks to us in so many ways. I pray that God has spoken to you in a special way this Easter season. My hope for you that you will continue to be faithful in service, listen and follow God's call on your live and give of yourself in every way.

Pastor Bobby

Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.

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World Outreach

By Dave Harlow, World Outreach Chair

Sometimes we forget just why Beneva CCDOC sits at the corner of Beneva and Proctor Rds. It is a busy intersection with thousands of cars going by daily. It is a great place to worship and fellowship on Sunday, but it isn't the real reason the church exists. We are commissioned by God to do His work. Our outreach, through you, works in many ways; for instance, your church along with 12 other local churches completed a Crop Walk. We collected foods, raised \$9,000 as of last week to combat hunger. 25% of the money collected goes to the All Faiths food bank. We collected 3 barrels of food for Beneva's food pantry. Our walkers raised over \$ 600 so far. In a tight economy, we did real well. Thanks to all who walked, raised money and brought food. Did you notice the article that told how many places our Week of Compassion has helped in this new year so far? If you haven't taken a "Treasure Chest" for WOC, please do. You may place it on the altar at any time. Coins do add up! We didn't walk for the abused children at the Cleveland Christian Home this year, but if you would like, you may send them money at : CCHome, 2202 Prame Ave., Cleveland , Ohio 44109-1626. Please ask them to credit Beneva CCDOC. IHS, Dave Harlow

Health Care Services Lunch

By Debbie York

The Health Care Services Committee is looking for input as to what the congregation is interested in or would like to have some further education about regarding your health.

We would like to invite EVERYONE who has ever worked in health care, had an interest in health care or ever had any health care and would like to find out more about it, to a pot luck salad lunch after church on April 19th. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

We will continue to take blood pressures after church on the first Sunday and will be giving flu shots again this fall.

Camp Beneva

All elementary school youth, hold the weekend of June 12 open for Camp Beneva. Details will be released as soon as more information is available.

We are in need of some adults to help at this overnight activity. If you can cook, play games, do science experiments or light a fire please contact Ms. Corry at 915-3206. It is an experience you don't want to miss. (not everyone is needed to spend the night)

Beckham's Fundraiser

Don't forget about a great opportunity that awaits you at BECKHAM'S restaurant, located at 1272 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, (South Bay Plaza). They will send Beneva Christian Church a check for 15% of your bill for any Sunday noon meal. Simply enjoy a great lunch at BECKHAM'S after church on any Sunday, give your server the name and address of our church, and they will mail the church a check! Their food is delicious and served in generous portions, and the professional yet comfortable atmosphere of Beckham's will have you rushing back for more. We received a very heartfelt 'Thank You' letter from Beckham's for participating in their Brunch Cash back program, as it has helped them get through the financial slumps. They look forward to welcoming us to brunch throughout 2009, and I hope that everyone makes a trip (or two or three) to Beckham's! Take your friends and family along. Enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, and help support our church!!! †

Cartridge World Fundraiser

Keith and Debra Harrison, owners of CARTRIDGE WORLD, 3472 Clark Road, have offered their cartridge recycling program to Beneva Christian Church. Place your empty cartridges in the recycling basket in the Narthex. We will take them to CARTRIDGE WORLD and they will quarterly reimburse Beneva Christian Church \$2 for usable name brand cartridges with print heads, \$1 for HP Brand usable cartridges without print heads, \$.50 for all other name brand usable cartridges without print heads. They will also send us \$3 for usable black and color laser toner cartridges.

Let's recycle and help support our church in the process! †

Recycling Fundraiser

Do you have old cell phones sitting around your house? Bring them to church! In an effort to raise much-needed funds for our church, as well as do our environment a favor, we are conducting a drive for used electronic items. Through this program, we send out the items so they can be recycled in the proper way, and our church receives a bit of money for each item sent. If you have: Cell phones, Digital cameras, iPods, Laptops, or used Ink Jet cartridges, we want them! No accessories please, and if an item is broken we still receive money. Ask your friends, neighbors, and even local businesses for items to be recycled. We can all make a difference in the life of our church and our environment through this exciting drive! †

February Financial Update

	<u>February 2009</u> YTD		<u>February 2009</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$15,457	\$14,030	\$27,956	\$27,990
Budget	14,776	14,083	37,162	31,5
Gain/ Loss	681	(53)	(8,206)	(3,581)
Checking Bal				\$7,770

Income for February was \$1,400 above expectations while expenses were over by almost \$700 - so we had an overall gain of almost \$700. On the YTD basis our income is right on forecast and the expenses are higher by \$5,600 (this was because we paid '08 taxes in Jan. '09). So, we are right on target thru February.

As you have probably heard we have begun a capital campaign called "40/40" - meaning that we are trying to raise \$40,000 in forty days. This is to cover a potential \$30,000 cash shortfall during the summer and fall months - which was covered in last month's Good News. As of the middle of March we have received \$14,000 toward the "40/40" goal. We will keep you informed of our progress on a continuing basis as we move along in 2009.

Again, thanks for all of your support for BCC - we have great hope for our future. Please keep praying for Beneva and our country for the future. God's blessings to you all!

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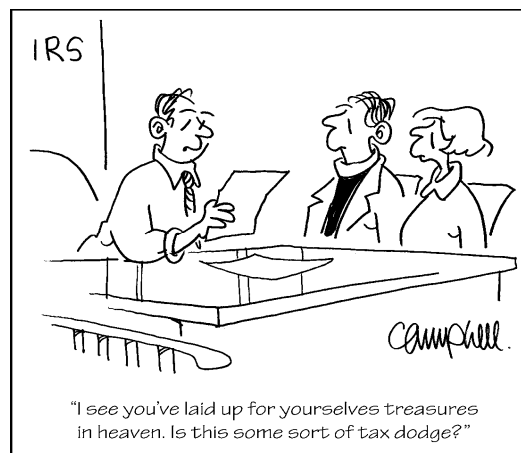
Joshua's Men

We continue a call for ALL men to attend the monthly gathering of Joshua's Men. We will meet on Monday, April 6, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM for fellowship with our brothers in Christ, Prayer and praise songs. During this meeting we will continue our training, helping each of those who attend to be a "Man of His Word" in all aspects of his life. Our focus this meeting will specifically relate to his relationship with his children. The discussion at this meeting will be an interchange of personal experience in this, sometimes, challenging area of our family lives. Also place May 4, 2009 on your calendars from 7:00 to 8:00 PM for the next Joshua's Men meeting.

Please remember to ASK, ASK, & ASK another man or two to attend our meeting. When you extend that invitation don't forget to follow up just before the meeting to make sure your invitee remembers to come. Then together both of you can join us and add a unique perspective to the growth of God's men in service to Him. Remember what Proverbs 27:17 says - "As Iron sharpens Iron so one man sharpens another". Help get someone "sharpened" to bring God the Glory He deserves through our actions.

During our March meeting we finalized attendance for "The Story of Jesus", a live play that vividly portrays the Passion Week of the Christ. It culminated magnificently in Jesus' triumphal second return. It was an eye opener for "seasoned" Christians as well as those in the first steps of their faith walk. We decided to car pool to the March 27th event in Wauchula, Florida and several men took their wives with them. This play is a "must" see for His worshipers to internalize. Tell a friend about it, you may very well be accomplishing the Great Commission as a result.

For more information or questions please contact Steve Dziadik at 941-228-8605.



Sunday Morning Youth Programs

By Betty Freant, Christian Education

Children in grades 3-12 are meeting in the Seekers room with Miss Corry for the Sunday School hour. They are studying from the book of Luke.

We are looking for volunteers to work one month at a time in Children's Church.

Material is available and a helper will be supplied.

Let's show our children how important they are to by teaching them the love of Christ.



The Praise Service is being held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am with the children joining us in the service. Coloring material is located in the Children's Worship Center. †

General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church

Wednesday, July 29-Sunday, August 2 At the Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis, Indiana Plans are underway with well-known Disciples preachers scheduled to speak. We will welcome Cynthia Hale, Senior Pastor of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, GA, Douglas Skinner, Senior Minister at Northway Christian Church in Dallas, Tx; Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ], and Frank Thomas, Senior Servant of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, TN.

Hotel and registration can be done on line at www.disciples.org/ga. There will be outstanding musicians and performers leading the worship. So far, The Stumps and Harlows are the only ones from Beneva going?

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during Sunday worship. The nursery is located to the left of the Sanctuary and is for children up to 5 years old. We would like to have enough people volunteer so a person only is out of church services one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. We are not gender biased, men are welcome; teenagers are also welcome in addition to an adult. Please contact Betty at 918-1626 or Corry at 915-3206. †

Early registration for youth attending camp and conference this summer must be postmarked by May 9. To help us get ready, Elsie McDonald will be at church at 4:30pm on April 19th to notarize forms. If you have not picked up your forms they are located in the narthex. Be sure to note the days of your camps. Camp and conference is a great week of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth and we want everyone to go who wants to, please see Ms. Corry if you need financial help.

Genesis Camp (5th-7th Grade) June 7-12 \$285

CYF Conference (9th-12th Grade) June 14-20 \$295

3rd Grade Camp (3rd Grade) June 21-25 \$245

Primitive Canoe Camp (9th-12th Grade) June 21-27 \$255

Junior Camp (4th-5th Grade) June 28-July 2 \$245

Spiritual Arts Camp (8th-12th Grade) July 12-18 \$335

CHI-RHO Camp (6th-8th Grade) July 19-24 \$280 †

Movie Night

April 18th at 7pm

Join your Beneva Family for a G rated at 7pm on April 18th. This event is open to everyone who enjoys Sharing popcorn and a movie with a friend. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall, and bring your comfy lawn chair or pillow if you want.

Cornerstone

Sunday School Class: Sundays—9:00 am

This class helps us to read and understand basic biblical passages. It is a catalyst for our devotional lives and gives us an opportunity for fellowship with other disciples. This group is designed for all adults — any age. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Bobby at the church. The nursery will be provided during this class. We hope to see you at Cornerstone each Sunday. †

Interested in a home visit with Pastor Bobby, or a cup of coffee at the church? Please contact him at **400-7349** (cell) or the church at **924-8713** to arrange a convenient date and time. †

Go Light your World

April	Anniversaries
Apr 06	Glenn & Jane Oneal
Apr 07	Edward & JoAnn Kelly
Apr 10	Tim & Nadia Murphy
Apr 10	Charlie & Paula Martin
Apr 13	Marko & Maggie Sumney
Apr 14	Nathan & Debra Byrd
Apr 16	Bob & Shirley Blanton
Apr 19	John & Marti Albritton

April	Birthdays
Apr 01	Danielle Walsh
Apr 02	Joyce Brown
Apr 02	Bobby Blanton
Apr 02	Jonathan Case
Apr 03	Dottie Weil
Apr 03	Kathy Bearden
Apr 04	Tim Murphy
Apr 06	Danny Eastman
Apr 06	Antonio Trujillo
Apr 07	Marie Oberle
Apr 08	Bob Evans
Apr 10	Jan Schroeder
Apr 15	Taylor Swartz
Apr 16	Timothy Brodkorb
Apr 16	Linda Giordano
Apr 18	Jennifer Fulkert
Apr 22	Gail Boggs
Apr 22	Mary Lawton
Apr 23	Jon Hart
Apr 23	Rebecca Garapic
Apr 26	Michael Root
Apr 28	Jacey Byrd
Apr 29	Shari Fruehwald
Apr 30	Claire Rieser

As a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, the Christian Church Disciples of Christ } is a beacon of light in the darkest of times. The Easter offering, supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church as together, we bring the light of Christ to dark corners in the world . For more than 170 years, the General Ministries of our denomination have been the hands ,eyes, hearts and feet on the ground eradicating human injustice and abuse of God's people everywhere . Disciples General Ministries build ministries of love, care, and nurture for the human family; and make Disciples for Jesus Christ here at home and around the World. Your support of the Easter Special Offering ensures that the Disciples of Christ will continue to be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth in the year 2020 and beyond. Together we are building a world of hope. Together, we bring the light of Christ to dark corners of the world. Together we are extending God's abundance. The recipients of the Easter Special Offering include: Christian Church Foundation, Church Extension, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Division of Overseas Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, and Pension Fund. The Easter Offering also supports the Office of General Minister and President, Hispanic Ministries, National Convocation, Disciples Benevolent Services, North American Asian Pacific Disciples, Communication Ministries, Yearbook & Directory Services, Treasury Services and Development, and the Christian Board of Publication. In the spirit of generosity, on April 5th and April 12th, our church { Beneva } will receive the Easter Special Offering. "Go Light Your World " for the support of the vast majority of the ministries of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ]. Thank you for considering a contribution to this important offering in the life of the church.

God Bless You,

Dave Harlow, Mary Carress, and Amy Abbott



Beneva Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

2009 General Board Members

Church Officers

Chair: Dale Root
Vice-Chair: Bob Evans
Secretary: Elsie McDonald
Financial Secretary: Sara Metheny
Treasurer: JoAnn Kelly
Historian: Pauline Totten/Jane Oneal

Elders

<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>	<u>Expires 2011</u>
Olevia Fulkert	Bob Blanton	Glenn Oneal
Greg Fulkert	Shirley Blanton	Jane Oneal
	Bob Evans	Elsie McDonald

Department Chairs

Worship: Pastor Bobby Dickerson
Christian Education: Betty Freant
Stewardship: Duane Wyatt
Church Growth Duane & Jane Wyatt
Membership: Duane & Jane Wyatt
World Outreach: David Harlow
Property: Larry Hazen
Healthcare Services: Dorthia Rogers / Debbie York
Nurture: Florine Blake

Deacons

<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>	<u>Expires 2011</u>
Lori Walsh	Cindy McDowell	Marilyn Gerkin
Debbie York	Suzanne Pruse	Kathy Bearden
	Tim Brodkorb	Joe Bearden
	Jan Bogart	
	Dean Hoover	
	Joyce Hoover	
	Nila Valvo	

Staff

Minister: Pastor Bobby Dickerson
Secretary: Caitlin McDowell
Director of Music: Greg Fulkert
Pianist/Organist: Janene Overley
Youth Director Corry O'Carroll
Custodian: Yves May
Preschool Director: Cindy McDowell
Nursery Attendant:

Alicia Brodkorb

Youth Deacons

Expires 2009

Deanna Root

Trustees

<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>	<u>Expires 2011</u>
Bob King	Jerry Caress	Frank Metheny

Group Chairs

Elders: Olevia Fulkert
Deacons: Nila Valvo / Kathy Bearden
Trustees: Bob King
Greeters: Ruth Wolf
Acolytes: Kathy Bearden

Committee Chairs

Little Disciples Preschool: Erin Sturm
Memorial: Barbara Clements
Music:
Personnel Committee: Duane Wyatt
Local Benevolence: Jackie Hazen / Gail Brodkorb
30/30 Vision: Elders
Scholarship: JoAnn Kelly / Kathy Bearden
Hostess: Joy Byrd

Christian Women Fellowship:
Christian Men Fellowship: Steven Dziadik
Bifocal Bunch: Shirley Blanton
Young Couples/Singles:
Technology: Marshall K DuBois
Newsletter: Caitlin McDowell
Web Site: Marshall K DuBois

By-Laws:

Notice

Everyone on this page is requested to attend the General Board meetings.
 All Church Officers, Department Chairs, Staff, Committee Chairs and Group Chairs are requested to attend the Cabinet meetings.

<u>April 5, 2009</u>	<i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Praise Service—Fellowship Hall		9:45 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Blood Pressure Check—CYF Room		11:30 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
Adult Bible Study—Sanctuary		4:30 pm
<u>April 6, 2009</u>		<u>Monday</u>
Joshua's Men—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
Martha Circle—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
<u>April 7, 2009</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>
Elders Meeting—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
<u>April 8, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>April 8 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner		6:30pm
<u>April 10, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00-5:00 pm
<u>April 12 2009</u>	<i>EASTER</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Early Service		8:00am
Breakfast	Following Service	
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Praise Service—Fellowship Hall		9:45 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Youth Groups—None		
<u>April 14, 2009</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>
Cabinet Meeting—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
<u>April 15, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
April 16, 2009		
Community Bible Study		7:00—8:30pm
<u>April 18, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00pm
Movie Night—Fellowship Hall		7:00pm

<u>April 19, 2009</u>		<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Praise Service—Fellowship Hall		9:45 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>April 22, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>April 23, 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		
<u>April 24, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
<u>April 26, 2009</u>		<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Praise Service—Fellowship Hall		9:45 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
<u>April 29, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm



Property Report

By Larry Hazen

We had yet another successful Sat-A-Workday (14 attended, many new faces from the last day!!) and/but missed some of the "Seasonal Helpers"....

NOTE: To those Seasonal Helpers, you are all invited back to Sarasota and especially Beneva Christian Church and the Property Department.... Just tell anyone/everyone that asks that "I said so!!"

We completed another "Oak Leaf Roundup" in the Gazebo area... another FULL TRAILER and whew I think we are finally done with those leaves for a while.

Besides that we mowed, edged and weed whacked most all the property. We pulled the fountain out of the pond area so we can work getting that back in working order. We also did more painting in the parking lot with yellow curbs and parking areas. We had the carpet in Fellowship Hall cleaned (I think all were happy with the job that John Cozy of Floor Care Solutions provided us. Ask Cindy of Little Disciples Preschool what he did in her lunch room, for FREE!!)

Equipment Update: We were donated a Toro Electric Leaf Blower that broke during one of our "blow-a-thons". Sad, BUT.... when I was looking for the replacement part Toro alerted me there was a recall on that particular model. I abided by their request and pulled out the plugs and peeled the serial number sticker and sent it back. About 10 or so days later we received a BRAND SPANKING NEW (2 SPEED ~ WOW) blower!!! New on the list we also have a hand lawn mower!! THANKS THANKS THANKS!!!

Equipment request: We still have a need for a GAS edger. We had one donated that we worked on to no avail...so please. Since I mentioned the carpet cleaning in Fellowship Hall I'd like to request a more commercial vacuum cleaner to maintain the carpet there. Mr. Cozy mentioned the great importance of keeping the carpet clean between use of the building and if we had bit better vacuum we'd be able to do it a bit quicker and more efficiently. He gave me a name to contact for "Cozy Discount" of we wish to pursue this matter.

Summer Teams: We still need to put together one more summer team for the "basic lawn maintenance" for the summer months. We have 2 teams/set of volunteers already and in light of not wearing out anyone/team I'd like to create one more team. These teams will need to perform the "regular weekly maintenance" which includes mowing, edging and blowing. We anticipate this task will take approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours.

I want to add a personal note to thank Bob King for taking about 2 hours to walk me around the property and explain all (I grasped most "all" but not "all") the electrical, air-conditioning, sewer, water and building details

as well as explain the blue prints of all the property. Thanks again Bob.

I GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the GREAT PEOPLE of the Beneva Christian Church. By helping on Sat-A-Workday and the Summer Teams we hope to save ourselves a great amount of money and having your help we can keep our grounds up and looking good while we get thru these tough economic times.

Larry Hazen
Property Chair
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BCCProperty@larryhazen.com

PS: I am always looking for things to do and people to help so feel free to write or call whenever you feel the urge.

Beneva Scholarship Fund

JoAnn Kelly and Kathy Bearden

The Beneva Scholarship Committee has received requests for an application from three candidates. As we have said previously, the money for the scholarships comes from the interest of invested fund. As with everyone else's saved funds, the value has gone down. Please contact Kathy Bearden or JoAnn Kelly if you have any questions or need an application.

The scholarships are given during the summer. Please continue to give to the Scholarship Fund. Envelops are located in the pews by the Bible and Hymnal.

Thanks to all who have given to the Scholarship fund through the year.

Elder Serving Schedule for April 2009

<u>April</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>
C Olevia Fulkert	C Elsie McDonald	C Glenn Oneal
O Jane Oneal	O Bob Evans	O Jane Oneal

<u>April 26</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>Easter Sunrise</u>
C Bob Blanton	C Olevia Fulkert	Jane Oneal
O Shirley Blanton	O Greg Fulkert	Glenn Oneal

Elders of the month: Bob Evans and Elsie McDonald (shut-ins, lockup facilities)

C = Communion; O = Offering

Deacon Serving Schedule for March 2009

Elements Preparation for April— Tim Brodkorb and Alisha Brodkorb

<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>
1 Cindy McDowell C/B	1 Debbie York C/B	1 Deanna Root B
2 Suzanne Pruse B	2 Tim Brodkorb B	2 Jan Bogart C/B
3 Jan Bogart	3 Kathy Bearden	3 Alisha Brodkorb
4 Deanna Root	4 Joe Bearden	4 Debbie York

<u>April 26</u>	<u>Easter Sunrise</u>
1 Cindy McDowell B	Jan Bogart
2 Kathy Bearden C/B	Alisha Brodkorb
3 Joe Bearden	
4 Tim Brodkorb	

B= Bulletins: Arrive at 9:45 am to hand out bulletins.

C=Captain: Arrive at 10:10 am to check that the communion table is complete and all Deacons are accounted for.

U=Usher stays in the back and seats the late people and handles the microphone or announcements and prayer requests.

If you are unable to serve on scheduled date — Please arrange to have someone cover for you on that date.

All Deacons serving on their Sunday are to make sure all bulletins, cups and papers are picked up from the pews.

Communion Cups — fill grape juice to line right before it starts to curve — IF MUCH POUR SOME OUT.
Communion Preparation — Give to Organist (on wooden shelf), Worship & Wonder (in Fellowship Hall) and Nursery.

If you have any questions call Amy Abbot (Deacon Chair) at 922-1089.

Please Remember our Homebound

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Please remember those who are sick and our “shut-ins”. Drop a card or note to those who are unable to attend our weekly services and let them know they are missed. Please remember Donna Shrimplin, Leanne Dickerson, Iris DuBois, Charles & Bobbie Hartong, Leon & Edith Davidowski, Mary Yarman, and any others who may appear on our prayer list. Take a moment and make someone’s day, it’s always good medicine for the soul to be reminded how special we are to those we care about. †

www.lifeatbeneva.org

In addition to our sermons now online we also have the following features:

- Weekly Sermons to listen to and save
- Prayer Requests
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- Links of interest to Disciple websites
- Church event calendar and weekly schedule
- Contact information and more

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Director of Music: Greg Fulkert

Youth Director: Corry O’Carroll

Director of Little Disciples Preschool: Cindy McDowell

Pianist/Organist: Janene Overley

Custodian:

Chair of the Board: Dale Root

Treasurer: JoAnn Kelly

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Maundy Thursday

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word “Maundy” is a shortened version of the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told the disciples, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom we don’t naturally have affection for and express our wish that the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them

April Good News

Deadline for articles sent to the church is the week of April 19th.

Articles may be sent directly to the office at bccoffice2@verizon.net †

Kid Activities

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.


What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8½" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:


1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.




OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

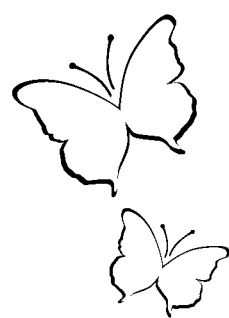
"Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil** or **fade** — **kept in heaven** for you"




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What Do Disciples Believe?

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ◆ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ◆ All persons are God's children.

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ◆ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- ◆ *Diversity of opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ◆ *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ◆ *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ◆ *The ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- ◆ *Freedom of belief.* Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. †



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

Discover . . . Spiritual growth

Every Disciples congregation meets weekly to worship God. In the warmth of God's presence and with the support of others, we grow in our understanding of God in ways that make a difference in our everyday lives.

Through worship that is both contemporary and traditional, we discover the joy of trusting and following Jesus.

Around the communion table, we acknowledge Christ's presence and remember the meal He shared with His followers. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Whether you are a longtime follower of Jesus Christ, or curious about Christianity, the Christian Church can help you explore Christianity and learn about Christ. †



Sunday Schedule

Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	9:00 am
Praise Service	9:45 am
Traditional Worship Service (& Nursery)	10:30 am
Worship & Wonder	After Children's Sermon
Youth Groups	4:30 pm
Adult Bible Study	4:30 pm



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