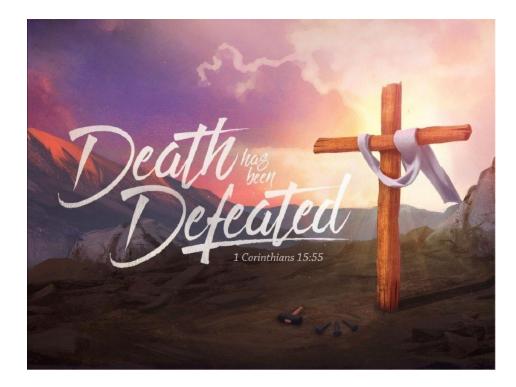
Gesus C. Christ



April 2022 Church of Christ

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April 10—Palm Sunday. The day we remember the crowd who cheered for their coming king.

April 15—Good Friday. The day we remember the crowd who ordered the death of a king, who didn't meet up with their expectations.

April 17—Resurrection Sunday. The day we remember the cost our King paid to conquer sin and death.

Easter services 2022

Sun the 10th—Palm Sunday 8 AM—missions prayer breakfast 9 AM—regular Sunday School 10 AM—regular worship

Fri the 15th—Good Friday 7 PM—Good Friday Service

Sun the 17th—Resurrection Sunday 8:45 AM—Easter breakfast in the basement 10 AM—worship at the regular time

Starting at the Good Friday service, communion trays will be passed. Those who wish to continue to use the pre-filled cups will still find them in the back of the sanctuary.

April 2022

	Will be presen Methodist Chu	The Last Suppled by the Belmonton (1031 First Still 14th at 8:30 PM)	nd United t SE, Belmond) on		1 Chrysalis	2 Chrysalis
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am Sunday School		6 am Iron Men	10 am Woman's Prayer time			
10am Worship			1:30 pm F.I.S.H. & CHICKS			
Chrysalis			8 pm Iron Men ²			
Palm Sunday 10	11	12	13	14	Good Friday 15	16
8 am Missions Prayer breakfast 9 am	9:30 am Ewing Grief group in Britt	6 am Iron Men	10 am Woman's Prayer time		Good Friday 19	
Sunday School 10am Worship	7 pm Leadership meeting		8 pm Iron Men ²	8:30 PM "The Last Supper" at UMC in Belmond	7 pm Good Friday service	
Easter 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45 am Breakfast in the basement		6 am Iron Men	10 am Woman's Prayer time		May newsletter	
10am Worship			1:30 pm F.I.S.H. & CHICKS		info due today	
			8 pm Iron Men ²			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am Sunday School		6 am Iron Men	10 am Woman's Prayer time			
10am Worship Noisy change offering						
			8 pm Iron Men ²			

Jobs for Jesus - April 2022

Sunday	April 3	Palm Sunday April 10	Easter Sunday April 17	April 24
Praise Team	Warren & Margaret	Mark & Judy	Duane & Judy	Stacia & Judy
Sound	Keith Grandgeorge	Tiffany Cramer	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge
Communion Med	Bob Dishman	Mike Redig	Chad Chapman	Dean Kluss

Egg bakes needed Can you put together an egg bake for Easter Sunday? Please contact Judy Ofstethun for more information or to let her know that yours will be there.

March Balances							
	Current	Net change					
General	\$49,580.90	\$6,676.32					
Building	\$1,800.13	\$2,217.57					
New Bldg	\$3,400.00	\$400.00					
Fuel	\$9,968.05	(\$655.97)					
Memorial	\$23,158.94	\$0.00					
Sunday School	\$1,236.31	\$0.00					

Join us

April 10th

Annual Church Missions Prayer Breakfast 8 AM in the church basement

Last year, our congregation sent \$25-\$150 monthly to 15 missions, missionaries or organizations, with another 10 places receiving sporadic funds as needs arose or as individuals gave to a specific cause.

Join us for a time of reflection of what God has done through the various places we support. Learn about the trials and triumphs of this last year and hope for this coming one.

Coffee and breakfast items will be served.



Thank you to whomever replaced the drain in the upstairs office bathroom sink. It is nice to have the water draining quickly.

...Weep with those who weep.

George
EllwagerLee
MaxheimerBud
OdlandSteve
SebbyShirley
SouthardJoy
Tillman

Jacob Michael

Roger Siemens -Romans 12:15 b

Remember in prayer the families of those who have recently died



APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Clare Willey Dianna Dishman Gabby Hess*

Jayden (& baby) Lock- Keith Russell Larry Taylor

Leon Betts Lynnda Purcell Mike Redig

Law Enforcement State & National

Federal Government Clarion, Wright County, LAPD Elected Officials

*A praise for Gabby Hess, Sandy Stephenson's great grand niece. Gabby was on life support after a car accident. When the doctors went to turn off life support, Gabby woke up and responded to the doctors. She is making a miraculous recovery.

Assisted Living & The Meadows

Mary Lou Roberts LC (Lyman) Spencer

Sandy Stephenson Florence Redig

Clarion Wellness: Tom Blecker

Home

Raynard Southard Les Southard

Mayfair Manor: Irene Keeling

Ft. Dodge (420 Kenyon Road): Jane Clemsen (#214)

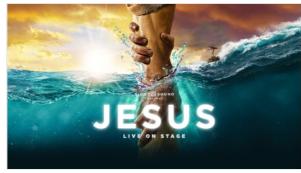


Ignite Youth Conference March 11th and 12th God can use your talents and gifts (even the "odd" ones) for His kingdom work and His glory.









In May, *The Way* and a few brave leaders are heading south to MO to visit the <u>Sight & Sound Theater in Branson</u> to see a production of *Jesus*. Sight & Sound's mission is to bring the gospel to people in a way they can understand through live theater. In Noah, there is only one ark of salvation, and you can enter it only through one Door. Esther shows that there is a name above all names. Moses feels he can't be forgiven because others don't know what he has done, until he is confronted with the God who know all he has done, and still loves him.

The writers of *Jesus* had to decide how to narrow down the gospels and beginning of Acts, and chose to focus on how Jesus can to rescue us. The miracles and encounters that are presented all come from the

perspective of being rescued. Songs are used to bring together separate events, Jesus being wrapped for burial as He was wrapped as a baby. Being "the one" Jesus goes after: the woman at the well, Zacchaeus in the tree, the blind man, or the man with the legion of demons, the individual disciples.

April 6th and 20th from ~1:30-3:30 CHICKS and F.I.S.H. will meet.

CHICKS = Christ's Hands Influence Confidence Kindness Self-Control Community Christian Girls group for 6th - 8th grade meets at 121 5th Ave NW For information contact: Kelly Kirstein (515)851-8332

F.I.S.H. = Followers Intentionally Seeking Him Community Christian Boys Group for 6th-8th grade boys meets in the Church Basement For information contact: Warren Curry at (515)851-1064

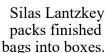
Ash Wednesday, *The Way* headed over to the high school to help pack "Meals from the Heartland." Simple dried soup packs are made. These can then be sent to 3rd world countries, local food pantries or anyplace where disasters strike to provide simple to prepared, nutritious food.



Below a few of the volunteers after a job well done: (Left-to-right) Kenna Chapman, Kennedy Hoesing, Raejean Chapman, Silas Lantzky and Eduardo Rivera. An assembly line fills a small bag that will contain 6 serves with rice, soy protein (to allow all who don't eat types of meat to still eat this), vitamins, minerals and several types of dried vegetables. These are distributed globally to schools and orphanages. At schools, it often provides the only meal a child will eat that day.



Calder Creason helps seal the bag to keep the contents good until it is time for the food to be cooked.







NEICSC continual improvements



Thank you to Warren Curry, Dean Kluss, Mark Hinton, Mike Redig, Duane Wilson and Mark Wilson for going over to NEICSC March 25th and 26th. They put several tons of drywall on the ceiling of the new discipleship hall, completing one side and getting about 2/3rds of the other side done.

Volunteers from other areas helped with that project as well as general spring cleaning, including chopping up a tree that was downed in a winter storm.



Supporting Ukraine through those we have supported for years.

Those of you who have been around the Clarion Church of Christ for a long time know the name "Crozier" well. The family attended here for years and were apart of the community. The son John has been a missionary in Poland for about 20 years. He and his wife, Zaba, work for PROeM. PROeM has done church planting in several cities, runs a summer camp (that several people from here went over to serve at in 2007), and started a school that now has pre-school through high school students.

When Russia invaded Ukraine, the camp was a clear choice to open up to refugees. But the desire to help, and the organizational skills did not stop there. PROeM asked for help, and donations of food, clothing, baby items, toys, blankets and other necessities came flooding in. So they are reaching out. They sent vehicles to help get people out, eventually buying a bus to help get elderly



out of Ukraine. They sent supplies to shelters within Ukraine, and allowed people to ride in the back of the cargo van on the return trip to Poland, eventually adding matrices on top of food supplies to allow for a more comfortable ride for whomever they could help.

A church near where people are lined up trying to cross the boarder asked for food donations. They are then creating hot meals and delivering it to the vehicles waiting in line. Those packing up the food are not only people from the PROeM church, they are Ukrainian refugees who arrived in Poland with only what would fit in a suitcase, now working to help others.

PROeM is finding apartments and host families to take in refugees and helping them get settled. They are also reaching out to organizations in other European countries to take in those who have fled. PROeM is working with churches in Poland and around Europe to find Christian homes to take in groups of people. This is to allow these women to stay with someone who speaks their language, and to keep a support network around them, both from friends and from the host community. Now families (most of the time women with children) that have been staying at the camp are able to get on chartered busses to reach a more permanent home. Some of the busses are coming loaded with supplies to be passed farther along the line before packing every seat to bring people farther away from the fighting.

There is also an attempt to bring some "normalcy" to the guests at the camp. The church service was held in a school gym to allow for more people. International Women's Day was celebrated with flowers, chocolate and home made deserts from the church. They have a school, but with a language barrier, teaching the children is a challenge. Some of those who fled are teachers, PROeM obtained laptops to allow the Ukrainian children to access online education so that they do not fall behind. Those who's parents are planning on staying longer term have enrolled in the Christian Education Center there. These children receive Polish classes twice a week to help with the adjustment to learning in a new language.

While we are feeling some of the financial pressure here from what is happening, it is nothing compared to the pinch they are feeling. Feb 10th, 1 US dollar equaled 3.9 Polish Zloty, March 4th, it was 1:4.7 and as of this writing it is 1:4.2.

If you would like to give to help PROeM, you can give a check to the church with PROeM/Ukraine on the memo line. You may also give directly via their website (Under "Ministry Designation" choose "Assist Ukrainian Refugees") or by mailing a check to their US office at Proem Ministries, 11601 Main St. Louisville, KY 40243.

The missions committee voted to send Croziers some extra funds, about 2 months' worth. The following week, the congregation game 10 times that amount. And with the newspaper article, community members have been sending checks to the church to pass along. The sum given continues to rise.

Jacob and Jaynie Michael are missionaries this church supported in the last few years of their work in Mozambique. Jacob was a missionary for many years, including meeting the Croziers when they lived in Zimbabwe. After losing his wife Nila, he met Jaynie though her church in the states. They eventually married and she joined him in his work in Mozambique. Several years ago, they returned to his childhood area of Ohio. On March 4th, Jacob died unexpectedly.