



Like trees, churches grow from the tips up. The new growth always happens on the edges with young, green life. Those tender, growing parts are fed and supported by the rest of the older, well-established parts. Yet even those that have been there the longest are fed by the life-giving energy the new parts bring in.

We have a strong and healthy congregation. It has weathered the storms and lost a few branches, but through careful tending we are now growing again. Our deep roots are ready to support new growth. Already, we have new life flowing through us fed at least in part by the youth and children who are connected to our congregation.

Our leadership has taken the faithful step to more intentionally and directly focus on these new, growing parts of our faith community. Starting next month in August, we will begin a youth and children's ministry. **EVERY SECOND SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.** Children's Sunday will have two parts: first, during the worship service, children will meet downstairs with adult leaders working together with a cohesive ministry plan. While we kind of already do this, it hasn't been done very formally or with much advanced preparation. So step one is to simply continue what we are doing, but with more planning and intention.

Secondly, the youth and children will stay after worship for lunch and a time of fellowship led by me in conjunction with other leaders. Each month we will plan to do something different. We've talked about going bowling or hiking or to a movie — regular youth group type stuff. We will always pray and eat (two things our church is very good at!).

One significant help to this end will be a new member of our leadership team. We have agreed to hire a person to be here once a month to plan and lead the Sunday School session downstairs. This person will also coordinate with me and our church members who will help care for the kids. My hope is that whoever we hire will also stay after worship to be involved in the youth activities, as well.

I am very excited about this new ministry. We have many of these important young people here in our church. Youth and children have needs that are not always met in worship or our other fellowship activities. By giving them this special attention, we will faithfully do our part to meet them where they are, bringing them up within the loving fellowship we know in Christ and in this congregation.

If you have children of any age in your family or if you know others who might want to be involved in a group like this, please encourage them to come to **THE SECOND SUNDAY** of the month to gather together with all of our other youth and children. Consider offering them a ride to and from the church. Perhaps you could help provide lunch for the kids one Sunday. Even if you don't have children, you could still attend to assist others, talk with these kids, and help them make deeper connections to folks in our church.

You are the essential roots and trunk of this tree. These new, growing children will need your support and steadiness. Then, as their part, they will bring new life and energy to our community. As a healthy tree, as a thriving church, we will continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God together.

I'm very excited about this. I hope you are, too.

--Pastor Ben

OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

ELDERS Serving in July:

7 Jan Pumphrey
14 Sally Ifill
21 Joyce Coy
28 Rodger Shuback

Coffee Fellowship – The host families for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship provide an invaluable service.

Thank you, Sally Payne, for serving as Hostess in July.



Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help others while filling their Wagons of Hope on **Sunday, August 11.**



is set for **Friday, August 2, 7-9 pm.**
Join us for an evening of games, snacks and fellowship!

Celebrating the Love, Joy and Enthusiasm that shapes Canfield Christian Church

We hope you will enjoy celebrating July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries with us on **Sunday, August 11.**

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY:

6 Amanda Mavrikis
6 Shirley Metzger
11 Maya Condori
13 Susan Smith
15 Laurie Sharp
15 Owen Jones
16 Starla Smidt
20 Joyce Coy
27 Lynne Fredo
31 Kristin Wickless

AUGUST:

4 Ashley Shuback
7 Ed Allen
13 Bob Shackelford
14 Helen Bush
15 Pat Coy
20 Donnie Dishong
22 Michael Pollock
26 Marlene Biggs
26 Diana Secaur
29 Glenn Alcott

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY:

16 Jeff & Mary Payne
24 Rodger & Karen Shuback
25 Lou & Aimee Raymond
27 Ben & Kristin Secaur

AUGUST:

3 Rick & Susan Payton
8 Jeff & Sue Weber-Nape
20 Michael & Angel Pollock



Grove And Ben Crawford
 Jesse And Karen Crawford
 Leonard And Lynn Reed
 Tom And Mary Paakee
 Tammy Crawford
 And The Entire
 Crawford Family

To Canfield Christian
 Church
 Thank you for The
 Floral Tribute.
 Thanks For Loving
 Martin And Us



Geraldine Brown
 December 26, 1933 — June 23, 2019

It is with sorrow that we mark the passing of Gerri Brown.

Gerri was dedicated to her church. Every week she would remind folks that she had been coming ever since she was a little girl. She was also dedicated to her many friends, her husband of 59 years, and her children, of whom she was very proud.

To all the Members of Canfield
 Christian Church,

Thank you for all the years
 of Love and Support for
 the entire Brown Family.
 We are eternally grateful
 for all you have done for
 us.

Sincerely,
 Steve Brown
 & Family



CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

June 21, 2019

Pastor Ben Secaur
Canfield Christian Church
123 South Broad Street
Canfield, OH 44406-1399

Dear Pastor Secaur,

You made a difference in the life a child today.

We hope that you will take a minute to think about that.

No child should have to face the challenges that our kids have faced during their short lives. Many people only see our kids as "problem" children. Even worse, many don't see them at all because it's hard to acknowledge that there are children who need so much help. Your gift allows our children know that someone sees and cares for them.

At Cleveland Christian Home our trained professionals work hard every day. They are the unsung heroes in the struggles against abuse, neglect, and mental illness. They have dedicated their lives to helping and healing children, working day and night to help our kids build new lives. They are providing therapy in our schools, homes, and communities as well as at the actual Cleveland Christian "Home." Your support makes you part of our team.

Thank you for your gift of school supplies.

We appreciate your support for Cleveland Christian Home, but more importantly your support for our kids.

Sincerely,

Judith Mansour
Chief Development Officer

AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Please remember those who are in assisted living/nursing homes with your prayers, phone calls, and visits:

AustinWoods: DeNise Martin

The Inn at Christine Valley: Irene Lehtonen

Shepherd of the Valley: Barbara Hepplewhite

The following individuals and families do appreciate your continued prayers on their behalf:

Helen Bush

Karen Hunt

Helen Dishong

Jeff Nape

Dorothy Rice

David Dishong

Colt Schmidt (Great Grandson of Pat Wiant)

Doug Lewis (Brother of Joyce Coy)

Roseann Lobaugh (Sister of Anita Powell)

Jack Harris (Nephew of Jerry & Dolores Hanna)

Marcellene Hawk Mayhall (Friend of Anita Powell)

Rosa and Maria Arcenio (Sisters of Trinidad)

Scott Chepke (Received a transplant)

Rhonda Jones and Perri Graf (Friends of

Melissa Miskell Tabbara (Friend of Sally Ifill)

Sally Payne)

Margrit Galano (Mother of Cindy Stackhouse)

Charlotte Knauff (Mother of Patty Parenti-Motha)

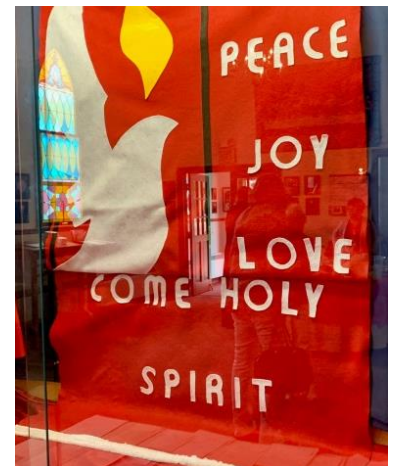
Sandra Jeffries, Lyne Ahalt and John Beales

Jennifer Cox (Daughter of Jim & Carol Swartz)

(Friends of Dorris Baringer)

Amanda Price (Daughter of Fred & Celeste)

It is important to remember our service members in your daily prayers.





***Father's Day* was a special celebration for all ages! Ron Maurer gave an inspiring service**



Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner was a success!






Canfield 4th of July Celebration



What a great celebration!
We handed out over 400
bottles of water and had a
big crowd on the church's
front lawn.
Every child won a prize for
their decorated bikes!



July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Put labels on water bottles for July 4 parade,	3 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am Decorate bikes for July 4 parade, 6 pm	4 	5 Game Night 7-9 pm	6
7 Worship 10:30 am	8 Meetings: Worship Committee 6 pm General Board 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	9	10 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	11 Operation Blessing 10 am	12	13
14 Worship 10:30 am	15 AA Meeting 7 pm	16	17 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	18 Operation Blessing 10 am	19 Alzheimer's Support Group 10 am	20
21 Worship 10:30 am	22 AA Meeting 7 pm	23	24 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	25	26	27
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Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/docgeneralassembly.



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Hope while Modeling the Love of Christ since 1829**