



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
November 5, 2018

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing and God gave him ten apples. God gave him three apples to eat, three apples to trade for shelter from the sun and rain, and three apples to trade for clothing. God gave him one apple so that he might have something to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine.

The man ate three apples. He traded three for shelter. He traded three for clothing. Then he looked at the tenth apple. It seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. He reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world. So he ate the tenth apple, and gave back to God the core.

As this simple story reminds us, when we truly believe that God supplies our every need, then how we show our gratitude becomes an act of faith. Will we return to God something we consider to have value, or something we could have just as easily thrown away?

One day Jesus watched as a crowd of people contributed to the Temple treasury. While those of means put in sizable donations, one poor widow offered up all that she had ... two small coins. Jesus told his disciples, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-44). Apparently God is not concerned as much with the size of our gifts as with how they compare to what is retained.

So should I give 10%, 15%, more or less? What truly expresses my thanksgiving and trust in God's goodness? It is an ancient question each of us ponders with the Psalmist, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (Ps. 116:12) What indeed?



GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

The history of Champion Christian Church continues to grow. The congregation and community are invited to be a part of this history. A GRAND OPENING event will take place this Saturday, November 10th at 3:30 pm. In The new "DISCIPLE CENTER" building. ***Be a part of History and Be There***

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, treats and words of encouragement during pastor's appreciation month! Also, Robin and I wish to thank the Elders for a wonderful evening at O'Charley's. We are grateful to be surrounded by such a loving congregation!

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Lord's Day Happenings – November 11, 2018

10:30 am Worship
 Scripture: Mark 12:38-44
 Sermon: "Faith Role Models"

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Mon. November 5- 7 pm Youth Group
 Tues. November 6- 10-11 am Grief Group
 Thurs. November 8 -10 am Ladies Aid
 6:45-8 pm Bible Journaling
 Sat. November 10- 3:30 p.m. - Disciple Center
 Grand Opening celebration
 4:30-6:30 pm Andy Hopkins
 Scholarship pasta dinner

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sun, November 11- All Operation Christmas Child donations are due Today
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 Mon, November 12- 10 am Veterans Day Tribute
 5:30 Operation Christmas Child packing party in Disciple Center
 7 pm Trustee meeting
 7 pm Youth Group
 Tues, November 13- 10 am Grief Group
 10:30 am Ruth Circle
 Wed, November 14- 7 pm Friends In Faith
 7 pm Elders
 Thurs, November 15- 10 am Ladies Aid
 6:45 pm- 8 pm Bible Journaling
 7 pm Choir Practice
 Sat, November 17 -11 am Feeding Ministry Pick up
 6-10 pm Youth Childcare

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION BREAD

In an effort to respond to the needs of those who are gluten sensitive, we will now be including individually wrapped gluten free bread in the communion trays on Sunday morning. We hope this allows all of our worshippers to participate in this important act of worship.

PASTA DINNER DESSERT DONATION SIGN UP

There is a sign up sheet in the entranceway for dessert donations that are needed for the pasta dinner. If you are able to donate a pie, cake, brownies, texas sheet cake or cookies, please sign up on the sheet. All desserts need to be delivered to the church on Saturday, November 10th by 2:00 pm. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who made Trunk or Treat a great success! We had around 300 families join us to enjoy an inflatable slide, decorations, a bake sale and lot of candy!

Servers for Sunday, November 11, 2018

Elders – Jean Smith, Brenda Cligrow

Diaconate –Janet Crawford, Sara Elmore, Logan Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Jerry Smith, Cindy Hixenbaugh, Jef Fisher, Abby Fisher, Tricia Fisher, Adam Fisher

Prepare and Serve- Tammy Hurst, Mike Nigrin

Worship Leader- Chuck Elmore

Communion Bread- Hazel Moldovan

Greeters – Connie Riffle, Bethanie Riffle & Natalie, Stephanie Pettit, Allison & Parker

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church- Casey Lewis rehearsal

Acolyte- Anna Cokrlic, Nicole Emerine

Media – Sharon Armstrong, Karen York,

Sound – Mike Keller

Counter Team – Janice Dykes, Debi Patchin

Captains – Barb and Mike Wilkinson



**ANDY HOPKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
PASTA DINNER**

Advance Tickets are on sale for Andy Hopkins Scholarship Fund Pasta Dinner.

Plan to join us on Saturday, November 10th
From 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Tickets will be sold before and after worship or by calling the church office.

CHOCOLATE DESSERT COMPETITION

The youth will be hosting their annual Chocolate Dessert Competition on Sunday, November 18th. Sign up in the entryway to enter your best chocolate baked good and stay after the service on the 18th and taste all the desserts and vote for your favorite! Donations will benefit the youth’s mission trip this summer.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
DONATIONS & PACKING PARTY**

Donations for Operation Christmas Child are being accepted in the box in the entry. Donations are due Sunday, November 11th.

Join the youth and Wonder Zone for an Operation Christmas Child packing party on Monday, November 12th at 5:30 in the Disciple Center. Pizza, cookies and drinks will be provided!

FRIENDS IN FAITH COOKIE SALE

Friends in Faith will be having their Christmas cookie sale. Fill out the order form and place in the offering tray, give to Casey or call the church office. **Payment is due at pickup on December 9th.** All orders are due by Sunday December 2. Thank you for your support.

Order your Christmas Cookies NOW!!
Fundraiser for Friends in Faith Circle
Delicious homemade cookies by the dozen for Christmas. \$4.00 per dozen

Please fill out order form and place in offering tray.

Orders due by December 2, 2018

MARK YOUR CALANDER: Pick up and payment will be December 9th after worship.

# of dozen		\$4.00 each
_____	Buckeyes	\$ _____
_____	Snickerdoodles	\$ _____
_____	Peanut Butter Blossoms	\$ _____
_____	M&M cookies	\$ _____
_____	Snowballs	\$ _____
_____	Butterfinger cookies	\$ _____
_____	No Bakes	\$ _____

Total amount due at pick up on December 9th
\$ _____

Name:

CALLING ALL CHILDREN...

Practice for this year’s Children’s Christmas Program, “Fumbly Bumbly Angels” will be Sunday during Children’s Church. All who wish to participate are encouraged to attend!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please help support the Champion Pride Council and the Champion Church Cooperative this Thanksgiving by donating non-perishable food items. Each year we are able to help many families in our community. If you wish to give a monetary donation that will be used for a gift certificate for each family, you can do so by marking your offering envelope “Thanksgiving Food Drive”. All monetary donations are due no later than November 11th.

VETERANS DAY COMMUNITY TRIBUTE

You are invited to join in honoring our veterans and military personnel. The 10th annual tribute is presented by Champion Central Elementary and the Champion Schools’ Senior Citizen Advisory Council, on Monday, November 12th from 10:00am to 11:00 am in Champion PK* Central Gym.

WOODLAND MEADOWS NEWS

Woodland Meadows is still going strong, thanks to God for that every day. It is a wonderful and safe community for seniors to live independently. We would like to request prayers from you and your church family for the future of Woodland Meadows and its residents. The second request is prayer for additional help. We are presently looking for a new manager (part-time) and a maintenance helper (temporary) for the winter months and other miscellaneous tasks. We pray that God would send the right persons for these tasks. Additional job information is posted on the board outside of the church office.