

THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

February 11, 2019

Isn't it amazing how Christian tradition influences people even when they don't realize it? Take Valentine's Day for example. How many people who would never darken the door of a church participate in the ritual of sending a "Valentine"?

While the history of St. Valentine ... a third century priest ... is shrouded in mystery, it is believed he actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men. According to legend, Valentine defied the emperor and continued to secretly perform marriages for young lovers. When Valentine's actions were discovered, the emperor ordered that he be put to death. Before his execution, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl ... perhaps his jailer's daughter ... who visited him in prison. As the day of his death approached, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine."

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are in the mail, making Valentine's Day second only to Christmas as the largest card-sending holiday of the year! Ironic, isn't it, that even as traditional faith expressions are being rejected, our culture responds positively to things with an underlying spiritual message?

Have a happy Valentine's Day and I'll look for you Sunday!

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Lord's Day Happenings – February 17, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Psalm 1

Sermon: "The Cynic's Seat"

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MARCH 8-10

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, February 10- 6:30-7:30 Youth Group

7:30 pm Mission Trip meeting

Wednesday, February 13- 7 pm Friends In Faith

7 pm Elders meeting

Thursday, February 14- 10 am Ladies Aid

4:30-6:30 pm Youth Singing

Telegram phone calls are being made

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, February 16- 11 am Feeding Ministry

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NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, February 17- 11:30 am Shepherds meeting

Monday, February 18- 10 am Rebekah Circle

7 pm Youth Group

7 pm Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, February 20- 10 am Discussion about

Regional Ministry with Pastor Ken

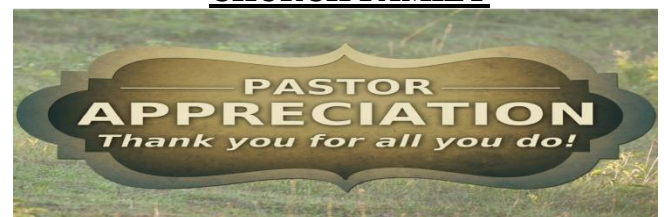
7 pm Visionary Council

Thursday, February 21- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir practice

CHURCH FAMILY



Our THANKS and APPRECIATION to Pastor Ken, as he celebrates 23 years in ministry with us here at Champion Christian Church!

Servers for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Elders – Brenda Cligrow, Merial Price

Diaconate – Carol Cokrlc, Debbie Cokrlc, Tyler Cokrlc, Tammy Hurst, Mike Nigrin, Chuck Stein, Joan Travers, Alexis Shafer, Janet Crawford, Shyanna Cerny

Prepare and Serve- Jerry Smith

Worship Leader- Connie Riffle

Communion Bread- Hildred Lake

Greeters – Pat and Joe Swipas

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children's Church- Sara Elmore

Acolyte- Zane Shafer and Brianna Howard

Media – Sue Criddle, Jean Smith

Sound – Casey Downs

Counter Team – Shellene Wilkinson, Debi Patchin

Captains – Merial Price



Pancake Breakfast

Sat. March 9th, 2019

Cortland Masonic Lodge

3263 Everett Hull Rd.

Cortland, Ohio 44410

9:00am to 12:00pm

Cost \$6.00

Children 5 and under / free

Proceeds from this event will be donated entirely to support BSA Troop 25 and BSA Venture Crew 25 of Champion Christian Church.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

Since several folks mentioned not being able to make last week's evening session due to schedules or night time driving, Pastor Ken is inviting all those interested in a better understanding of the changes taking place in our Regional ministry to a conversation on **Wednesday, February 20**, at 10 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIME CHANGE

We have a change in our normal youth schedule for this coming Monday, the 11th.

We will have youth from 6:30 - 7:30 and a mission trip meeting at 7:30.

2019 Camp Christian Dates:

Grandparent Camp (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) June 7th - 8th

Rabbit Camp (2nd - 4th grade) July 3rd - 6th

Otter Camp (3rd - 5th grade) June 16th - 22nd

Chi Rho (6th - 8th grade) June 9th - 15th, July 14th - 20th or July 21st - 27th

CYF (9th - 12th grade) June 23rd - 29th, July 7th - 13th or July 21st - 27th

Advance (Ages 19 - ??) July 28th - August 4th

Registration packets coming soon! Forms and payment will be due by Sunday, April 21st

YOUTH SINGING TELEGRAMS

The youth will be doing Singing Valentine Telegrams. Please fill out the provided form and drop in box, with a donation of your choice, for your loved one to receive a special call on Valentine's Day!

VALENTINE SINGING TELEGRAM

Your Name:

Person receiving call:

Number to call:

Time to call (4:00 - 6:30 p.m.):

Message at end of call:

Song Choices: (Circle Your Choice)

“You are my Sunshine”

“You've got a friend in me”

“I just called to say I love you” (Made popular by Stevie Wonder)

PASTOR'S CLASS

A Pastor's Class is being offered for any youth interested in considering a confession of faith and being baptized. Classes will begin soon with baptism scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 21st. If you are interested in the class or have questions, please call the church office.