

THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

February 18, 2019

Jesus said, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Lk. 6:31). We call it "The Golden Rule," and many of us have heard it since we were kids. But how many of us have perfected the inner strength to actually practice it?

Perhaps the problem some of us have is that there doesn't seem to be as many examples of people practicing the Golden Rule out there these days as there were say a generation ago. Our culture seems to lift up the rights of individuals and entitlements more often than the responsibilities of global citizenry and civility.

So maybe that's what sparked the movement called "Random Acts of Kindness." Could it be that our innate longing for goodness, grounded in the reality that we have been created by God, has in the face of growing isolation and despair spawned a reawakening of people's spirituality?

Starting with Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17th, RAK Week is centered on doing little things to remind others that people care. Some actions include:

- Putting money in a stranger's parking meter.
- Paying for someone else's meal.
- Letting someone in on the highway.
- Washing the dishes when it is not your turn.
- Cleaning the house for mom or dad.
- Taking time to talk to your neighbors.
- Picking up litter instead of walking over it.
- Waving to kids in school buses.
- Thanking police officers or fire fighters.

Studies have shown that kindness is indeed contagious. When a person does an act of kindness for another person, it makes the person receiving it more likely to do an act of kindness for someone else. So this can unfold exponentially ... like a ripple on a pond.

Around town perhaps you have experienced someone acting in accordance with the philosophy of this movement. Yes, its spirit is touching hearts and lives in the Mahoning Valley.

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Lord's Day Happenings – February 24, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: "Kindness Conspiracy"

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THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, February 24- 11 am – 4 pm- Texas

Roadhouse Youth 10% fundraiser

Monday, February 25- 7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, February 28- 10 am Ladies Aid

6 pm WZ In-Service Class

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir practice

Saturday, March 2- 9-6 pm Blue and Gold Banquet
in Disciple Center

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Cardarelli is now staying at Shepherd of the Valley in Howland. She is in room #1207

We welcome our new member Kevin Bosak who joined our congregation February 10th!

(Cont.) Theological support for this approach to living has been simply expressed by one preacher who said, "Truly everyone has the potential to be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Servers for Sunday, February 24, 2019

Elders – Brenda Cligrow, Merial Price

Diaconate – Carol Cokrlc, Debbie Cokrlc, Tyler Cokrlc, Mike Nigrin, Chuck Stein, Joan Travers, Alexis Shafer, Jerry Smith, Shyanna Cerny

Prepare and Serve- Tammy Hurst, Janet Crawford

Worship Leader- Mike Miller

Communion Bread- Hildred Lake

Greeters – Doris Maffitt

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children's Church- Casey Lewis

Acolyte- Anna Cokrlc and Nicole Emerine

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

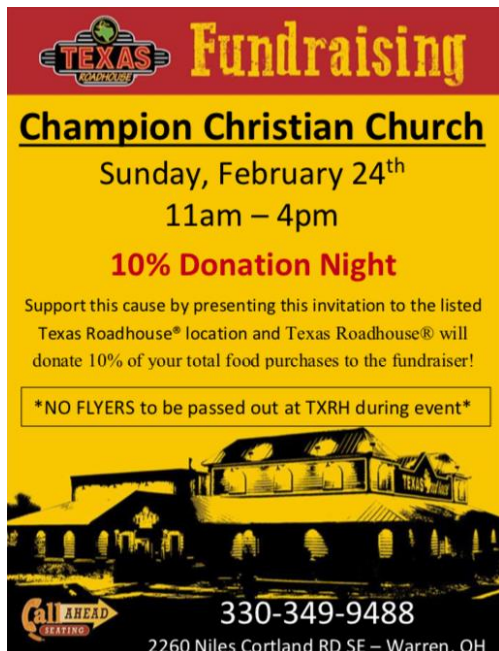
9:00am to 12:00pm

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.

YOUTH HOST 10% DONATION NIGHT



TEXAS ROADHOUSE Fundraising

Champion Christian Church

Sunday, February 24th
11am – 4pm

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

NO FLYERS to be passed out at TXRH during event

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330-349-9488

2260 Niles Cortland RD SE – Warren, OH

RUTH CIRCLE "THANK YOU"

Thank you to everyone for making our 2019 "Babies Are a Blessing from God" Annual Salad Luncheon such a success. Approximately 120 ladies attended from 22 area churches including 25 from our own Champion Christian.

Special thanks to Karen Sprague for "her 'twin' picture recipe book favors; to Cara Lawson for flyers, place mats, publicity, and reservations; to our Youth Group for great table/chair setup; and to the ladies who made the 14 doz. muffins and 42 salads. This event could not happen without your generosity!

Most of all, what a blessing to have Tia Ciferno bring her message to us. We were all touched by her songs. One of the highlights of the day was when Tia led the ladies present in singing "In the Garden". Donations from our guests totaled over \$500 to send with Tia for Bella Women's Center.

God bless our Ruth Circle for a job WELL DONE in

Christian Women's Fellowship and His love,
Lu Vesey, Ruth Circle President

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

Since several folks mentioned not being able to make the 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 **Wed., February 20**, at 10 a.m.

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 on Saturday, March 9, 2019 with baptism scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 21st. Time of class will be 9:00 am to 10:30 am. If you are interested in the class or have questions, please call the church office.

YOUTH HOST QUAKER STEAK AND LUBE FUNDRAISER

The youth will be hosting a fundraiser at Quaker Steak and Lube, Cortland, OH 44410 on Tuesday, March 19th. For \$20, you will receive unlimited wing buffet and soft drinks. See Casey or a member of the youth group to purchase your ticket. Proceeds will benefit the youth's summer mission trip to Exuma, Bahamas.