



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

February 25, 2019

No doubt you're familiar with the saying, "You snooze; you lose!" The line calls to mind missed opportunities suffered because one was not sharp enough to take advantage of certain circumstances. Around my house if that last piece of cake sits in its container overnight, don't be surprised if it's gone when you go looking for it the next night. You snooze; you lose!

Well this saying came to mind while I was reading the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. According to Luke, Jesus undergoes a miraculous transformation while praying on a mountaintop. Moses and Elijah appear to him and discuss what awaits him in Jerusalem. Also on that mountain are Jesus' closest disciples. Of them Luke remarks, "Now Peter and his companions were weighted down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory..." (Luke 9:32).

Thankfully Peter, John and James didn't snooze through the moment of Jesus' transfiguration! Their reward for fighting off sleep was to be eyewitnesses of this pivotal spiritual experience in Jesus' life.

Which leads me to wonder, could I be missing vital opportunities to deepen my faith because the routine of life has left me less than awake?

William Barclay observes, "In life we miss so much because our minds are asleep.... Sometimes we are so lethargic that we will not even face our questions and our doubts.... There is a kind of defense mechanism in us that makes us automatically shut the door against any disturbing thought. A man can drug himself mentally until his mind is sound asleep. But life is full of things designed to waken us ... sorrow ... love ... a sense of need.... We would do well to pray, 'Lord, keep me always awake to you.'"

I hope you'll fight off the urge to sleep in order to be present for worship this Sunday.

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Lord's Day Happenings – March 3, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Left Behind"

TETELESTAI IS COMING!

MARCH 8-10

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, March 3- Cookie Fellowship

Youth T-Shirt Fundraiser begins

2:30-4:30 Regional Listening

Session at First Christian in Niles

Monday, March 4- 6 pm Cub Scout Committee
meeting

7 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, March 6- Ash Wednesday

7 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday, March 7- 10 am Ladies Aid

Tetelestai Set up

Friday March 8- 8 pm Tetelestai

Saturday, March 9- 9-10:30 am Pastor's Class

8 pm Tetelestai

Sunday, March 10- 2 pm Tetelestai

CHURCH FAMILY



YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for a baby shower honoring Amber and Eric Sponaugle. Saturday, March 16th from 3:30- 6:00 pm. Hosted by JoAnn Sponaugle. Please RSVP to JoAnn at 330-980-6000 by March 2nd.

Servers for Sunday, March 3, 2019

Elders – Sharon Armstrong, Nancy Countryman
Diaconate – Jef Fisher, Tricia Fisher, Abby Fisher, Adam Fisher, Erica Howard, Dave O'Rell, Pat Mollenauer, Cindy Hixenbaugh, Karlie Klingeman, Morgan Hardman
Prepare and Serve- Denis Dunbar, Karen Horvath
Worship Leader- Gary Barnes
Communion Bread- Carol Klingeman
Greeters – Ken and Sharon Armstrong
Nursery – Chelsea Thomas
Children's Church- Natalie Gardner
Acolyte- Natalie Emerine and Amara Kim
Media – Beth Klingemier Shafer, Casey Lewis
Sound – Dave Conway
Counter Team – Shellene Wilkinson, Debi Patchin
Captains – Merial Price

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.

NEW EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Are you trying to be more patient? More generous? More ... religious? Join us on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. for "Gospel: Recovering the Power of Christianity". The objective of this revised Bible study is to help you simply abide in Jesus. When you are captivated by the love of Christ, the natural results are patience, generosity, self-control, passion, and kindness. You will become more self-disciplined and less selfish.

The gospel is the power of God. It produces within believers a heart that desires God. And it's the only true source of joy, freedom, radical generosity, and audacious faith. Discover ways to let the gospel work in your heart the way religion never has and never could.

See Casey for more information!

EARLY BIRD CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp Christian 2019 is coming soon!

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

First time camper - \$28.75

Returning camper - \$57.50

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

First time camper - \$57.50

Returning camper - \$115.00

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

First time camper - \$106.25

Returning camper - \$212.50

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

First time camper - \$106.25

Returning camper - \$212.50

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

First time camper - \$106.25

Returning camper - \$212.50

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

First time camper - \$87.50

Returning camper - \$175.00

Registration forms and payment due no later than Sunday, April 21st.

SPONSOR AN ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN

June 13-20 the youth will be traveling to Exuma, Bahamas on a mission trip. As you may imagine, the cost for this trip is great. In the entry, there is an opportunity to donate to specific expenses of this trip. Some of these expenses are airfare, lodging, food and ministry expenses. Please choose an envelope, put your donation in the envelope (checks made out to Champion Christian Church Youth) and drop it in box. Please see Casey for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

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.