



FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*"To be known as a church that prays"
"To be a church that takes the word of Christ to others"
"To feel the love from Christ in a way that makes our heart rejoice"*

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Pastor Michael Lewis 330-606-2711
Jeff Cunningham, worship leader;
Rob Cowie & Pauline Long, musicians

Opening Praise/Greeting Time

** "Give Thanks" #170

Announcements/Prayer

Worship

"Near to the Heart of God" #617
"Let There Be Glory & Honor & Praises" #20
"It Is Well With My Soul" #705

Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Message

Pastor Lewis

Closing Video

Those who are physically able, please stand

First Church Events This Week

"Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17)

This Week:

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 am.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving service, Cottage

Monday

Grove

Wednesday

6:30
No Mens & Ladies Bible Studies
due to Thanksgiving Eve

Pastor's notes:

John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Akron First Prayer Chain has 2 contacts. It can be accessed by calling Jim Dotson @330-703-4585 or email

him @jimdotson7@gmail.com, or Mike Lewis @330-606-2711 or email him @bacrides10@gmail.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 20 - Jon Lykins, November 27 - Carrie Cunningham

PRAISES

Avis - everything is OK and comforted
Pauline - Negative MRI result
Katrina - the cancer is stable and decreased in size!!
Rob C. - home and back with us
Wednesday night class - 11 people came
Joe Gordon - induction to the Summit County hall of fame for 30 years of umpiring.
Terice has gone back to work
Jim D. - being recognized by the Catholic Charities Corporation.

WHO'S ASKED FOR PRAYERS

Leroy - Son-in-law Ben Mercer coming home and for complete healing
Leroy - Daughter Debbie - implant procedure
Jim D - friend Al with pancreatic cancer
Jim D - friend Al Brown, cancer treatments
Don - April is still experiencing an irregular heartbeat
Tom Baldt - sister Marilyn at home and needs help
Jeff & Carrie - grandchildren Nathan & Audrey - Celiac disease
Jeff & Carrie - granddaughter Audrey facing POTS
Jim Behringer - cousin Gary Shantz hit by a car and lost his life
Debbie Boser - raising grandkids and relocated
Pauline - Jess Fast - starting chemo

PRAYER NEEDS

Brenda - traveling
Barb, Roger & Joe - traveling
Pauline - opening up of an apartment near church
Avis - getting ready to have thumb surgery on November 29th
John M - bacterial infection has been identified
Mike & Trish-Gail Durbin admitted to hospital for congestive heart failure
Mike & Trish-mom - Carol having pain from knees
Shut-Ins - Glenna Duffey, Marie Banic, John M

ONGOING NEEDS

Marilyn-Kathryn, Joe Beltz-Jason Bentley, Joe Beltz, Brad Faidley, Rob & Robbie, Bill-Terice, Trish-Carol Collins, Cunninghams-Peg Goldsmith, Jim Behringer, Avis-Nancy Roepke, Melissa

“Pray and Seek God's Answer”



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