



Newsletter

ARNOLD VIEW CHURCH

Pastor: Ivan Ryan Assistant pastor: Adam Brown Reporter: Buddy Parks

Average Morning Worship attendance during October was 78. Michael Gamble, 74, passed away on September 29 after a long battle with cancer. Condolences to his family. Sister Rose Mausey, 78, passed away on October 30. Condolences to her family.

We resumed our Wednesday Evening Services on October 21. Adults in the Auditorium, Teens in the basement, and Children in the gym. Arnold View hosted the South Central Quarterly Meeting on October 24.

Brother John Pitchford gave a report on the Child Evangelism Fellowship. Brother Adam Brown was approved for ordination. The Teens enjoyed a campout at our church. Arnold View again had Trunk or Treat this year.

Pastor Ivan Ryan announced that he is resigning at the end of this year. We thank Brother Ivan and Sister Diane for their many years of faithful service to our church. Although he is leaving Arnold View Church after 31 years and having served in the ministry for almost 50 years, he plans to continue to help in the Lord's work. Also, we want to congratulate Brother Ivan and Sister Diane as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 19!



Pastor and Mrs Ivan Ryan

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

OAK VALLEY CHURCH

Pastor: Richard Brown Reporter: Marie Rutger

We are finishing up harvest season and enjoying the lovely colors, the rain, and getting ready for the holiday season. We are collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Graham Ministries by November 15.

The Geff Hope Ministries gives out commodities to about 200 families each month. We are getting some clothing items to give as needed also.

Due to Covid-19 we are unable to go to Cisne Manor or Brookstone but we pray we can start doing those again soon. Brother Richard has been bringing us inspiring messages from the book of James.

We pray you all have a wonderful holiday season and great New Year 2021.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in Him". - Psalm 34:8b

RESCUE CHURCH

Pastor: Bryant Harris Reporter Donna Harmon

Another holiday, like other special days this year, Thanksgiving was sacrificed without being able to freely gather together with our family and friends. We have to remember to wear our masks, wash our hands and keep our distance from one another in order to get through all this. But, remember that God is in control!

Once again, we have lost another special lady, Erma Lee Conner. She was very dedicated, serving our Savior and our church. She has gone home to be with her husband, Wesley. She was a very big inspiration to all of us.

"What an awesome God we serve!"

Merry



Christmas

HARMONY CHURCH

Pastor: Bruce Thurman Reporter: Cody Alstat

Hello from Harmony, We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. On October 24th we were saddened at the passing of Betty King. Betty King was a long-time member of Harmony Freewill, arrangements will be made and a service will be held at a later date Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. Covid has hit our church pretty hard over the past few weeks and several members have tested positive for the virus, the devil is trying to prevent us from meeting but that isn't going to stop us very long! As I sit here and think there isn't much time left for 2020. We have 45 days of 2020 left - where has this year went? We hope that everyone will have a safe Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from Harmony. We hope to see everyone in 2021!

BLUE POINT CHURCH

Pastor: Ernie Lewis Reporter: Suzanne Lewis

We were able to hold our Annual Trunk or Treat on the last Sunday evening of October. Numerous of our people set up trunks, expressing their creativity. A large crowd attended representing several of the local communities. Besides receiving candy, everyone also enjoyed cookies, hot chocolate, hot cider, and juice boxes.

The 7th and 8th Grade Sunday school recently completed a service project. They had been saving their offerings for months. After enjoying lunch at a Mexican restaurant, they went to Wal-Mart where they purchased numerous items. For the Dyball House, a girl's home in Fairfield, the teens bought a massive amount of groceries. For Hope Ministries, a local food and supply pantry, the group purchased an assortment of toiletries. After leaving Wal-Mart the group delivered the items to the respective places.

We recently had a special service in which we welcomed many new members. Danny and Candy Ray, Caleb Barnard, Mary Johnston, Mitchell Levi, Joe and Katie Matthews, and Cindy Barr were officially welcomed into our fellowship of believers.

Brother Ernie has been busy despite restrictions on visiting hospitals and nursing homes. He attended a Pastor's Breakfast in Wayne City, meeting with area ministers and discussing their ministries during Co-Vid 19. He also attended the Executive Board meeting in Mt. Vernon and got to visit with board members and missionary Mark King.



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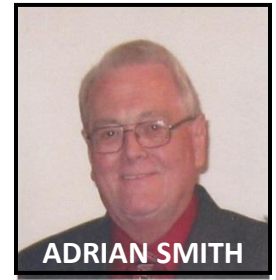
Pastor: David Shores Associate Pastor: Craig Smith

Our church has been rather busy during this time of Covid-19 shut down. Our in-the-building meetings have been restricted, but we have returned to Sunday School, Morning Worship and Evening Service plus Bible Study on Wednesday evening. Brother David is leading a mid-week study of the Book of Revelation.

One of our faithful deacons, Brother Adrian Smith passed away and his funeral was conducted November 1st. Brother Smith served any years at our church and was known for his quiet, positive leadership and kind disposition. He was a Gideon and a retired U.S. Postmaster. He will be missed by the church. Please pray for his wife, Lynn, and his family.

We had two other deaths: Brother Jim Higgins and Sister Betty Cople went to be with the Lord and we request you remember their families as you pray.

The church sent 74 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to the distribution center and we sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive in response to their request for donors during this pandemic.



HAZEL DELL CHURCH

Pastor: Curtis Smith Reporter: Diana Kirk

Greetings from all of us at Hazel Dell!

We have begun our Senior Meals again. Remaining meals for this year are going to be delivered on November 24th, December 8th, and December 22nd. It will continue into the New Year.

We held our annual hayride and wiener roast on Sunday evening, November 8th, Brother Mike Sample delivered the devotion. Great food and fun was enjoyed by all.

Brother Tyler Penn was with us on November 15th to give us an update on the Illini Initiative in Champaign. It was a blessing to hear of the work being done there and then to hear of their outreach as their students return to their homelands and share the gospel.

Plans are being made for the decorating of the church for the Christmas season. Any of our people that would like to assist are more than welcome to do so. We will be working on it the Monday or Tuesday morning following Thanksgiving. The definite date will be announced at church when plans are finalized.

God's blessings to you all. Stay safe.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - II Chronicles 7:14



Stateside Missionaries Available for Services

Several IM missionaries are currently stateside. Opportunities to meet and speak with organizations and churches are greatly appreciated. For information please contact IM at: www.iminc.org/about/contact or Telephone 877-767-7736

The Ohio State Association is searching for a new executive Secretary to replace Brother Edwin Hayes who is retiring July 31, 2021. Resumes will be accepted beginning December 1st.

Interviewing prospective candidates will begin in February, 2021.

Resumes and recommendations may be emailed to: board@OhioFWB.org or mailed to:

Ohio State Association of FWB
7554 Slate Ridge Blvd.
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43608
Attn: Board



During this Christmas season we should rejoice in God's love and remember the gift of life, Jesus Christ. We may be restricted from meeting in large groups in our churches, but no one can restrict the love for God we have in our hearts! Jesus had to face some difficult times, and He will be with us during this time!

May God bless you.

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NEW HOPE CHURCH

No Pastor

It has been some time since New Hope has sent news to the newsletter. As every church we have been busy. A new mailbox for the church, a new sidewalk from the sanctuary to the fellowship room, a metal fire proof cabinet and etc.

Recently, Annabell Ellis presented to us her mission to go to Japan. We agreed to help support her in this work for the building up of God's kingdom.

Nick Catron, Martha Payne, Brenda Fowler, Louise Joshlin and Jackie Capps attended the quarterly conference at Waltonville. We are proud to announce Nick Catron has answered the call to preach. He has appeared before the Rend Lake District Board.

Louise Joshlin recently joined the church.

A wiener roast and hayride was held for our annual fall event.

The children ages three to nine years, recently dressed in Biblical clothes and sang a song about Zacchaeus. Colt Richardson was Jesus and Thyus Lea was Zacchaeus. Yes, Zacchaeus did climb a tree!

We are

"Looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." - Titus 2:13

