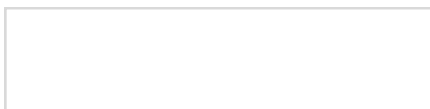




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**April 2024**

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**Worship**

Sunday Mornings at  
8:00 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School  
at 9:00 am

**Prayer Requests**

**CHURCH FAMILY**

-Brenda Lowe -Sue Williamson -Deb McCoy -Sharon Brown  
-Barb Haney -Susie Fulk -Ron Nash  
-Bob Pugh -Stan & Gretchen Hendrickson -Dan & Gloria Hill -Jane Pugh -Jean Hunley  
-Caroline Horn -Jackie Stuckey -Bobby & Bev Manning -Cherry Wolfe  
-Patty Walters -Mary Overmyer -Ron Loyd -Larry & Deb Preston -Ed & Margaret Bunsold

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

-Will Anderson -Olivia Hershberger -Drew Loyd -Charlie Sauser

**MILITARY**

- Private Ryan Snyder (Great-grandson of Sharon Brown)  
-Reese Thurman—Army (Grandson of Tom & Judi Bigelow—Granddaughter Stephanie's Husband)

**EXTENDED FAMILY**

-Rob Tuuk (Ed & Magaret Bunsold's Son-in-law) -Bruce Walters (Caroline Horn's Son)  
-Wilma Kleman (Gloria Hill's Sister) -Dova Shriff - Karen Fairley (Deb Preston's sister)  
-Debbie Madler (Sharon Brown's Daughter) -Jerry Timmons (Gloria Hill's Cousin)  
-Brian Kuehl (Becky Kuehl's Brother) -Anita Mullen (Linda Fetter's Daughter)  
- Rebecca Smith (Betty Stalcup's Sister-in-law) -Joe Abernathy (Todd Abernathy's Brother)  
-Emily Howell Reynolds (Phil & Judy Howell's Daughter) -Sheri Hunley Zerkel -Debbie Zicht (Teri Box-ell's Sister-in-law)  
-Lovell & Phistener Family (Friends of the Fetters) -Fetters Family (Unspoken Prayer Request)  
-Dustin Shannon (Teacher at WCHS) -Jeff Shively (Relative of Leon & Linda Fetters)

**The Healing Power of Storytelling**



Country Christian Church invites you to a Weekend of Hope, featuring guest speaker Mark Yaconelli. Join us on Saturday, April 6th, 6 to 7 pm and Sunday April 7th at 10:15 am.

There is a depth to story that we rarely take time to ponder, let alone to tell and hear. Story is how we transform pain. Story is how we make something useful out of the absurd. Sharing stories is how we make a home within ourselves and one another. In this interactive and intergenerational presentation, author, spiritual director, and veteran storyteller Mark Yaconelli will engage us in a series of story sharing exercises designed to bring greater healing, connection, and hope. Saturday will feature an intergenerational meal for families with children of all ages; childcare will be provided for preschoolers. Join us for dinner and prepare to leave filled with the transforming power of hope found through sharing our stories. And on Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 am we will have a combined worship service followed by a workshop for teens and adults.

*"You will find Mark Yaconelli to be a wise and patient teacher with a lovely sense of humor. And if you're anything like me, you'll find direction and validation and a lot of truly great wisdom in his words."* —Anne Lamott, NYT bestselling author

The “Do You Know?” scale developed by Marshall Duke and Robyn Fivush asks questions about family history. For example, one of the questions is “Do you know how your parents met? Or another question asks, do you know the source of your name?” There are twenty questions in all. The more yes answers the person chooses, the better the person knows his/her family stories. Studies show that young people who knew stories from their families show a higher well-being in a variety of indicators including self-esteem, academic competence, levels of anxiety, social competence, and general behavior. Knowing family stories meant a child had spent extended periods of time listening and talking with parents, grandparents, or other members of their family.

According to Duke and Fivush, there are three kinds of family narratives: ascending stories (rags to riches: pulling yourself up by your boot straps), descending stories (failure and misfortune: Once upon a time we were on the top of the world and then we lost everything) and stories that oscillate (stories of resiliency: We had good times and bad times, but through it all we stuck together). The last kind of story telling offers the greatest strength to a child. These kinds of stories help children develop the intergenerational self that builds the kind of spirit that allows someone to move forward despite varying circumstances.

On April 6th and 7th, author Mark Yaconelli will be visiting Countryside Christian Church to talk about the importance of storytelling. In fact, his book is entitled, “Between the Listening and the Telling, How Stories Can Save Us.” Storytelling and listening are different sides of the same coin.

We will be hosting a family night on Saturday, April 6th, from 6 pm to 8pm where Mark will be talking about how storytelling in families (even church families) improves children’s wellbeing overall. Families including children are invited to come, have pizza, and join us in learning about and practicing storytelling and listening skills.

In addition, on Sunday morning, Mark will be with us speaking during worship at 10:15 and then we will follow worship with lunch and an interactive session that allows adults to continue delving deeper into the importance of storytelling, how storytelling can be a spiritual practice and how sharing and hearing each other stories help us grow into community.

In his book, Yaconelli says, “at this moment, it is possible to feed every human being. It is possible to house every human being. It is possible to heal the suffering of every neglected child. It is possible to create a just society. It is possible to heal the environment. To do these things, we have to overcome what philosopher Charles Eisenstein calls the most damaging story in the world: “we are separate.” (84)

Come and join us on April 6th and 7th as we explore storytelling and discover how stories can save us. PS. I had a great conversation with Mark this past week and told him what our community has been experiencing in the past 15 months including surviving a tornado just a few weeks ago. Mark employs the art of storytelling to help people talk about the hard things that they have experienced and survived. He will be bringing his book, “The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Place with him when he joins us the first weekend in April. (Continued on page 7)

## Update from the Little Disciples Room



I can't believe three months have flown by so fast. I have enjoyed getting to know each of your children through Messy Church and Worship and Wonder. Last month during Messy Church we also imagined a world with more compassion. The children made a poster with painted hand prints and words of encouragement to the adults of our church.

Sunday, March 17th during worship and wonder we did not have a lesson. The

children and I simply colored, did a few simple craft projects and talked about our experiences during the tornado. We shared how scary this experience had been, some of the things they were disappointed had happened, but mostly gratitude that we were all together. I was reminded of the words of Mordecai to Esther, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" - Esther 4:14 I am not royalty by any means, but I never imagined one of the first things I would be discussing with your children was surviving a natural disaster. But I am thankful that God allowed me to be at this place at this time to support your children and their families as we navigate these next few weeks. -

Melissa B.



### Meet Talon

If you weren't here for service on March 17th, we dedicated a new baby! Meet Talon! Talon Bailey was born in November of last year and is the son of Justin and Miranda Bailey. he was welcomed home by big brother Tryce. We are so lucky to have the Bailey Family in our congregation!



### Welcome Tonya!

On March 24th Tonya Garrett transferred her membership to Countryside! We are so excited to welcome her and her husband Mike to Countryside Christian Church! Please join us in welcoming them to our CCC family!



# Financial Report

The amount of weekly offering received for February is listed below. For February, our current income came in slightly ahead of our budgeted income with a total monthly income of \$16,233 and our budget was \$13,511, so we brought in \$2,722 more than our budget. We would also like to continue highlighting the Givelify electronic giving app as we received \$5,877 of income in February, which is a very solid month of giving through this app. If you recall, we started using the Givelify app back in April 2020 and we have received a total of \$208,379 in giving over the last three plus (3+) years using this app so it has been a major factor in terms of a giving tool for our church.

Our weekly giving summary is below:

Date	Actual	Budget	Variance
February 4th	\$ 2,412.82	\$ 3,377.94	- \$ 965.12
February 11th	\$3,337.07	\$ 3,377.94	- \$ 40.88
February 18th	\$5,669.76	\$ 3,377.94	+ 2,291.82
February 25th	\$ 4,813.23	\$ 3,377.94	+ \$ 1,435.29
Total February	\$ 16,232.88	\$ 13,511.77	+ \$ 2,721.11

## Attendance

Date	8:00	10:15	YouTube
2/4	23	80	46
2/11	-	101	12
2/18	21	70	38
2/25	30	68	28

Overall, we met our budgeted giving for February and have been able to maintain a positive current balance so that is a blessing for our church. We would like to continue to highlight that 70% of our current expenses go towards the personnel / staffing / programming costs of the church in terms of salaries (and benefits) so it is critical that we receive consistent weekly / monthly contributions to provide the salaries to our Ministry staff as they do an awesome job for our church!

Sweet Dreams – As mentioned during our recent worship service, Countryside Christian Church has become a primary sponsor for the continuation of this awesome program in our community. The Church received \$7,000 in funding from the former sponsoring group and received another \$2,350 in donations in February for a total of \$9,350 in funding. We are excited to continue moving this program forward in the community under the guidance and direction of Aaron Anderson and thank Jason Knasinki for his vision in founding this outreach program.

As always, please continue seeking ways that you can give your time and talents to the church.

If you would like to receive giving envelopes, contact the church office.—Mark Moody, Treasurer

## Elders Retreat

There will be a retreat for our church elders on Saturday, April 20th, at Mt Summit Christian Church (508 S Walnut St., Mt. Summit, IN 47361) from 9:30 am – 2 pm. This retreat is designed to help connect our church elders with the biblical call and what that means in today's world. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 am. Worship with Rev. Dr. Christal Williams at 10:00 am, as she speaks of the importance of elders in our church today. There will be a time for small group discussions, fellowship, and lunch. Each elder will also receive resources to help them as they serve their congregation. The cost for this retreat is \$5.00 per person. Contact Pastor Melissa if you would like to attend as soon as possible and let her know of any dietary restrictions.



**COURSE TYPE**  
Youth  
Blended Virtual/In-Person

### WHEN

Thursday, April 25, 2024  
9 AM – 4 PM  
[EST]

### WHERE

Countryside Christian Church  
1212 E. 100 South  
Winchester, IN 47394  
765-584-1951

### COST

\$25.00 for the first 10 participants

Thanks to the Mental Health Initiative Grant through the Centers for Congregations

\$55.00 for all other participants

\*Sorry, absolutely no refunds

### QUESTIONS?

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### SIGN-UP BY

Monday, April 1, 2024  
Advance sign-up  
and online pre-work required

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## Church Directory Update

Due to the tornado, we have delayed the printing of the church directory. Please watch the newsletter for updates as to when directories will be available for the congregation. If you haven't submitted a photo or have had a change in address due to the tornado, please call or text the church office at 765-584-1951,



## God's Grace by Larry Preston

Is God done with you yet? If you are reading this, the answer is no. On March 14th at 7:00 pm, Deb and I were watching "Wheel of Fortune" on TV as we normally do. Channel 13 broke in with a weather alert. For the next hour and 10 minutes we watched attentively as Delaware and Randolph County moved under a tornado warning. Around 8 pm, the weather person warned there would be severe weather in Muncie, then Selma, Parker City then Farmland, then, Winchester. Around 8:10 we lost electricity. Our son's dog was with us (who is scared of storms), came

into the living room with us. Deb heard the tornado sirens around 8:20 so it was time to take cover. We went to our closet in the master bedroom under a stairway. Deb stepped in the closet and I had one foot in when we felt our house raise up and twist around. In a matter of seconds, Deb and I grabbed each other and we were slammed to the ground. Deb laid on her back and I ended up directly on top of her. We tried to move, but we were unsuccessful because the whole house had collapsed down on us. Deb had managed to hang onto her cell phone. And for an hour we tried to call 911 and everyone we knew but there was no service. Our brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Judy Keys live directly north of us and sensed there was something wrong and came up our back drive. Randy hollered out, "are you okay?". We told him we could not move. He told Deb to hang on and that it would be awhile because the whole house was on top of us. Our good friend and law officer Ken Hendrickson showed up and assured Deb and I that they would get us out. Shortly after that, we got a call from 911 to come in, maybe from Delaware County? They transferred us to the Randolph County 911 line with Angela Resler. She assured us help was on the way and she would stay on the line until they got there. We have seen videos and there were fire departments, EMTs, Heavy Equipment Operators, Rescue Workers, as far as you could see, all there for us. After two or three hours, of digging, saving and removing debris, they pulled Deb out, then myself. Deb spent a couple of days at Reid Hospital and I spent half a day at Miami Valley Hospital. We were scraped after being buried from head to toe but no broken bones. A special thank you to Mark Moody for helping secure some rescue equipment, too. The outpouring of support from our church, the community and our friends has been overwhelming and humbling. If you want to talk numbers, like the Bible does, we have a 5 bedroom home, 5 out buildings and 5 vehicles. We lost them all. But Deb and I and the trinity (5) still remains.

Love, Deb & Larry Preston

## Want to share something with your church family?

Prayer requests, praises, words of wisdom, a testimony, pictures, upcoming event or even a yummy recipe! We want to hear what you want in your newsletter! Send your addition to Alyssa by email or a note before April 15th to have it published in May's edition of the *Messenger!*

## L's Angels in April

You asked, and we listened! It's time to get artsy again! We've asked our own John Kleinschmidt to come back and give lessons!

**Save the date for**

**Monday, April 15th from 11 am to 1 pm at Countryside Christian Church**

as we spend the afternoon learning about art, enjoying lunch and fellowship together! Please RSVP by calling or texting the church office by April 11th to attend



We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards, notes, and words of encouragement during Tom's recent heart problems. We are very hopeful that when his lead wire is re-inserted on the 28th, he will be feeling much better than he has been over the last several months. It's amazing how it will lift your spirits when you can feel the prayers or hear words of encouragement. We are so blessed to have a church family that is so loving, thoughtful and kind. Thank you again! Tom and Judi Bigelow

*(Continued from page 2)* The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places by Mark Yaconelli Foreword Reviews' 2016 INDIES Book of the Year Award, Silver Winner in Self-Help

In many ways society teaches us to try to have everything under our control. If we are honest, we tend to think that this can be true even of our spiritual lives. But Mark Yaconelli eloquently expresses the reality of our situation: "We are small, sensitive creatures with short lifespans, in a world that is often chaotic, capricious, mysterious, terrible and wonderful all at the same time. Failure, disappointment, loss and other difficult experiences call us to accept our humanity, feel grateful for what has been given, receive the care of others and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit." Using extraordinary stories from his own life and the lives of others, Yaconelli offers a narrative journey through ways in which disappointments have turned into gifts. In these pages are a wealth of spiritual practices that will carry us deeper into the grace we find in unexpected places. -Pastor Melissa



# Scouts Pack 58 Update

Anyway, Pack 58 has had an eventful few weeks! Our newest Scouts are well on their way to completing rank requirements. All four of our newest Cubs have all earned their Bobcat Badge!



We had a successful Pinewood Derby, too! All of our participants displayed exemplary sportsmanship skills and were all supportive of each other. Pack Leadership were so impressed with how encouraging the kids were of one another, even if they were "losing" the race. The highlight of the Derby was during our "Outlaw" races. Outlaw Class is a class exclusive to Pack 58 with only two rules participants have to follow: 1. Vehicles can't damage the track, and 2. Vehicles can't damage other vehicles. All else goes. This

includes adding motors and large fans to cars. We had to create this class of racing because several of our Dads are still VERY excited about Pinewood Derby and needed to raise the stakes a bit. It was a great event! Great job, Scouts!

Scouts traveled to Wapakoneta, OH to visit the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. We toured the museum and learned so much about Neil Armstrong, space flight, and more; watched a movie about The Apollo Mission and other Astronauts, and even made our own spacecrafts out of household materials and tested their durability to see if our "eggstronauts" would survive. It was such a fun trip!



Joseck was awarded the District Award of Merit by our District. This is the highest award District can award a Scout Leader. It is given in recognition for outstanding and noteworthy service to youth. We are grateful to Joseck for his continued dedication to our Pack, and glad that District has recognized his service to Scouting! Very well deserved, Mr. Joseck!

## Change of Address

Tues, March 12th I will spend my first night in my new home at Summers Pointe! If I remember correctly, we were the 5th family to move into Gaslight Addition, in Sept 1965. I'm sure I will miss the neighborhood, but the rest of the "originals" are all gone. It's like being the last living cell in the body. Many thanks will go to my cousins Larry and Debbie Preston, for removing ALL the discards! I'm pretty sure there will be sale later on, of the remnants of the Stalcup household. —Betty Stalcup

Dear Church Family, Words can not express our thankfulness to our beloved church family for the outpouring of love and affection to us during this trying time in our lives. We are blessed to have a rental to move into and people to pray and support us as we make decisions. God is so good and gracious and so are His people.



## Item of the Month: Peanut Butter



Please bring your item(s) the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and place in the donation boxes located just outside the Sanctuary!!

## Baptism Alert!

Joe and Angela Abernathy were baptized on March 21st, 2024 at Ball Hospital! Join us in congratulating Joe and Angela!



## March 2024 Serving Schedule

### 10:15 Worship Leaders

Date	Leader
4/7	Teri Boxell
4/14	Ashton Winkle
4/21	Bill Bush
4/28	Mark Winkle

### 8:00 and 10:15 Elders

Date	8:00	10:15
4/7	Steve M.	Teri B. & Mark A.
4/14	Judi B.	John K. & Hugh S.
4/21	Kelly R.	Phil H. & Bill B.
4/28	Hugh S.	Mark W. & Mark A.

### Communion Prep

Apr	Tom & Judi Bigelow
May	Larry & Deb Preston
Jun	Leon & Linda Fetters

### Scripture Readers

Date	8:00	10:15
3/3	Judi Bigelow	Mary Anderson
3/10	Hugh Smith	Craig McCoy
3/17	Chris Haney	Bill Bush
3/24	Mark Haney	Cindy Winkle

### April Diaconates

8:00	Colin Burk
10:15	Cindy Winkle Barb Berry

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please trade or find a substitute AND let the church office know. Phone: 765-584-1951 Email: WinchesterDisciples@gmail.com

# April 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 8am Breakfast for Summers Pointe Trustees @ 6 pm	2 Dorcas Ruth Circle @ 6 pm	3  <i>Happy Birthday Ron Nash &amp; Justin Bailey!</i>	4 Bible Study @ 1 pm	5  <i>Happy Birthday Cindy Winkle &amp; Deb Preston!</i>	6 Touch a Truck @ 10-11 pm on Courthouse Square <b>Family Night @ CCC from 6-8 pm</b> <i>Happy Birthday Brandon Mock!</i>
7 Child Dedication Church service at 10:15 or join us virtually on YouTube! <b>Workshop following with Mark Yaconelli</b>	8 8am Breakfast for Summers Pointe  <i>Happy Birthday Nancy McCormick!</i>	9	10 Music Meeting @ 12 pm  <i>Happy Birthday Kyndal Haney and Shirley Stauffer!</i>	11 Bible Study @ 1 pm  <i>Happy Birthday Barb Berry!</i>	12	13 Church Reserved  <i>Happy Birthday Drew Moody!</i>
14 Church services - 8:00 & 10:15 or join us virtually on YouTube!	15 8am Breakfast for Summers Pointe L's Angels @ 11—1 pm  <i>Happy Birthday Karla Reed!</i>	16 Mary Martha Circle @ 1 pm	17 Messy Church @ 5:30 pm	18 Bible Study @ 1 pm PRC @ 6 pm  <i>Happy 1st Birthday Case Moody!</i> <i>Happy Birthday Delores Williams &amp; Joyce Clouse!</i>	19	20 Elders Training at Mount Summit 9:30-2 pm
21 Church services - 8:00 & 10:15 or join us virtually on YouTube!	22 8am Breakfast for Summers Pointe	23	24	25 MHI First Aid Training at CCC 9 am—4 pm  <i>Happy Birthday Ron Stauffer!</i>	26	27 Church Reserved  <i>Happy Birthday Jamie Pegg &amp; Phil Howell!</i>
28 Church services - 8:00 & 10:15 or join us virtually on YouTube!	29 8am Breakfast for Summers Pointe Staff Meeting @ 9 am	30  <i>Happy Birthday Leo Winkle!</i>		<b>Join us in Fellowship Hall before either the 8 am service or the 10:15 am service for fellowship hour with donuts &amp; coffee!</b>	<b>Is your birthday or anniversary missing from the calendar? If so, call the church office to get it added!</b>	<b>Did you know Sunday School Meets every Sunday morning at 9 am in the Reborn Room and Fellowship Hall?</b>