

Christian Caller

Quarterly Praise Spring Caller 2019



A Publication of Dover First Christian Church

"The Dover First Christian Church exists to glorify God by teaching His word in love and truth to all people, binding us together as one family in Christ."
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Dover First Christian Church

March 2019



This Christmas, our sermon series was entitled Shine. As I prepared those sermons and studied those scriptures, I was reminded that the Bible uses the imagery of light and darkness to teach two distinct truths. First, as we studied at Christmas, Jesus is the light of the world. He steps into the darkness of our grief, our stress, our loneliness, and our sinfulness: then He shines the light. He brings hope, joy and peace.

But the Bible also commissions us, the followers of Jesus, to be the Light of the World. Paul tells us to live the kind of lives that make us “shine like stars in the darkened world.” Part of the call for the disciple of Jesus is to follow in His footsteps and live like He lived. That means we are also to bring light into the darkness; we are to bring hope to the hopeless, love to the lonely, and comfort to the mourning. We are to bring Jesus to them.

The words to a song by Royal Tailor (*Ready, Set, Go*) have been bouncing around in my head for the past few weeks. They say, “I can hear that you’re calling me to/be the hope, be the light, be the love/right now, starting right now.” God has indeed called us to be light in our world, and that’s why one of our three core values is Be Light. At our Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm, we will be praying, discussing, and dreaming about what that looks like for our church and how we can start shining brighter and better.

Here are some questions we will be discussing during the meeting:

1. What programs/ministries do we currently have that reach out to the hurting and the lost? Can we do any of these ministries better? How?
2. What program/ministry do we need to add so that we can better connect with the people in our community? How can we be intentional about sharing the light of Christ in Tuscarawas County?
3. What is your personal role in this? Who do you personally need to share Christ with?

Please be in prayer over the next several days as we prepare for this discussion. If you plan to attend, please come prepared to have a meaningful conversation, seasoned with grace, as we seek to honor God together.



Love God



Be Light



Grow Disciples



Hospitality Ministry

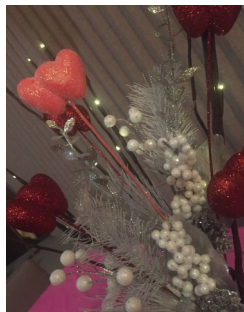
Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. Romans 12:11-13

Blooming Cross

We are going to decorate the Blooming Cross this year on Saturday, April 20th starting at 9:30am. We will need flower donations dropped off at the church by that morning, or if you would like to donate money for us to purchase flowers, please give it to Diane Ayt or Kelli Tomblin by Friday, April 19th. If you have any questions or would like to help this year, please see Diane or Kelli.

Decorating for Easter

We will need help decorating for Easter. We are planning a day the week of April 8th. A specific time that week has not yet been set. Watch for more info to be announced in the bulletin. *Special Thanks* to everyone who helped decorate for Christmas and Valentine's Day as well as tear down and put them away.



Hospitality Ministry Info

During the past quarter, we have seen the most hospitalizations in recent years. We have sent more balloons, cards, flowers and gifts that ever before.

There have been many questions about why the nativity scene was not lit this year. This was due to the inclement weather in December as well as many funerals that took the men out of town who usually get these things done. We plan to have the nativity scene lit again next year. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You!

I want to thank all of you for your prayers. I turned down chemo and radiation for going with God's plan for me. And Thank you, Josh, for your concern and all your calls.

Marge Spragg

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, flower and visits with my time in the hospital and recuperating at home. It means a lot to have a church family who is there for you. Thanks so much.

In Christian Love
Brenda Halchuck

Ladies LUNCHEON

March 20th – Don Papa's
April 17th – Uncle Primo's
May 15th – J & G Grill

RSVP: Carlene 330-343-0954
or Bev 330-878-5903



Missions Ministry

This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

YARD SALE

Missions Fundraiser

The Missions' Ministry will have their annual yard sale fundraiser again in June. The date has not yet been determined but please start saving items to donate for the yard sale.



Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped support our Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser. Whether you donated items, your time working or came and enjoyed a nice meal, we appreciate you! We are very pleased to announce that we raised \$1,269 that evening. This money will go towards our mission trip this summer to IDES.



Missions' Valentine's Lasagna Dinner



Missions

Carry Over Balance:	\$ 741.50
Amount Rec'd For Missions	\$ 5,387.00
Designated Funds:	\$ 544.00
Amount Available:	\$ 6,672.50
Amount Disbursed:	
Missions	\$ 4,699.00
Speaker:	\$ 300.00
Balance	\$ 1,673.50

Short Term:

Short Term Travel Fund	\$ 3,130.04
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 4,005.50

Total Amt Rec'd 2018 \$ 17,814.00

Mission Emphasis

Every month we focus on a specific mission. We ask that you join us in praying each month for these missions.

March



April



May



Mission Meeting Dates

March 26th
April 23rd
May 28th



Shepherd's Notes

Other Information

Average Attendance

December - 113

January-94

February-116

Sermon Series

Shine (Christmas Series)

The Prophets (Jan-Feb 2019)

The Writings (Mar-April 2019)

The past three months have been a blessed and busy time at Dover First Christian Church. We are grateful that we have been able to install two new shepherds at the church -- Bob Anders and Rich Halchuck -- who were approved by the congregation at the last quarterly meeting. They have been doing an excellent job, fulfilling the duties they have been called upon to perform.

In addition, we have brought onto our staff Andrew George, who was approved at the last quarterly meeting as our youth ministry intern. He led a Winter All Night Party, which was attended by more than 20 students.

We have had a lot of great events in the past quarter, including our Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 (approximately 120 in attendance), and our first ever Celebration and Remembrance Service in honor of those people who passed on during 2018 (we honored 12 different people during this service).

We also want to extend a thank you to the congregation for their patience with weather issues. We have had to cancel a couple of special events, as well as a Sunday morning service because of severe winter weather. Despite those problems, we have still had

some great special events in the last couple of months. The Valentines dinner, sponsored by the Missions Ministry, raised more than \$1,000. The event is a fundraiser for this year's mission trip to Indiana to help IDES, one of the missions that our church supports.

About 60 people were in attendance for the combined Game Night and Soup Wars event. This event raised money for our youth ministry to plant flowers this spring.

We are looking forward to an exciting Easter season with an interactive Good Friday Service on April 19, an Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, and a full schedule of activities on Sunday, April 21. Our theme for the season is "Greater Love" and will focus on the Great Love of our God.

We have some great financial news to share with the congregation. We have been blessed with a large estate gift from Dorothy Mills. The leadership made the decision to tithe this unexpected blessing by giving 10 percent of that gift to our missions. The balance of the money has been placed in a high interest bank account, and we are praying about how that money might best serve God's kingdom.

The Shepherds



All Night Party



Lasagna Dinner



AWANA



Youth Ministry

Teach a youth about the way he
should go; even when he is old
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



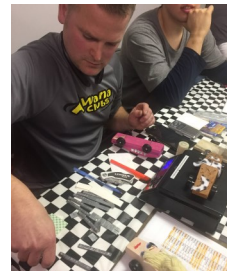
Saturday, March 2nd from 3-5pm
3 year olds through 5th grade
Please let the office know if your
princess can attend



Family Game &
Movie Night



Soup Wars Winner
Lacie Fleming
2018



Grand Prix Winners Speed

1st Alivia McClelland

2nd Noah Mark

3rd Dylan Lunau

Most Creative

1st Layla Bitikofer

2nd Micah Robinson

3rd Zane Mark

Judges Choice

1st Graycn Lancaster

2nd Malachi Parson

3rd Kami Huff

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th — 2pm



We are in need of candy to fill plastic Easter eggs by April 14th. Also, we will need volunteers to help fill the thousands of Easter eggs that we will hide this year.



Special Events

Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement allow you to live in harmony with one another, according to the command of Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with a united mind and voice.

Romans 15:5-6 HCSB

EASTER.

the unbelievable story of our rescue | JOHN 15:13

Good Friday Service at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service — 7:30am

Breakfast — 8:30am

Sunday School — 9:30

Worship — 10:30am



Women's Retreat: Living the Truth and Grace

The theme for 2019 is "Living in Truth and Grace." This theme is connected with John 1:14, which reads in the NIV, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Men's Dinner Patriarch's Come Forth

Enjoy an evening of fellowship at Round Lake! The Men's Dinner is a Friday evening event featuring a steak dinner along with compelling teaching. Dinner will be served on Friday, May 3rd from 4:30-6:30 pm, and the cost is \$25. The first session beginning at 6:30 pm. The main event will run until about 9:00 pm, at which time participants are welcome to stay later for additional snacks, desserts and fellowship in the Dining Hall following the conclusion of the program.

Retreats and Summer Camps

Spring Keenager's Retreat: Standing Firm

Enjoy a day of fellowship, learning and food with your friends at Round Lake Christian Camp. Open to ages 55+. This year's retreat will be on Tuesday, April 9th and will cost \$26. This year's speaker will be Jim Borton

Spring Family Camp:

Family Camp is a long-standing tradition at Round Lake, occurring twice each year during the Memorial and Labor Day Holiday Weekends. This is a fun-filled weekend at the camp for the entire family. It is a great opportunity to join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ to relax, have fun and worship God together. Bring your own tent or RV to camp out on the grounds for the weekend. Guests provide all their own camping supplies and food. Firewood and ice are available to purchase at the event, or you may bring your own. Picnic tables and fire pits are available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be in-person at the event in the Camp Store (Snack Shack) located at the top of the hill just outside the Dining Hall.



Registration for Summer Camp is now available. We have camp booklets in the foyer. Please see Andrew or Alison in the office to receive your 50% discount code for your child and a friend.



Worship Ministry

Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer. Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 4:7-11

March	Date	Shepherd On Call	Greeters	Scripture	Communion Meditation	Shut In	Junior Church Teacher/Helper
	3rd	Jon Baker	Brian & Erika Lunau			Jon Baker	Erika Lunau
	10th	Ray Beal	Bob & Susan Haas	Josh Robinson	JoAnne McKinney	Rich Halchuck	Tricia Long
	17th	Bob Anders	Aaron & Trista Bitikofer	Jon Baker	Luann Malone	Ray Beal	Trista Bitikofer
	24th	Rich Halchuck	Rita Stephens Dee Ray	Judy Thomas	Wayne Thomas	Bob Anders	Linda Oszust
	31st	Jon Baker	Youth	Youth	Youth	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone
April	7th	Jon Baker	Hurbert & Karen Granger	Aaron Bitikofer	Cathy Schwarm	Jon Baker	Tricia Long
	14th	Ray Beal	Allie Sugalski Linda Oszust	Janette Murphy	Hubert Granger	Rich Halchuck	Erika Lunau
	21st	Bob Anders	Greg & Janette Murphy	Andrew George	Ray Ulrich	Ray Beal	Karen Granger
	28th	Rich Halchuck	Tracy & Robin Hill	Rita Stephens	Ray Beal	Bob Anders	Trista Bitikofer
May	5th	Ray Beal	Rich & Brenda Halchuck	Trista Bitikofer	Carole Brown	Hubert Granger	Luann Malone
	12th	Bob Anders	Shirley Homan Denny Welling	Ray Ulrich	Tracy Hill	Jon Baker	Karen Granger
	19th	Rich Halchuck	Diane Aydt Joyce Peters	Judy Thomas	Wayne Thomas	Rich Halchuck	Linda Oszust
	26th	Jon Baker	Bill Leeper Patti Chambers	JoAnne McKinney	Allie Sugalski	Ray Beal	Erika Lunau
June	2nd	Ray Beal	Ray & Jade Ulrich	Shirley Beal	Jon Baker	Bob Anders	Luann Malone
	9th	Bob Anders	Eric & Kelli Tomblin	Jon Baker	JoAnne McKinney	Hubert Granger	Trista Bitikofer
	16th	Rich Halchuck	Steve & Carole Brown	Ray Beal	Luann Malone	Jon Baker	Karen Granger
	23rd	Jon Baker	Don & Gail McCreery	Tracy Hill	Cathy Schwarm	Rich Halchuck	Tricia Long
	30th	Ray Beal	Youth	Youth	Hubert Granger	Ray Beal	Linda Oszust

Prayer Concerns

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family of Betty Young • The Family of Stevie Long • Brenda Halchuck • Paisley Mayberry • John Raber • Marjory Spragg • Shelley Hobart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Sugalski • Deter Justice • Darryl Huff • Bob Welling • Lori Abel • Diane Aydt • Miriam Troyer • Dennis Hartman • Linda DeVore | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faye Childs • Gary Sloss • Walt Weaver • Ray Burkhart • Kolsen Fleming • Herb Neidig • Kay McClelland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty Leeper (Belle's House) • David McKinney (Hennis — Bolivar) • Chuck Snyder (Hennis — Bolivar) • John Hawk (Inn at Northwood) |
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Date	Praise Team	Sound Board	Projector	Communion Preparation	Clothing Shed	Hall Monitor	New Dawn
3rd	Candice Robinson	David Schwarm	Rich Halchuck	Andrew George	Bob Anders	Eric Tomblin	
10th	Jon Cole	Wayne Thomas	Eric D Tomblin	Andrew George	Brian Lunau	David Schwarm	
17th	Ray Beal, Kathy Weaver David Schwarm	Steve Brown	Katie Long	Andrew George	Rich Halchuck	Aaron Bitikofer	
24th	Wayne & Judy Thomas Chris Snyder	David Schwarm	Andrew George	Andrew George	David Schwarm	Bob Haas	Ray Ulrich Cathy Schwarm
31st	Youth	Wayne Thomas	Eric D Tomblin	Andrew George	Bob Anders	Tracy Hill	

7th	Rich & Brenda Halchuck Tricia Long	Steve Brown	Katie Long	Robin Hill	Brian Lunau	Rita Stephens	
14th	Barry & Vicki Walker Linda Oszust	David Schwarm	Eric D Tomblin	Robin Hill	Rich Halchuck	Brian Lunau	
21st	Bob & Judy Anders Robin Hill	Wayne Thomas	Katie Long	Robin Hill	David Schwarm	Ray Ulrich	
28th	Carole Brown, Kelli Tomblin Trista Bitikofer	Steve Brown	Rich Halchuck	Robin Hill	Bob Anders	Aaron Bitikofer	Hubert Granger

5th	Candice Robinson, Bev Deyo Carlene Swinderman	David Schwarm	Andrew George	Rita Stephens	Brian Lunau	Brian Lunau	
12th	Ray Beal, Chris Snyder David Schwarm	Wayne Thomas	Katie Long	Rita Stephens	Rich Halchuck	Rich Halchuck	
19th	Wayne & Judy Thomas Kathy Weaver	Steve Brown	Eric D Tomblin	Rita Stephens	David Schwarm	David Schwarm	
26th	Eric Haupt	David Schwarm	Katie Long	Rita Stephens	Bob Anders	Bob Haas	Josh Robinson Shirley Homan

2nd	Rich & Brenda Halchuck Kelli Tomblin	Wayne Thomas	Andrew George	Judy Anders	Brian Lunau	Tracy Hill	
9th	Barry & Vicki Walker Carlene Swinderman	Steve Brown	Eric D Tomblin	Judy Anders	Rich Halchuck	Brian Lunau	
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30th	Youth	Wayne Thomas	Katie Long	Judy Anders	Brian Lunau	Judy Anders	



Business & Finance

Each one must give as he had decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 HCSB

Income & Expense

Offerings	\$ 39,565.60
Expenses	\$ 36,029.85
Net Income	\$ 3,535.75

Dover First Christian Church has been blessed both spiritually and financially in 2019.

We remain consistent in maintaining tithes to meet our financial need. Monthly payables and expenses have been paid and are current.

If you have any questions regarding expenses, please see the committee servant leader who will answer any question regarding the spending for their committee.

The 2019 tithing envelopes are now available. If you do not have tithing envelopes and would like them, please see Kay to obtain them.

The current financial statement is available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Weekly Goal: \$ 3,100.00

Weekly Average: \$ 3,297.13

*Praise God From Whom
All Blessings Flow*



Building & Grounds

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part. Ephesians 4:15-16



We are working on finalizing the plans for a workday in May. This will give us an opportunity to clean up outside. We plan to trim

bushes, weed and plant flowers in the flower beds, along with many other items that will need done this Spring. It will either be on a Friday evening and we will provide supper or it will be on a Saturday, in which we will provide lunch. Whether on a Friday or a Saturday, we will probably have a

bon fire and roast marshmallows when we are done.

Please watch the bulletin for an announcement on more information about the Spring Work Day along with a specific

Building & Grounds Servant Leader

We are in the process of replacing Bob Anders as servant leader. Thank you, Bob, for all of your, service, hard work and dedication in this position over the years.



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9:30am
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