

**WELCOME VISITORS** We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

**BAPTIZED** We congratulate Robert Dickey on his baptism into Christ on January 20. We look forward to becoming better acquainted with him and his wife Judy. Their address is 1218 Washington St., Genoa, OH 43430. Phone number is (419) 855-7426 and they will be in FCG #6. Also, Larry & Pam Sanderson will be in to FCG #8 and Stephanie Beamon will be in FCG #1.

**"PARADISE LOST"**

*"As Adam and Eve discovered, it is in reaching for more than we were created to have that we lose the really good garden we were given. And then we realize that it was paradise. But paradise lost."* (M. Craig Barnes)

As God was creating the Heavens and the Earth, He provided Adam and Eve with everything needed for life and happiness in the garden. It was because of the desires of their hearts that they sinned and were cast out of the garden, realizing what the consequences of their actions would be. They must have looked back from time to time and realized that what they gave up was worth far more than they could have ever sought to gain from their own paths.

Society today continues to subscribe to this model of self-seeking blindness and disobedience to the Master's plan. If society would just realize that all the desires for a good and happy life are found in God's will, then we would be able to reverse the moral collapse of our society. You see it is this overriding call to happiness and self-indulgence that has pulled the fabric of our society apart. We live in a great nation, which leads the world in many categories. Unfortunately, we lead in many areas that eventually will be the demise of truth and goodness for most in our society.

Since the 1960's our nation has been barreling towards self-gratification at all costs at an alarming rate. One of the most notable casualties of this fact has been the family. Because so many are seeking what makes them happy, marriages and families have been taking big hits that they cannot recover from. Also, these changes have affected our society as a whole, believe it or not.

What can be done to reverse this trend? We must get back to the original design for happiness, God's plan for mankind. This involves recognizing our position as being the creation, and seeking the will of the creator, His revealed will through the Word. *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."* **II Peter 1:3.** Praise God that through God's plan in Christ we will once again be with him in Paradise. - Nathan

**JANUARY 29 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK** We are having a potluck meal today after morning services. We would like to invite our visitors to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with us. Remember, there will be no evening services tonight as this is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH** The teens will be preparing and serving lunch for the Senior Citizens on Saturday, February 4 at noon in the life center. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, February 1 if you plan to attend!

**SUPERBOWL** On February 5 after evening services the Super Bowl game will be shown in the life center. Please bring a snack and a beverage to share. We ask that you sign up on the foyer board if you plan to stay for the game so we can plan accordingly. Thanks!

**WIDOWS LUNCHEON** All widows and sponsors are invited to a luncheon on Tuesday, February 14 at noon in the life center. Sponsors, please contact your widows. Wanda Peace and Beverly Zilka are coordinating the luncheon.

**CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT** Mark your calendars!! Saturday, February 25 starting at 6:00 pm we will have a night of fellowship at the church building to play ping pong, air hockey, basketball, Wii games, board games, etc. Please bring your favorite snack and a beverage to share. Every one of all ages is invited; please feel free to invite your family and friends.

**IN APPRECIATION** The gift basket was wonderful with all the fruit and delicious treats. The love and generosity of this congregation never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for remembering me – and all the windows not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Claudia Span

**TEEN MEALS** There is a new signup sheet for devotionals. If you can sign up to help with food for devotionals it would be greatly appreciated!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** Contribution statements are on a table in the lobby. Remember to put your name on the envelope and put the amount of your contribution on the envelopes, either on the line provided or on the inside of the flap. Please see Pam Smith with any concerns regarding your statements.

**DAILY BIBLE READING** January 29, Exodus 33-35.; January 30, Exodus 36-38; January 31, Exodus 39-40; February 1, Leviticus 1-4; February 2, Leviticus 5-7; February 3, Leviticus 8-9; February 4, Leviticus 10-12.

- Jacquie Sloan, Jim Thomas, Jeannie Oberski & Joy Parker-- continue to need prayers as they recover.

- Isaiah Van Meter— nephew of Michelle Tuite & Roberta Bodnar, recovering from infection & undergoing tests.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR R.C.** McElwain, Ruth Ragland, Maggie Clouse, Norma Gonzalez, Johnnie Brown, Jim Thomas, Don & Marian Loertscher, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Jason Grimes, Bertha Wells and Charline Drake.

<b>RECORDS JAN. 22, 2012</b>			
<b>9:00</b>	115	N.E.	4
<b>10:00</b>	252		
<b>6:00</b>	107		
<b>Wed.</b>	92		
<b>Contribution</b>		\$5,552.56	
<b>Missions</b>			
<b>Building Fund</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$5,552.56</u>	
<b>Weekly Budget</b>		\$5,444.62	

<b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICE</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00 am Bible Study</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:00 pm Bible Study</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>11:30 am Bible Study</b>

***"And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."*** **2 Cor. 8:5**