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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.  
The Churches of Christ salute you!"  
Romans 16:16

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March 2014

For  
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**GRACE**

you  
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through faith.**

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV



Phillips Christian Church





## COSMA'S CORNER

*Undignified*

*I will dance I will sing to be mad for my king  
Nothing lord is hindering the passion in my soul  
I will dance I will sing to be mad for my king  
Nothing lord is hindering the passion in my soul  
And I'll become even more undignified than this  
Some would say it's foolishness but  
I'll become even more undignified than this*

MARCH MADNESS is almost here! Yes, some would say this refers to the great NCAA basketball tournament. Others would say it refers to the crazy, unpredictable weather in March. Kim and I were in Gatlinburg, TN once in the beginning of March and we went to bed about midnight and the temperature was 70 degrees fahrenheit outside and I woke up about 6am the next morning and had to do a double take as I peered out the window and saw white flakes falling from the sky...it was 30 degrees outside... the temp had dropped a crazy 40 degrees in 6 hours. Now that is mad weather.

When we speak of madness in sports scheduling to the weather, I believe we go in between the extremes of something we enjoy and something we are intrigued by but do not necessarily enjoy. We are on the precipice of the wildness of extremes, and no matter how we look at it it is exciting.

The words of the song written by Matt Redman *Undignified* are taken from a story right out of Scripture that relays for us a story of madness, passion, and excitement. The story is found in 2 Samuel 6 when King David at the end of the chapter is attempting to bring the ark of the covenant for the second time back to its rightful resting place within God's sanctuary in the tabernacle in Jerusalem. The ark of the covenant was a symbol of the abiding presence and power of God among the people of Israel which lost its

significance when the Israelites treated it like a gimmick and good luck charm and sinned against God and for a time lost their most valuable possession, the ark, to their antagonistic enemies the Philistines.

The entrance of the ark of the covenant back into Jerusalem was a monumental event and the Israelite leader, King David, led the celebration of the event as He above anyone else realized that this was a monumentous occasion that had to honor God thoroughly in ever aspect.

King David caught up in the madness of the moment and with great humility before God stripped off his kingly robes and danced madly before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His own wife did not understand what he was doing for she had lost the vision...the vision with which the people escape death...the vision of God Almighty and His Word and His purposes.

Even though, no one seemed to understand like David, when rebuked for his humility he simply said that he would do it again when he says *I will become even more undignified than this.*

People may not always understand your madness before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but really it is not about them, it is about Him. David was confident that he had acted properly, he was confident of His relationship with God, he was confident he was doing the right thing, and he couldn't help but be mad for His King. People may not always understand but when you are right with the King there is excitement!!!

From One Confident in the King to another



# ~ March 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>* Denotes services that are at the same time weekly.</b></p>						<p><b>1</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> John Faloba</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8:00 am Trustees Meeting *9:00 am Sunday School *10:00 am Worship *6:00 pm Teen Youth Group</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>5</b> *7:00 pm Elementary Youth Group Adult Bible Study</p>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b> <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> Sheldon &amp; Kim Cosma</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:00 am Elders Meeting <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Caige Vincent</p>	<p><b>10</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Eric Snyder Nathaniel Davis Gary Eichler, Sr. <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> Mike &amp; Lynn Phillis</p>	<p><b>11</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Dominic DiBaggio</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:00 am Stitches &amp; Giggles</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16</b> 8:00 am Board Meeting Tubing Trip to Brandywine after worship <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Bill Kelly</p>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b> <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> Gail &amp; Barbara Phillis</p>	<p><b>19</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Wanda Huston</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b></p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Relay For Life Team at the Emmanuel Lutheran Indoor Garage Sale</p>
<p><b>23</b> Friend Day 6:00 pm Teen Youth at the Snyder's home</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>26</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Don Huston, Sr.</p>	<b>27</b>	<p><b>28</b> <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Anthony DiBaggio</p>	<b>29</b>
<p><b>30</b> 10:00 am Revival Begins 6:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rally</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:00 pm Revival</p>	<p><b>THE REVIVAL CONTINUES APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00 PM</b></p>				





**YOUTH NEWS**

--Robin Heestand

Our Teen Youth Group has taken off! We are averaging 8 teens a night. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will meet at Bill & Marty Snyder's home at 34268 Gromley Rd. If you would like to host the teens at your home or provide snacks on Sunday night, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

On other news, we will be going tubing at Brandywine on March 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll leave the church at 1:30 pm and be returning between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and it is open to all families in our church. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We need at least 15 people to sign up before we can go.

We're looking for some ideas for service projects for the young people. If you have any ideas just let us know.

**REVIVAL**

--Dorothy Faloba

Spring Revival--March 30<sup>th</sup>--10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and March 31<sup>st</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>--7:00 p.m.--Dick Chambers is our speaker on "Evangelism through Discipleship". A nursery will be provided. There will be lunch after the Sunday morning message and refreshments after every evening service. Please invite your friends and family for great music, hearing of the Word and fellowship. If you would like to do a "special" for the revival, please contact Sheldon Cosma. See Janet DiBaggio if you can help staff the nursery.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

--Marty Shinn

Our Relay Team will be manning (actually Marty and I will be holding down the fort) at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Indoor Garage Sale on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Pray for good weather. The calendar may say spring but the snow may not want to go away.

Don't forget we are still saving aluminum cans for recycling. See Bob Shinn or Bill Snyder if you have any.

We also have new team captains, Cody and Ali Opsitnik have taken over the reins. There is a county-wide kickoff scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Dutch Valley Inn in Columbiana beginning at 6:00 pm. All team members and survivors are invited.

**STITCHES & GIGGLES**

--Robin Heestand

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am will be our next Stitches & Giggles gathering. We are enjoying our time of fellowship and invite all of our ladies and their friends to come and join. For the March project we'll be making a scarf called Starbella Flowers. You'll need size 7 or 8 knitting needles and the yarn will be \$3.00. It is the same as the ruffle yarn and done the same way using two stitches.

If you don't care to do the project, that's okay, too. Bring whatever you are working on and join the fun or just come for the Giggles. We have plenty of those!!!!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

We are starting a new study themed, ***David: a Man After God's Own Heart***. If you haven't been able to attend, now would be a great time to start. Hopefully the cold and snowy weather is behind us and Spring is just around the corner. Join us each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY**

--Robin Janofa

**LITTLE ANGELS:**

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**CURIOUS KIDS:** Marty Shinn, Lucy Cosma

**JUNIOR HIGH:** Sheldon Cosma, Anthony DiBaggio

**TEENS:** Cody Opsitnik, Ali Opsitnik, Dom DiBaggio, Emily Cosma

**HOMEBUILDERS:** Tom & Linda Miller, Bob Shinn, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, Carl & Judy Merriman, Bev Evans, Evan Cosma, Robin Janofa

**LOYAL SONS & DAUGHTERS:** Barbara Phillis, Gail Phillis, Jr., Jack & Bonnie Vincent





**IN NEED OF PRAYER**

**Our Congregation, Our Nation, Unspoken Needs,  
Lost Souls**

- Northeast Ohio Bible College**
- Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems) [Wiley]
- Bill Wiley** (health problems)
- Cindy Hilliard** (cancer) [Evans]
- Landon & Ethan Redmond** [Faloba]
- Sue Cromer** (cancer, undergoing radiation) [Wiley]
- Pat Mansfield** (back problems) [Miller]
- Maxine Vincent** [Miller]
- Hope Shauck** [Faloba]
- Elizabeth Faloba** (spiritual) [Faloba]
- Mary Lou Eberhart** (kidney problems) [Evans]
- William Worgull** (heart problems) [Wiley]
- Dan Shirley** (lymphoma) [Wiley]
- Steve Singer** (stroke; improving) [Vincent]
- David Nocera** (pain from fractured leg) [Wiley]
- Christina Williams** (cancer) [Grandon]
- Olivia Volshel** (health problems) [Grandon]
- Bill Bryan** (lung problems) [Bryan]
- Paul Clunen** (home and recuperating) [Evans]
- Bill Cartwright** (health problems) [Wiley]
- Gail Phillis, Sr.** (valve replacement surgery went well)
- Kathy Taucher** (ALS) [Stratton]
- John Lawrence** (hospice care) [J. Shinn]
- Nita Floor** (heart attack, home and doing well)
- Emma Cooper** (stroke, husband Don needs prayers, too) [Faloba]
- Our Spring Revival** (March 30<sup>th</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

**Tim Huston**, Afghanistan; **Joe Phillis, Ron Walling;**  
**Joel Newburn**, Germany; **Kyle Stephenson**, has  
returned to the States; **Clinton Barnhart**

**OUR SHUT-INS**

**Jim & Geraldine Dorsey, Bess Staubs, Pat Kalbfell,**  
**Bob Bryan, Dorothy McFadden, June Williams,**  
**David Phillis, Margie Bell** (stroke)

**THIS, TOO, SHALL PASS**

--Homiletics

An elderly man astounded everyone by his cheerfulness in the face of physical ailments, family troubles and deferred pleasures. When asked the secret of his cheerful disposition, he replied: "Well, you see, it is like this. The Bible says often, 'And it shall come to *pass*', never 'It came to *stay*.'"

**WOMEN OF CHRIST**

The Women Of Christ and spouses enjoyed an evening of great fellowship and food on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chef's Table in Lisbon. Upcoming plans are to attend the Ladies Spring Retreat at Lake Mount in April. More information on that will be available soon. We'll keep you posted.

**THANK YOU**

I want to thank the church for the flowers and all who sent cards to me when my sister passed away. Thank you so very much for your kindness.

--Ada Bailey

**PLANNING AHEAD**

Spring really is just around the corner (March 20<sup>th</sup>) it is not too early to be thinking about the Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm here at the church. This will be held rain or shine. As usual we will need small candies to fill the eggs.

**ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING**

Daylight-Saving  
Time Begins



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOU CLOCKS AHEAD  
ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>.**





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SERVICES: SUNDAY

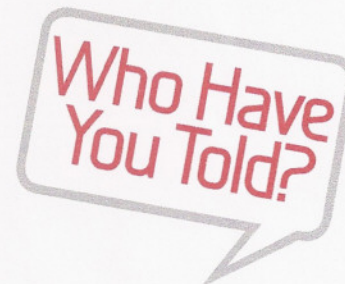
9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm ...Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



## Who are you wearing?

Before the Oscars, a big question for every glamorous celebrity is "Who are you wearing?" Fashion reporters and fans are eager to discover and imitate the latest designers and styles.

Few of us will ever walk the red carpet in Hollywood, yet we receive a much more impressive wardrobe makeover when we accept Jesus as our Savior. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus turned our filthy rags of sin into dazzling white robes of righteousness (see Isaiah 61:10).

This righteousness is embellished with good works that speak to our vibrant faith. How evident is your new "outfit" to people around you? As you get dressed each day, consider whether you're living in such a way that people will wonder "Who are you wearing?"

