

### Minister's Message cont'd:

We are asked to forget the old teaching of "an eye for an eye." Mahatma Gandhi once stated "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." Jesus is the one who starts this rebellion and as his followers we are called to follow his example. G.K. Chesterton once said, "If Jesus' plan fails it won't be because it was found to be lacking something, it will be because it was found difficult and left untried." See you Sunday morning as our sermon will be entitled, "What I Mean By Seditious."

.....Larry

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### YOUTH NEWS

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** All youth will meet following the worship service to discuss plans with money raised at the luncheon and to discuss the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service.

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.** – Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church.

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 A.M.** – The Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

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### YOGA CLASSES

Mandy Gossett Thornton will lead a yoga class, Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The one hour classes will be held in the room across from the church office and the cost is \$10.00 per session. Mandy's an acclaimed instructor and willing to work with all level of participants, including those who've never done yoga before. Mats will be provided for those who don't have them.

### SPRING LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! The CWF will host a Spring "Bling" Luncheon. The meal will be prepared by Food Network Star Jason Smith. The menu will be spring greens & strawberry salad with creamy poppy seed dressing, chicken scampi with orzo pasta, blistered fresh green beans, garlic clover-lead roll and key lime & raspberry parfait. Tickets are \$ 17.00 each and will be on sale beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.

### FFA MEAL BOXES

Morgynne Lunsford and Wilson Duckworth will be at church this Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to take orders for FFA Meal boxes. All money raised will go towards purchasing meal boxes to send home the Friday before Spring Break through the Harrison Co. backpack program! Yes! All of the meals/money raised is staying in the community! Each meal box includes: instant apple oatmeal, Mac n cheese, pasta in tomato sauce, & 3 snack items! A t-shirt designed created by FFA member Payton Doyle will also be available to purchase. The t-shirts will be a soft style tee in heather blue with white lettering for \$10! NEW! In addition to the shirts, they will be selling Puravida bracelets in FFA colors for \$6! Donations are welcomed as well! A \$25 donation=3 meal boxes= 9 meals + 9 snacks!

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Ruthie Antle and family in the death of her husband Charles Antle who died February 16, 2020.

---**Vin McIlvain** had an outpatient ear procedure yesterday....**William Stephens**, brother of Valerie Cooley is recuperating from heart surgery....

### CEDAR RIDGE SUNDAY

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Sunday at Cedar Ridge Health Campus. Please meet at Cedar Ridge at 2:00 P.M. for an afternoon of fellowship with the residents.

### WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Today you were given a dried date. These fruits grow on date palm trees. Before it reached your hand today it went through countless other hands throughout the whole process of planting, growing, harvesting, and processing. This date in your hands was a long time coming. A date tree takes up to a decade from the moment it is planted until it bears this sweet fruit. It can take eighty to one hundred years for a date tree to reach its full height. The fruit that you taste today is the product of many years investment through work, resources, and time. Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> we will receive our special offering for Week of Compassion. Through this offering, we invest in programs that create opportunities, empowering people and communities, and yielding fruit for many years to come. When we join our hands together in prayer and in the sharing of our financial gifts, we join together as co-workers in service of the fruitful future God promises for us all. Take a moment to taste the sweetness of this fruit and to prayerfully consider how you are called to participate in the work of our wider church through Week of Compassion.

### CHURCH CABINET MEETING

The Church Cabinet will meet in the conference room at Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

### OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

The Official Board will meet in the new fellowship hall, Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

### THOSE SERVING THE MONTH OF MARCH

**Elders serving at the table:** Dr. George Frazier and Marty Simpson

**Elders helping with shut-in communion:** Ann Owsley and Jim Snodgrass

**Diaconate:** Hannah Matthews, Ch'm; Maclyn Burden, John Lair, Megan McIlvain, Dr. Stephen Moses, Robert Peak, Al Stakelin and Vickie Stakelin

**Greeters:** Dale Matthews, Mattie Ammerman, Rebecca Crowther

**Communion Preparer:** Lois Stewart

**Sound System:** Gary Carter

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### PASTOR'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor's Membership Class will begin on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. If your youth would like to participate, please contact the church office.

### MARCH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

- March 1<sup>st</sup>: Jennifer Burgan,  
Tracy Shrout  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>: ♥M/M Al Stakelin  
March 4<sup>th</sup>: Emma & Madison Renaker,  
Finn & Paige Kelly  
Wesley Northcutt,  
David Mallory  
March 5<sup>th</sup>: Steve Alexander  
March 6<sup>th</sup>: Lee Kendall,  
♥M/M Jeff Beagle  
March 7<sup>th</sup>: Colin Duffie  
March 8<sup>th</sup>: Amy Clark  
March 10<sup>th</sup>: Kay Colvin

**Remainder of the March Birthday Calendar will be in the next newsletter.**



Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

## THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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I recently came across this poem by Andrew King. I believe it has a great message for us to comprehend. It is entitled to *See Beyond Division*.

#### **TO SEE BEYOND DIVISION** ([Matthew 5:38-48](#))

O Healer of all brokenness,  
help us repent of vengeance  
and send your mercy as the sun and rain.  
Giver of all gentleness,  
lead us away from selfishness  
that we may walk with all who dwell in pain.  
Creator, grant us vision  
to see beyond division,  
seeing even enemies as beloved too.  
May we with bold decision  
bring forgiveness to fruition;  
and by your gift of grace our selves renew,  
that we, our own hearts mending,  
to others your love lending,  
embrace your kingdom coming into view.  
Use us, and in our sending,  
the seeds of peace thus tending,  
we'll lift a new world's joyfulness to you.

This week our scripture will be Matthew 5:38-48, a part of the Sermon on the Mount. The suggestions made here by Jesus are very difficult ones to put into practice. We are asked to love our enemies, to turn our cheeks when struck, and to travel the extra mile. **Cont'd**