



Rev. Curt Bissell & Family

*“Old men and old women will come back to Jerusalem, sit on benches on the streets and spin tales, move around safely with their canes—a good city to grow old in. And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—a good city to grow up in.”*  
 ~Zechariah 8:4-5

**Last month**, I asked the question: Do you know what God is calling you towards?

**Have you listened** for the answer? Do you know the answer? Are you pursuing it?

I have been teaching the class “Discerning God’s Voice” with Steve Witt’s *Voices* as our guide. It has been a wonderful reminder of how and why God speaks into our lives. God’s voice is powerful. It is creative. It is life-giving.

As we pursue our passions, it will be the voice of heaven, the voice of God that guides you there. God’s voice breaks chains and sets captives free. It opens doors and produces great fruit. It releases healing and brings wholeness.

As a church, we are creating many creative safe places, but there are many more to create.

***I believe God is calling Brimfield and our church to be a refuge of creative safe places.***

A place where children can play and learn. A place where people are free from drugs and addiction. A place where people can share and be healed. A place where people are fed and cared for. A place of creativity and innovation.

Let’s work with our community, our schools, our safety services, and businesses to create safe places. Let’s listen to God’s voice and pull heaven down to earth. Let’s work make creative safe places for the glory of God.

It is time to rise up.  
 It is time to push forward.  
 It is time to claim a future with hope.  
***It is time to make creative safe places.***  
 It is time to change the world.

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**UPCOMING KIDZ EVENTS**



**VALENTINE'S PARTY**  
February 12, 10:30 @ church

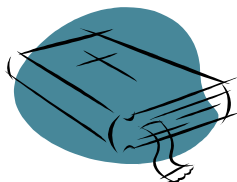
**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**  
March 11 & 18 @ church



**FAITH KIDS**

**KEEP READING...READING...READING...**

God's Word is Cool and there is an Ice-Cream Party June 3 and prizes per each class for those who REALLY read!



**BIBLE SUNDAY**

February 12

All Third Graders will receive a bible. Parents need to check with Brenda Lewis or the office if they want their third grader to receive a bible on this Sunday ASAP.

**HOW CAN YOU SERVE AT VBS?**

If you are really cold now, think about VBS! Servants needed, think of what you can do in just a few short months!!! Oh yeah. It's coming fast.

**FAITH KIDZ SERVANTS NEEDED**

Can you serve one Sunday a month during the Faith Kids time? To help with crafts, little kids to wash up and not get lost & help keep track of the time so we teachers know when the service is ending.

**Nursery Shower & Rededication**

Thanks to everyone who brought in toys and helped in the renovations to the nursery. We are especially grateful to the Trustees who designated memorial funds given in memory of Jude to make it possible.

**On the plaque in the nursery:**

**Jude Jeffrey Bissell**  
March 15—March 16, 2011

On January 29, 2012, Brimfield Faith rededicated this nursery and redecorated with love in memory of baby Jude, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Bissell.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
-John 3:16

**A BIG THANK YOU**

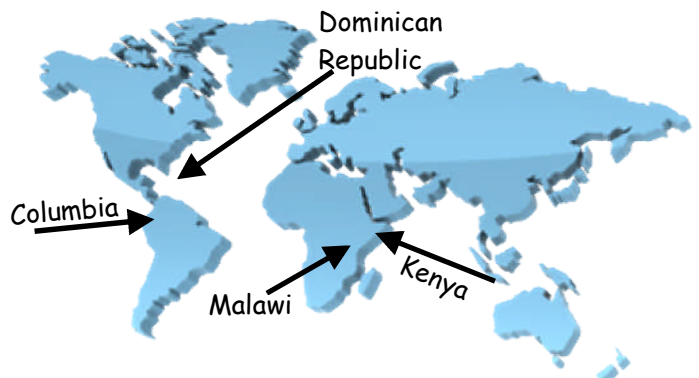
to ALL those who work so hard for the children in Faith Kids with me. I love to see what the Lord can do with these little and bigger children when we let Him work through us. These little ones are so precious and they must be guarded for HIM. Thank you! Brenda



**FINAL REPORT:**  
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We donated \$532 and 88 boxes to children all over the world. We have been tracking some of our boxes. The 88 boxes we packed are touching the lives of Children in Colombia, Malawi, Dominican Republic, and Kenya. We are touching lives all over the world!

Praise God and way to go!



**YOUTH GROUP**

6:30-8pm, Every Sunday  
 ?? Contact David Johnson  
 d.johnson1570@yahoo.com

**SWISS STEAK DINNER**

Please note that the February dinner is on the 18th not the 11th due to a conflict with the cook.

As always we need the following help: Friday 9am - setting tables, Sat 8am - frying steak, peeling potatoes and making coleslaw, Sat afternoon 4:15 - dining room servers, kitchen servers, coleslaw/applesauce server, money taker. 6 pm clean up crew.

Hazel is enjoying the sunny south and won't be here.

**HOCKEY**

Our group outing to the Lake Erie Monsters is Sunday, March 4th. The game is at 3:00 and the tickets are \$13.00. Reservations need to be in by Feb 6th to Lynn Garver.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wed., February 22 @ 7:00pm  
 Experience the forgiveness, healing, and communion of the Lord through an interactive and meditative time of worship.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

April 6 @ 7 pm  
 Watch "The Passion of the Christ" and share in reflection as our Lord gave his life up for our sins.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

April 20-21  
 Start collecting now as we prepare to raise money for our Engage Mission Teams.

**SUMMER MISSION TEAM**

Next meeting Feb. 12 following worship. Anyone interested invited to attend. Decisions on sites and dates will be made at this meeting.

**SENIOR TO SENIOR BREAKFAST**

The Senior Class of 2012 cordially invites the senior citizens of Field Local School District to a complimentary breakfast on Wed., Feb. 1 at 8:00 am. For reservations, call 330-673-9591 (x3288 or x3287).

**EQUIPPING MISSIONAL CONGREGATIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

Saturday, February 4, 9am—4 pm  
 Akron First UMC

Rev. Dr. Steven Manskar will lead a workshop on fostering Covenant Discipleship, (**aka DIG groups**). A great event for small group leaders or people interested in leading a different kind of small group. \$25 per person.

Register at  
 ashlandseminary.eventbrite.com  
 or see Pastor Curt

**VBS "Operation Overboard"**

Sun., July 15-Thurs., July 19, 6-8:30pm  
 Mark your calendars, more details to come.

**Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit**  
 If you want to lose weight, eat whole grains — brown rice, whole wheat bread, whole wheat pastas and popcorn— instead of croissants, margarine, shortening and butter, doughnuts, candy bars, cakes and pastries.  
 —By Beth Layton

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Sean Miller
- 07 Peg Lemmons
- 07 Cara Leyland
- 07 Sara Lucas
- 08 Arlie Taylor
- 14 Spencer Crone
- 15 Nancy Smith
- 17 Alex Miller
- 17 Bill Moors
- 21 Jon Sally
- 22 Rob Johnson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 19 Scott & Jen Biltz
- 27 Don & Dorie Stewart

*Please let Angie know if your special day has been missed!*

**DONATIONS WELCOME!**  
 We are always in need of :  
 Office supplies,  
 Cleaning supplies  
 Trash bags 13, 30 & 39 gallon size  
 Tissues, tissue paper, paper towels

Please bring items in on Sunday, or drop off during office hours.  
 Thank you!



**DIG SMALL GROUPS**

*Starting the week of January 15 for 8 weeks*

The DIG small groups are a vital part of our vision to *deepen* our love for God and others. Small groups are the lifeblood of a church. They foster community, spiritual maturity, and are just plain fun. Talk to one of the leaders, contact the office or just show up for a meeting!

**“Health Spirit, Healthy Body”**

Sun., 4pm @ the church  
led by Beth Layton

*40 Days to Optimal Health* by Dr. Scott Morris guides this group to a new level of health, wellness, and spirituality.

**“Meeting God”**

Mon., 7pm @ the Bergmans  
led by Mark and Maggie Bergman

A warm, relaxed group that is using a Scripture-based study on the characteristics and attributes of God.

**“Hearing God’s Voice”**

Wednesdays, 7pm @ the church  
led by Pastor Curt

*Voices* by Pastor Steve Witt will help this group to learn to hear the voice of God in a noisy world and to minister to others with it.

This group will be radical and interactive.

**HATS AND MITTENS**

Watch for these items to be on sale and pick up bargains for next December.

**FOOD CUPBOARD**

Servant needed to ride to the food bank on Tues. mornings to help load the truck and unload back at church. Anyone who would like to volunteer once a month, twice a month or even every week. We leave the church at 6:30 am. Our time slot at the Food Bank is 7:00-7:30. Contact Felicia Savage or Lynn Garver.

**OUR ENGAGE TEAMS**

**Building a Better Brimfield** – A local mission team to help seniors and shut-ins by assisting with home repairs and handy-person stuff. Men and women helpers are needed see Chuck Garver.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR:**

**Current Concerns:** Ron Bailey (skin cancer), Jackie Spencer (pneumonia), Daun Savoy moving to Colorado Feb. 15 wk. old Tristen Rowe surg. 2/8

**Those who are pregnant or just delivered:**

Curt & Michelle Bissell (pregnant),

**Those who suffer from cancer:**

Dana Bailey, Kevin Bergman, Lawrence Bryner, Ann Burrier, Steve Kunkle (*stage 4*), Eloise Martin, Bernadette Missina, Kathy Patterson, Robin Pilch, Bill Pope, Anita Starcher

**Those recovering from surgery or accidents:**

Virginia Bogle (broken arm), Judi Davis (surg.)

**Those suffering from chronic illness:**

Amy Graham, Sherry Blankenship, Ralph Courie, John Gonzales, Steve Gonzales, Stephen Hart, Samantha Newcome (CF), Joey Rotondo, Lydia Sally, Daun Savoy, Cathy Sibley, Joe Sibley, Dorthy Souers, Dorie Stewart, Bill Van Meter, Rita Young

**Those in need of prayer:** Ray Thomas, Doug Thur Alice Tracy

**Our members in the military:**

Air Force: Jason Anders;  
Army: Nick Bunce, Chuck Graham (Afghanistan),  
National Guard: Rob Tromp (Afghanistan)

**Our local churches & pastors:**

Bridge Bible Church, Pastor Ron Embleton;  
Brimfield Church of God, Pastor Walden;  
First Freedom Baptist Church, Pastor Alexoff;  
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Pastor Hermann;  
New Beginnings Fellowship, Pastor Nicholas;  
Victory Baptist Temple, Pastor Whetsel

**MILITARY ADDRESSES**

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Camden, DE, 19934

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2103 Inverness Parkway  
Columbus, GA 31909 303-217-8822 (cell)

GRAHAM, CHARLES E  
RC South HQ, Maintenance  
82nd ABN Division  
APO AE 09355 (stationed in Afghanistan)

ROBERT TROMP  
D CO, TF ROC, 1-134 FA  
Camp Stone, Herat  
APO AE 09382 (stationed in Afghanistan)

**COLLEGE ADDRESS**

Rob Johnson, 328 West Lane Ave. Rm 601,  
Columbus OH 43201

# CONNECT IN WORSHIP

## WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY



### February 5 "Prophetic Words of Life"

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

We will learn from the Prophet's experience with the power of speaking the word of God.

### February 12: "Living as a Prophet"

*2 Kings 2:9-15*

Elisha assumed the mantle and authority of Elijah. We will learn how to receive and give the blessings and promises of God.

### February 19: SCOUT SUNDAY "Creative Places"

Learn about how the prophets of the Old Testament cut through the numbness of society to create alternative safe places.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Experience

Wed., February 22 @ 7:00pm

Experience the forgiveness, healing, and communion of the Lord through an interactive and meditative time of worship.

### Lenten Sermon Series



*The Voices of God*  
Tired of wondering through the dark trying to figure things out. Lent is a journey from the darkness into the light. From hopelessness to the hope of Resurrection. Starting February 26 through April 1

we learn to hear God's guiding, sustaining voice in our lives.

## FEBRUARY ROTATIONS

**5**

**12**

**19**

**26**

<b>LITURGIST</b>	Mark Bergman	Nancy Smith	Austin Schreckengost	Lynn Garver
<b>FAITH KIDZ SERVANT</b>	David Johnson	Dawn Davis	Becky Dye	Melisa Lindsey Rita Schreckengost
<b>NURSERY</b>	Diane Parr	Rita Glenn	Juanita Tepus	Michelle Bissell Cheri Mikula
<b>USHERS</b>	Dale Bryner Duane Eddy Servants Wanted	Eleanor Eddy Duane Eddy Chuck & Juanita Tepus	Servant Wanted Nancy Smith Patsy Bryner Rita Glenn	The Lemmons Jake Alberson Duane Alberson
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Megan Dye Mikaila Miller	Katelyn Thomas Montana Davis	Josh Biltz Austin Schreckengost	Nathan Monk Matt Alberson
<b>SOUND</b>	Joel Leius	Brandon McClellan	Blaine Vesely	Jake Alberson
<b>MEDIA</b>	Kathy Crone	Scott Mikula	Barb Manthe	Sue Alberson

### BE A PART OF THE FUTURE!

### MISS HAVING YOUR OWN BABIES?

### NO GRANDCHILDREN TO SPOIL?

Get your fix by serving in the nursery on Sunday! We need servants to assist Diane Parr the 1st Sunday of the month; Rita Glenn the 2nd Sunday; & Juanita Tepus the 3rd Sunday, as well as fill-ins! Serve monthly, every other month, quarterly; whatever your free time allows! There is a baby monitor in there so you can still hear what is going on in the service. If you are having too much fun to listen, you can always catch the sermon on line! Please contact an already committed servant to help, or call the office.

### ENGAGE IN WORSHIP!

#### SOUND TECHS:

Contact Vanessa Vesely at [vvesely@kent.edu](mailto:vvesely@kent.edu).

#### NURSERY:

Contact the office to serve!

#### REFRESHMENTS:

Maggie Bergman at 330-673-5977.

#### USHERS:

Contact the office at 330-673-7597 to serve.

#### MEDIA TECHS:

Sue Alberson at [albersons@att.net](mailto:albersons@att.net) or 330-628-5724

#### TEACHERS/HELPERS

Contact Brenda Lewis at 330-673-9913 or [blewis35@neo.rr.com](mailto:blewis35@neo.rr.com)

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Zoe Henderson for receiving straight A's both grading periods.

Hats off to Melissa Kaminski upon receiving her Associate of the Sciences degree in December.

Good job Joe Graham! University of Akron Dean's List, Fall Semester.



Zoe Henderson (with Mommy Jen) reaps the benefits of getting good grades!

Good job Zoe!



Chili Cookoff: Caleb & Pastor Curt, David Johnson, Cathy Rufener, Peggy Lemmons, Emma & Lisa Monk, Beth Layton. Lisa won with her chicken white chili.



Susan Miller, Mary Rotondo, leader Beth Layton, Barbara Bryner, Rita Glenn, Nancy Smith (not pictured) enjoying delicious unsweetened mango, pineapple, passion fruit smoothies made by Rita.

### THANK YOU

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your recent gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

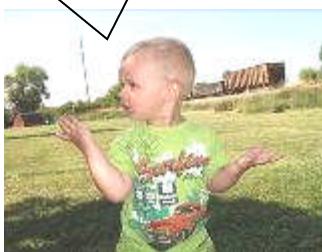
The Christmas season is a time when we remember the importance of giving in Jesus' Name. With the help of friends like you, Samaritan's Purse is giving gifts around the world, including shoe boxes through Operation Christmas Child, wells through our clean water programs, and life-saving medicine through World Medical Mission.

The goal in everything we do is to tell people of the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ. As the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10b-11, NIV). May God bless you this Christmas.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Pastor Curt & Church family,  
Thank you for all that you do for the Brimfield community. We will be praying for 2012 to be a year of growth & fruitfulness in the Lord.  
With blessings, Don & Martha Curfman

Where are all of the servants?!?  
Jesus loved the children, and so should you.



### CALLING ALL SERVANTS!

Kidz and Nursery servants are needed!  
Please contact the office .

### PASTOR'S CORNER

- ♥ Thanks to Dan Hazelett and Rob Tromp for leading worship on New Year's Day. What a way to start the New Year!
- ♥ Congratulations to the Luis Family on the occasion of Lola's baptism.
- ♥ Thanks to Steve Savage for helping install our new computer.
- ♥ Thanks to Skip Johnson for installing the parsonage's new dishwasher. (It's super quiet!)
- ♥ Thanks to Kendrick Ertley, David Johnson, Duane Alberson, my brother-in-law Greg Skupski, my wife Michelle, and son Caleb for their help redecorating the nursery.
- ♥ Thanks for all of the generous donations towards the project and for helping Jude's memory live on.
- ♥ Thanks to all of our new leaders. We are in for an exciting year!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Thanks to Lynn DeLuca for organizing the Bob Evans fundraiser and for all those who came (even in snow covered roads) to dine and support our mission teams. The 15% results aren't tallied as of yet.

We've got a secret. We redesigned our former Secret Sister format and rolled out a new and improved Secret Prayer Sister program for this year which was guided by Holy Spirit. The majority of our membership adopted a gal to pray for all through 2012 and to send cards to each month as a reminder that we care and love you! The church office doesn't have all the birthdays and anniversaries. Would you be so kind as to call or drop Angie a note with your special dates including family members? Thanks for your help in bringing our records up to date. At our December 1 Christmas Breakfast Meeting, it will no longer be a secret who was behind the scenes praying for you, and each sister will receive a special gift.

AGENDA ITEMS:

**February 12** – General meeting after worship to put some finishing touches on this year's evens, and to get ideas/suggestions. Light lunch and childcare provided.

**March 3 at 9 AM** – Our UMW will meet and eat together in the former preschool room and support the Boy Scout's Pancake Breakfast. They serve us!  
**10 AM** – We'll move to the sanctuary for a comical skit "Church Ladies." Younger daughters might like to see it, too. Plan to be here for an enjoyable morning with childcare provided.

**April 15** – UMW Sunday and Special (Mission) Memberships. Details to follow.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (hymn, page 384).  
 Let brotherly (and sisterly) love continue.  
 Hebrews 13:1

Nancy Smith, President

**FEBRUARY MEETINGS:**

Trustees – Feb. 14 at 7pm  
 SPRC— Feb. 14 at 7pm  
 Council — Feb. 14 at 8pm

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Scrip orders are taken on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The cards are delivered the following Sunday. Our church receives a percentage of each card purchased. Taco Bell is the newest addition to the list. Order forms are in the bins by the church office door. Any questions, see Lynn Garver

**ACME RECEIPTS**

NOW—FEB. 15

OUR CHURCH GETS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL!

<b>Beginning Balance 12/1/11</b>	<b>6553.85</b>		
<b>Adjusted Balance (available to pay bills) 1.93</b>			
Income		13003.59	
Left to pay bills		10208.86	
Expenses Paid			
Payroll	3043.38	Utilities	1687.04
Trustees	1489.00	Mileage & Reim	1622.67
Scrip	2047.74	Hosp/Pension	2060.88
Office	44.00	media	16.62
Vbs/kidz	485.58	misc.	10.00
Ins.	366.00	payroll taxes	256.44
Payroll taxes	256.44	poinsettias	168.75
Apportion.	1278.12		
<b>Total</b>	<b>14090.64</b>		
Payroll withholding in escrow		881.83	
Misc. designated escrow		<u>5000.73</u>	
		<b>5882.56</b>	
<b>Ending Check Book Balance</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>	5972.22	
		<b>(available to pay bills) \$ —415.76</b>	

Lynn Garver, Treasurer  
 Apportionments paid - \$1278.12 SCRIP profit 123.26  
 Trustees: 834.00 budget 200 computer \$355 memorials

**CALLED TO SERVE IN THE OFFICE?**

Angie is always on the lookout for servants who would like to run and fold the bulletins on Fridays. This is an important ministry that communicates the weekly worship service.

There is also a need for servants to run and fold newsletters once a month. This important task allows communication to those who are not in worship every week.

Also the occasional servant needed to answer phones when Angie is out of the office and Pastor Curt needs the extra help. Please call the office if interested in serving.

**Faith News** Faith UMC of Brimfield—1235 Tallmadge Rd., Kent 44240  
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 www.brimfieldfaith.com Pastor Curt: curtissell@yahoo.com or cell (440) 823-2736  
 Office Hours: Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 8:30-12:30 Sun. School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30  
 Mission Statement: "Creating vibrant worship that CONNECTS our community to  
 the Presence of God."

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p Venture Crew Praise Band Troop Cmte DIG	2	3	4
5 <u>Communion</u> SCRIP 4p DIG 7p Youth Group	6 7p DIG	7 4:30p AA 7p Tigers	8 6:30 G Scouts 7p Praise Band DIG	9 6:30 Web 2 7p Scouts	10	11
12 Bible Sunday Kidz party UMW 12:00p 4p DIG 7p Youth Group	13 6p G Scouts 6:15 Daisy 7p DIG	14 4:30p AA 7p Trustees SPRC 8p Council	15 7p Praise Band DIG	16 6:30 Web 2 7p Scouts	17 6p Girl Scouts in pre- school room	18 4:30-7 Swiss Steak dinner
19 Scout Sunday SCRIP 4p DIG 7p Youth Group	20 7p DIG	21 4:30p AA 7p Tigers	22 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Ash Wednesday Service	23 6:30 Web 2 7p Scouts	24 6p Craft night	25 3-5pm Blue & Gold
26 4p DIG 7p Youth Group	27 6p G Scouts 6:15 Daisy 7p DIG	28 4:30p AA	29 7p Praise Band DIG			

*Let Jesus fill your heart with love!*



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