

*** **If you have requests for the bulletin** call/text Sammi Heilman at 419-989-7490 or email at heilman.77@osu.edu. Please send requests by 5 p.m. Friday night.

*****If your prayer request needs immediate prayer,** please call/text Sammi Heilman 419-989-7490 or Tara Shaum 419.564.2083 to be placed on the prayer chain.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt!



Welcome to Open Arms Christian Church

**We exist to praise God; win people to Jesus Christ;
encourage each other; to reach out to those in need;
and to stand for Christian virtues in our community.**

*(See Matthew 28:19-20; I Thessalonians 5:11;
James 1:27; Matthew 5:14-16)
www.openarmsc.org*

April 13th, 2014

A Special Note to Our Visitors...

Welcome with OPEN ARMS! We're glad you came to worship with us today! We hope you will grow closer to God through our service. If you have questions about our church, our leaders listed to the left will be happy to help. **We hope you'll worship with us again soon!**

Just before communion, Children ages 0-3 yrs. can join our **nursery** and children ages 4 yrs. to 6th grade are welcome to join in **REIGNFOREST Junior Church.**

All Christians are welcome to take **communion.** We hold the communion until all are served, think about the meaning of communion, and partake together as a family.

The 1st Sunday of each month is celebrated at Open Arms with donuts, laughter, fun & a children's message.

WARNING...You may get hugged at Open Arms Christian Church!

Open Arms Christian Church meets at 8372 St. Rt. 61 (South of Galion). Fellowship Hour begins at 9:00 am and The Praise and Worship Service begins at 10:00am. On Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm we have our "R.O.C." Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group meetings, and on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm we have our ReignForest gatherings for the younger youths (1st through 6th graders.)

Order of Events:

Opening Prayer

Announcements:

- Our workouts have started! We have had several people come! Please come and join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45 for a healthier you! Cost is only \$2.00! Any questions please see Tara or Amy!
- Men's group will be meeting this Wednesday at 7! Come join your fellow men in Christ in worship together!
- Hey everyone Good Friday Service will be at 7pm. Come and enjoy a great service!
- Sunday Lunch bunch will eat at Hatfield's on April 13th in the side room. Hope to see you there!
- There will be a Children's Ministry Meeting April 15th for those interested in discussing VBS!
- Young at Heart will meet on Thursday April 17th. If you have any questions please contact Barb at 419-946-2284.
- OACC Relay for Life Team will be selling chocolate candy at the resource center, please stop and support the team!
- If you shop at GFS please mention OACC. We have an account and will earn points!

Junior Church and Nursery Dismissed

Devotion and Prayer:

Devotion: Mark Peterson

Servers: *E. Sickmiller, B. Trimble, D. VanHorn, J. Walker, J. Wenger*

Next Week Devotion: Matt Maglott

Servers: *T. Miracle, D. Cass, N. Pfleiderer, R. Reeder*

Communion: All Christians are welcome to join us in communion. If you will hold the bread and cup until all are served, we will partake together as a family.

Message: Nathan Simpson

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- ♥ Please continue to pray for Mike Young. Mike is a candidate for lung transplant, and will have to go through multiple heart and lung tests.
- ♥ Please pray for Mark and Anne Yaussey's son Brady. He had surgery to put stints in place this week.
- ♥ Please pray for Mr. Beveridge who has been dealing with health issues.
- ♥ Please pray for Sammi's friend Vicki Baker, her father Clint passed away Monday night.
- ♥ Prayers for Raney are working! Please keep them up as Raney has been allowed to go home! Please keep praying for improvement!
- ♥ **Prayer Family of the Week:** The Petersons
- ♥ **Missionary of the Month:** Jerry and Mildred Peterson

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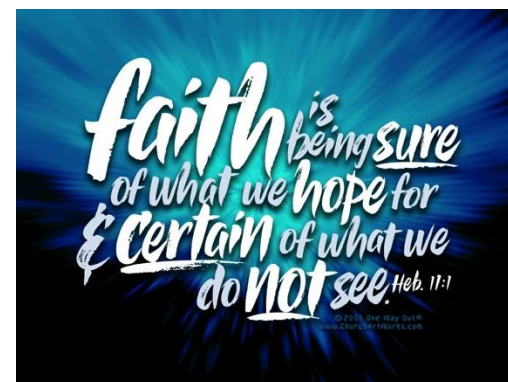
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PRAYER LISTS:

COLLEGE: Lindsey K. Barth, Donovan Crisp, Paul Gladden, Rosie Heilman, Sammi Heilman Daniel McCarthy, Ashby Welch, Allyson Wert, Taylor Yeater, Ronnie Thomas, Julie Hykes, and Jordan Hykes, Morgan Bidwell (Becky Kunze's granddaughter) Taylor Brubaker, Hannah Jones.

MILITARY: Lindsey K. Barth, Isaac Kunze, Dan Manley (*Afghanistan*), Andrew Seymour, Cameron Welsh, Jacob Welsh, Seth Weaver (Croatia), Nathaniel Maglott, Jedd Neer, Tony Bently (navy).

HEALTH: Carissa Plough, Diane Fulk, Ann Cass, Diana Doyle, Marian Peterson, Clyde Perkins, Rick and John (Becky Kunze's brothers) Jessica Adams, Robin and Dave Lester, Vera Polk, Phyllis Walters

MISSIONS: Bruce & Mabel Calendar (*Ireland/ USA*); Melvin & Sharon Kelly; Jerry & Mildred Peterson (*Bible Basics Int'l Honduras*); Morrow County Prison Ministries; Gideon's International; Habitat for Humanity, Heartbeat of Morrow County

Message Recap:

We have been covering the different "I am" statements that Jesus declared. Week one was "I am the gate and the shepherd", and week two was "I am the bread of life". Week three looks at the "I am" statement "I am the true vine." Life flows from the root of the vine, and many vines need to be tended by a gardener to reach growth. Would you rather eat the grape or the branch?

When Jesus states that he is the true vine, he means that he helps to support the branches (us). Apart from him you can do nothing, and as the vine he provides nourishment so that we can bear fruit. Cut off from the vine, the branches will die.

Unfortunately there are such things as sucker branches. The only purpose that they serve is to suck the nutrients from the main branches. There may be many branches on the vine, however sometimes not all of them are trying to bear fruit. So when you examine what type of branch you are, are you trying to produce fruit, or are you sucking the nutrients from the other branches?

If you are producing fruit, are you giving praise to the gardener? The fruit you produce should be your Father's glory, because if you are not connected to Jesus you will not have life. Jesus doesn't want to give you something; he wants to BE something for you.

Obedience is a fruit; our fruit begins with this. It can be a daily struggle to determine who are master is. We need to make sure that the fruit we produce is for the glory of our master, and we need to make sure to get out of our own ways. We are the only ones who can stop ourselves from producing fruit.

So how can we produce fruit? First, we must take time for the Bible, and then we need to make sure that we are living the word of God every day in our lives.

