

March Missions Project:

India for Christ - Dr Paul & Rebecca Devakumar

One of the missionary projects our church supports is India for Christ, and Missionaries Dr. Paul and Rebecca Devakumar. Rebecca is currently residing with their daughter Stephanie and family near Cincinnati, Ohio, where she receives dialysis treatments a few times a week. Doctors have determined that she is a good candidate for a kidney transplant.

By God's amazing plan Debbie Thompson is a match for Rebecca. We are awaiting test results to see if she is healthy enough to be a living kidney donor. Also needed to make transplant surgery available is \$20,000 in funding for the procedure and antirejection medications after the surgery. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in this situation, and donate to Rebecca's medical fund if the Lord so leads. Donations can be made for Rebecca's medical needs through the Church or sent directly to the address below.

> Rebecca Devakumar Medical Fund C/O Stephanie Prassad 9450 Whipporwill Lane Mason, OH 45040



Election of Church Officers and adoption of church budget will take place Sun, April 24, immediately following worship.

Church Members are asked to Pray for the Holy Spirit's leadership in preparation for this meeting. May He call out His chosen leaders to fill the needed roles in our congregation. Is God Calling you? Speak to Pastor Ross or an Elder: Bob Breton, Pete Andrews, John Hubbard or Mack Bixby.



Volunteers are needed to help plan and prepare one or more summer community events! Please see Pastor Ross or one of the elders if you can help.

"First Christian Chatter!"

March 2022



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A Note from Pastor Ross

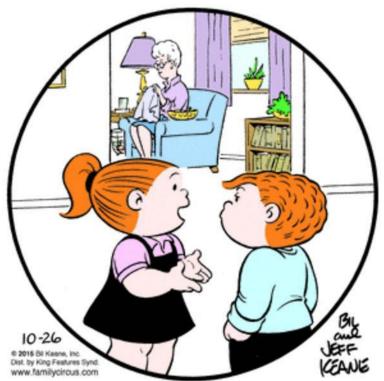
Are you glad that Spring is coming? Even for those of us who love the beautiful 4-seasons we have in the Northeast, sometime around early March we are ready for Winter to be over. We hope for the consistent return of warm days that melt all the snow and pushes the tulips and early flowers up through the soil.

And why do we hope for Spring? Because we have seen it before each year and love the sights and sounds of a new season of life.

The Bible says that we all can have hope in every season of life because of the eternal Jesus who has promised to never leave us. St. Paul put it this way: "²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance." Romans 8.22-25

It is a good time to renew our hope in Jesus' return and His completion of the salvation of our souls and bodies. Wow! That will be better than the best Springtime ever. Keep believing in Him.

Have a prayer concern? Drop a note in the prayer box at church, or send Pastor Ross a text or email.



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study on "Sharing Your Testimony" at 9:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Worship Service every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Children's Church & Nursery available during worship. Children's Church is available for children 4 years old -6th grade. They are dismissed after the singing time to learn about Jesus through Bible stories and concepts at appropriate age levels including fun activities. Our nursery is adjacent to the sanctuary. It is available during Sunday morning service for ages 0-3. It is staffed by at least 1 adult and 1 helper.

Free Food Give-Away every Sunday, 12-1:30 pm No financial qualification needed March Dates: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Prayer Gatherings: Jesus said that His Father's house is a house of prayer. Please join us for Prayer Sundays - 8:00 A.M.; Tuesdays - 3:00 P.M. Thursdays - 6:30 P.M.

Midweek Bible Study – Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. Youth Group – Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. Movie Night: Sun, March 27, 6:00 pm Title to be determined. Free popcorn!

> Fellowship Sunday, Coffee & Donuts! March 27, 9:15 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

Free Community Dinner: Sun, March 27 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Food provided. Bring a dish to pass if you desire.