

The Grapevine



MARCH, 2019

Cove Spring Church ~ 5705 Walnut Grove Road ~ Troy, Ohio ~937-214-4416 ~ Pastor Greg Morrow

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." –
Matthew 16:24.*

This month marks the beginning of Lent. This is the season the Church has historically practiced self-denial. Why is it that the Church has set aside the time before Good Friday and Easter for self-denial? Because discipleship to Jesus is taking up a cross-shaped life.

Why is self-denial essential to a genuine Christian life? Because self-denial for Jesus leads to resurrection life. Jesus wants each of us to experience resurrection life here and now and he knows taking up our cross is the only way we can experience it. So how do we take up our cross?

- **First:** Identify something in your life that needs to die.
It may be an addiction to money, possessions, attention, professional success, habitual anger, or contempt. It may be an ungodly attitude or an ungodly character trait.
- **Second:** Put a plan in place to put to death whatever you have identified.
It is very important that the plan be concrete and specific enough that you can clearly tell whether or not your plan was followed. For example, say you struggle with an inordinate desire for status, especially to have the status of being a very good person. Your plan may be to help two people in a significant way each week in a way that no one could possibly know it was you and give you credit. If you notice you have envy in your heart towards someone you could make it your plan to pray for their success every morning for a month.
- **Third:** After you have followed your plan, evaluate it to see if it worked.
One of the best ways to know if you are experiencing the resurrection life of Jesus is that what you once struggled with has become natural and easy to you. You naturally help others without a desire for credit or genuinely from the heart, and wish the best for the person you once envied. It is in this way that in one area of our lives after another, we experience the resurrection life of Jesus.

Faithfully,
Pastor Greg Morrow

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Joys and Concerns



Prayer Concerns

Our Nation, Our President, Our Country,
Our Service Men and Women

Our friends and neighbors and in our community who have
lost, and are searching for employment.

Please pray for God's comforting & healing touch for the
following:

Families who have lost loved ones in February:

The Roeser family upon the passing of Geraldine Roeser,
The Duff family upon the passing of Sara Duff

Those battling health issues or surgery in February:

JOYS: Doris Beeson* Home, and doing well.

Alan Williams Home, and doing well.

Virginia Benham: Continued much needed prayer

Phil Smith Much needed prayer for breathing
complications

Cathy Hansel Diagnosed with cancer

Amy Estey Moved to a Rehab facility.

Madeline Davis Home after brain biopsy surgery.

Melinda Taylor Diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma

Those battling Ongoing Cancer:

Cathy Hansel

Marvin Fox

Joe Gustin

Kim Metz

Jim Heffner

Tom Ashworth

Lori Smart Byg

Jenny Petrick

Virginia Benham

Melinda Taylor

* Change of address for:

Doris Beeson
% Patty Taynor
7624 E. State Route 41
Troy, OH 45373



Happy Birthday In March:

Ella Hershberger, Dan Danielson, Danielle Danielson,
Sutton Flora, Mark Staley, Betsy Staley, Debbie Faulder,
Jennifer Bowman, Katie Benham, Elizabeth Robbins,
Bill Sutherly, Pastor Greg, Matt Gearhardt, Sharon Luttrell,
Rhonda Hershberger, Sarah Walters, Kyle Greenlee, Caleb
Greenlee, Elizabeth Freshour, Ed Ashworth, Haley Matheny,
Eris Worthington, Andrew Miller, Carol Sweet, Tom Fulton,
Kim Harbison, Tom Wallace, Kathryn Kingrey



February Anniversaries

Tim & Sharon Holzen,
Doug & Melanie Benham



HOME GROUPS BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

The Home-Group Bible Study would like to get a
start-up date set for our next study. If you are
available to host a study, please notify Pastor Greg.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday evening at 6pm. Always
promises to be interesting and rewarding. All
ladies welcome.

Mar. 06 Mar.13 Mar. 20 Mar. 27

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mar. 16th

The class meets every third Saturday morning of the
month at 7:30am. We look forward to your presence.

Church News and Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES MAR 03:

Pastor Greg will be conducting Classes beginning the end of February or first of March following worship service for those who feel led to join our church or become a Christian. Please notify him (937-214-4416) of your intentions or if you have any questions.



The Harvesters Circle Class will host a **BAKED POTATO DINNER** on Sunday, **March 3rd** after the morning service. All are welcomed. A freewill donation will be accepted and appreciated.



The Casstown Fire Department is having an **“All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast”** on Saturday, March 16th. Serving time is 7:30am to 11:00am. More details to follow at a later date.



Cove Spring has set a date of April 6th for our annual rummage sale with drop off beginning Mar. 31 after church. Please let Ben Sutherly know of any “special” items to list for advertising. More details to follow at a later date. However, now is the time during these cold snowy days to gather those good-conditioned, still valuable, but no-longer used items and donate to this fundraising event. Funds used for various missions of the church.

MARCH USHERS:

Matt Gilliland & Mark Staley

TGIF –CORNER..

TGIF: (Thanking God in Fellowship) Ladies will be meeting for dinner **Mar. 1st** at Studebaker’s Restaurant at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Diana Wilhelm (937-845-3279) by Feb. 24, if you intend to go. All women are welcomed.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MAR. 12

We will meet at the church at 2:00pm for devotions and fellowship. Our devotional chairman will be Janet Knife and our Roll – call word will be “Spring, Life” All women are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MAR. 06

Cove Spring Church will observe Ash Wednesday with a special service beginning at 7:00pm

BLESSING OF THE FARMERS, MARCH 10TH

Cove Spring Church will again set aside a time during worship service to offer a special blessing and prayer for the safety and health of our farmers upon this Spring’s planting season.

A Farmer’s Prayer -Robin Fogle

Lord, bless the land You’ve given me,
And may I always know
As I tend each crop and creature
You’re the One who helps them grow.
Grant me the strength and wisdom
Please protect me from harm,
And thank You For Your gracious gift-
The blessing of a farm.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MAR.10

Its that time again *already*. Don’t forget to turn your clock forward one hour Saturday night before bedtime.

April, 2019, Newsletter Deadline

Items for the March Newsletter are due on **Mar.24th**
Please notify Lynda Mott at (Lynda.mott05@gmail.com)

Church Concerns, News and Announcements Cont'd

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE FORWARD \$ 678.66

RECEIPTS

COLLECTIONS \$ 59.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 59.00 \$737.66

EXPENSES

DAVID COOK \$104.87

WORLD VISION \$ 35.00

BANK FEES \$ 5.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$144.87 \$592.79

ENDING BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2019 \$ 592.79

Marcia Knife, Treasurer

Cove Spring Church
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

	Jan 19
Income	
Basket Collections	\$ 3,430.00
Currency Envelopes	\$ 4,994.00
Mission Contributions	\$ 60.00
Fund Raising	\$ 520.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 174.40
Parsonage Rent	\$ 675.00
Donated Salaries	\$ 249.99
Interest Earnings	\$ 299.55
Unrealized G(L) on Portfolio	\$ 3,745.45
Total Income	\$ 14,148.39
Expense	
Payroll Expense	\$ 5,411.41
Pulpit Supply & Education	\$ 347.99
Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 258.68
Church Business Expenses	\$ 728.44
Trustee Expenses	\$ 72.48
Water System	\$ 360.00
Fuel Oil	\$ 761.78
Electric	\$ 283.59
Telephone	\$ 74.95
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 703.75
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,286.50
Bank Charges	\$ 23.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 227.80
Total Expense	\$ 10,541.12
Net Income	\$ 3,607.27

	Jan 31, 19
ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$ 216,514.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 23,899.30
Music Fund	\$ 2,769.99
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 243,183.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 243,183.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 984.71
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 710.80
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,695.51
Equity	
Fund Balances	\$ 237,880.76
Net Income	\$ 3,607.27
Total Equity	\$ 241,488.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 243,183.54

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TGIF @ Studebaker's 6:30pm	2
3 Confirmation/ Membership Classes Baked Potato Dinner following Service	4	5	6 Women's Bible Study @ 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm Choir Following Service.	7	8	9
10 Blessing of the Farmers 	11	12 Women's Fellowship 2:00pm	13 Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	14	15	16 Casstown Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7:30am Men's Bible Study 7:30am
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	21	22	23
24 Newsletter Items Due.	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	28	29	30
31	Don't forget: Rummage Sale Items					