

**Apostolic Christian Church – Bluffton Country**  
**Sunday Announcements – November 12, 2017**

- **On this Veterans Day weekend**, we want to thank all who have served, or are currently serving, in the Armed Forces. Our heartfelt love, prayers, and appreciation extend to you and all family members involved. A list of veterans is on the back of the printed announcements and is also posted on the downstairs bulletin board.
- **Today is Orphan Sunday**, a day set aside to remember the children around the world and at home in the USA who are in need of loving adults to care for them. For ways you can get involved in orphan care, fostering or mentoring, please contact one of the FAM members: Chip & Angie Topp or Michael & Jane Reinhard. Statistics about orphans, adoption, and foster care are included in the emailed announcements.
- **We would like to thank you** for your support at our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast yesterday held at Kingdom Academy. We appreciate your love and kindness. ~ Sunday School Students, Teachers and Superintendents.
- **Sunday School Ballots** can be picked up today and next Sunday. Please return them by November 26.
- **Let's remember those living away from home at Christmas.** Please submit names and addresses of any missionaries, military personnel, someone experiencing incarceration, or simply those living away from home to Jan Schwartz (janlschwartz@yahoo.com). Their names and addresses (and postage amount if applicable) are in the emailed announcements and will be added to the printed announcements soon.
- **Job Opening** - Christian Care Retirement Community is excited to announce that it is seeking a new Health Facility Administrator. Please see the downstairs bulletin board for details if interested in this position.
- **Toy Drive** - The Sunday School will once again be collecting gifts for the food bank this Christmas. Items that are needed are any new toys, baby sleepers, gift items for teens, and children's and teen's winter coats. Please bring unwrapped donations to the Sunday School rooms today and the next two Sundays. Thanks for helping the food bank help others this Christmas season. Contact Jesse and Janelle Frauhiger (273-3173) with questions.
- **The Servant Fund Collection** is today and next Sunday. Thank you for your support.
- **ACTIVE** will be held this Wednesday night at 6:30 pm at Vince and Susan Gerber's shop. We will be packaging pretzels for Christmas Behind Bars. Supper will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Brent Kaehr. Hope you can make it!
- **HarvestCall Charity Projects** will be held in the Fellowship Hall basement this Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend. Sewers, quilters and non-sewers are all needed.
- **Christian Care Annual Meeting** - The Board of Directors welcomes the Apostolic Christian Church membership to Christian Care's Annual Meeting this Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8:30 am in Christian Care's Fellowship Room.
- **A church-wide Q&A meeting** will be held at the Fellowship Hall on Nov. 20 at 7:00 pm. In an effort to increase communication and openness, we would like to set aside this evening for questions submitted by the brotherhood so leadership can respond. Through conversations with various brothers, we thought this may better connect the church at large with the leadership currently in place. Bros. Rex Gerber, Jim Isch, and Wayne Steffen are helping organize this effort. Please submit questions and place them in the marked box in the foyer today and next Sunday or email to Lynn. Thank you
- **Work as Worship** - Have you ever wondered how to integrate your faith into your profession? Or how work and worship intersect? Join us on Saturday morning, January 20th, 2018 at the Fellowship Hall to discover those answers at an event called "Work as Worship". Babysitting provided.

**Serving lunch today:** Bill & Donna Steffen  
**Please pray for this family living abroad:** Jonathan & Lisa Ringger

**Old Testament Daily Reading:** Psalms 126-130

**Veterans who regularly attend the Bluffton and Bluffton North churches.**

Thank you for your service to our country.

Bruce Aschliman	Leon Gerber	Les Meyer
Ralph Aschliman	Mike Gerber	Ervin Moser
Galen Baumgartner	Vernon Gerber	Phil Moser
Phil Baumgartner	Victor Gerber	Gene Moser
Walter Bertsch	Dave Gilliom	Rod Mounsey
Dave Bussel	Carl Hackenjoss	Tom Neuenschwander
Dennis Caffee	Barry Isch	Bruce Raber
Dick Clark	Ernie Isch	Dick Reimschisel
Mike Craighead	Ken Isch	Jim Reinhard
Jerry Drayer	Perry Isch	Al Ringger
Carl Fiechter	Steve Kaehr	George Ringger
Herb Frank	Vernon Kaehr	Tom Rohr
Chuck Frauhofer	Leon Kauffman	Gary Schladenhauffen
Melvin Frauhofer	Aaron Kipfer	Ernie Schwartz
Tom Frauhofer	Jay Kipfer	Harry Steffen
Dennis Fry	John Kipfer	Ken Steffen
Glenn Furrer	Ned Kipfer	Marvin Steffen
Bill Gerber	Junior Lantz	Ralph Steffen
Charles Gerber	John Lantz	Phil Stettner
Daniel Gerber	Bill Longenberger	Gary Stoller
Don Gerber	Ron Macklin	Bill Tonner
Duane Gerber	Rod Maller	Dwight Troxel
Earl Gerber	Andrew McAfee	Bill Troxel
Harry T. Gerber	John Meyer	Dick Yergler

Global Orphan Statistics:

Orphans worldwide: 140 Million

"Double orphans" (Children who have lost both parents): 15.1 Million

# of caring adults it takes to make a life long difference for an orphan: 1

Inter-Country Adoption Statistics:

5,370 inter-country adoptions in 2016

Top 5 sending countries in 2014: China, Congo, Ukraine, South Korea, Bulgaria

Foster Care Statistics:

Children in foster care in the US: 427,910

Children in foster care waiting to be adopted: 111,820

Average age of US children awaiting adoption: 7 years, 7 months

Average time in foster care system: 20.4 months

# of children aging out of foster system in 2015: 20,789

# of children whose parental rights were terminated in 2015: 62,378

# of children adopted from foster care in 2015: 53,549

# of caring adults it takes to make a life long difference for a child in foster care: 1

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