



# The Relator



## January 2019



*"Salute one another with a holy kiss.  
The Churches of Christ salute you!"  
Romans 16:16*

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### COSMA'S CORNER

*I Thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil. 1:3-6)*

The Cosma5+ Family would like to extend a big

## THANK YOU!!!

for all the great gifts, gifts of money, cookies, candy, and everything else to spoil us and make us fat during the Christmas season. And personally, I, your preacher and His servant and yours, greatly appreciates the love you extend to my family.

I am looking forward to an amazing year with other men of God stepping up to begin leading beside me and the rest of our current leadership for the glory of Christ.

The greatest gift that any preacher can receive is a responsive congregation ... individuals stepping up and stepping out in service to break away from comfort to commitment.

Every time anyone captures the vision for the mission to the children and youth and says I don't know if I can but I am willing to teach and make myself available to help them grow as Jesus grew in stature, wisdom, and favor with God and man, I get excited. Every time a Christian displays a willing servant's heart I get a big

**Thank You!!!** from them and our ministry multiplies. I am overjoyed due to our partnership in the gospel, and know that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion, another word for perfection. Christ completes you, Christian man and Christian woman. Good, better, best ...

### Happy New Year!!

From One Being Made Complete in Christ



**Fellowship Luncheons**

There will be a fellowship luncheon on the third Sunday of each month starting in January. We will be having a soup luncheon in January. Please bring your favorite soup, sandwiches and dessert.

If you have any questions, please talk to Reba Guthrie or Dorothy Faloba.

# reflections..

## Fresh start

Here's a mixture of fun and serious thoughts about the fresh start we receive with each new year of life in Christ:

- "The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle." —Author Unknown
- "Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings." — C.D. Jackson
- "God gives us dreams a size too big so that we can grow into them." —Author Unknown
- "Life is full of obstacle illusions." —Grant Frazier
- "Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently." —William Arthur Ward
- "Nothing is impossible with God." —Luke 1:37, NIV



Jan 6th ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting  
 Jan 13th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting  
 Jan 20th ... Fellowship Luncheon



**"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."** -Oscar Wilde

Thank you to all who took part in our December outreach projects: the Ladies Group donated to "Adopt-a-Classroom" at Robert Bycroft; all those who went caroling to our shut-ins and to everyone who donated to Dorothy's "Christmas Blessing". A very special thank you to all those "behind the scenes" who make sure everything is ready for us to learn and worship each Sunday morning all year long. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!



3<sup>rd</sup> .. Lynn & Brenda Schmidt  
 16<sup>th</sup> .. Joe & Crystal Phillis

Jan 1 ... Cindy Sawman  
 ... Milissa Opsitnik  
 Jan 5 ... Carolyn Reiter  
 Jan 10 ... Sherry Huston  
 Jan 13 ... Grant Kelly  
 ... Gavin Kelly  
 Jan 21 ... Pat Kalbfell



Jan 21 ... Travis Mitchell  
 ... Emily Cosma  
 Jan 27 ... Debbie Splitstone  
 Jan 28 ... Betty Lou Davis  
 ... Aulden Walling  
 ... Verna Kelly  
 Jan 29 ... James Davis



The Christmas Blessings collection for a young man that goes to Salem High School, has a job and takes care of his nephew



was a true blessing for him. The total amount collected was \$400.00. He truly felt blessed to receive our donation and he was very appreciative and it came at a good time. Please keep this young man and his family in your prayers as it is a daily struggle to get by for them.



I would like to thank everyone who donated.  
 -Dorothy Faloba



### Perfect Attendance (December 2018)

Emma Jenkins      Beverly Evans  
 Robin Janofa      Gail Phillis  
 Diana Reiter      Mike Phillis  
 Lynn & Brenda Schmidt  
 Marcia Snyder  
 Bob and Marty Shinn  
 Jack and Bonnie Vincent  
 Ben, Kim & Eli Fowler

Phillips Christian Church Members,  
 Thank you very much for the Giant Eagle gift card.  
 Your Thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Colton  
 David  
 Alexia  
 Dale Gardner  
 Alexandra  
 Kandie & Nevaeh



Thanks so much for your kindness! You really saved our Thanksgiving Dinner! I could never be so thankful to you.

Sincerely, Katie McFarland

Thank you for your thoughts; I (and my family) am very grateful  
 -Christopher

# Please Pray For:



Our Nation  
 Our Leaders  
 Our Congregation  
 Lost Souls  
 Our Unspoken Needs

Our Missions  
 Canton Christian Home  
 Elkhorn Valley Camp  
 Hasten  
 Lifeline  
 Noah

**Northeast Ohio Bible College;**  
**George Faull** (strength)  
**Lori Sweeny** (cancer);  
**Andy Hepler and Family** (sepsis resulting in loss of arm)  
**Steve Singer** (blood condition);  
**Buster Woolf** (health problems)  
**Mandy Fitch** (dialysis; needs kidney transplant);  
**Jean Fluharty** (sister, health issues);  
**Tom McKenna** (recovering from 2nd brain surgery)  
**Bob Stein** (brother continues to heal);  
**David Stein** (brother, health problems);  
**June Toalston** (Son-in-law's mother, cancer)

**Mary Lou Eberhart** (cousin, health problems);  
**Jim Eberhart** (cousin, health problems)  
**Charles Hippley** (father, removal of cancerous lobe of lung)  
**Jim Webber** (heart problems)  
**Shirley Bartholow** (health problems)  
**Michael Barnhart** (brother, cancer)  
**Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems);  
**Bill Wiley** (health issues);  
**Elizabeth Thatcher** (health problems);  
**Loni Grisez** and her Family;  
**Gladys Laughlin** (health problems)

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joe Phillis & Family, Fort Benning, GA; Joel Newburn & Family, Poland; Kyle Stephenson & Family, Germany; John Lathrop**

**OUR SHUT-INS: Pat Kalbfell, (Essex); Wanda Huston, (Allay); Ada Bailey; Nita Floor, (Courtyard); Nick Cosma, (Crandall)**

Dear Marty Shinn and Phillips Christian Church Members,

I want to send a note of thanks on behalf of myself and Sam Moore for all the work and support for funeral services for Nancy Moore. Thank you for your kindness, love and support.

God Bless, Nan McCune

*"Only Christ can meet the deepest needs of our world and our hearts. Christ alone can bring lasting peace—peace with God, peace among men and nations, and peace within our hearts."—Billy Graham*

Dear Christian Friends,

May God's peace that passes understanding fill your hearts and home this Christmas and in the coming new year.

Loving Remembrances, Jackie Marvin



**Reading resolutions:** Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to "unwrap" it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: "Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life."

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## SERVICES:

### SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

### WEDNESDAY

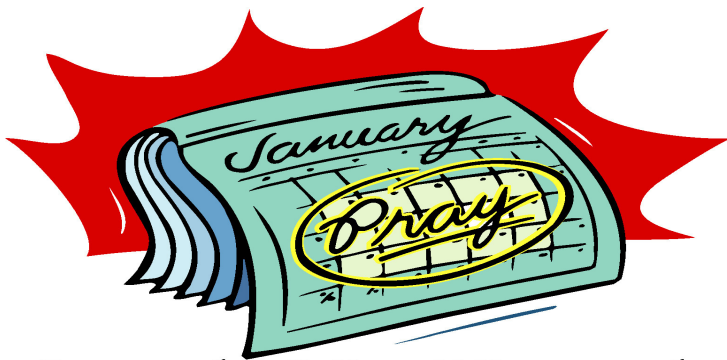
7:00 pm ...Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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*to submit relator content/reports and ideas*



## Start the New Year with *Prayer*

### *Humor to break up the winter blahs*

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
- People are funny: They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Working for God on earth doesn't pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.



### Three in One

Everyday objects can serve as simple lessons about biblical truth. To illustrate the profound concept of the Trinity, for example, some teachers use an apple, an egg or a three-leaf clover. During winter, you can point to a kid-friendly snowman to describe how God is Three in One.

The ball of snow on the base represents God the Father, our Creator and strong foundation. The middle ball, with stick arms reaching to the side, reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross. And the snowman's head stands for the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Counselor who helps us and speaks God's truth to us.



"He's today's greeter."