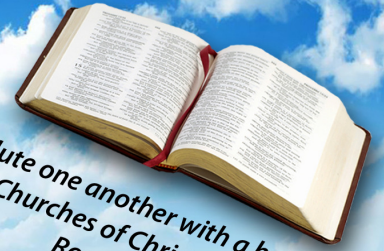




# The Relator

May 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. Philippians 1:3-6 NIV***

Paul had these thoughts about being separated geographically from the ministry he once had with the church at Philippi. I share his sentiment as I look back at my ministry at Phillips Christian Church, and my family's life with the congregation and it's people. You will be missed, but we are still in this together. We will always be in partnership in the gospel, as long as we allow Christ Jesus to continue to complete his work in us and through us .

So, as you have heard me say: No long Appalachian goodbyes because there are no goodbyes just See You Later!

For this reason I will continue to pray for you and thank my God for you, as you pray for me and thank God for me and my family. In this way we remember with no regrets.

We rise above regrets because we do not think about "what could have been" but instead we remember all the good God has

done. The tears are real, but the trust in Him is our reality! A few things that Paul and the Philippians did not have are planes, trains, and automobiles. Almost 400 miles is a long distance, but only the last 20 miles up to the top of the mountain we live on seems like the first 300. And there are obstacles .. like the twenty some deer and the one big black bear that we almost hit last night. I like bear meat, but that is not my idea of the ideal way to obtain it. So I share this to say ... if anyone has a helicopter that we can borrow or a plane ... please let us know.

On last message that I want to leave with you from my last sermon. I know that it was not much of a sermon, but it did have 3 brief points. Three points makes it a sermon, right? Anywho ... as disciples of Christ we can follow three practical tips for every day living so that we never say farewell, but instead we fare well! In this way we live His Legacy!

***Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7***

1. Living His Legacy is evident when you rejoice ... let me say it again ... when you rejoice in the Lord always.
2. Living His Legacy means no worries ... when your attitude of gratitude begins your conversations with God.
3. Living His Legacy brings you peace that is incomprehensible ... most of the time our striving for peace is reprehensible ... we think peace should be our legacy when it has always been his.

***I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33 NIV Amen! Amen!***

*Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself  
Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else*

*Make a name the world remembers But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams  
I got lost in the light when it was up to me To make a name the world remembers  
But Jesus is the only name to remember And I, I don't want to leave a legacy*

*I don't care if they remember me*

*Only Jesus*

*And I, I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him*

*Only Jesus*

*All the kingdoms built, all the trophies won Will crumble into dust when it's said and done*

*'Cause all that really mattered Did I live the truth to the ones I love?*

*Was my life the proof that there is only One Whose name will last forever?*

*And I, I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me*

*Only Jesus*

*And I, I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him*

*Only Jesus*

*Jesus is the only name*

*Jesus is the only name*

*Jesus is the only name to remember. — Casting Crowns*

**From One Intent To Leave His Mark To Another with Like Legacy**

# reflections..

## The Gift of Yourself

*If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.*

--Fred Rogers



**Dominic DiBaggio** –Owens College  
**Anthony DiBaggio** –United High  
**Kaylie Shinn** –United High

### Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!



- May 2nd** ... National Day of Prayer.
- May 5th** ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting
- May 7th** ... Election Day
- May 12th** ... Don Cooper will be bringing the message for **MOTHER'S DAY**. Each lady present will receive a small gift compliments of the Sunday School Department.
- May 19th** ... 8:00 am Board Meeting
- Worship Service Speakers for the month are:
- May 5th Allen Jolly
- May 12th Don Cooper
- May 19th Dave Miller
- May 26th Allen Jolly



### Perfect Attendance (April 2019)

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|----------------|----------------|
| Sheldon Cosma  | Robin Janofa   |
| Kim Cosma      | Emma Jenkins   |
| Beverly Evans  | Brenda Schmidt |
| Dorothy Faloba | Marcia Snyder  |
| Tami Dennison  | Mike Phillis   |



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| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Carl and Judy Merriman |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Ed and Janet DiBaggio  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Bill and Carol Kelly   |



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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Crystal Phillis | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Ben Fowler    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | LeAnne Walling  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Kim Fowler    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Linda Miller    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Marty Shinn   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Nick Cosma      | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Beverly Evans |





## PRAYER LIST

Our Congregation, Our Nation, Our Leaders, Lost Souls,  
Our Unspoken Needs

Sheldon, Kim & Lucy Cosma - Bless their new ministry in Virginia

Our Missions: Canton Christian Home, Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp, Hasten, Lifeline Christian Mission, Noah

Bill Kelly's requests: **Northeast Ohio Bible College; George Faull** (strength)

Bonnie Vincent's requests: **Steve Singer** (blood condition)

Brenda Schmidt's requests: **Mandy Fitch** (dialysis; needs kidney transplant); **Jean Fluharty** (sister, health issues); **Tom McKenna** (recovering from 2nd brain surgery)

Marty Snyder's requests: **Bob Stein** (brother continues to heal); **David Stein** (brother, health problems); **June Toalston** (Son-in-law's mother, cancer)

Beverly Evans' requests: **Mary Lou Eberhart** (cousin, health problems); **Jim Eberhart** (cousin, health problems); **Joan Shoop** (health problems)

Tami Dennison's requests: **Charles Hippley** (doing very well)

Marlene Webber's Requests: **Jim Webber** (heart problems)

Kay Goterba's requests: **Shirley Bartholow** (health problems)

Kim Cosma's requests: **Zac Carter** (had 2nd leg amputation from cancer)

Marcia Snyder's requests: **Debbie McKinley** (breast cancer)

Alma Smith's requests: Please be in prayer for **Alma and her family**. Multiple family members are experiencing serious health problems

Our members: **Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems, undergoing test at Salem Hospital); **Bill Wiley** (health issues); **Elizabeth Thatcher** (health problems); **Gladys Laughlin** (health problems); **Virginia Gayheart** (foot surgery, doing better)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: **Joe Phillis & Family**, Fort Benning, GA; **Joel Newburn & Family**, back in the USA; **Kyle Stephenson & Family**, Germany (Schmidt)

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



### Family FUNday School

-Marty Shinn

During the month of May, the Family FUNday School class will be tackling some of our emotions.

On May 5, we will learn that God can comfort us when we are afraid... FEAR

On May 12, we will learn that God wants us to love everyone... LOVE

On May 19, we will learn that God can comfort us when we are sad... SADNESS

On May 26, we will learn that God can turn our sadness and hard times into joy... JOY

As we move forward as a church, we are going to be feeling all of these emotions. The Family FUNday School class is a great way to learn about tough subjects as they relate to kids and adults of all ages. Hope to see you this month as we learn what God can do for all of us!



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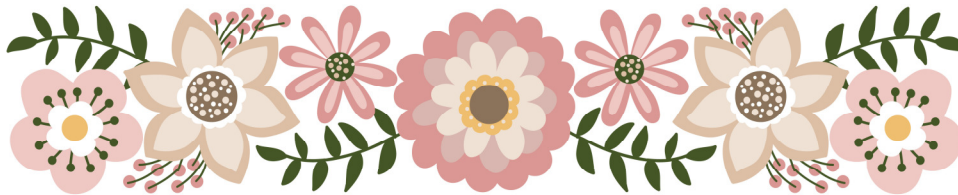
SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

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*Campbell*

“Can you say ‘try the patience of a saint’ in a public school?”



**Happy**  
**MOTHER'S DAY!**