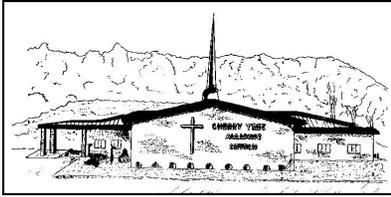


# Cherry Tree Alliance Church



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## GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for March: \$15,482  
(Amount needed monthly: \$21,587)  
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$220

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

10:00 AM Worship Service: 129  
10:00 AM Children's Classes: 27  
Total 10:00 AM Attendance: 156

## SPRING SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Ladies' & Men's  
Bible Studies  
(every other Sunday)

### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

6:30 PM AWANA Clubs,  
Jr. High Youth Group,  
Women's Small Group  
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group



# Cherry Tree Alliance Church

*Loving God, Loving You*

March 26, 2017 • 10:00 AM



*Today's Message -*

## Bad Blood

**A Message from the Book of Mark**

**Speaker: Rev. David Goodin**

Please turn off all pagers, cell phones and other electronic devices, or switch to silent alert.

## MARCH MADNESS!

We're in the middle of the NCAA Tournament season. One of our members told me last week that she is "clueless." It means nothing to her. However, it's a big deal to lots of folks, with brackets to fill out, favorite teams to root for...and lots of lost time on the job because people are checking scores, talking about their teams, anticipating the next victory, etc.

I guess we call it "madness" because we go a little crazy at this time of year. Maybe it's just that winter has been long and dull and we are looking for something to celebrate. Perhaps it's the excitement of competition, or the rush of rooting for an underdog. I confess, I have had a little interest in this year's tournament. (Yes, I'm a "Mountaineer.")

When you think about it, it does seem a bit silly to get so worked up over a basketball playoff. Every team wants to do well, of course, but soon the season will be finished and...win or lose...we will all go back to our usual routine. There will be other highs and other lows, and a year will pass and then next March...we will go mad again!

I enjoy sports events.  
I like to cheer for "my" team.  
But I'm really thankful for the one  
Victory that means everything.  
I'm so thankful  
Jesus died and rose again!  
**I glory in the Cross!**

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

**LOVING GOD,  
LOVING YOU!**

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE March 26, 2017

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Friendship Greeting

*Made to Worship  
My Life Is in You, Lord  
Open the Eyes of My Heart  
He Knows My Name*

#### Tithes & Offerings

*Great Commission  
Women's Retreat Promo Video*  
(Kids are dismissed to Children's Church)

#### Pastoral Prayer

**Message:**  
*Bad Blood*

#### Prayer of Commitment

*Amazing Love*

#### Benediction



## Prayer of the Day

The spring & Easter season are a time to celebrate renewal & new life! Take time today to pray for someone you know who has yet to experience the life-transforming power of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Seek the Lord today concerning how you might share with them the meaning of our Easter holiday, that they may be renewed & find new life in Christ!

## THIS WEEK

Today	6:00 PM Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies
Tues.	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Eat'n Park 8:30 AM Seniors Breakfast at Eat'n Park
Wed.	6:30 PM AWANA Clubs Women's Small Group Jr. High Youth Group 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group
Fri.	Quiz Meet at Allegheny Center

## COMING EVENTS

April 4	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Eat'n Park
April 5	6:30 PM AWANA Clubs Women's Small Group Jr. High Youth Group 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group
April 6	6:30 PM Elders Meeting

## Missionary of the Week

Please pray for Kandi Lay, an Alliance international worker serving in Cambodia, currently on home assignment. Kandi asks for your prayer in the following areas: "As the team has mostly transitioned out of Poipet, this year will be a year of change for me. My location will change to the capitol city of Cambodia - Phnom Penh. In Phnom Penh, I'll be working with a new team, starting a new ministry - the Urban Ministry Training Center (UMTC). Our vision is to train Christian workers for ministry in urban areas. What my responsibilities will be remains to be seen, but it's likely I'll be teaching a class or two, helping with the administrative side of the school and spending much time with the students and staff. • PRAY for the transition to the city of Phnom Penh. It will be quite a change from life in the countryside of Poipet. • PRAY for the start-up of the Urban Ministry Training Center in September 2017. Pray that the team works well together and models Christ-like living for the students. Pray for the right students for this first year. Pray for funds to build the residence building. • PRAY that the UMTC and the students who come out of it make an impact on the Kingdom of God in the cities of Cambodia."



### Seniors in Service Luncheon

All seniors ages 50 & up are invited to attend our birthday-themed luncheon on Tuesday, **April 18th** at 11:45 AM. You can sign up on the church bulletin board if you plan to attend, and **please bring a wrapped birthday gift with you (\$3 or less in value) with no name attached.** We would love to have you join us!

### Church Work Day

The Trustees have scheduled our Spring Work Day for Saturday, **May 6th** starting at 7:30 AM. There will be an assortment of indoor & outdoor projects. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to lend a hand, please sign up at the church bulletin board so we know how many will be attending. Thank you to everyone willing to donate their time towards the maintenance of our church building! If you have any questions, see Joe Thomas.



### 2017 Graduates

If you are graduating from either high school or college this spring or if you just graduated last December, please be sure to write your name on the graduates' list on the church office bulletin board.

We are planning our graduation banquet for Wednesday, **May 10th** at 6:30 PM. Please watch for more details coming soon!

*Please write your name on the graduates' list even if you cannot attend the banquet; we still wish to honor ALL our graduates!*

### Membership Class

It's not too late to sign up for a membership class! If you are interested in learning about what it means to be a member of Cherry Tree Alliance, please sign up at the church bulletin board to take a class. We will contact you about arranging a time that works with your schedule. *Please note that attending a class does not obligate you to join if you decide not to take that step.*



### The C&MA General Council - May 30th–June 4th

Join the Alliance Family as we gather in Columbus, Ohio, to celebrate what God is doing in our midst and seek His heart as we move forward. In addition to great speakers, there are activities for the whole family, including children's sessions for ages 5-11. On Saturday, June 3rd, attendees at Council and volunteers from local Alliance churches will come together to "give back" to the city of Columbus. This opportunity will allow us to minister to Urban Connections, Faith Community Church, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, and the Westerville Area Resource Center. To view the schedule & speakers, learn more about the location & local attractions, or to register... check out the event page on the Alliance's website: [www.cmalliance.org/events/2017/council](http://www.cmalliance.org/events/2017/council)

## BAD BLOOD

*The chief priest and the teachers of the law... began looking for a way to kill him....*  
Mark 11.18 (NIV)

**Abstract:** The Lord Jesus faced opposition from sinful men. Government officials saw him as an insurrectionist who threatened their authority. The religious elite rejected him because he refused to play by the rules. In the end, even his close disciples betrayed him and fled away. What will you do with Jesus?

### Your notes and comments:

What will you do with Jesus?  
Neutral you cannot be;  
Someday your heart will be asking,  
"What will He do with me?"

*What Will You Do With Jesus?, Albert Benjamin Simpson*



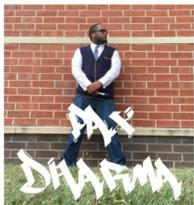
Women's Bible Study

### Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study: *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst

Join us **TONIGHT** from 6:00-8:00 PM for our next meeting. Author Lysa TerKeurst will help us dig deep into God's Word to explore the roots of rejection and the truth about what it looks like to live loved.

Our upcoming meeting dates include:

Session #5 - March 26th / Session #6 - April 9th



### A Night of Music Concert

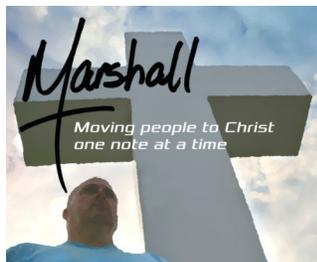
Cherry Tree Alliance Church will be hosting a benefit concert for Chestnut Ridge Christian Academy this Friday, **March 31st**

at 6:30 PM. The event features four performances by

local artists: Pax Dharma, Jamie Tressler, group Still Standing (including church member Tom Lough) and our own Marshall Fike.



A free-will offering will be taken in support of Chestnut Ridge Christian Academy. Please join us for a wonderful time together praising God through music!



### Deep & Wide Conference

Morgantown Alliance Church will be hosting the Deep & Wide Conference this Friday, **March 31st** from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This event will feature speakers

John Stumbo (President of the U.S. C&MA) and

Tim Meier (Director of Envision). The event is free; no tickets or registration needed. A free-will offering will be taken to support Alliance Missions. Flyers are available on the information table in the foyer.



### More Than Gold - Girls' Retreat

Young ladies, grades 6-12: you are invited to the More Than Gold Retreat hosted at Camp Christian in Mill Run.

The event will take place Friday-Sunday, **March 31st-April 2nd**. Cost is \$105 per student & includes housing & meals. The retreat's theme this year is *In His Image* and

features speaker Lisa Meiners with Deeper Still Ministries.

Brochures are available on the information table in the foyer. Please see Debbie Wotring, who is coordinating the retreat, with any questions.



### Palm Sunday Brunch

Please mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, **April 9th**. The meal will be a covered dish dinner; sign-ups are posted at the display in the foyer. Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord & Savior this Easter season!

### Christ in the Passover Presentation

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Stewart Weinisch with Jews for Jesus will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" at Cherry Tree Alliance Church on Tuesday, **April 11th** at

6:30 PM. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. There will be no admission charge; a love offering will be taken.



### Easter Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year's Easter offering will be given to City Missions - Living Stones in Uniontown, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide for the needs of our county's homeless. To learn more about their services, check out their webpage:

[www.citymissionfayette.org](http://www.citymissionfayette.org). All money received through the offering in your colored "Easter" envelopes (along with those clearly labeled "Easter offering") will go to support this organization.

### Salvation Army Volunteer Day

Our next day to volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will be Friday, **April 14th** from 10:00 AM - noon. Please see the

sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can attend. If you would like to help out by donating food items, please place them in the collection bin in the foyer. Supplies needed are cans of kidney beans and jarred sauce (typically use Prego brand but will accept all kinds of tomato sauce). If you have any questions, please see Kent Sholtz.



### Great Commission Women's Retreat

Ladies: mark your calendars for our annual Great Commission Women's Retreat, Friday-Saturday, **May 19th-20th**, at the University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown Campus. The theme this year is *Living*

*Brave* and will feature speaker Nicole Unice and international worker Naomi Ord. Cost is \$95 if registered by April 15th; the cost increases to \$105 after that time, with registrations accepted through May 10th.

Please check out the brochures on the information table in the foyer.

Susan Gallo will be coordinating our trip again this year.



**2017 Nominations for Church Offices Open**  
Nominations are open for the following offices to be filled by election at our **Annual Meeting on April 23rd** with terms to begin June 1st, 2017:

**Elder –**

Elders can serve up to three consecutive two-year terms.

The following is a list of current elders and their terms:

John Chuma – 2016-2018

Randy Gallo – 2016-2018

Mark Krueger – 2016-2018

Don Smith – 2016-2018

Todd Schaefer – 2015-2017 (*eligible for nomination*)

George Smalley – 2015-2017 (*eligible for nomination*)

Chuck Wolfe – 2015-2017 (*eligible for nomination*)

**Treasurer –**

Tammy McCracken—2012, 2013-2015, 2015-2017 –

(*does not wish to run for re-election*)

**Assistant Treasurer –**

Bethany Ruth – 2012, 2013-2015, 2015-2017 –

(*does not wish to run for re-election*)

**Head Trustee –**

Joe Thomas – 2016-2017

(*currently serving one-year term, eligible for nomination*)

**Nomination Procedures** – Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate, relying upon the guidance of the Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The standards for spiritual leadership are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Any active member wishing to place someone in nomination must first obtain permission from the person to be nominated and receive the assurance that the person agrees to be considered for the position & is willing to serve. Then the member wishing to place the name in nomination must submit the name in writing to Pastor David or Don Smith via e-mail *\*contact church office for their e-mail addresses\** or by hand delivery in a sealed envelope. Include the name of the person you're nominating, the office, and your name, which will be confidential. **The deadline for nominations is next Sunday, April 2nd.**

**Nominating Committee:** The following individuals are serving on this year's nominating committee: Susan Gallo, Jen Genovese, Rev. David Goodin, Doug Horton, & Don Smith (Chairman). Please pray for the Lord's leading in the nominations and elections.

**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to order an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the order forms available on the information table in the foyer. Lilies are \$8.50 each.



**All order forms & payments are due next Sunday, April 2nd.**

**Lenten Lunches are being held Wednesdays at noon at the Asbury United Methodist Church.**

The meal is \$7 per person. Please see the bulletin board for a schedule of speakers.



**Alliance Marriage Encounter**

The WPA District of the C&MA will be hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend Friday-Sunday, **March 31st-April 2nd** at the Park Inn by Radisson in Uniontown. The weekend will feature 48 hours together as a couple, focusing exclusively on your relationship with each other. Check out the flyer available on the information table in the foyer for more details. The cost is \$200 per couple. Limited space is available, so if you & your spouse are interested, please be sure to register soon!

*As many of you know, Hazel Gallo will be staying with her daughter in Virginia as she continues to recuperate. If you would like to send her a card with well wishes, you may do so at this address:*

*\*contact church office for this information\**



**The Youth Praise Band is looking for new recruits!** If you are in Grades 6-12 and are interested in joining the band, please speak directly with Marshall Fike or contact the church office.

**Holy Week Events**

**Sunday, April 9th** - Palm Sunday Brunch

Cherry Tree Alliance following the worship service

**Tuesday, April 11th** - Christ in the Passover Presentation

Cherry Tree Alliance at 6:30 PM

**Friday, April 14th** - Good Friday Community Service

First Baptist Church of Fairchance at Noon

**Friday, April 14th** - Good Friday Worship Service

Calvary Baptist Church of West Mifflin at 7:00 PM

Worship led by Marshall Fike

**Saturday, April 15th** - Easter Egg Hunt

Cherry Tree Alliance at 10:00 AM

**Sunday, April 16th** - Easter Worship Service

Cherry Tree Alliance at 10:00 AM

