

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

JULY 2017

MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

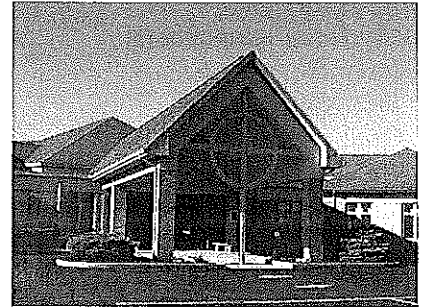
The mission of this Congregation shall be—

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



FROM THE PASTOR

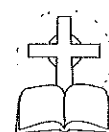
Summer is such a wonderful time to catch up on reading. I've committed myself to getting to those books I long to read but keep putting off. The problem I find is that the books I want to read promise to transport me to some other place, some other time and perhaps some other situation. And what I really want to do is to be present—in the here and now.

The present seems to fascinate me. I have new people in my life. I have a new church, new home, new town, new ways to serve God, and the list goes on and on. When I look at the people I interact with most closely, I find in them the richness of story that no book can match. These are real lives, with real drama, inviting me to share!

My prayer is that I can always look at each one of you with some degree of curiosity and fascination. Each one of us has a life that tells a story. And when we get together as church we become part of a much bigger, more beautiful story. There is no room in church life for disparaging each other. Each one of us has a part in this ongoing drama that plays out before God. We are important when we are at our best just as much as we are when we're at our worst. We all serve a purpose no matter how 'good' we are at the Bible or how hopelessly ignorant we might feel. Each one of us has value in the life of the community. So ask yourself what your role is supposed to be, given your personality and spiritual gifts. Then pray about it!

You will see small discussion and fellowship groups taking shape. These are coming about slowly because they are a labor of love, borne out of the practice of 'discernment.' Listen to your heart and when you feel the Spirit move you, then join one of these groups and have some fun "serving the Lord." When we serve God through an attitude of joyfulness, blessings abound.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season. And be a blessing to others wherever you are!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:
The family Paul Eiserle

Healing Prayers:

Teri Daniels
Donnie Egnor
Jerry Flaugh
Mooneen Ringenberg
Jerry Tope
Jack Vance
Gracie Vance Crockett

Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Laney, Braden Laney
Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

Deb Belk
Ken Bowers
*Jackie Eiserle
Earl Fulk
Susan Gagich
Terry Gagich
Shirley Guilford
Ron Fraley
Mark Fraley
Marilyn Ladd
Deb Maxey
Greg Platt

*Denotes Members

SPECIAL MUSIC

We enjoy special music in the summer.
If you know of someone who would like to
shared their talent with us please sign up on
the bulletin board.



Nursing Home Residents..

*Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
*John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
*Helen Gunderman-
(St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
*Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)
Rita Hannah-(Gardens)
Our homebound,

Manor House: 204 Archer Dr., Antwerp, Ohio 45813
The Gardens: 199 Rd 103, Paulding, Ohio 45879
Hickory creek: 401 Fountain St. Hicksville, OH 43526
St. Anne's : 1900 Randalia, Apt. 26 Ft. Wayne In 46805

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Paul
Eiserle. Paul passed away June 5th. Paul is the husband of
Jackie. His services were held June 8th.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts,
prayers and cards during my surgeries and healing.
The surgeon was able to remove all the melanoma. I
will have one more surgery in December.

Nicole Harris

JOYS CONGRATULATIONS



Jason & Kirstyn Grace welcomed Lucas James on June 1st. He weighed 9 lbs 1 oz.
Grandparents are Larry & Cindy Grace and Great Grandparents are Bob and Ruth Riley.

Seth & Nicole Smith welcomed Jolene Louise on June 3rd. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21"
long. Grandparents are Tracy Gunderman and Ron Gunderman. Great Grandparents are
Jacque Walker and Helen Gunderman.

Braden & Suzanne Laney welcomed Grace Ann Marie on June 12th. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and
was 19 1/2 " long. Grandparents are Greg and Ann Reinhart. Great grandparent is Linda Reinhart.

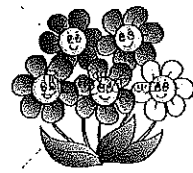


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FLOWERS

- 7/02/2017 Herm & Jean Guelde (Memory of Parents)
- 7/09/2017
- 7/16/2017
- 7/23/2017 Paul & Helen Long (Helen's Birthday)
- 7/30/2017



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/02 Carrie Lero
- 7/02 Milo Workman
- 7/7 Branden Pease
- 7/08 Zachary Good
- 7/08 Sandy Leslie
- 7/09 Lillie Hibbard
- 7/10 Anna Gunderman
- 7/11 Pat Paulus
- 7/12 Shirley Cramer
- 7/13 Logan Bok
- 7/14 DeLean Dotterer
- 7/14 Aden Lero
- 7/16 Corey Harris
- 7/17 Loretta Crawford
- 7/17 Denise Renollet
- 7/18 Kara Thompson
- 7/19 Kelsey Rhodes
- 7/20 Ethan Rhonehouse
- 7/21 Hayden Bok
- 7/22 Danielle Jones
- 7/23 Michelle Mawer
- 7/24 Helen Long
- 7/26 Eternity Bassler
- 7/31 Sheryl Garza

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/01 Kevin & Lindsey Frey
- 7/04 Josh & Carrie Lero
- 7/06 Michael & Jennifer Mudel
- 7/08 Roger & Jenifer Nicelley
- 7/10 Dave & Lori Clark
- 7/12 Ben & Katrina Gunderman
- 7/20 Jeff & Kylee Hunt
- 7/31 Shawn & Julie Cook



**DEADLINE FOR THE
AUGUST DIGEST
JULY 15**



"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right." Peter Marshall

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
5/28/2017	67	3	11	19	100
6/04/2017	62	2	3	9	76
6/11/2017	70	12	8	11	101
6/18/2017	51	3	3	15	71

COUNTERS:

- 7/02/2017 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 7/09/2017 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 7/16/2017 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 7/23/2017 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Angela Perchikoff
- 7/30/2017 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson



The amount of contributions needed per month

First Christian Church
Fund Summary
MAY 2017

To meet our yearly budget

Is \$11,247.83

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DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	HOLIDAY-PENTECOST	BLDG MAINT.	YOUTH GROUP	CAPITAL IMPROVE.	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
05/07/2017	2,085.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	2,185.00
05/14/2017	1,810.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,870.00
05/21/2017	2,754.00	0.00	10.00	130.00	0.00	70.00	2,964.00
05/28/2017	1,962.00	20.00	210.00	0.00	737.00	0.00	2,929.00
TOTAL	8,611.00	20.00	280.00	230.00	737.00	70.00	9,948.00



Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

6-14-17
Date



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be July 30th, July 31st, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2nd. From 6-8:30 p.m.

The first three days will be learning, food and fun as always. The fourth day will be a family fun event. Please fill out the registration form and turn it into the office. More forms are available on the table outside the office. There is a list of needed snacks For anyone who would like to donate, please check the bulletin board.

We need 65 small bears cut and sewn together for VBS. If you have time to do either of these things there are patterns and felt in the conference room. If you don't sew it would be great if you could cut some bears out. We appreciated your help.

“MAKER FUN FACTORY” Created by God Made for a Purpose

New Email

The church will soon be switching to a new internet provider. Please start using firstccpaulding@gmail.com

Mower list



June 25 and July 2	Diane Bakle
July 9 and July 16	Diane Bakle
July 23 and July 30	Gary McClure
August 6 and August 13	Clint Reinhart
August 20 and August 27	Diane Bakle
Sept. 3 and Sept 10	Diane Bakle
Sept. 17 and Sept 24	Gary McClure
Oct 1 and Oct 5	Diane Bakle
Oct 15 and Oct 22	Diane Bakle

Thank you to all the mowing volunteers. Your willingness to help with the church property is appreciated very much.

DISCIPLES WOMEN



The women would like to send the items needed for health kits to the general assembly. Items will need to be at the church by July 6th.

July 11th is our ladies nite out. We will be going to the Mexican restaurant in Van Wert this year. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please see Denise.

Blanket Sunday is the last Sunday in July, Please review the enclosed material from Church World Service. The women of the church have been a part of this ministry for many years. Genelta Levos is the chair person for this outreach project.

Our next regular meeting is August 1st at 10 a.m. All women are invited to attend.

Outreach

We gave \$200.00 to Relay for life. We are planning to get school supplies for the school. If you would like to bring in items we need, Large erasers, Book bags, Boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, Blunt Fisker Scissors, 8 oz Elmers glue, school boxes, #2 lead pencils, dry erase markers, Kleenex. Teachers prefer these brand names.

We will be participating in the lunch program at LaFountain Park July 17 to 21. We need volunteers any of those days from 11:15–12: 15.to help serve the food. We are still working on people to do projects with the kids from 12:15–1 p.m. It can be playing a game, reading a story or anything like that. Anyone who would like to help please let me know. There is a sign up sheet on the outreach bulletin board.

We restocked the Birthday Bags for the food pantry. We also bought fruit for the food pantry. During the summer if you have extra vegetables from your garden it may be donated to the food pantry. They are open on Wed. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may also bring items to the church and someone will take it to the pantry.

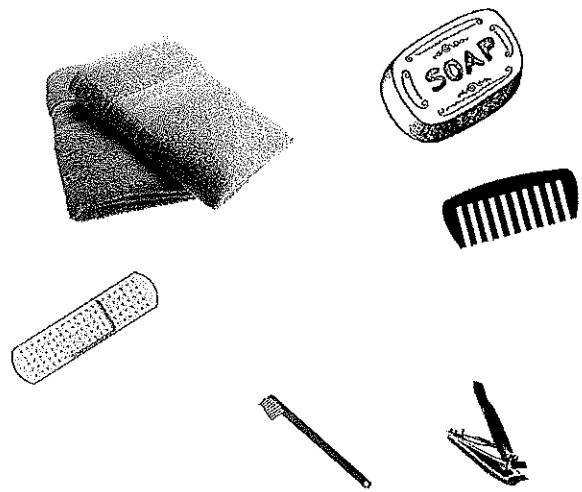
Thank you.

Serve the Lord and One Another.

Disciples Women Health Kits-The DWM is assembling health kits to be taken to General Assembly. Please have your items to the church before July 6th. It would be great if every women of the church could bring a health kit in. Thanks for your help.

Needed items for each kit:

- One Hand towel 15" x 28" to 16" x 32'
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from package
- One finger nail clipper removed from package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids
- Place all items in a one-gallon plastic storage bag.
- Toothpaste will be added before delivery.
- Please do not add anything extra to kits.



Campers



CHI RHO Camp-July 9th-15th-Hayley Stocker,
Haylie Lero, Eternity Bassler

CYF-June 25th-July 1st-Katelyn Strayer
July 16th-22nd-Adrian Daniels, Logan Mudel,
Jordon Mudel. Counselor-Jan Commers



Camp Christian
10335 Maple Dell Rd.
Marysville, OH 43040

FLAT ROCK FALL FESTIVAL

I know it doesn't seem possible but it is time to start thinking about Flat Rock Fall Festival. We will be holding an organizational meeting on July 24th at 7 p.m. If you are interested in in being on the committee please attend the meeting. The menu and jobs will be set at that time.



Kleenex Supply

It is time to replenish the Kleenex supply.
Please bring a box for the storage shelf.

Independence Day lessons for church life

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — "For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1, BSV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann

Be Christ's

English pastor J. Sidlow Baxter often passed a retired pastor on a lane near his home. Baxter once asked the man, "How are you keeping?"

The man responded, "I'm not keeping, I'm kept."
Of all the things we can *be*, nothing beats *Christ's*.

FROM THE REGION

It was discovered that 5 years ago the Ohio Region Church Council (the Ohio Board of directors) took out a loan with the Board of Church Extension with Camp Christian as the collateral. This was after the mortgage bubble burst and interest rates on investments were low, plus local church giving to the region had decreased. The total number of draws on this line of credit added up over the years to just over \$140,000 of which the majority was expenses related to running Camp Christian. (over \$80,000)

A quick reaction to do a capital campaign to pay it off would help a little, but would not address the baseline reason that led to the money being borrowed. The reason churches are not giving to the Region is that most of our Ohio Churches are not growing new members and because Ohio Churches have less families with young people; we are also have less youth attending Camp Christian. Smaller camp enrollment leads to less more expenses per camper. The Ohio Region has reduced staff to save money. But much of that work which was formerly done by paid regional staff was picked up by local clergy, who now have even less time to work as evangelist in local settings.

One cannot save Camp Christian while the Ohio Region is in a deficit situation. The church camp is tied to the success of the Regional ministry. And one cannot save the Ohio Region if local church are not thriving. If local churches die, the Ohio region dies, and Camp Christian dies.

Most churches have members who have never been trained to make new disciples for Jesus. Indeed, most church members would leave their faith community and go find another faith community that would allow them not to have the responsibility of making new disciples. Of course, eventually all faith communities that stop training Christians how to make new disciples will also die unless they learn to reach new people for Jesus.

One cannot be a true disciple of Jesus unless we strive to do all that Jesus commanded his follower to do. Jesus expects all Christian to strive to live out Matthew 28: 18-20, "The Great Commission" which reads: And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

It is the "Great Omission" that has hurt the survival of the church when people have been allowed to avoid making new disciples. One cannot make up for that "Great Omission" by 1. Perfect attendance in worship; 2. Just shepherding and caring for the current church members; 3. Meeting the financial pledge of giving; 4. Cleaning the building/ one more coat of paint on the walls/ patching holes in the parking lot/ mowing the property lawn; 5. Teaching Sunday School for 20+ years; 6. Claiming I served my share for the church and, now it's my turn to step aside and let somebody else do it (as long as they do it my way... of course.)

I believe it is not too late for me to learn how to "make new disciples"! I also believe it is not too late for others in my faith community to fully know the joy of "making new disciples", too. Here in lies the hope for local churches, the Ohio Region, and Camp Christian.

In Christ,

Morgan

SERVERS—JULY 2017

ELDERS: Matt Stoller (bread)
Ellen Riggerbach (cup)
Genelta Levos (shut-in communion)

Reminder: Elders are responsible for doors, lights and making sure fans are off on Sunday Mornings.

DIACONATE (Deacons): * Deb Santo Clint Reinhart
Angela Perchikoff Gerry Fraley
Leah Gunderman Dee Fraley
Jeannine Hoover Klair Hoover

*Please contact Deb if you are not able to serve.
Deacons please sit in the back two pews to serve communion. Thank You.

WORSHIP LEADER: Ellen Riggerbach

PREPARE COMMUNION: Leah Gunderman, Deb Santo

(Clean up, pick up empty cups,
please put communion in the Sunday Sch Rm for the teacher.

GREETER: Sharon Cooper

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We would like to have Sunday School but we do not have teachers

NURSERY: The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.








READ SCRIPTURE: 7/02/2017 Deb Santo-John 6: 67-69
7/09/2017 Darwin Riley-Isaiah 43: 1-3a
7/16/2017 Bruce Gunderman-John 14: 25-27
7/23/2017 Darla Smith-Matthew 28: 16-20
7/30/2017 Lori Clark-John 15: 1-4

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EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 A. M. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART, TEST ME AND KNOW MY THOUGHTS. PSALM 139: 23</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD ROMANS 8:16</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>CAMPERS LOVE MAIL!!!!</p>  <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>SERMON: SURVIVING THE WORST! SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6: 67-69 PSALM 30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PASTOR VACATION</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>CONSTITUTION MEETING-7 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR VACATION</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PASTOR VACATION</p>	<p>7</p> <p>PASTOR VACATION</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN HYTER SERMON: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 43: 1-3A JOHN 15: 14-17</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CHI RHO CAMP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>LADIES NITE OUT-LEAVING FROM THE CHURCH AT 4:45 P.M. CHI RHO CAMP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>THE GARDENS SERVICE-1:30 P.M. FINANCE MEETING-7 p.m. CHI RHO CAMP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CHI RHO CAMP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>CHI RHO CAMP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>DIGEST DEADLINE MEN'S GROUP 8:30 A.M. MOORE'S -FS HALL</p>
<p>16</p> <p>SERMON: OUR INHERITANCE SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14: 25-27 EPHESIANS 1: 1-14</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>17</p> <p>FCC SERVING LUNCH AT THE PARK-11:15-12:15</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>18</p> <p>FCC SERVING LUNCH AT THE PARK-11:15-12:15 VBS MEETING-7 P.M. CYF CAMP</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FCC SERVING LUNCH AT THE PARK-11:15-12:15 CONSTITUTION MEETING-7 P.M. CYF CAMP</p>	<p>20</p> <p>FCC SERVING LUNCH AT THE PARK-11:15-12:15</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>FCC SERVING LUNCH AT THE PARK-11:15-12:15</p> <p>CYF CAMP</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 GUEST PASTOR: JEREMY THOMPSON SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28: 16-20 EPHESIANS 4: 1-16</p>	<p>24</p> <p>FALL FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION MEETING-7 P.M.</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>SERMON: MAKING UP THE BODY! SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15: 1-4 EPHESIANS 4: 1-6 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-6-8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-6-8:30 P.M.</p>	 <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-6-8:30 P.M.</p>	 <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-6-7:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT</p>			



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Friendship Snack Mix



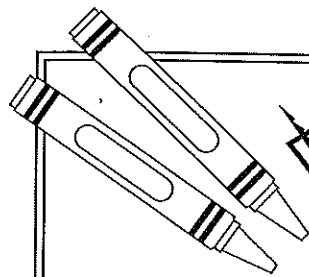
Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

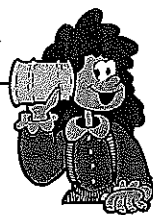
Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nup, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, tired, pride, stren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shine, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished



TELL SOMEONE ABOUT

Jesus



Bible Quiz

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)