

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Thank you to all who sent cards and called while I was injured. I am humbled to have received so much love and support from my brothers and sisters in Christ!

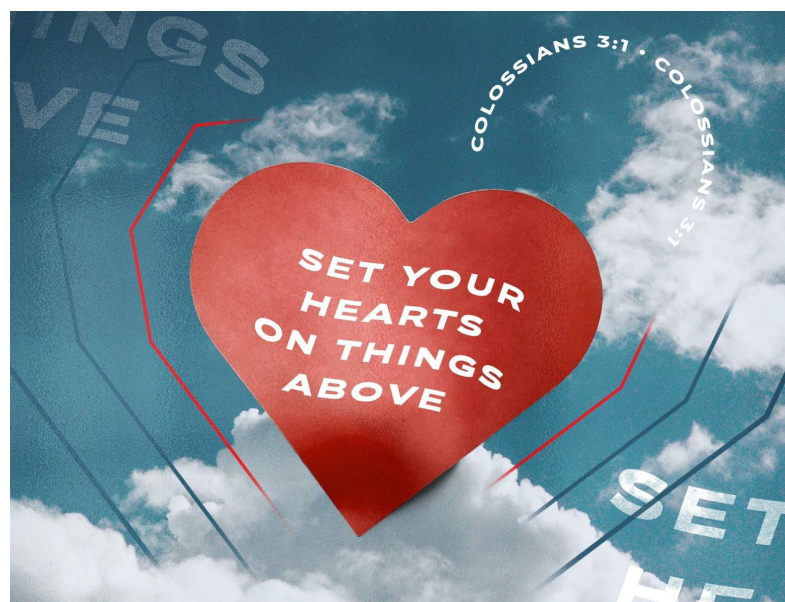
What an awesome day yesterday for the Food Giveaway. We distributed nearly 25,000 pounds of food! Thank you to the many hands that came to serve on the very cold morning. It takes nearly 70 people to make this wonderful ministry happen. There are many roles and a place for anyone and any age to serve. If you would like to be a part of serving others in Christ's name then you will get a chance next month on February 25th. The food will be delivered on February 23rd at 11 am and we will also need a few hands to help unload and organize the food on that day!

I know many of you have been waiting for the Lock-In, and I was also disappointed it had to be rescheduled. But, on Sunday, February 19th, we will have our Teen Lock-In. So you still have time to invite your friends to come and join us. Monday, February 20th, there is no school due to Presidents Day, so you can always sleep and recover on that day! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, and a schedule of events, so check it out and plan to attend!

Today in the Teen Class we are finishing our tour of the Judges with the final chapter - Samson. Samson is one of the most recognizable judges who ruled over Israel before the time of the kings. We have a lot to unpack when it comes to this Nazirite judge. Although the lesson won't cover everything about the life of this compulsive defeater of Philistines, it will highlight three major portions of his story and what we can take away from each. So grab a fresh, hot cup of coffee from the Faithful Blend coffee cart in the foyer, and join us for a great discussion!

Please be praying for our Bible Bowl competitors as they continue to prepare for the competition coming up in March! These dedicated Bible scholars have been working very hard to compete and enjoy a great fellowship opportunity with other Christians. We hope you make plans to join us in Weirton, West Virginia!

-Josh



THE FOCUS OF A HAPPY HEART

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Happiness is found in being _____ by God.

- Matthew 5:3-12

Happiness is knowing that we have an _____ hope.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS NOT?

Happiness does not mean that everything is _____.

- Psalm 126:5
- Isaiah 53:3
- Hebrews 1:8-9

Happiness is not the _____ thrill of sin.

- 1 Peter 1:14-16
- Psalm 68:3

SHIFTING _____

- Colossians 3:1-4

FOCUS ON _____

- Colossians 3:12-14
_____ others.
- Philippians 2:3-4
- Acts 20:35
- Matthew 5:16

_____ others.

- Ephesians 4:32
_____ others.

- Luke 6:32
- Galatians 5:13

FOCUS ON _____

- Colossians 3:15-16
- Gratitude is our _____.
- Ephesians 5:4, 20
 - Luke 17:15-16
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

FOCUS ON THE _____

- Colossians 3:17
- Psalm 144:15
- Psalm 16:8-9

We find _____ in focusing on God.

- John 8:31-36

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TONIGHT @ 5 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

SOUP FELLOWSHIP



& JEOPARDY

Just Between Us

GROUND HOG DAY IS COMING! So, will Buckeye Chuck or Punxsutawney Phil see their shadows on Thursday February 2nd? Are we going to have six more weeks of winter, or is spring coming early? Whether they see their shadows or not, spring is just over six weeks away according to the calendar! In the meantime God continues to bless this church in the midst of winter! Whether winter or spring may the Lord find us busy doing good for His glory!

TODAY AUSTIN BUCKLAND TO PREACH! We are honored to have as our Fifth Sunday guest speaker a wonderful Christian young man who is a businessman, a pizza maker, preacher, but more than anything a Christian. When Austin is not working on a house, he is helping to manage the Berwick restaurant (a family business), or he is working to prepare his next sermon. For the past three to four years Austin has been doing fill-in preaching at several surrounding congregations, and has been a guest speaker at the "Wellness Week of Camp". Austin is the son of Todd and Brenda Buckland. We look forward to hearing Austin speak on **"The Focus of a Happy Heart."**

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT! Please plan on joining us this evening at 5:00 PM for a wonderful time of fellowshiping together! We are asking everyone to bring Chili or Soup and a favorite dessert! We had hoped to have an Escape Room, but we are going to do that at later time. However, we have some other plans for our enjoyment! So please join us and bring a friend!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING THIS SPRING! It is hard to believe, but it has been four years since we had our last Pictorial Directory produced. Due to the many people coming and going over the last four years we believe this spring would be a good time for us to have a new directory made. Universal Church Directories (the same ones who produced our last directory) will be here **April 12-15** to take pictures of every family. Every family will get a complimentary 8 X 10 picture. We would like every family to plan to be a part of our next directory. The directory helps everyone to put a face to a name. Please look for more updated information about the directory in the bulletin in days to come!

WILD GAME DINNER SET FOR FEBRUARY. I hope that you are planning to join us for our "Wild Game Dinner" on Friday, **February 10th, at 5:00 PM.** We ask that you bring a wild game dish or another meat dish like chicken, and either a side dish or a dessert. I have asked **Kris Seitz** to speak about his elk hunting trip to Montana and **Joshua Ball** to speak about his hunting experiences and fishing trips to Canada. Also, **Jamie Wood**, who is a taxidermist, will be providing some of his skilled talent! It is going to be a great night of fellowship! Make sure to invite your family and friends!

NEW STUDY: GOD'S MAN AND HIS MOUNTAIN! "Give me this mountain!" These words of Caleb – brave words which show the power of a positive goal and immense faith in God. These words were said by Caleb when he was eighty-five years old when he entered the promised land. When God wants a work accomplished, he selects a person of tremendous courage. Starting next Wednesday evening in the adult Bible Study at 7:00 PM, Matt Dahm and I will lead a study through "God's Man and His Mountain." I'm sure we all face mountains that need to be conquered. With God's help you can claim, climb, and conquer your mountain! Mountains are prominent in the Bible. In the coming weeks we will journey with some of the great Bible characters, from Noah to Christ, as we experience the mountain top adventure. The Psalmist said, "I lift my eyes to the hills – My help comes from the Lord." (Psalm 121:1-2) As we lift up our eyes to these mountains of the Bible, and look into the faces of those who climbed them, we pray you will be strengthened to conquer your mountain."

- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS



LIFE GROUPS WILL NOT MEET TODAY!



FIFTH SUNDAY SPEAKER—Today our special Fifth Sunday Speaker is Austin Buckland. He will be speaking at both morning services.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT—Today is the last day to request a record of your 2022 contribution from Joe Howard. You can reach out to him by phone (740-802-2125) or email (jhoward0121@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive a statement. Be sure to indicate if you would like for him to mail your statement or bring it to church.



SOUP FELLOWSHIP—Tonight @ 5 PM we will be having a soup fellowship and Jeopardy activity. Plan on attending and bringing chili or soup and a dessert.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will be meeting this Tuesday @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ 7 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY—AUDITORIUM**

New study:

God's Man & His Mountain



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—This Thursday @ 7:30 AM, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread. See Matt Dahm for details.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING STUDY—Next Sunday a new study will begin in the Auditorium. Join us for "Psalms of Ascent".



WILD GAME DINNER—On Friday, February 10 @ 6 PM, there will be a Wild Game Dinner. Either bring a main dish of wild game, or a side dish & dessert.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet for their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 14 @ 11:30 AM, here at the building for soup, salad, and games.



TEEN LOCK-IN—The Teen Lock-In has been rescheduled for February 19-20. Teens and their families are invited to come to Cooper's Bowling from 10 PM–12 AM. Teens will head back here to the building from Midnight–6 AM. Cost of bowling is \$10, cost of the entire Lock-In will be \$20. Sign up in the foyer.



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22 @ noon.

FOR THE RECORD - January 22, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....	83	WEDNESDAY.....	68
SUNDAY AM.....	213	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$7,541.79
SUNDAY PM.....	n/a	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00



CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING—On Wednesday, February 22 there will be a camp staff meeting in Room11 after Bible Class. The last day to let Matt know if you want to serve as camp staff is March 15.



UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, February 23 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, February 25 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



YOUNG FAMILY OUTING—There will be a Young Families Outing Friday, February 24 from 1-3 PM at the Exploritorium Children's Museum here in Marion. See Emily Nielsen for details.



BIBLE BOWL PREVIEW—On Sunday, February 26 there will be a Bible Bowl Preview in the Auditorium at 9:45 AM during Bible Class.



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY—We are planning to take pictures for a new 2023 photo directory April 12-15. A sign-up for time slots will be available starting February 26. We want to encourage every family to get their picture taken. Every family will be given a FREE 8x10 family picture with no pressure to purchase any pictures.



THANK YOU so much for the prayers, cards, visits, and food that you provided during Brian's father's illness and passing, We also appreciated the flowers sent for the funeral. Your kindness and caring continue to support us as we move through this difficult time.

With love, **Brian and Carol Driver and family**

THANK YOU so much for the cards, your kind words, prayers, and support at the time of our loss. We appreciate you all so much.

With love and gratitude, **Gwen Siler & family**

MY THANKS to the Richland Road family for the evergreen plant, the cards, prayers, and caring words of sympathy after the passing of my brother, Larry Hornbaker.
Roger Hornbaker and family

THANK YOU so very much for all of your love, support, and prayers during this very difficult time. It is truly a blessing to have such a wonderful family to lean on.

Karen Simmers

THANK YOU for your out pouring of love and words during our recent passing of loved ones. The angel given for Cheryl is so precious and beautiful as she was. The wooden plaque with comforting words for mom will continue to remind us of her generous heart.

Christian Love, **Cathy, Jerry, Bryer, and Braylen Kightlinger**

THANK YOU for the floral arrangement sent for the funeral of my sister, Nancy Himmer. Also, thank you for the cards & phone calls that I have received, I appreciate them all.

Linda Ruhl