

Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas break! I know it can be a little bit sad when the big anticipation of Christmas is over and things gradually get back to normal. You may be surprised to learn that grown-ups can feel like that too, our family had a very memorable time, and we were all a little disappointed to see it all ending. However, there are a few factors that made a return to normalcy more bearable. First, I received some gift cards for restaurants that I really don't get to visit very often and I definitely wanted to get started on that! Second, even though we don't always have a huge event like a Children's Ministry Party or a school vacation coming up really soon, there is still a lot of good stuff going on around here. Our kids in the **Bible Discovery** class are doing a ton of good work and having lots of fun too! You don't have to take my word for it, ask one of these guys: **Daisy Gary, John Gary, Lilly Gary, Violet Gary, Blake Hoggatt, Madelynn Hoggatt, Madalyn Lewis, RJ Patterson, Liam Rossiter, and Noah Shepherd.** These kids have all recited Bible facts or verses in class for me recently. We're also very excited to have begun work in the Sunday morning **Bible Bowl** class to include some buzzer practice. I am really proud of the team again this year (it is not by any means too late to join if you'd like to, just let me know). Of course, after Bible Bowl, we'll have our famous '**Bible Bowl BOOM**' party and then the **Spring party** will be just around the corner. Soon after that will be the **Mystery Dinner**, then the **Summer Kickoff Pizza Party**, then **camp**, and **VBS!!!** Come to think of it, there really isn't any downtime here at all! So Happy New Year, everybody! We sure have a lot to be thankful for!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

WORSHIP MINISTRY—We are updating our list of those who wish to serve during Sunday morning worship. If you would like to be involved, please pick up a sheet in the foyer and fill it out. Once you have it filled out, please return it to the red box located in the foyer.

 **CLOTHING HOUSE DONATIONS**—Due to the large amount of clothing donations we have been receiving, the ladies who work at the house have asked that you don't donate any more clothing until this summer. If you have any questions, please see Mazzie Stevens.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT—If you would like a record of your 2022 contribution, please contact 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 to you, or if you will be attending worship on a Sunday or Wednesday where he can get your statement to you.

 **EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**—If you would like to donate to the Emergency Food Pantry, in the month of January we are asking for Peanut Butter & Jelly.

PICK UP A JANUARY PRAYER LIST AND POWER FOR TODAY IN THE FOYER

PICK UP A 2023 BIBLE READING PLAN IN THE FOYER

Series: *Our God Is Able*
**OUR GOD IS ABLE
 TO RESCUE**
 Daniel 3:1-7

**THE _____ WANTS YOU TO
 “_____”**

The _____ to “_____ in.”

- Daniel 3:4-6
- Daniel 3:7

The _____ to “_____ out.”

- Daniel 3:8-11
- Exodus 20:2-3
- Daniel 3:12-15
- Romans 12:2

_____ **WANTS YOU TO
 “_____”**

_____ confidence.

- Daniel 3:16-17

_____ commitment.

- Daniel 3:18-23

_____ captives.

- Daniel 3:24-25

**YOUR _____ MAY LEARN
 TO “_____”**

Amazed at _____.

- Daniel 3:26-27
- Daniel 3:28

Astonishing principles of faith.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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Church of CHRIST

January 8, 2023

Our 2023 Theme



Ephesians 3:20

REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

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Staying Connected

WORSHIP MINISTRY! As another year is upon us, we want to begin updating our records for those who wish to serve each Lord's Day. In the foyer, you will find worship ministry sheets that you fill out and return to the red box. For those men/young men who have been baptized, you can lead prayer, read scripture, help serve communion (when we return to this). For men / women, you can serve as greeters, safety team or audio & video ministry. See me if you need more details!

CAMP STAFF! We will have our first church camp staff meeting on Wednesday, January 25, after Bible Class. Adults who wish to serve on staff during our week of camp (June 17-24) need to be at this meeting or let me know soon!

CHURCH CAMP! Last month at the Congregational Meeting, the elders announced that our goal is to pay for all our young people and your grandchildren to attend our week of church camp!

FELLOWSHIP! Join us on Sunday, January 29, for a chili & soup fellowship, plus an escape room. Fellowship hall @ 5 PM. More inside the bulletin.

GOD IS ABLE! Our church theme in 2023 is *GOD IS ABLE*. Unfortunately, there are times when, no matter how hard we try or how talented we may be, we fail. How are we to succeed when the odds are against us? For believers in Christ, the answer is to live with the knowledge that God works despite our weaknesses.

In Genesis, Sarah doubted when the Lord prophesied the birth of her son. Within a year, she gave birth to Isaac. She saw that God was able. In Exodus, Moses was sacred when God sent him to Pharaoh to demand the Hebrew slaves be released. God replied that He himself would release Israel, which He did in a miraculous way. Moses saw that God was able.

On our own, we can accomplish nothing (John 15:5). With God, we have access to power beyond our comprehension (1 Chron. 29:12). If you are overcome by burdens in your life, trust the only One who can carry your heavy load. Then you will see that God is able!

SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS! During the last few weeks, many people made New Year's Resolutions. A resolution is defined as, "a firm decision to do or not to do something." It is good to make godly resolutions or firm decisions. In 2023...

- I will increase my knowledge of God's Word by...
- I will improve my prayer life by...
- I will grow my service by...
- I will positively change my speech by...
- I will positively change my attitude by...
- I will positively change my behavior by...
- I will focus on growing the fruit of...based on Galatians 5:22-23
- I will commit to pursuing...
- I will strive to be less like the world by...
- I will strive to be more like Christ by...

-Matt

INFORMATION & EVENTS



WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Jake Shepherd was baptized into Christ this past Wednesday! His contact information can be found in the Directory App.



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Brian & Carol Driver and their family at the passing of Brian's father, James.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Gwen Siler and her family at the passing of her mother, Genevieve Decastro. Calling Hours will be from 10—11 AM this Friday at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home. Funeral will follow at 11 AM.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Roger Hornbaker at the passing of his brother, Larry. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Kansas.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Ron & Jo Ann Patrick and their family at the passing of Jo Ann's sister-in-law, Kim Roe. Funeral was held on Friday.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet for their monthly luncheon this Tuesday @ 11:30 AM, at Perkins Restaurant, then meet at the Outreach Center for yearly activity planning. Sign up in the foyer.



TEEN LOCK-IN—On Sunday, January 15 there will be a Teen Lock-In. Teens and their families are invited to meet at Cooper's bowling at 10 PM for 2 hours of bowling, then at Midnight the teens will come back to the building for pizza, games and movies. Bowling cost will be in next weeks bulletin. Sign up in the foyer.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, January 17 @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday, January 19 @ 7:30 AM, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread. See Matt Dahm for details.

ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—Wednesday, January 25 @ 9 AM the Elders and Ministers will be having a meeting in the Fellowship Hall. If you have anything you would like to address with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—Wednesday, January 25 @ noon, the Women of Purpose will meet at Payne's pizza. This group is for all women who are widowed or single.



CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING—Wednesday, January 25 there will be a camp staff meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Friday, January 27 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



SOUP FELLOWSHIP—On Sunday, January 29 @ 5 PM we will be having a soup fellowship and Escape Room activity. Plan on attending and bringing chili or soup and a dessert.

Bible Hour and Junior Worship will meet during 2nd service.

FOR THE RECORD - January 1, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....72	WEDNESDAY.....85
SUNDAY AM.....216	CONTRIBUTION.....\$7,419.00
SUNDAY PM.....n/a	BUDGET.....\$6,788.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS...



A Commitment to the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

In our annual meeting in December, one of the questions that came up was whether we might return to conducting our Lord's Supper like we used to do prior to the pandemic. Many of you will remember that men were assigned to pass the trays with the bread (crackers) and each participant would break a small piece off to eat. Likewise, trays would be passed around with the juice in cups. Separate trays with gluten-free crackers were passed to those who were not able to have wheat for health reasons.

The time that it took to pass the trays allowed a natural time for members to reflect on what it meant to them. One might read from scripture, be in silent prayer, or just think about what Christ has done for us. This time of meditation is lost under our current method of taking the Lord's Supper because once the prayer for the bread is done, everyone takes the cracker right away, and the presenter moves right into the prayer for the cup.

Biblically, the Lord's Supper was the primary reason why the believers got together on the first day of the week. It was meant to be a time of acknowledging together what Christ did for us in giving His body and blood for our redemption. We seek to have our Lord's Supper time reflect as much as possible what Christ meant it to be.

For this reason, we will be making the following changes:

1. Starting today, we are asking those who lead us in the Lord's Supper to allow a time of meditation after the prayer for the bread and the prayer for the cup. After the prayer, they will sit down on the bench for a few minutes to allow that to happen. Please make use of the time to honor Christ with your thoughts.
2. In the Spring, we will return to the practice of passing the trays with the crackers and the juice. We are waiting until then to get past the current flu/covid season that usually comes with the winter months. At that time, there will still be an opportunity to use the pre-packaged communion kits for anyone who feels uncomfortable with the open trays.

Finally, in order to be respectful of the meditation that those around us are doing, we ask that you refrain from getting up immediately after the Lord's Supper to throw away your empty communion kits. Just remember to take those with you after the service.

We believe that these changes will help us draw closer to God and each other as we dedicate ourselves to honoring Christ's death.

-Brian