

Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

I hope you had a wonderful Groundhog Day break! Isn't it great that we get to take a few days off to thank our local groundhogs and remember all the amazing things that they've done for us?! As I think about it, it makes me so glad to live in a society that values gratitude! For me, one of the most important things we can do to keep our hearts in the right attitude is to constantly practice thankfulness. In fact, a major part of what we do in our worship is expressing our gratitude to God. We can pray and acknowledge that He has given us everything and that without Him, we'd be lost. When we sing together we can, with one united voice, give Him praise for His goodness and tell others how grateful we feel for it. When we share communion, we are saying how thankful we are for all that Jesus means to us. Because of Jesus, we still get to be on God's team! That's the greatest gift of them all! We are also thankful when we read the Bible, listen to lessons, and fellowship together. It really is a critical part of what we should be doing in worship with our church friends or on our own. ... So I know I've gotten off my main point, but I really want to stress how important I think gratitude is for us. Now let me get back on topic.

I'm glad to see you all back safely from Groundhog Day break and ready to have another great year of laboring tirelessly under our benevolent, new groundhog overlords. Of course, you know that's just a joke, they're not benevolent. Also, if you know any of the essential workers who didn't get to take the week off for the holiday, let them know you're thankful for all they do too!

Talk to you soon!

- Ryan

THANK YOU! **A SPECIAL THANK YOU!** Thank you to each and everyone who made my 65th birthday so special to me last Sunday! Wow! It sent chills down my spine to hear so many of you at both services sing "Happy Birthday" to me. Thank you for the cards, the special notes, the gifts, the cupcakes, your well wishes, but most of all you Christ like love! I will treasure this day for years!

Russell Howard

THANK YOU to our wonderful church family for the cards, texts, phone calls, and flowers during such a low time in our family. A special thank you to our Sunday night Life Group for the beautiful flowers, Ron and I both appreciated them.

In Christian Love, **Ron & Jo Ann Patrick & The Roe families**

THANKS very much for your love, support and beautiful flowers. We love you all very much.

Otheus & Lisa Jackson

CONGRATULATIONS to Dylan & Courtney Kelley on the birth of their son, Hayes Lee, born last Monday. Proud grandparents are Don & Laura Rengert, proud great-grandparents are Craig & Diane Willis.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matt & Amber Meyer on the birth of their son, Jake Taylor, born this past Thursday. Proud grandparents are Todd & Brenda Buckland.

STAYING CONNECTED TO JESUS

John 15:1-8

_____ **OUR OWN** _____
_____ that we're just a _____,
not the _____.

- John 15:5
- I Corinthians 1:27
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

Jesus is our _____ of _____.

- John 15:1
- Acts 17:28
- John 1:13
- Exodus 3:11, 12
- Philippians 4:13

_____ **GOD'S** _____

IN OUR _____
God _____ us to help us _____ our
_____.

- John 15:2
- Psalm 119:66, 67
- James 1:2-4

_____ is for our _____.

- Hebrews 12:5-6, 11

_____ **IN** _____
_____ is the _____ to _____.

- John 15:4-5
- I Corinthians 15:58

_____ is our _____.

- John 15:7



I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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Richland Road

Church of CHRIST

February 5, 2023

THIS FRIDAY @ 6 PM



SIGN UP IN THE FOYER!

Staying Connected

NEW ADULT STUDY! This morning, I will begin a new study in the auditorium adult class on *Psalms of Ascent*. If you are not attending Bible Class, this is a good time to jump into a class as we dig deeper into these great Psalms.

VBS MEETING! For those interested in helping with Vacation Bible School (July 24-27), we will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 15, after Bible Class.

CAMP MEETING! The next church camp staff meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, after Bible Class. Don't forget, that I need to know if you are wanting to serve on camp staff before March 15!

BIBLE BOWL! We are a month away from Bible Bowl (March 4-5) in Weirton, West Virginia. Please be praying daily for our team members: Gracie Ball, Mark Bellamy, Matthew Bellamy, Lily Cottrill, Logan Cottrill, Rose Cottrill, Daisy Gary, Jacinta Gary, Jak Gary, Lilly Gary, Doni Hallabrin, Loey Hallabrin, Magi Hallabrin, Gracelynn Hoggatt, Madelynn Hoggatt, Shaelynn Hoggatt and Nate Pollock. You can also encourage our Bible Bowl teams by being at the Bible Bowl Preview on Sunday, February 26 during Bible Class.

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS! Make sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming church events: March 12: Fellowship Night, April 12-15: New Church Directory Pictures, April 22: Mystery Dinner, April 30: Friends Day & Fellowship Meals.

TOMORROW! Proverbs 27:1 says, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring." We've all heard the engaging little ditty, "Tomorrow, Tomorrow, I'll love ya tomorrow. It's only a day away." That is a catchy little tune. But it promises something that may never come. Tomorrow is only a day away, but it's always a day away! It has been my little trap this week because you see, I'm going to write this article tomorrow!

So for TODAY, I'm going back to basics and just share the tried and true, the trusted and eternal Word of God. Is there anything more sublime than Philippians 4:4-7? So join me on the journey to peace and comfort.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Today, I'm struggling to rejoice because life is tough. But God is always good, he always provides, his wisdom is greater, his insight clearer and understanding better than anything man could offer.

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." Okay, now rejoicing because Jesus is here, he is always here, always present. Purposefully present now and forever, Definitely something to rejoice about!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Makes me wonder if anxious prayer counts, I said a few of those today. Now thanking God, there are words on this page that will cheer someone's day.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Don't worry about tomorrow, make the best of today! Everyday is a gift. That's why we call it the PRESENT.

-Matt



INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to April Williams and her family, at the passing of her daughter, Angie Dutton. A memorial service will be held here at the building this Thursday @ 1 PM.



WILD GAME DINNER—This Friday @ 6 PM, there will be a Wild Game Dinner. Either bring a main dish of wild game, or a side dish & dessert. If you are not into wild game, you are more than welcome to bring a main dish that does not contain wild game. Sign up in the foyer!



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. Sign up in the foyer.

ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—Wednesday, February 15 @ 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!



VBS PLANNING MEETING—On Wednesday, February 15 there will be a VBS Planning Meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, February 16 @ 7:30 AM, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread. See Matt Dahm for details.



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.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The ladies of the Quilting Ministry will be meeting Thursday, February 21 @ 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



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



CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING—On Wednesday, February 22 there will be a camp staff meeting in Room 11 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.

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

FOR THE RECORD - January 29, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....	91	WEDNESDAY.....	83
SUNDAY AM.....	285	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6133.01
SUNDAY PM.....	45	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS...



This is a great time!

2023 is in full speed ahead, as we are already in February. January was full of activities despite some weather days keeping us inside.

There were many activities, and I will not name all of them as I certainly will miss several that have also been busy. Some of our January activities were the Men's Bible Study, Women of Purpose group, Young Family Outing, Soup and Fellowship Gathering, Funeral Meal Ministry, Quilting Ministry, Food Giveaway, and our Fifth Sunday speaker Austin Buckland.

If you are not involved in these you are missing a great opportunity to fellowship, serve, and learn. We welcome many new faces that our Lord has brought here in January as well as some who were not able to be with us for a while.

February brings us many of these activities again as well as new ones. We have planned the Wild Game Dinner on February 10, the Teen Lock-In on February 19-20, and the Mystery Dinner in April.

You may have watched the groundhog on February 2nd and believe his prediction. February is our shortest month and daylight savings time comes in March. Before we know it, the beauty of spring will be here with all the green grass and flowers beginning to appear.

We continue to see: God is Able!

Bill



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.



BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS NEEDED—The Spring Bible Class Quarter will begin on Sunday, March 5. If you would be willing to teach Nursery, Ages 2-5, K-2nd Grade, or 3rd-5th grade, please Ryan Hoggatt.



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.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—In the month of February, we are asking for donations of Canned Meat & Cereal.

PICK UP A FEBRUARY PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER

TIMES OF SERVICE : Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Classes —9:45 AM Sunday Life Groups: 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—7:00 PM