

Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

So after the disaster that was my last bulletin article, I have been forced to admit that a career in professional bowling is just not in the cards for me. While I am at it, I want to get a few other things off my chest as well. I'm afraid I have some bad news to share today, and I hope you don't think less of me for it. I've known all along, ever since I started as Children's Minister here at the Church that one day this moment would come, but it still isn't easy to say. I wish I didn't have to tell you, but you're bound to find out sooner or later, so it's best to hear it directly from me: Try as I may, I am physically unable to make my voice sound like Donald Duck. Mickey is easy, and I've got a pretty good Goofy voice, but I'm afraid I'll never be able to impersonate Donald Duck on prank calls. I know this all comes as a pretty big shock to a lot of you, and believe me I'm as disappointed as anyone! We can, however, take some small bit of comfort in knowing that even though I can't do it, there is someone out there who IS gifted in the very critical skill of "Donald Duck-talking" so that the character will be able to continue! In fact, that's how our whole society continues; EVERYONE has at least ONE thing they can add to make our world better!

The church is designed to continue this way, too! All of the abilities you have are a gift from God; one may be able to teach powerful lessons, while another may be talented in singing a song, or encouraging others, or working to keep the building in good shape. We would never thrive if every aspect depended on one person doing everything. We need one another! The church really works best only when we all know and exercise whatever gift or talent God has blessed us with. This is just one of the many reasons it's good to be here at church! Here we can learn what our gift might be, and start using it for the most important work on Earth! So I challenge each of us to try to be here for Worship and Bible Class on Sundays and Wednesdays! While you're at it, why not bring your parents, too?

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

PS - For several reasons, I have had to be away from class these past 2 Wednesdays, and I want to say how much I appreciate the work of the teachers and helpers who stepped up to fill in for me - especially Mr. Russell. I also want to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students who recited verses recently: **John Gary, Violet Gary, Blake Hoggatt, Miles Howard, Madalyn Lewis, Liam Rossiter, Gunner Turner, and O'Riah Wade.** I also owe an extra congratulations to this month's perfect attendance group: **Blake Hoggatt, Miles Howard, and Jaelynn Zimmerman!**

FRIENDS DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Invite your friends and family to join you for Worship & Bible Class!

Fellowship Meals are planned for 10:45 AM & 12:15 PM

The church will provide ham, and we are asking members to bring a side and a dessert.

The sermon that Sunday will be:

THE CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE
The Book of Colossians



SPECIAL GIVING—If you would like to donate to the Cuba Mission, to help them put electricity and a bathroom into their building, please see Russell or place your donation in the red box in the foyer by Sunday, April 16.

When Life Sends You on a Detour

EXIT RAMP: FORGIVING THOSE WHO HURT US

Genesis 50:15-17

THE _____ OF _____
Forgiving _____ is _____ to
being _____ by _____.

- Matthew 6:12, 14-15
- Matthew 18:21
- Matthew 18:35
- Colossians 3:13

Forgiving _____ can be a _____
_____ to do.

WHAT _____ IS _____
It is not _____ or _____
someone's _____.

- Genesis 50:20

It is not _____ the _____ in
order to _____ what they did.

- Luke 23:34

It is not taking the _____ on
_____.

It does not mean _____.

- Proverbs 17:9

WHAT _____
It begins with _____ the specific
_____ that has been _____ to us.

- Genesis 45:4

Forgiveness is _____ your _____
and _____ toward _____.

- Ephesians 4:32, 31
- I Corinthians 13:5

Forgiveness is a _____ to forgive
_____.

Forgiveness is _____ my _____ to
_____.

- Romans 12:19

Forgiveness is _____
_____ to _____ the relationship

- Genesis 45:14-15

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Church of CHRIST

April 2, 2023

TWO GREAT DAYS IN APRIL

Easter
Sunday
Next Sunday



Friends
Day
April 30

Mark your calendars!

Staying Connected

PASSING TRAYS! This morning, we will once again begin to pass communion trays and collection plates during worship as we once did BC (before covid). Communion kits will remain in the foyer for those who desire those (including gluten-free).

AREA OF MINISTRY! Today we highlight the Audio/Video ministry. This ministry is important on the audio side so everyone can hear in the auditorium, and those watching online can hear and see service. On the video side, you will use PowerPoint so everyone can see the song and sermon slides. This ministry is for a month at a time, and we are looking for men and women to serve. Sign up in the north glass door foyer this morning!

BOOK OF JAMES! Starting this Wednesday night, during April & May, Russell and I will be leading a class on the book of James. This great book is all about practical Christianity. Hope you will join us @ 7 PM.

TWO GREAT DAYS! Join us and invite your family and friends to be your guest next Sunday for Easter Sunday. Also invite them to be with us on Sunday, April 30 for Friends Day. We will also have a fellowship meal on Friends Day following Bible Class and second service. The church will provide ham and each member is asked to bring a side dish and a dessert.

CLASS OF 2023! Attention parents and high school graduates of the Class of 2023, the church office needs the following info by April 30: 10-15 pictures from throughout the years, a graduation picture, Grad announcement, open house announcement, and future plans and goals. Don't forget that we will honor the Class of 2023 on Youth Day, which is Sunday, June 4!

CHURCH CAMP! Online registration for our week of church camp, June 17-24, at Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp is open. Don't forget that Richland Road is paying for all our young people ages 7-18 to attend camp, but you still must go online (nwoyc.org) to **register!!** See me for the coupon code that you will need when registering. Each family will be responsible for paying for their own canteen and camp t-shirt.

STOP HURRYING & WORRYING! In Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, we see Alice confronting the white rabbit. The rabbit scurries quickly by proclaiming, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!" In this statement we have two of the greatest problems of people today: worry and hurry.

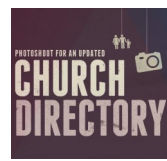
We live in a world of uncertainty and most people's reaction is to excessively worry. We also live in a fast-paced world in which most think they must always be in a hurry just to keep up. But living in these ways makes our lives unsettled and miserable.

When Korah wrote Psalm 46, he addressed the solution to both of these problems. He opened by stating, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." The more we trust in God and that He is strong and in control, we will fear and worry less.

He ends the Psalm by saying, "Be still, and know that I am God...God...is our refuge." It is important to stop from time to time and reflect upon God. Take some time to meditate upon the Scriptures, contemplate God's awesomeness, and soak in His love. It is then that we will see that we do not need to worry or hurry so much—maybe even at all.

-Matt

INFORMATION & EVENTS



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY—We plan to take pictures for a new 2023 photo directory April 12-15. A sign-up for time slots is available in the foyer. We want to encourage every family to get their picture taken. Every family will receive a FREE 8x10 of their directory picture. There will be no pressure to purchase anything additional. Please schedule your families time slot as soon as possible. You can also schedule online, Monday through Friday, by going to www.ucdir.com or taking a picture of this QR code, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **oh2644** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more family members, please use 2 consecutive time slots.



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Brian & Carol Driver at the passing of Carol's mother, Eileen Huston. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, April 23, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Columbus at 1:00 PM.



WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Mark Kraner was baptized into Christ last Saturday. Mark is the husband of Connie Timmons-Kraner.

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Noah Hensley was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Noah is the grandson of Rod & Kim Hensley.

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Janet Young was baptized into Christ last Sunday.



COMMUNION—Starting this morning, we are going to begin to pass the communion and collection plates again. Communion kits will still be available in the foyer for those that would prefer to continue using them, as well as for those that need gluten-free bread.



AED TRAINING—Josh Ball will be offering an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training class in Room 11 after 2nd Service today. See Josh for more details.

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



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet for their monthly luncheon Tuesday, April 11, at the Cracker Barrel in Delaware @ 11:30 AM. Sign up in the foyer.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPRING PARTY—On Saturday, April 15, there will be a spring themed party for children ages 2—5th Grade in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30 PM. See Ryan Hoggatt for details.



VBS PLANNING MEETING—On Wednesday, April 19, there will be a VBS Planning Meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



MYSTERY DINNER—Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22, and make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall @ 6 PM for "Death & Taxes". Tickets are on sale in the foyer for \$15.

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

FOR THE RECORD - March 26, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....84	WEDNESDAY.....62
SUNDAY AM.....273	CONTRIBUTION.....\$5,398.95
SUNDAY PM.....65	BUDGET.....\$6,788.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS...



Spring - A Time of Renewal

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."
Revelation 21:5

What a great time of year! Spring is always a wonderful time of new growth and possibilities. We see the greening of the grass, the blooming of the flowers, and the budding of the trees. Weary of winter, we are ready to get outside and do things!

Spring brings us a reminder of spiritual renewal also, as the Easter holiday is celebrated by those who are followers of Christ. I think about these verses from Ephesians 2:

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (Eph. 2:1-2)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph. 2:4-5)

We see evidence of Christ's work in all that is happening here at Richland Road, especially in the recent baptisms we have witnessed. We are looking forward to many more believers moving from death to life as they commit themselves to Jesus Christ!

We also see evidence of Christ's work in all that is happening here over the month of April:

- Today - A renewal of our pre-Covid communion service as we begin to pass the bread and the cup again. Keep in mind that we will continue to have baskets of pre-made cups in the foyer for those who prefer that or who need gluten-free communion.
- April 9 - Easter Sunday - a great time to worship the Lord and celebrate his resurrection!
- April 22 - Mystery Dinner! Remember, nothing is sure in life except . . . **DEATH AND TAXES!** Tickets go on sale today for a great night of fun and fellowship.
- April 30 - Friend's Day - start thinking now about who you will invite to join us for Friend's Day!

Brian



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—On Wednesday, April 26, the Women of Purpose will meet for lunch.

CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING—Wednesday, April 26, there will be a camp staff meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, April 27 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, April 29 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—In the month of March, we are asking for donations of: Boxed Sides, Peanut Butter, and Jelly.

PICK UP AN APRIL PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER