

Childrens ministry

Hi Kids!

Well... If I'm really being honest here, today it's mostly to the grown-ups. Sorry kids, we'll catch up next time.

First of all, I want to make sure I add my special appreciation for all the wonderful moms in the congregation today. I hope you're all having a perfect Mother's Day! Even though I am not a mom myself, I have been lucky enough to have seen some of the best in the biz close-up, both as a son and also from a daddy's perspective. I have seen what goes into getting a family with young children to church on a Sunday morning. Please never, ever think that the work that you are doing to get that done is not worth it. We all see and appreciate it. Your kids will all grow up someday and look back as they write their own bulletin articles some Thursday night in the far future and gape in wonder at how much better their lives have been because you made coming to church with them a priority. I am very happy to have my own parents visiting with us today. I hope you can all get to meet them, but make sure you do it one at a time, all at once would be overwhelming!

On an even MORE personal note, I want to say how much I appreciate all the people from our congregation who were with us yesterday to celebrate Gracelynn's graduation. Very much. That's how much I appreciate you. It has been an emotional past few weeks for us as the flying time has dropped this once distant and unimaginable conclusion into our laps. Misty and I placed membership here in 2003, but as happens with many families, our involvement with the church here REALLY began when we had children, and the support and friendship we found very quickly made this our primary social outlet. So much of our success yesterday was due to our association with all of our wonderful friends here! I hope, as I continue to work with the young families here, that I can be as much of an encouragement to you as you have all been to us. Thank you so much!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan



class of
2023
OPEN HOUSES

Loey Hallabrin
Sunday, May 28
4:00—7:00 PM
Home of Mike & Doni Hallabrin
2945 County Road 24
Cardington, Ohio 43315

Kennedy Maceyko
Saturday, June 3
1:00—5:00 PM
McChesney's Ice Cream Parlor
3300 Twp. Rd. 129
Cardington, Ohio 43315

Kendra Hildreth
Saturday, June 3
2:00 —5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
535 Richland Rd.
Marion, Ohio 43302



CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION—Registration is now open for our week of camp, June 18-24. All campers age 8—18 are welcome! Go to nwocyc.org to register. See Matt Dahm, Josh Ball, or James Gary for the member's coupon code.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 24-27
THEME—SEUSSVILLE

THE CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE
COMPLETE IN CHRIST
Colossians 2:6-15

A CHALLENGE OF _____
Holding on to the _____ **of** _____.

- Romans 12:2
- Colossians 2:18-19

_____ **actions.**

- Colossians 2:6-7

The challenge to grow:
Grow downward by being _____
Grow upward by being _____
Grow inward by being _____
Grow outward as we _____

_____ **reactions.**

- Colossians 2:8

A CHALLENGE TO _____
We have been made _____ **with** _____.

- Colossians 2:13
- Ephesians 2:3-6
- Colossians 2:11-12
- Romans 6:4

Christ _____ **us our** _____.

- Colossians 2:13
- Micah 7:9
- Isaiah 43:25

Christ _____ **the** _____

_____ **us.**

- Colossians 2:14
- Romans 8:1
- Romans 8:33, 34

Christ _____ **our** _____.

- Colossians 2:15
- Ephesians 6:12
- Revelation 12:12
- Colossians 2:12
- Hebrews 2:14-15

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Richland Road

Church of CHRIST

May 14, 2023



Mother's Day

THANK YOU MOM

You're the Best!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

Staying Connected

MINISTRY HELP! You know the old saying, ‘April showers bring May flowers.’ The rain and warmer temperatures also bring weeds. We are looking for volunteers (young & old, with experience or not) to help pull weeds in the flower beds and trim around all the buildings on the church property. See me today if you can help in this ongoing ministry, or stop by any time to serve!

YOUTH DAY! Make sure to be here on Sunday, June 4, as we honor the Class of 2023 at the end of both services. Many of our young men will lead the worship services that morning, and our young ladies will greet you with a special bulletin. Also, that morning, all students will be promoted to the next grade level for Bible Class.

CHURCH CAMP! All young people ages 8-18, registration is open for church camp this summer at North Western Ohio Christian Youth Camp. Go to nwocyc.com, pick Matt Dahm’s week, fill out the form, and enter the coupon code at the end. Please see Josh Ball, James Gary, or myself this morning for that code so you can register TODAY!!

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS! We want to send all our young people (ages 8-18) to church camp this year. Some money has been set aside, but more will be needed. If you can help support a young person (\$200) to attend church camp, please give cash or a check to Russell or myself.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! Several examples in the New Testament show the importance of mothers in the advance of the faith. Jesus’ mother, Mary, was in an interesting situation. She had been given the birth of a son by the Holy Spirit. When that boy was just 12 years old, he was in the temple teaching the teachers. He was missed by his parents, who went back to Jerusalem after a full day’s walking. When they found him in the temple, Mary was firm with him, asking him what he was doing and telling him that she and Joseph were worried about him. Of course, he answered that he must be about his Father’s business. No one else understood this statement but his mother in Luke 2:41-52, “treasured all these things in her heart.” As a result, Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and favor with God and men.

Timothy was a devout servant who worked tirelessly for the Lord. His father was a Greek and assumedly gave little to Timothy’s spiritual growth. Paul gives credit to his mother and grandmother in 2 Timothy 1:5. The influence of these two strong women led to Timothy’s strength in the faith and made him a powerful tool for service to God.

God told Eve in Genesis 3:16 that her pain in childbirth would be great. Yet moms do not often remember this pain once they see the beautiful face of their new child. When their children misbehave, causing more pain, mothers forget when they receive a kiss from those sweet little lips which not long ago talked back to her. Mothers do more for us than we can ever know. From the love to the care, from the spankings to the long warm hugs, mothers seem to know just what we need. It is their influence that leaves behind the legacy that led Timothy to be a strong worker. It was the love of a mother that helped strengthen Jesus to grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man.

From all of us who have mothers to all of you who are mothers, let us all say THANK YOU for the love you give us and the legacy your love leaves behind!

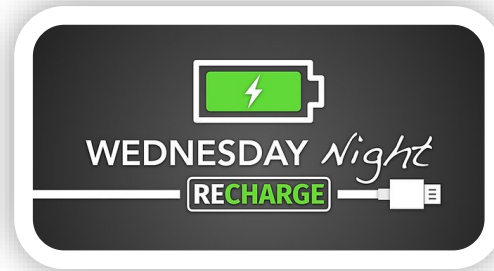
-Matt

INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet Tuesday, @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
“The Book of James”
@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
“A Woman After God’s Own Heart”
Taught by Teresa Sharp
@ 7 PM in Room 10



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



MYSTERY DINNER—This Friday, at 6:30 PM, “Death & Taxes” will be brought to the Fellowship Hall stage. Today is the last day tickets will be on sale in the foyer. If you purchased a ticket for the previously scheduled date, and this new date doesn't work for you, see Brian or Carol for a refund.

ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, May 24, the Elders and Ministers will meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 9 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



VBS PLANNING MEETING—On Wednesday, May 24, there will be a VBS Planning Meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Friday, May 26 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, May 27 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—Saturday, May 27, the Clothing House will be open from 9—11 AM.



THANK YOU for all of the prayers, cards, and the beautiful planter that was sent during my recent hospital stay.
Eli Lewis



CONGRATULATIONS to Kim Ball who has graduated from Marion Technical College as a board certified Medical Assistant.



GROUND'S MINISTRY—If you have previously signed up to help on the Landscaping Team or are interested in helping weed the flower beds and trim around the building, please see Matt today for where you are needed.

Bible Hour and Junior Worship will be offered at the 2nd service.

FOR THE RECORD - May 7, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....	71	WEDNESDAY.....	88
SUNDAY AM.....	263	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$7,123.25
SUNDAY PM.....	60	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS...



BUSY SEASON IS HERE!

Most of us welcome spring as we like warmer days, longer days, and the growth of all outdoor plants and trees. It is time to plant flowers, gardens, and our field crops.

Just as we look forward to the new growth of spring, we, more importantly, look for growth for our church. Just as the early church grew in the Book of Acts, we see great church growth here. We are happy to see many new faces each week.

Just as this is a busy time personally, it is also a busy time at Richland Road. With Mother's Day today, we honor all mothers, but especially our new mothers. It's a joy to see additions to families and our church family. We are truly blessed to have so many young families. We will soon honor all our spring graduates, having the mystery dinner, camp, VBS, hog roast, and all other scheduled activities.

We encourage everyone to participate in these activities along with the fellowship of being a part of His church.

-Bill



YOUNG FAMILY OUTING—On Friday, May 26, there will be a Young Families Outing to the Exploritorium @ 1:30 PM. See Emily Nielsen for details.



WOMEN OF PURPOSE will meet at the Picnic Shelter for lunch on Wednesday, May 31 @ Noon. Bring a side dish.

CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING— There will be a camp staff meeting on Wednesday, May 31, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



SUNDAY MORNING TEACHERS NEEDED— The summer quarter begins on Sunday, June 4. Teachers are needed for Ages 2-5, & 3rd-5th Grade. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach!



YOUTH DAY—Join us on Sunday, June 4 as several of our young men will lead worship, and we will honor our 2023 graduating seniors.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—In the month of May, we are asking for donations of: Cereal (Hot & Cold), Peanut Butter, and Jelly.

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