

Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

During the past 3 weeks in our Wednesday night Bible Discovery class, we have been reading the story of Queen Esther. It is one of my favorite Bible stories to tell because, through the entire book, things seem to be going so badly for the people of God on the one hand, while Haman (the bad guy of the whole story) seems to have everything go his way. It goes on like this right until the very end when, on the day that Haman woke up thinking he'd have the best day of his life, he instead ended up being executed after enduring a more humiliating day than he likely even thought possible! There's really not room to tell the whole story here, but I do want to talk quickly about one of the main points that stand out in Esther as well as several other places in the Bible. In Psalm 73, the author (a man named Asaph) starts out with a long list of complaints to God about how all the bad things seem to be aimed just at the good people while all the evil people seem to have all the good things come to them. He goes on like this for some time, and you begin to wonder how such a whiny prayer ended up in the Bible, but then in the middle, the whole thing turns around when Asaph says: "When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply until I entered the sanctuary of God"... and in worship, everything becomes clear to him and to us. We see that even though his enemies are bragging now about how rich and important they are, they are all setting themselves up for ultimate disaster because they have made themselves enemies of God. The whole Psalm is brilliant because it's like a story about how he is changed from a complainer at first to having peace, knowing what's really important by the end, and the change took place because he brought his worship along with his complaints to God. The story of Esther (along with many others) has the same hinge point when she calls all the Hebrew people to worship and pray for three days to make the change possible. At first, she wanted to back out of the responsibility and kind of acts a little whiny about it, but after the three days, she boldly and courageously does what is necessary to save her people and bring Haman down!

If we are being honest with ourselves, we can also feel a little whiny dealing with our troubles, while others, who are not giving the glory to God, seem to enjoy effortless success. That is one very good reason we need to be in worship on a regular basis, to constantly keep our perspective of what's going to matter in the long run. Keeping perspective means that even though our troubles may not shrink right away, our worry about them does. I hope you never have the fate of an entire nation rest on your shoulders the way it did for Esther, but if God can handle that, He should be able to take care of anything else you're thinking about, right?

I hope you all have a wonderful week!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan



OPEN HOUSES

Loey Hallabrin

Today

4:00—7:00 PM

Home of Mike & Doni Hallabrin

2945 County Road 24

Cardington, Ohio 43315

Kennedy Maceyko

This Saturday

1:00—5:00 PM

McChesney's Ice Cream Parlor

3300 Twp. Rd. 129

Cardington, Ohio 43315

Kendra Hildreth

This Saturday

2:00 -5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

535 Richland Rd.

Marion, Ohio 43302

THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

Mark 2:1-12

Intro

Mark was one of _____ disciples.

- Acts 12:5-19; 1 Peter 5:13

We have a responsibility to _____ our _____ with others.

Mark 2

There were four _____ who would do _____ it took to get their _____ that they knew was in _____ in front of the _____ who could meet that need.

Peter knew the difference between _____ and _____.

- Luke 5

Commitment is not what you _____; it's what you _____.

- Luke 22:33, 54-62

There is nothing _____ about _____.

- Matthew 10:38; Mark 10:29-30

We have the ability to _____ with others the _____ we have in _____.

Just like it was then, it is _____; there are many who are just _____ about who _____ is.

Your _____ will get you _____ to Christ, but nothing in your _____ will be changed until you are _____ to Christ.

- Mark 2:5; James 2:17; 1 Peter 5:7

People today are _____ by their _____.

We need to _____ the problem and allow God to _____ it.

- Luke 5:18-19; Mark 2:4

_____ it takes, _____ through!

- Mark 2:11

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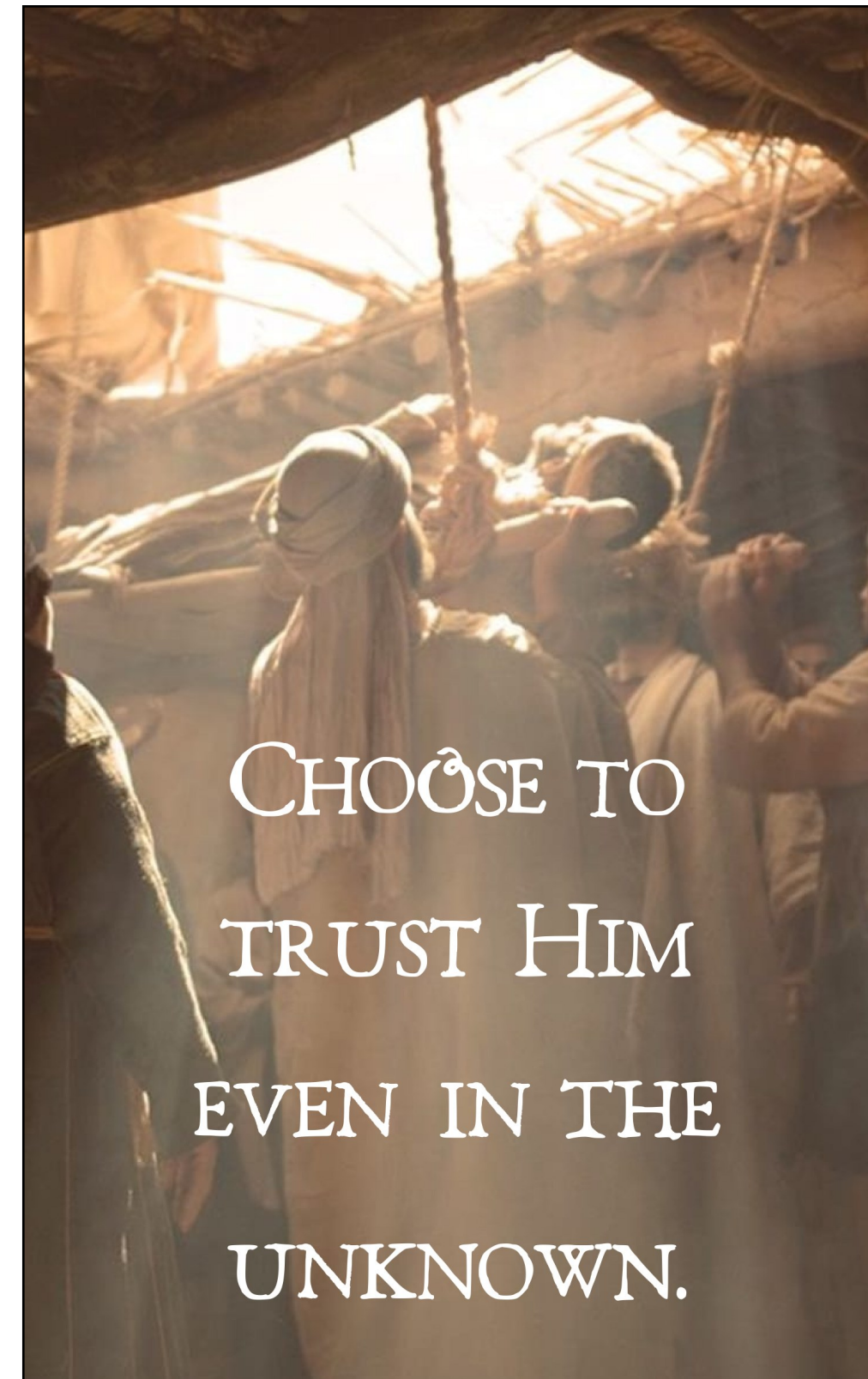
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Church of CHRIST

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CHOOSE TO
TRUST HIM
EVEN IN THE
UNKNOWN.

Staying Connected

CAMP STAFF! Our last staff meeting before church camp is planned for this Wednesday after Bible Class. We would love to have all our members who have signed up as staff members to be present at this meeting. Don't forget that the order for staff t-shirt sizes is due to me by this Thursday!!

YOUTH DAY! Youth Day is always special here because many of our young men help lead the worship service (some for the very first time). In addition, we will honor our Class of 2023 high school graduates at the end of each service. Make an extra effort to be here to help and encourage all our young people!

CAUGHT DOING GOOD! Many of you stepped in to help clean the building, pick up trash, fix communion trays, and do other tasks while Rosie spent time with Alexa at Children's Hospital. A few times, some of us from the church office would go next door to the building to work on a project, only to find out that another member had come to take care of it. Thanks for going the extra mile!

CHURCH CAMP! All young people ages 8-18, registration is open for church camp this summer at North Western Ohio Christian Youth Camp in McCutchenville (just south of Tiffin). Go to nwocyc.org, 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! This year we want to send all our young people (ages 8-18) to church camp. Some money was aside, but more is needed. See me today if you can help support a young person (\$200) to attend church camp!

LET EACH ONE SAY! As life goes onward day by day, let each one to his conscience say that flesh is weak, but God is strong. That right is right, and wrong is wrong. That I have found my workday flies, but therein all my life's hope lies. That on life's upward path, I'll run, my face forever to the sun. I shall do my best today, not let one moment waste away, and as I travel on life's road, I'll try to share a brother's load. That force has power, but love has more; that peace is mightier than war; that real success is only won by deeds of kindness one has done.

MEMORIAL DAY! What does Memorial Day mean to you: the beginning of summer vacation, cookouts, graduations, family get-togethers, the Indy 500? All kinds of things happen this holiday weekend.

Memorial Day started near the end of the Civil War, and by 1868, the practice of placing flowers on graves spread from the North and South. After World War I, it became a national holiday when our country pauses to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom that we enjoy.

As important as it is to remember those who gave their lives so we in America can enjoy our freedoms, we also need to realize there is something else even more important to remember. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:8, "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." Paul reminds us that Christ is human (seed of David) and fully God who was raised from the dead. As Christians, this is essential for us to remember and never forget.

I hope this weekend, as we enjoy the beginning of summer activities, we will pause and remember those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom in the United States. But most of all, I hope we each remember the love, sacrifice, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and remember Him each day!

-Matt

INFORMATION & EVENTS



WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Charlotte Slone was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Charlotte is the daughter of Peggy Large.

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Hunter Young was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Hunter is the son of Don & Theresa Young.

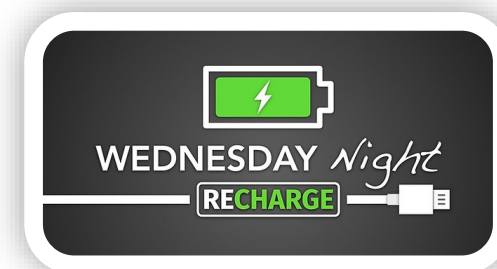
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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.



THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE will meet at the Picnic Shelter for lunch this Wednesday @ Noon. Please bring a side dish.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
"The Book of James"
James 5:1-6
@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
"A Woman After God's Own Heart"
Taught by Teresa Tharp
@ 7 PM in Room 10



BIBLE DISCOVERY—This Wednesday is the last night of Bible Discovery until September. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this ministry!



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

CAMP STAFF T-SHIRTS—Orders must be turned in by this Thursday, if you are wanting a camp staff t-shirt. See Matt for details.

CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION—Registration is now open for our week of church 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.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS—The cost for a child to attend camp this year is \$200. If you would like to help send a child to camp this year, please see Matt Dahm.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—In the month of June, we are asking for donations of: Canned meat and Boxed sides



CONGRATULATIONS to **Scott & Jackie Jackson**, the proud grandparents of Celeste Jackson, born last Wednesday, weighing 8lbs 12oz, 21 inches long.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Julie Dye**, who has retired from Olentangy Local Schools Food Service after 29 years of service.

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

FOR THE RECORD - May 21, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....	87	WEDNESDAY.....	91
SUNDAY AM.....	292	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$7,166.33
SUNDAY PM.....	65	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00



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.

ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, June 7, 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, June 7, there will be a VBS Planning Meeting in Room 11 after Bible Class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday, June 8, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet Thursday, June 8, @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



YOUNG FAMILIES PICNIC—On Saturday, June 10, at 5:00 PM, Russell & Diane will be hosting all the young families of the congregation at the Picnic Shelter for a picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet for their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, June 13, at Payne's Pizza at 11:30 AM. They will then return to the building, where Deputy Kevin Davidson from the Sheriff's Department will speak on "Avoiding Scams." Everyone is invited to both lunch and to listen to Deputy Davidson; you don't need to be in the senior's group to join. Please sign up in the foyer.



UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, June 29 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, July 1 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—On Saturday, July 1, the Clothing House will be open from 9—11 AM.



TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Thank you so much for the funeral meal, prayers, cards, all the food that was brought to the house, stamps for thank you notes, flowers, donations for the Building Fund, and everyone who stopped by the house. The outpouring of love was very comforting. I know Ron would have been pleased.

In Christian Love, The Ron Patrick Family

THANK YOU—The residents at Seton Square Marion want to say "Thank You" to everyone at Richland Road Church of Christ for providing sandwiches, potato salad, chips, & cookies during our power outage. We are very fortunate to have wonderful neighbors and friends helping us in the dark! "Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light." - Helen Keller

Thanks again, Seton Square Residents and Staff