

# TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Teen Retreat was a lot of fun this year! Thank you to Austin Buckland for some great lessons on Living Intentionally that we can really take with us and apply. Roughly 25 teens and 8 adults attended this year, with some coming later and others leaving for other events. (October is very busy with sports, band events, homecoming, birthdays, and other things). We spent time with friends, playing games, singing, and just catching up. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff, Carol Driver, Emily Driver, and Meaghan Lewis, for keeping us covered with great meals, plenty of snacks, and hot chocolate! Some of the best times this year were sitting by the fireplace in the mess hall, drinking coffee or hot chocolate, and enjoying the warm fire with friends!

Our October Food Giveaway is approaching very quickly. On Saturday, October 28th, we will have over 30,000 pounds of food here to distribute to our visitors. That will include fresh produce, frozen meat, and baby formula. If you know of anyone who would benefit from these items, please take the time to invite them. Volunteers, please come at 8 a.m. to help distribute this food. If you want to help unload and set up for the giveaway, we will do that on Thursday, October 26th, at 11 a.m. Thank you to everyone who gives their time to make this ministry successful!

Make sure to come this afternoon to the Fall Festival starting at 3:30 at the picnic shelter. There will be games for the kids and food. Then, at 4:30, we will have Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot. Come and enjoy the fun with your family. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Friends Day on November 5th! This is an excellent way to invite people to come and hear the Gospel. We all have that friend we want desperately to share the Gospel with but have not found a good way to start the conversation. Well, this is it! Invite them to come and be part of our Friends Day! We will be serving pancakes during our regular bible class time. Who does not love pancakes?

Our teen class is finishing our study through the book of Romans this week and next week. What an awesome journey this has been as we read and talk about Paul's letter. Rome was the largest city and the capital of the Roman Empire. Paul was not writing to all Romans but to the members of the Church in Rome, who were baptized, given the gift of the Holy Ghost, and had an understanding of basic gospel principles. When we look at the text in that context, we really understand some of the issues Paul was addressing and how his words still encourage us and impact us today. Bring your hot coffee or hot chocolate from the FAITHFUL BLEND coffee cart in the foyer, and join us!

- Josh



**BRING-A-SACK SUNDAY**—On Sunday, November 12, we will be having our annual Bring-A-Sack Sunday to refill and stock our Emergency Food Pantry. The Emergency Food Pantry is located in the church office building, and solely runs off of donations from the congregation. This pantry is used by our members in need and those in the community. We have been helping anywhere between 20 and 40 families a week that range from large families to homeless individuals. Please pick up one of the half sheets in the foyer with the list of items we need most, then bring these items that Sunday to pack the stage!

## *Journey into Eternity* **HEAVENLY MOTIVATION** 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

**OUR** \_\_\_\_\_  
Our \_\_\_\_\_ should be to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- 2 Corinthians 5:19
- Philippians 2:20
- Philippians 1:21

**Why were you** \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
• Revelation 4:11

**What** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paul's** \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 5:1-2  
\_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 5:10

**OUR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**We will** \_\_\_\_\_ **before the** \_\_\_\_\_  
**seat of** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
• 2 Corinthians 5:10  
• Acts 18:12  
• I Corinthians 9:25

**What is the** \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
• Romans 8:1  
• John 5:24  
• Matthew 6:20  
• Matthew 25:23  
• Revelations 22:12

**OUR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fear the** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
• 2 Corinthians 5:11  
• Proverbs 1:7

**We should** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
• 2 Corinthians 5:11  
• 2 Peter 4:17



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October 22, 2023

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# Fall Festival



## TODAY

## GAMES & FOOD

## 3:30 - 4:30 PM

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

## 4:30 - 5:00 PM

*Games • Crafts • Costumes • Hot Dogs • Popcorn*

## Just Between Us

**JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL!** I love October! I love the crispness of a fall morning as the sun shines on the leaves that are changing in magnificent colors of yellow, orange, red, and brown! I love it! But I also love to see all the smiles on our children's faces at the **Fall Festival**. Make sure to join us **this afternoon** for our **Fall Festival** at the Picnic Shelter. Games start at 3:30 PM, and the Trunk-or-Treat starts at 4:30 PM. Adults, decorate your trunks, and bring lots of candy! It is a great time to be together!!!

**FRIENDS DAY IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 5TH!** Please make an all-out effort to **invite someone** to join us on Sunday, **November 5th**, for **“Friends Day”**! Instead of having Bible Classes on November 5th, we will have a **“Pancake Breakfast”** from **9:45 AM** to 10:45 AM. This is a great day to invite a friend to come due to **daylight savings time ending** (move your clock back an hour). If you come to the first service, invite your guests to stay and eat, and if you attend the second service, please invite them to come early to enjoy delicious pancakes and fellowship. If your friend is not an early riser and won't be able to make it to the Pancake Breakfast, take them out to breakfast/lunch after services! **EVERYONE WITH SOMEONE ON NOVEMBER 5TH!**

**FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO BE A FRIEND.** The best way to have friends is to be one, and we can all do that. Fortunately, the rules for being a friend are simple enough for anyone.

**First, work on your relationships with the Lord every day.** The love we need for others comes from Him, and if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we'll have fellowship with one another.

**Second, avoid the use of the words I.** When you're with others, ask about their day, their hobbies, their health, their families, and their burdens.

**Third, don't be easily offended.** “The prudent overlook an insult” (Proverbs 12:16). Good friends have thick skin and aren't touchy or easily hurt.

**Fourth, be cheerful.** No one wants to be around a grumpy, irritable, or depressed person. Your mood can lift many hearts during the course of a day! Be Friendly.

**Fifth, drop everything to help your friend in a time of crisis.** After all, you never know when you'll be on the receiving end. Cultivate your friendships, and they will come back to bless you.

**JOSH BALL TO SERVE AS OUR FIFTH SUNDAY SPEAKER.** Next Sunday, October 29th, Josh Ball, our Teen Minister, will speak at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services on **“Identity.”** Josh, who is a firefighter by trade, is also a husband, father, grandfather, deacon, and our new Camp Director for our week of camp, but above all is a Christian! Make sure to be present next Sunday to hear Josh on this important topic!

**TRUSTING GOD IN A WORLD IN CHAOS.** As the world somehow devolved further into chaos these past few days, we are once again faced with reconciling the presence of unbridled evil in a world created by a loving God. How do we make sense of these kinds of tragedies? It's impossible to “explain away” these events. Someone put it well this week when they said, “I don't trust God because I understand everything he does. I trust God because of who He is.” Even if a person gets to the point where he thinks he understands, in theory, why evil exists, he can still get clobbered by the personal problem of evil. There are times to try and educate, but also times to simply listen and empathize. It's one thing to be a doctor of oncology, but it's quite another to be the patient fighting cancer. No amount of education on the problem of evil is going to budge the hearts and minds of those embroiled in this conflict, much less those observing it from a distance. Logic never did convince the heart. I so deeply empathize with the plight of those in the midst of this terrible conflict. As a husband and a father, the absolute horror of what so many are in the midst of right now takes your breath away. The only place I can find comfort is in the words of scripture that promise us there will come a day when this will no longer happen. I am challenged in my faith when I read these words of Paul: “For I consider that the sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us... For I am convinced that neither death nor life... neither height nor depth nor anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 8:18, 38, 39) That's a lofty expectation, and one we must cling to, at all costs. - Russell

## INFORMATION & EVENTS



Check with you group leader to see if your group will be meeting today!



**WE REJOICE** with the angels in heaven that Nate Pollock was baptized into Christ last Sunday! Nate is the son of Brian & Brandi Pollock and the grandson of Bob & Betty Jo Medley.



**TODAY**

**Games & Food**

**3:30—4:30 PM**

**Picnic Shelter**

**Trunk—or—Treat**

**4:30—5:00 PM**

**See Ryan & Misty Hoggatt for details!**



**THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE** will be meet this Wednesday, @ 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a sack lunch.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**Acts**

**Russell Howard**

**@ 7 PM in the Auditorium**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**“Winning the War in Your Mind”**

**Taught by Teresa Sharp**

**@ 7 PM in Room 10**



**HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD** Thursday @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**FOOD GIVEAWAY** Saturday @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.

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

## FOR THE RECORD - October 15, 2023

BIBLE CLASS.....	90	WEDNESDAY.....	82
SUNDAY AM.....	297	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,379.00
SUNDAY PM.....	57	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00



**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**—The Clothing House will be open this Saturday from 9—11 AM.



**CHURCH CAMP WORK DAY**—There will be a work day up at NWOCYC this Saturday. See the list posted in the foyer of jobs that need completed.



**5TH SUNDAY GUEST SPEAKER**—Our special guest speaker for next Sunday will be Josh Ball!



**LEADERSHIP CLASS**—The Elders & Deacons Leadership Training class will meet next Sunday at 3:30 PM in Room 11.



*Friends Day*  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

*Sunday, November 5*

**FALL FRIENDS DAY**—On Sunday, November 5, we'll be having our Fall Friends Day with Pancake Breakfast! Invite your family and friends to join you! Worship will be at the normal 8:30 and 11:00 AM times, with no Bible Class. We will be having a Pancake Breakfast from 9:30—10:45 AM. Postcards are available in the foyer to hand out to those you wish to invite.



**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**—In the month of October, we are asking for donations of: Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce, Boxed Sides, Canned Soup



**CORRECTION**—Last week, we announced the birth of Michael & Kayla Forry's son, Kooper. We would like to correct the date of birth we gave as October 9.

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