

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning,

I am sure by now many of you have noticed that our teens are missing from church today. We are all at Teen Retreat @NWOCYC and having a great time. We have Austin Buckland here preaching this morning, and he is delivering a great message from God's Word on Living Intentionally! Please be praying for us as we finish this retreat strong and travel back home.

Our September food giveaway saw us serving 254 families. Our volunteers took the time on a beautiful Saturday morning to prepare and distribute about 27,000 pounds of food! Thank you for all your dedication to this ministry. Our October food giveaway will be on Saturday, October 28th, and the food will be delivered on Thursday, October 26th, at 11 am. The holiday season is approaching quickly, and we will be working hard to increase the food being distributed.

Russell and Austin Buckland are organizing a movie night for those who want to go see the new movie, "The Blind." Tickets are free and are available on a first come, first serve basis. See Russell if you are interested in joining this group outing to see what's been described as a movie with a powerful message of God's redemption and power.

Finally, bible study on Sunday mornings in the Outreach Center is finishing the book of Romans soon. Class starts at 9:45; next week, we will look at chapter 14. I invite all our teens to come and hang out with us as we discuss Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. Then, on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, we have been discussing the Trinity and how we are made in God's image. Take the time to join us on Wednesday night and see what we will talk about next! Bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce them to the Gospel, and they have the chance to ask questions and learn about Jesus!

- Josh Ball



CONGRATULATIONS to Kyle & Emily Nielsen on the birth of their son, Nathan Ronald-Andrew, who was born this past Wednesday. Congratulations are also in order for the proud grandmother, Jo Ann Patrick.

FREE

FREE—If you or anyone you know is in need of a loveseat and chair, please see Russell Howard.

*Richland Road Church of Christ
2023 Theme*

God is Able

Ephesians 3:17-20

Journey into Eternity

ONE MINUTE AFTER YOU DIE

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

THE _____ WORLD OF THE

The _____.

- Acts 2:31
- Acts 7:59
- Luke 16:19-31

The _____.

- Luke 16:24

_____ FOR THE _____

_____ will be _____.

- Luke 16, 23
- 2 Peter 2:17

_____ by a great _____.

- Luke 16:25-26

A _____ FOR _____

**Nothing as _____ as joining _____
in the _____.**

- 2 Samuel 18:25
- Luke 16:23

Experience _____.

- 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8
- Luke 23:43
- Genesis 37:35
- 2 Samuel 12:23
- 2 Corinthians 12:3-4

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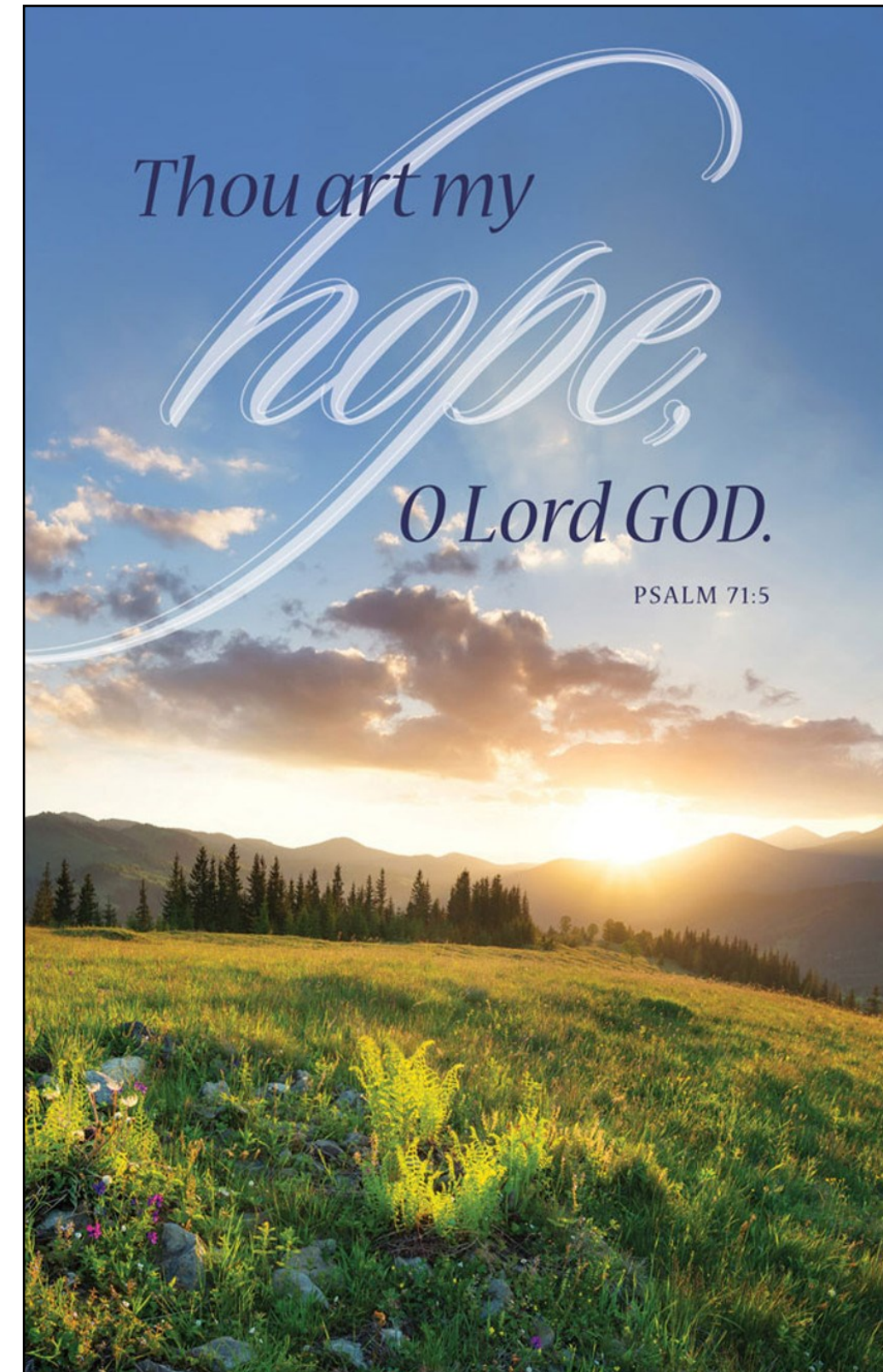
Seth Rossiter



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Church of CHRIST

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Just Between Us

A GREAT TIME OF PRAISE! In the first week of October, we have been blessed not only with great weather but spiritual blessings as well! This past week, three young adults, **Jacob Goings, Olivia Treisch & Sabrina Forwith**, made life-changing decisions to be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Let us pray that many who have not made a decision to put on Christ in baptism will do so this fall! We have been blessed weekly with visitors from our community. This weekend, our young people are participating in the **54th Annual Marion Teen Retreat**, with our own Austin Buckland serving as the speaker. We look forward to the days ahead with our **Fall Festival** on the afternoon of Sunday, **October 22**, and our **Fall Friends Day**, on **November 5**, with a **Pancake Breakfast!** Please invite all your friends and family to attend!

FREE MOVIE TICKETS TO SEE THE BLIND! THE BLIND is a new movie released this week and is the story of the conversion of Phil Robertson. The official synopsis reads, "Long before Duck Dynasty's Phil Robertson became a reality TV star, he fell in love with Miss Kay and started a family, but his demons threatened to tear their lives apart. Set in the backwoods swamps of 1960s Louisiana, The Blind shares never-before-revealed moments in Phil's life as he seeks to conquer the shame of his past, ultimately finding redemption in an unlikely place. This stunning cinematic journey chronicles the love story that launched a dynasty, the turmoil that nearly brought it crashing down, and the hope that rose from the ashes to create a foundation for generations to come." Some members have purchased 50 tickets at the **Marion Cinema** for **Monday night** and 50 more for **Tuesday night, FREE FOR YOU TO ATTEND! Each night is at 6:30 PM.** The tickets are available in the foyer as long as they last! What a great opportunity to invite a friend to witness God's redemption story!

KEEP FOCUSED ON THE FINISH LINE! Most people don't remember who won the 400m semi-final at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. They do, however, remember an incredibly moving moment between a father and a son. As 65,000 spectators gathered in the stands, Derek Redmond passed 250 meters at the seventeen-second mark and suddenly felt a pop in his hamstring. He went down and stayed down for nearly 30 seconds as his competitors sprinted toward the finish line. Soon, officials crouched beside him, trying to help escort him off the track. Suddenly, something dawned on the runner. "I looked up and realized I was in the Olympic semi-finals," Derek said later. "I looked down the track and saw the others and said, 'I must finish the race.'" Brushing off the officials and the medical team, Derek got up and began to limp down the track. His agony was clear, but still, he pressed on. Section by section, people in the stands above stood up and cheered. Meanwhile, Derek's father, Jim Redmond, made his way down from the stands, hurdling over chairs and dodging Olympic security as he ran toward his son. Once he reached Derek, the elder Redmond put his arm around his son's back, and Derek put an arm around his father's neck. The two walked to the finish line together. Nearly thirty years later, it is still one of the most amazing and emotional scenes in Olympic history. No matter the setbacks or pain of the past, the one thing you must focus on and pursue as a Christian is the finish line of your faith. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ." In a world where ease is emphasized, and faithfulness is mocked, Paul's extraordinarily focused mindset inspires us to run our race undeterred. Like Derek Redmond, the Apostle Paul was no stranger to pain, injury, and setbacks. In his mission to share the Gospel with as many people as possible, he suffered floggings, beatings, near-death stoning, shipwreck, prison, hunger, thirst, sleeplessness, cold, nakedness, and danger from every side (2 Cor. 11:23-27). Despite all this, he was resolute on the race God set before him. How about you? Similar to Derek Redmond, you and I have a Heavenly Father who does not leave us to cross the finish line alone—as Paul himself declared in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through Him [God] who gives me strength." Let Derek Redmond's story—and Paul's example—remind you "to press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ." Stay focused on the finish line!

- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



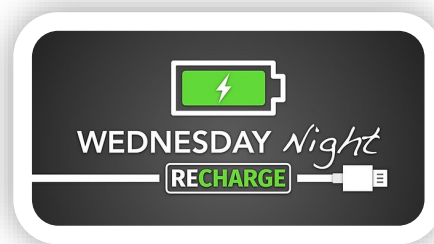
WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Jacob Goings was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Jacob is the grandson of Jack & Bonita Whiteamire.

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Olivia Treisch was baptized into Christ this past Tuesday. Olivia is the granddaughter of Ron & Linda Treisch.

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Sabrina Forwith was baptized into Christ this past Tuesday. Sabrina is the friend of Olivia Treisch.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet at Der Dutchman in Bellville for their monthly luncheon this Tuesday @ 11:30 AM. Sign up in the foyer.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Acts
Russell Howard & Matt Dahm
@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
"Winning the War in Your Mind"
Taught by Teresa Sharp



GENERATIONS TO COME COMMITTEE MEETING—There will be a meeting this Wednesday in Room 11 after Bible Class.



SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM—If you are interested in serving on the Safety and Security Team sign up in the foyer by next Sunday. If you have any questions, please see Nate Hildreth.



LEADERSHIP CLASS—Beginning next Sunday at 3:30 PM in Room 11, we will be offering a class on leadership. See an Elder for more information.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 17 @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

FOR THE RECORD - October 1, 2023

BIBLE CLASS.....	93	WEDNESDAY.....	80
SUNDAY AM.....	296	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$8,146.66
SUNDAY PM.....	57	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00



WOMEN'S MINISTRY—On Tuesday, October 17, there will be a Potluck and Planning Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for the Women's Ministry. Sign up in the foyer. See Meagan White for more details!



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, October 18, 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!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Games & Food

3:30—4:30 PM

Picnic Shelter / Fellowship Hall (bad weather)

Trunk—or—Treat

4:30—5:00 PM

See Ryan & Misty Hoggatt for details!



THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE will be meeting Wednesday, October 25. More details to come.



HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, October 26 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, October 28 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—The Clothing House will be open from 9—11 AM on Saturday, October 28.



5TH SUNDAY GUEST SPEAKER—Our special guest speaker for Sunday, October 29 will be Josh Ball!



FALL FRIENDS DAY—In four weeks, on Sunday, November 5, we'll be having our Fall Friends Day with Pancake Breakfast! Begin to 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.



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

PICK UP AN OCTOBER 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