

Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

I hope you all have been having a fun Thanksgiving break! I feel a little extra lucky this year, especially because our family had not one but TWO Thanksgiving meals! So, if you see me walking a little slower around the building today, that's why. It was totally worth it, by the way!

For most people, this weekend after Thanksgiving is the kickoff to the Christmas shopping season, and you will no doubt have already noticed a rising intensity from the advertisers clamoring for our attention. I love Christmas as much as anyone, but something about the way we cast off gratitude and immediately dive into wild, selfish consumption that makes me very sad. Unfortunately, some of the smartest people in the world are working as hard as they can to make you feel like you can only be happy if you get what they're selling, and it can be very easy to fall into their traps. The best way to fight back on that is to bring Thanksgiving with us all the time. Once you start to see the way they're trying to put strings on you, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to just brush 'em off! So let me offer this fun little word search as my way to help you keep being thankful for a little while longer. If you can get it done, you can bring it in for some extra Bible Bucks when you see me next.

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

Being Thankful

N R Q P I H O L Y S P I R I T L Q S D T N V N H
E U K B C B J F W N C W H D D M N Q M R W B A C
F O O D P Q N M B L Q X M X R K M W Q P A L B G
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V K M F S F C L U E H I Y S S U U K D W D J K D
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P I Q O N V B H O P E O Q W M M O F K N P H W V
W K L N N V J K I G J K N O P B X W W H N Q M Q
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Z D Z E J Q O F I X M A M G R A C E F A M I L Y
U N P N T C N I K S U U H Y K B N R B A A H J F
D V G T M T H E B I B L E L N M I E C W W G T H
J T O M Z W D F T X W T W W B K E D H F B F X N
T J B E W Y J W E J S Y J O Z N E R O C K X D R
S G R N Z U W A D A G G M J L C N O K Y P O O Y
Z N P T D B F U G P P J E S U S C H R I S T R N

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| FOUR SEASONS | PLANTS | BOOKS | THE BIBLE |
| MERCY | LOVE | GRACE | HOLY SPIRIT |
| GOD | JESUS CHRIST | FRIENDS | FOOD |
| POSITIVE | CONTENTMENT | GIVETHANKS | HOPE |
| FAMILY | CROSS | SON | THANKS |
| THANKFUL | | | |

THE GOD OF THE UNEXPLAINED

Joshua 10:12-15

BATTLE FOUGHT BY

_____: _____ and _____.

- Joshua 9:14-15
- Joshua 9:22-23

_____: _____ of their _____.

- Joshua 10:4
- Joshua 10:6
- Joshua 10:11
- Joshua 10:12
- Joshua 10:13-14

A _____ BATTLE FOUGHT BY _____

Some argue: It is _____ the law of _____.

Some argue: Is it _____.

- Joshua 10:13

Some Argue: I just can't _____ it.

A _____ BATTLE FOUGHT BY _____

We are _____ a _____.

- I Corinthians 10:11
- Ephesians 6:12

The _____ of _____.

- Psalm 119:89

The _____ of _____.

- Joshua 10:14

The _____ of _____.

- Joshua 10:16-18
- Joshua 10:24
- Romans 16:20

_____ GOD TO DO THE

1. _____ your _____.

2. _____ it _____.

- Mark 10:51

3. _____ with _____.

- Mark 11:24
- I John 5:14-15

4. _____ God to _____ your _____.

5. _____ God for _____ your _____.

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Church of CHRIST

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Now to him
who is able
to do

immeasurably
more than all
we ask or
imagine...

Ephesians 3:20

Staying Connected

SERVERS LIST! Next Sunday, those men listed on the Servers List will begin meeting 15 minutes before each worship service in Room 10 for prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! At the end of each year, we always have a Year in Review. The elders have set Wednesday, December 13 @ 7 PM for the Congregational Meeting. They will be recapping 2023 and sharing goals and plans as we look forward to 2024. Let me encourage every member to be present so you can hear all the great things happening here at Richland Road!

ALWAYS GIVE THANKS! A Chinese gentleman lived on the border of China and Mongolia. In those days, there was constant conflict and strife along the perimeter. The man had a beautiful horse. One day, she leaped over the corral, raced down the road, crossed the border, and was captured by the Mongolians. His friends came to comfort him. “That’s bad news,” they said sadly. “What makes you think it’s bad news?” asked the Chinese gentleman. “Maybe it’s good news.” A few days later, the mare came bolting into his corral, bringing with it a massive stallion. His friends crowded around. “That’s good news!” they cried. “What makes you think it’s good news?” he asked. “Maybe it is bad news.” Later, his son, while riding the stallion and trying to break it, was thrown off and broke his leg. “That’s bad news,” cried the friends. “What makes you think it is bad news?” asked the Chinese gentleman. “Maybe it’s good news.” One week later, war broke out with Mongolia, and a Chinese general came through, drafting all the young men. All later perished, except for the young man who couldn’t go because his leg was broken. The man said to his friends, “You see, the things you thought were bad turned out good, and the things you thought were good turned out bad.”

Therefore, it is with us. We don’t know if the things we want will really be good for us or bad. We can’t see the future. That’s why Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

We can’t see the future. That’s why James tells us to pray, saying in 4:15, “If the Lord wills...” But God does know the future. He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He knows the end from the beginning, and He knows how all things will turn out.

Romans 8:32 reminds us, “And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

God will work out the circumstances of our life for good if we will only put our faith in Him and do not waiver. Se let us always give thanks to the Lord, for He has great things in store for us if we are willing to be patient and wait.

-Matt



INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Rutledge Hensley was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Rutledge is the son of Rod Hensley.



THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE will be meet this Wednesday at the House of Hunan at 11:30 AM. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



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



SERVERS—Starting next Sunday, those men on the Servers List will meet 15 minutes before service in Room 10 for a time of prayer.



WINTER QUARTER BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS—The Winter Bible Class Quarter begins next Sunday, and we are in need of a teacher for the Ages 2-5 class. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach.



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

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, December 5 @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, December 6, 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! This meeting will also include the yearly meeting of the trustees.

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

FOR THE RECORD - November 19, 2023

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| BIBLE CLASS.....85 | WEDNESDAY.....n/a |
| SUNDAY AM.....318 | CONTRIBUTION.....\$6634.27 |
| SUNDAY PM.....82 | BUDGET.....\$6,788.00 |



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, December 12 for a Christmas Potluck here in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared to participate in a White Elephant Gift Exchange.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—This years Congregational Meeting/Year in Review will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. The Elders are planning to present a recap of the last year and share the upcoming plans of 2024.



CHILDREN & TEEN HOLIDAY PARTIES—On Saturday, December 16 the Children’s Ministry will be having their Holiday Parties from 3:00—4:30 PM. The Children will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, and the Teens will meet in the Outreach Center. Please see Ryan Hoggatt or Josh Ball for details.



HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, December 21 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, December 23 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, and the beautiful lap quilt. With Christian Love, **Luther Buckland**

THANK YOU so much for your thoughtful gift when Kooper joined us earth side! The plaque and teddy bear are precious! We’re so grateful to be a part of a loving church! Bless all of you! **The Forry Family**

*Richland Road Church of Christ
2023 Theme*

God is Able

Ephesians 3:17-20

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS

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