TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Welcome, Friends, to our Fall Friends Day! I sincerely hope you enjoy the pancake breakfast prepared for you this morning, as well as the wonderful selection from our coffee cart also prepared just for you! Thank you for accepting the invitation to join us this morning. I pray you will be blessed this day.

Well, the Holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving will be here soon, and of course, Christmas is ramping up everywhere you look. Our Teen/Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 16th, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Please bring a small gift for our gift exchange game. Of course, the teens will be dining on Pizza and fruit trays. Invite a friend and meet us in the Outreach Center for an excellent time of fun and food!

Our October Food Giveaway was a huge success! We served 324 families! Thank you to all who helped. There are a lot of moving parts to this ministry, and each person is so very important to provide food to families and promote the Gospel of Christ while doing so. Our next Food Giveaway will be on Saturday, November 18th. Volunteers please come at 8 am. The food will be delivered on Friday, November 17th, at 11 am. This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and we will have extra produce to hand out. We are looking to make some changes in the new year to the format of the Food Giveaway. These changes will help to reduce the parking situation on the road and help to alleviate the long lines that are suffered to get food. Please be patient as we work through these changes.

A couple of birthdays to announce: Kendra Hildreth's birthday was yesterday, and she is away at Otterbein University. If you get the chance to look her up on social media, be sure to wish her a happy birthday. Also, this Thursday is Giana Howard's Birthday. Giana will certainly be walking our hallways here today, so be sure to give her a big birthday hug!

-Josh Ball



BRING-A-SACK—NEXT SUNDAY

FOOD GIVEAWAY—NOVEMBER 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—NOVEMBER 23

AMAZING GRAYS—DECEMBER 12

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY— DECEMBER 16

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY—DECEMBER 16

FOOD GIVEAWAY—DECEMBER 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—DECEMBER 25—JANUARY 1

WOMEN OF PURPOSE—DECEMBER 27

Journey into Eternity

HEAVEN, OUR ETERNAL HOME!

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Just Between Us

THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER! If you have accepted our invitation to be our guest today, we want you to know we are so glad you did so, and we are so very grateful to have you here! It is always a wonderful privilege to assemble together to worship God and to remember what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross! The psalmist wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1). When the "Welcome Friends" is passed down the row, please take the time to fill it out so we can have a record of your visit. If you have small children, you are welcome (during the second worship service) to take advantage of Children's Bible Hour (2-5 years) and Junior Worship (first grade through 4th grade) during the sermon time. Also, feel free to use the family worship room located upstairs. As you read through this bulletin, please take special note of the several opportunities to fellowship together. Why not take the time to put those dates and opportunities on your calendar so you will not miss a single one of them?! It is such a wonderful privilege to have you worship with us today! We hope and pray that you will desire to come back next Sunday!

WILL YOU HELP US RESTOCK OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY? Next Sunday, **November 12**, is our **Bring a Sack Sunday!** We are asking everyone's family to bring a sack or two of groceries to help us restock our pantry! In the month of October, between October 9 to October 28, we helped out 75 families with food. This is in addition to the 324 families that we helped with food through our Food Giveaway on October 29. Never have more requests for assistance come our way! Our goal is to do all the good we can in all the ways we can as long as we can!!

DON'T BE RULED BY YOUR FEELINGS. Our world today is full of people who are driven by their feelings. "Follow your heart," we're advised. "Your feelings are what matter the most." God made us in his own image so we would not have to be ruled by our volatile emotions. Sometimes, doing the right thing means staying with a commitment regardless of how you feel in the moment. And that can range from one's wedding vows to his word to a friend to a verbal offer about a price. It takes holy resolve to escape the enslavement that comes of being tossed about by our feelings. So, think about these options for today.

Today I will live by faith. I don't know what lies ahead or what surprises may come to me today. But I know God has promised to be with me to strengthen, guide, and deliver me. By faith, I claim that promise and will live this day in confidence. There is nothing I will face today that God and I cannot handle – together.

Today I will live in hope. Each day has its own supply of troublesome things, so I need not go borrowing from tomorrow. In fact, I rejoice at the thought of tomorrow because of the promises God has attached to my future. I will not fear failure, for God has promised to work all things for good in the lives of those who love him. I know where my journey ends, and neither life nor death nor anything in all creation can separate me from God's love.

Today I will live in love. I will not allow those toxic attitudes of jealousy and hate to dominate my life. Instead, I will consciously imitate Jesus' example of loving people - even the ones I don't like - by returning good for evil. Regardless of how you may feel about certain situations today, you have the power to choose to live at a higher level. So don't be ruled by your fickle feelings. God made you for better things.

"YOU MAY FOOL some of the people some of the time; you can fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time." - Abraham Lincoln. Be what you say you are. Whatever your situation, be a trustworthy child, a dedicated parent, a loving spouse, a faithful friend, or a devout worker. But above all, be a dedicated Christian. Serve Christ with each and every breath you take and every step you make. Give Him you're all as He gave you His.

- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS



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



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday 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 this Friday @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



BRING-A-SACK SUNDAY—Next Sunday, 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 see the list below, or pick up one of the half sheets in the fover with the list of items we need most, then bring these items Sunday to pack the stage!

NEEDED ITEMS:

Dry or Instant Cereal Shelf Stable Milk Canned Vegetables Canned or Dried Fruit Canned Pasta Shelf Stable Meat Rice **Canned or Dried Beans Instant Potatoes**

Boxed Sides Peanut Butter Jelly **Ramen Noodles** Mac & Cheese **Pasta Noodles Pasta Sauce** Crackers On the go Snacks



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



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet at Berwick Pizza in Green Camp on Tuesday, November 14 @ 11:30 AM. Sign up in the foyer.



HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Friday, November 17, @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, November 18 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY—On Tuesday, November 21 @ 6 PM, the Women's Ministry will be getting together in the Fellowship Hall to make Thanksgiving Meals for our shut-ins. See Meagan White for details.

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

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FROM OUR SHEPHERDS...





About two months ago, we had a special giving for updating and refreshing our church. It was built in the 1960s, and we continue to use the original carpet and many other features of that time.

Because of the generous giving toward this project, we began making plans for exactly what would be done. When funds became available, we could then go forward with these improvements. The committee has spent many hours making decisions to consider what would be done, who, and how it would be done.

You might not have seen any progress so far, but there has been progress, and you will soon see these changes. As our church will host the bible bowl next March, our goal is to have most completed for that event.

As our children's bible hour has grown, there is a need for a larger room. A separating wall has been removed, and now more room is available for this class. The new carpet will be added to it when the new carpet is installed in the other rooms of our original building.

The chairs have a long lead time for delivery of at least 3-4 months and are in the process of being ordered. The carpet and chairs will be installed at the same time. Before that time, you will see many painting and lighting changes.

There will also be changes to the front, baptistery, and the stage. There are still decisions yet to be made for some of these. After all this is complete, we expect to make improvements to the foyer and front door area as phase

This committee has been at work, and vou will soon see these changes being made.

-Bill



THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE will be meet on Wednesday, November 29. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



WINTER QUARTER BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS—We are in need of teachers for the following classes: Ages 2-5, and K-5th Grade. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach.



THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WILL BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS MONDAY-WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK.

PICK UP A NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER