

# Childrens Ministry

Happy Sunday!

For today's Psalm reading, I would like to look at Psalm 19:1-2.

<sup>1</sup>**The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**  
<sup>2</sup>**Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There are many people who believe that the Bible and faith in God all might have made sense back in the pre-scientific times when we didn't know any better, but now that we have things figured out, we don't need to rely on those old superstitions. This is a very common misconception, but the truth is actually much closer to what the Psalmist is saying here – Science and nature are not at odds with God. In fact, the closer we look into all the complexities of nature, the more it seems to scream out that only a supremely intelligent God could have put this all together!

There is a very fancy and complicated study in science called 'Anthropic Principle' which (as far as I'm able to understand it) states that the entire universe, not just Earth or even our solar system, seems to have been finely tuned to support the kind of systems that we need to survive. The list is growing all the time of all the ways everything has been so perfectly ordered to allow us to live. Just to name a few: our distance from the sun, the way our planet wobbles to give us changing seasons, the fact that water is one of the only materials (besides iron) we know of that expands instead of contracts as it freezes, the perfect balance of gases that make up our atmosphere and allow just enough sunlight in without radiating us to death – almost any variation of any of those would make it absolutely unlivable on Earth. To me, the most interesting one was the size of the protons. I learned that protons are exactly 1,836 times larger than electrons. If it was different by any amount in either direction, oxygen – along with many other very important elements, could not exist. The scientists who stubbornly still want to deny a creator are now forced to adopt an even less probable scenario called multi-verse (very popular in movies these days), which, ironically, takes much more faith to believe than just admitting that we are the creation of a loving God.

The Israelites in the book of Exodus (which is the subject of our fast-approaching Bible Bowl competition) were repeatedly faced with just the same amazing evidence and, like so many today, refused to give God His due and follow Him in faith. I hope (at least in this instance) that we can all be more like King David. He knew what he was talking about – everywhere you look, everything you see is more evidence of a creator. Really, it takes too much work to stay blind to it.

Besides all the ways God has been keeping us alive on Earth, He has done even more incredible things to give us a way to thrive beyond this life as well... and that is what we learn about whenever we're together. I hope you can be here with us every time!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan



**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**—If you would like to send a young person to church camp, please give your donation (\$200) to Josh Ball or James Gary.



**FREE**—The Auditorium Flowers are set out in the Fellowship Hall to be taken by anyone who would like them.



**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR THE GIVEAWAY.**

## Divine Encounter ENCOUNTERING GOD'S DELIVERANCE Exodus 1:8-14

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR

All is \_\_\_\_\_...but is it \_\_\_\_\_?

- Exodus 1:5-7
- Genesis 1:28
- Genesis 9:1
- Genesis 17:6
- Genesis 50:26
- Exodus 40:38

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 1:8-11

Stuck in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 1:12-14

### GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ US TO BE

God will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ us to Him.

- Psalm 119:67, 71
- James 1:2-4

God \_\_\_\_\_ us in our \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 2:23
- Exodus 3:7-8
- Isaiah 63:9

### GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ TO US

God \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 2:24-25
- Psalm 4:3; 18:6; 34:17

God \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 2:24
- Isaiah 49:14-16

God \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 2:25

God \_\_\_\_\_.

- Exodus 2:25
- Luke 12:6-7

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# Church of CHRIST

February 11, 2024

*Love is patient, love is kind,  
It does not envy, it does not  
boast, it is not proud.*

*It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking, it is not  
easily angered, it keeps no  
record of wrongs.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-5*



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# Staying Connected

**BIBLE BOWL MEETING!** We will be hosting Bible Bowl in 3 weeks (March 2-3). This weekend takes many people serving together in order for things to run smoothly. We will meet this Wednesday after Bible Class for another planning meeting for all those who would like to help serve. We have many ways in which you can serve, so see me today if you are interested!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR BIBLE BOWL!** We will need many items for the snack table during Bible Bowl Weekend. Items include Fruit snacks, Granola bars, Yogurt, Trail mix, Chips, Cookies, Bottled water, Candy bars (mini), PB & Cheese Crackers, and 100% Juice boxes. Many of these items should be individual servings! Please have these snacks to the north glass door foyer by Sunday, February 25.

**BIBLE BOWL INFO!** On Saturday, March 2, all events will be hosted at Heritage Elementary, 720 Columbus-Sandusky Rd S (Rt. 98). Registration will begin at 9 AM, and the day will conclude around 6 PM. On Sunday, March 3, worship, lunch, and buzzer rounds will take place here at RRCC.

**PRAY!** Please pray for Bible Bowl Weekend: all the young people and adults who continue to study Exodus 1-20, all the parents and adults working with their teams, and Brian Driver as he continues to write the questions for the competition.

**PUSH THROUGH IT!** A pee-wee football team enthusiastically runs onto the field, where a prominently displayed break-through banner is held in place by pee-wee cheerleaders. Rather than breaking through the banner, the team begins running around it and is ungently directed to connect their mistake. Half the team changes course, heading back toward the banner. Likewise, those already past the banner immediately change their direction and head back toward the banner. Only in the opposite direction, meeting teammates at the banner in a hilarious display of mass confusion. Just then, the coach throws down his hat in frustration and walks away.

Endurance has been described as “pushing through it” - “it” being whatever stands in the way of spiritual progress. “It” could be a trial or tribulation (James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5). For Jesus, “it” was the cross. We are encouraged to “lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and...run with endurance the race that is set before us...” (Hebrews 12:1). We must “push through it.” We must not “grow weary” or “lose heart in doing good” (Galatians 6:10). Instead, in light of the coming resurrection, we must “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that (our) toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). We find the strength to “push through it” by fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

We must not sidestep the inevitable suffering that comes our way but shoulder our burden with the help of God and our spiritual family (2 Timothy 3:12; Galatians 6:2, 5). Each “push through it” moment strengthens us for the next, building endurance and spiritual maturity (James 1:2-4). Such opportunities come and go. But, once they have passed, we cannot “push through it” in the opposite direction and expect to receive the promised blessing. However, we can reset our course and prepare for the next “push through it” opportunity to build endurance and demonstrate our trust in God.

-Matt



## INFORMATION & EVENTS

### LIFEGROUPS

— MEET TODAY —



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Don & Laura Rengert and their family at the passing of Laura’s father and our dear brother in Christ, Craig Willis. Calling hours will be here at the building this Tuesday from 5:30—7:00 PM, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 7:00 PM.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Jay Dennison and his family at the passing of his brother-in-law, Charles Clady.



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



**AMAZING GRAYS**—The seniors will meet this Tuesday, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for soup, salad, and games. Sign up in the foyer.



**BIBLE BOWL PLANNING MEETING**—If you want to help with the Bible Bowl, please attend the planning meeting this Wednesday in Room 11 after Bible Class. If you would like to donate snacks for the Bible Bowl Weekend, please place them in the foyer by Sunday, February 25.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR BIBLE BOWL WEEKEND:

Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Yogurt, Trail Mix, Chips, Cookies, Bottled Water, Mini Candy Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cheese Crackers, 100% Juice Boxes



**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.

**QUILTING MINISTRY**—The ladies of the Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 20 @ 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



**WOMEN’S MINISTRY**—The Women’s Ministry will be meeting for a Galentine’s Dinner on Thursday, February 22, at 6:00 PM. Location still to be determined. Sign up in the foyer! See Meagan White for details.



**HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD** Thursday, February 22 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**FOOD GIVEAWAY** Saturday, February 24 @ 9 AM. (Please be here by 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



**THANK YOU** so much for all the prayers, calls, cards, the flowers and blanket. I feel so loved and cared for.  
Love, **Brenda Buckland**

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

## FOR THE RECORD - February 4, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	86	WEDNESDAY.....	91
SUNDAY AM.....	289	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$7,651.00
SUNDAY PM.....	67	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00



**BIBLE BOWL PREVIEW**—On Sunday, February 25, the Adult and Teen Classes will meet in the Auditorium at 9:45 AM. The Bible Bowl students will be giving us a preview of the competition they have been preparing for since September.



**ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING**—On Wednesday, February 28, 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!



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, February 28, at 11:30 AM. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING**—There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 28, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



**BIBLE BOWL**—Day 1 of Bible Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM at the Heritage Elementary School located on Route 98 here in Marion. Day 2 of Bible Bowl will be held on Sunday, March 3 from 1:00—6:00 PM here at our building.



**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP**—On Sunday, March 3, worship services will be held at the usual times, 8:30 & 11:00 AM. There will be no Bible Classes held that morning. Instead, we will have a time of fellowship from 9:45—10:45 AM to sip coffee and visit with our Bible Bowl visitors.



**SPRING BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS**—We are looking for Bible Class Teachers for the Spring Quarter that begins on Sunday, March 10. We need teachers for Nursery, Ages 2-5, K-2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th Grade. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach.



**CAMP STAFF PLANNING MEETING**—If you are planning to be on staff for this year’s camp week, please come to the meeting on Wednesday, March 6, in Room 11 after Bible Class.

**PICK UP A FEBRUARY 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