

TEEN MINISTRY

Well good morning to you all!

Our February Food Giveaway will be on Saturday, February 24th. Volunteers, please come at 8 am. The food will be delivered on Friday, February 23rd, at 11 am. We will also need help unloading the food and setting up for Saturday. We will have plenty of work on both days for anyone who wants to help – all ages. This ministry will be moving into a drive through service beginning in March. We will need plenty of help in that transition so if you have been looking for an opportunity to serve, this could be the time.

Our work camp at NWOCYC is approaching quickly! On May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, we will be headed to the camp to work on some projects in preparation for the coming camp season. Some big new came from the last NWOCYC Board meeting. First, there is a water project that will create a treatment system to make the water much better. No more stinky water! A water treatment company will complete that project and should be done by the time we head up for our work weekend. Second, we have approved a project to get a new electric transformer back at the boy's bathhouse. Now I know it does not sound very exciting but... Wait for it... After this is completed, and new power is run, all the boy's cabins air conditioners will work great! Other weekend projects will be cutting and splitting firewood to fill the woodshed, building new gates at the front entrance, rebuilding the swinging bridge, and possibly build a Gaga Ball pit! Two other congregations have expressed interest in joining us to work. So, there may be some of our friends from other congregations there to help.

Registration for camp opens on March 1st! If you would like to attend camp and need assistance with the camp fee of \$200 this year, see me or James Gary. If you would like to donate a scholarship to send a child to camp this year, again, see me or James Gary. The next camp meeting for staff members will be Wednesday March 6th at 8 pm in room 11.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have given their time to help with or prepare for Bible Bowl coming up on March 2nd & 3rd. You are very appreciated! I know our kids and adults have been working very hard preparing for this competition. I pray we will all be blessed in our efforts to fellowship on that weekend!

Sunday morning teen class starts at 9:45 AM in the Outreach Center. We are going through some of the Psalms of David. So far we have looked at 3, 21, 23, 35, and 37. This week, we will continue our journey, and I invite you to grab a cup of coffee from the foyer and join us!

- Josh

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.

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.



Divine Encounter ENCOUNTERING GOD WITH OUR EXCUSES

Exodus 3:1-8

EXCUSE #1: _____

At heart: _____

- Exodus 3:9-11

God says: _____

- Exodus 3:12
- Joshua 1:5
- Matthew 28:20
- Hebrews 13:5, 6

EXCUSE #2: _____

At the heart: **I am** _____

- Exodus 3:13

God says: _____!

- Exodus 3:14-15

EXCUSE #3: _____

At the heart: _____

- Exodus 4:1

God says: _____?

- Exodus 4:2-9

EXCUSE #4: _____

At the heart: _____

- Exodus 4:10
- 2 Corinthians 3:5

God says: _____?

- Exodus 4:11-12
- Ephesians 3:20
- Psalm 139:13, 14a

EXCUSE #5: _____

At the heart: _____!

- Exodus 4:13

God says: _____!

- Exodus 4:14-15

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Church of CHRIST

February 18, 2024



Next Sunday

@ 9:45 AM in the Auditorium

Join us to watch our Bible Bowl students give us a glimpse at all the knowledge they have gained studying the Book of Exodus for the Bible Bowl Competition held here on March 2nd & 3rd.

Just Between Us

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER! As we approach the month of March, we remain positive and confident, serving a great God, proclaiming a great gospel, and reaching out into a great harvest field. If we pray hard enough, work hard enough, stay united, and trust the Lord, good things are bound to happen. Just watch and see!

HELP US TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BIBLE BOWL! March 2nd & 3rd will be the third time we have had the opportunity to host the Miami Valley Bible Bowl. At this time, 11 churches with 29 teams are planning to participate, and we are expecting at least one more church to attend. As Matt mentioned in his article last Sunday, all the events on Saturday, March 2nd, 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 3rd, worship, lunch, and buzzer rounds will take place here at our building. If you can help with Registration or snacks, please contact Matt Dahm. On Sunday, March 3rd, we will be having the same worship times at 8:30 and 11:00 AM; however, there will not be any Bible classes. We are anticipating a very large attendance on that Sunday, and here are a number of things you can do to help us have a successful Sunday morning period.

- **MAKE SURE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE!** Where else would the Lord want us to be on the Lord's Day? Your presence will be a great encouragement to many who will be in attendance from smaller congregations. If we have a good showing from our membership, we could easily have between 450 to 500 in attendance! Let's do it!
- **VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND THE 8:30 AM SERVICE.** To help the overflow of the 11:00 AM service, for one Sunday, please consider attending at 8:30 AM. You might find that you like it.
- **VOLUNTEER TO PARK ON THE STREET BEHIND THE BUILDING.** With such a large crowd, we need several able bodies to park their cars behind the building on Bordeaux or Marseilles Streets.
- **BE FRIENDLY TO EVERYONE!** Remember, we are hosting the Bible Bowl, so make sure to introduce yourself to others around you and make everyone feel at home.
- **PRAY FOR THE BIBLE BOWL!** Pray for all the young people and for the safety of all who will be traveling to be with us on March 2nd and 3rd!

WE HAVE A LIVING HOPE! There's a Peanut's cartoon where Lucy and Linus are sitting in front of the television set when Lucy says to Linus, "Go, get me a glass of water." Linus says, "Why should I do anything for you? You never do anything for me." So, Lucy says, "On your 75th birthday, I'll bake you a cake." So, Linus gets up, he heads to the kitchen, and he says, "Life is more pleasant when you have something to look forward to." And that is so true. But it makes all the difference in the world what it is we're looking forward to. If your hope is centered on anything in this world - if your hope is based on your desire to stay healthy and live for many more years, or if your hope is based on the fact that you have a certain amount of money available to retire with, or if your hope is based on all of the people in your life always treating you with love and respect, there will likely come a time when your hope will be taken away. However, as Christians, we have a hope that we will outlast this world! Peter said in I Peter 1:3-4, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you." Live each day with a living hope!

- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS

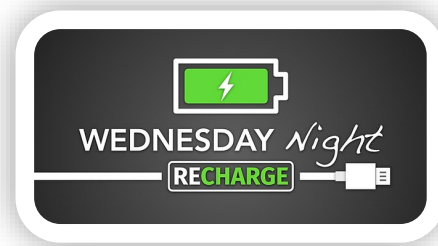
LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Luther and Loraine Buckland and their family at the passing of Luther's brother, William Buckland.

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



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Russell Howard

@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

BIBLE DISCOVERY

@ 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

TEEN CLASS

@ 7 PM in the Outreach Center



WOMEN'S MINISTRY—The Women's Ministry will meet for a Galentine's Dinner this Thursday at 6:00 PM at Bucci's Italian Scratch Kitchen in Marion. Sign up in the foyer!



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

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



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



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

FOR THE RECORD - February 11, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....99	WEDNESDAY.....95
SUNDAY AM.....285	CONTRIBUTION.....\$6,602.60
SUNDAY PM.....73	BUDGET.....\$7,100.00



BIBLE BOWL PREVIEW—Next Sunday, the Adult and Teen Classes will meet in the Auditorium at 9:45 AM. The Bible Bowl students will preview the competition they have been preparing for since September.

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. Please bring these items by next Sunday and place them in the North Foyer.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED—If you would be able to help set up, registration, or snacks, please contact Matt Dahm.

PRAY FOR OUR BIBLE BOWL TEAMS: Daisy Gary, Rose Cottrill, Nate Pollock, Lilly Gary, Madelynn Hoggatt, Blake Hoggatt, Lily Cottrill, Magi Hallabrin, Shaelynn Hoggatt, Jerzy Baker, Matthew Bellamy, Jak Gary, Logan Cottrill, Jacinta Gary, Doni Hallabrin, Gracelynn Hoggatt, and Mark Bellamy.

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 to 6:00 PM here at our building.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, February 29, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



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.



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.



BIBLE BOWL BOWL...BOOM!! - On Saturday, March 9, everyone is invited to celebrate our Bible Bowlers hard work and dedication over these last 8 months by going to Cooper's Bowl from 3:00—4:00 PM. All those that participated in the Bible Bowl will be FREE, and anyone else who would like to join will be \$13. Sign up in the foyer.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 AM at the Hong Kong Buffett.