

# TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Thank you to all our staff members who attended the meeting for this year's camp! We have a great group of leaders working to bring Jesus to our young people and pack a lot of fun into the week! If you would like to join our staff for the week, make sure you attend the next meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, at 8 p.m.

We now have less than a month until Bible Bowl! Our students have been working very hard to prepare for the competition. Please keep them and our adults who are working to prepare in your prayers. There is still much work to do before the competition, from studying to making plans for meals and completing the Auditorium updates. Thank you to everyone who is working tirelessly toward this awesome event.

Our work camp at NWOCYC will be on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. If you plan to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We have plenty of projects and work to complete, and some work is available for all ages! We are praying for good weather for that weekend, and I know we will be blessed as we prepare camp for the summer.

Sunday morning's teen bible class starts at 9:45 in the outreach center. We started a study of some of the Psalms. Grab a cup of coffee from The Faithful Blend and join us for a great discussion.

See you there!

- Josh



**SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM**—Attention all Security Team Members: a new sign-up sheet is on the Security Room door. Please sign up for the upcoming month.



**SPRING BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS**—We are looking for Bible Class Teachers for the Spring Quarter that begins on Sunday, March 3. 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.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Church family for the beautiful flowers, love, and support expressed by hugs, words of encouragement, cards, phone calls, and a great meal following my husband Bob's service. You extend God's love to me and my family.

Bonnie Godwin & Family

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## GOD AT WORK

1 Samuel 9

\_\_\_\_\_ **GUIDING** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-14)

God is at work in your \_\_\_\_\_ background

- Acts 17:26
- 1 Samuel 9:1-2

God is at work in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Samuel 9:3-4

God is at work in the \_\_\_\_\_ he has \_\_\_\_\_ around us

- 1 Samuel 9:5-10

God is at work in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Samuel 9:11-14

\_\_\_\_\_ **BEHIND THE** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15-17)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances

- 1 Samuel 9:15

God's plan is \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Samuel 9:16

God's will tell us \_\_\_\_\_ we need to know \_\_\_\_\_ we need to know it

- 1 Samuel 9:17
- Proverbs 16:9, 20:24

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPOINTMENT** (v.18-24)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is often \_\_\_\_\_ from our \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Samuel 9:18-20a, 20b-21

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_ than our \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Samuel 9:22-24
- Jeremiah 29:11

**TAKE HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_!

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Richland Road

# Church of CHRIST

February 4, 2024

## Chili Fellowship

TONIGHT  
@ 6:00 PM



PLEASE BRING ANY KIND OF SOUP AND  
A DESSERT FOR A GREAT EVENING OF  
FELLOWSHIP!

REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

### ELDERS

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Bill Isler  
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### ELDER

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#### MINISTER

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Josh Ball  
Walter Benson  
Todd Buckland  
Mike Hallabrin  
Nate Hildreth  
Ryan Hoggatt  
Kendal Montgomery  
Ed Nice  
Seth Rossiter

# Just Between Us

**IN THE HEART OF WINTER!** As we enter the month of February, we enter one of the coldest months of the year... but good news... spring is less than seven weeks away!! February is also known as a great month to prepare for the great days ahead! Our young people are busy preparing for the upcoming **Bible Bowl on March 2-3** here at Richland Road. Make sure to be present on **Sunday, February 25, at 9:45 AM** for the **Bible Bowl Preview**... Also, preparations are being made for the weekend of the **Bible Bowl** – we are expecting over 400 in worship on **March 3**. In February, we will begin making preparations for our **Friends Day, Church Camp, Vacation Bible School**, and so much more! However, the most important is that we must all be preparing our hearts and lives to please the Lord!

**DID YOU NOTICE IT WAS MISSING?** How often is a building removed, a sign taken down, a tree cut down, and you drive by it for weeks on end before you realize it is missing? But then, one day, it dawned on you it was missing. Your eyes were opened. You wonder how many times you have missed it. Unfortunately, that has happened to me several times. If I missed the obvious, it makes me wonder about other things like...

**Guests at church.** How many times do I walk by unfamiliar faces in worship? Maybe I'm in a hurry to teach my class... or preach... or talk to people I love... or leave for lunch. And there they are. People who have come for the first or second time. People who are in a church that they've never been to. People who don't know a soul (and they certainly don't know what Bible class to attend), and I pass them up.

**Lost folks.** Perhaps the person in front of me in the check-out line at Rite Aid, the waitress at Red Lobster, the check-out lady at Walmart, or the young father who attends worship services every Sunday. People who don't know the gospel, people who've never obeyed Jesus in baptism, people who would become Christians if somebody would just ask them. And I pass them up.

**People in need.** Are my eyes shut (and, consequently, my heart) to the world's hurting people? The young single mother who's living below the poverty level? The college student who can't make his car payment? The divorcee who struggles to put food on the table? The middle-aged couple who is dealing with a child who's a drug addict or alcoholic? How many times do I pass by those in trouble without offering a helping hand?

**I'm reminded of an Old Testament story.** When Elisha and his servant were surrounded by the enemy, the servant was scared. He went to Elisha and asked, "What shall we do?" Elisha wanted him to see the strength and protection of God. So, he prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so that he may see" (II Kings 6:17). I pray, "O Lord, open our eyes that we may see"... guests at church, lost folks, people in need... and even a missing tree.

**IF YOU LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY?** You probably have heard the question, "If you died today/tomorrow, do you know without a doubt you would go to heaven?" It is a good, thought-provoking question that everyone needs to consider. There is another question that I hope you would also consider, "If you wake up tomorrow, do you have a clear plan for using the day to honor Christ by the way you will use it?" When Jesus talked about what would happen after death, he asked people to think about what they had done for people who were sick, cold, hungry, and homeless. He didn't ask about the sorts of things we tend to have on our lists. He wanted to know about the fruits of righteousness. So, Lord willing, when you awake tomorrow, ask yourself, "Do you have a clear plan for using the day to honor Christ by the way you will use it?"

**PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR** Diane and me as we make our way home today from a week of vacation. I look forward to preaching a short series of lessons from the book of Exodus as we draw near the Bible Bowl.

– Russell

## INFORMATION & EVENTS



**LIFE GROUPS WILL NOT MEET TODAY!**

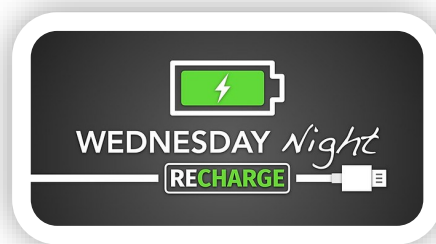


**CHILI FELLOWSHIP**—This evening, we will be having a Chili Fellowship at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring any kind of soup and a dessert.

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



**ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING**—This Wednesday, 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!



**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
**Matt Dahm & Russell Howard**  
**@ 7 PM in the Auditorium**



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



**AMAZING GRAYS**—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for soup, salad, and games. Sign up in the foyer.



**BIBLE BOWL PLANNING MEETING**—If you would like to help in one of the many needed areas for the upcoming Bible Bowl, please attend the planning meeting on Wednesday, February 14, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—On Thursday, February 15, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm 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.

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

## FOR THE RECORD - January 28, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	92	WEDNESDAY.....	81
SUNDAY AM.....	305	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,147.37
SUNDAY PM.....	65	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00

## FROM OUR SHEPHERDS



Late last summer, we held a special giving campaign to update our church building. After generous donations, we raised enough to complete several major changes. Since then, much thought and planning has gone into what would be done and when it could be completed.

We want to keep everyone updated on the progress and the anticipated schedule. As you have noticed, there have been several changes in the last several weeks. Probably the most noticeable are the front curtain and baptistery, as well as the front painting, the outside wall painting, and the removal of some wall fixtures. Just this past week, the fellowship hall was painted.

There have been some changes in lighting, but there is more to come in the next few weeks. As with many things, there is a delay in getting some fixtures, but they should arrive soon, and the lighting will be completed in February.

With the Bible Bowl being hosted here in early March, it is still our goal to have as much as possible ready for that. The chairs have been ordered for some time, but the shipment has been delayed. The carpet and chairs will be done together, and there is not enough time for that before March. This is expected in mid-March. Also, we have several changes in the front to be made later.

At this time, the amount raised for phase one is expected to cover the cost of what is complete and planned. There have been some delays, and there may be more, but surely, we will be pleased by all this when it's finished. Our goal in this project is to improve God's house so more people will get to know Him and worship Him.

~Bill



**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.



**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.

**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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—7:00 PM