

Childrens Ministry

Hi Everyone!

First, I'm sure it's already written all over the bulletin how beautifully this group came together to host the Bible Bowl last weekend, but I just have to add my own gratitude anyway! Besides fielding 5 teams whose gracious behavior and hard work made us all so proud, there was a magnificent army of workers who kept it all running smoothly. I was so very pleased with the whole event and cannot say enough how much I appreciate the effort you all put in. For help setting up, keeping house during the event, providing a meal for hundreds of people, for sticking around to help put it all back the way it was, for months of study and practice on Sunday mornings, and for doing it all with a smile while showing the love of Jesus the whole time - thank you so much!

One other thing I noticed (and absolutely LOVED) last weekend when we had everyone from the other congregations here was how full the singing sounded! My initial reaction was to say how wonderful it all sounded and how happy it made me, but it also got me feeling a little sad. The singing part of worship in churches all over the place seems to be in sharp decline nowadays. I even know of some places that are doing away with it completely! So, the Psalm I've chosen for today is just one of probably hundreds of reminders in the Psalms of how much God wants to hear from us in song! Psalm 5:11 says:

**But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.**

I understand that we're all unique, and this is not easy for everyone. There are certainly commands in the Bible that are difficult for me, and that may not be a problem for you at all. You may say, "I just don't like to sing," and I would have to admit that idea is foreign to me, but I can still understand a little bit. After all, I absolutely cringe at the idea of praying for my enemies, but after I do, the blessings of obedience come and fill me up with the peace of knowing that when I have forgiven others, I am able to be forgiven as well. You might also think you don't sound good when you sing, and I can understand that too, but the simple answer to that is "DO IT ANYWAY"! When you add your voice to the worship, you not only glorify God, but you also help encourage the whole group, you gain strength against trouble, and you are following God's recipe for joy! If you sit it out, you're missing all of that. There are many, MANY ways people have interpreted the scriptures, but I don't think anyone reading the Bible (particularly the Psalms) could possibly come to any conclusion other than that singing to God is as much a command as anything else God has asked of us! Do you take refuge in God? Then rejoice! Do you like the idea of spreading God's protection over you? Then sing ever for joy! Try it! The bitter people in the world may say you can't sing, but never give them the chance to say you DIDN'T sing!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

PS - Thanks also to everyone who came to the bowling party yesterday. I'm sure it was great! Since this was kind of a lousy kid's article, let me add this for you guys: I'll give anyone who can recite today's Psalm verse an extra 5 Bible Bucks for store night!

Series: What are the Odds? **THE DAY JESUS CAME TO JERUSALEM** Luke 19:28-44

A DAY OF _____

A day _____ was _____.

- Luke 9:51
- Zechariah 9:9

A day of _____.

- Luke 19:29-34
- Luke 19:35

A day Jesus entered as a _____.

- Luke 19:35
- Luke 19:36-38
- Luke 19:39, 40

A DAY OF _____

The _____ of Jesus.

- Luke 19:41

Jesus _____ because of _____ belief.

- Luke 19:42

Jesus _____ because he could _____ the _____.

- Luke 19:43-44

When people _____ Jesus as King, it still _____ his _____.

- I John 3

**“Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See your king comes to you, righteous
and having salvation, gentle
and riding on a donkey.”
Zechariah 9:9**

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March 10, 2024

Spring Quarter Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

Auditorium
Mike Hallabrin & Brian Driver
The Church and Its Leadership

Room 11
Russell Howard
1 Peter

Outreach Center
Austin Buckland
Young Adults

Pick up a brochure in the foyer!



Staying Connected

THANKS FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE! Hosting Bible Bowl last weekend took many people helping out in many areas. A BIG shout out to: Whitney Larrick, Brian, Carol & Emily Driver, Des Street, James, Jacinta, Thomas, Jak, Lilly & Daisy Gary, Jayda & Jerzy Baker, Clyde, Josh & Emily Ball, Ryan & Misty Hoggatt, Meaghan Lewis, Kris Seitz, Jeannie Rogers, Brandi Pollock, Kendal, Gwen, Chancelor & Landon Montgomery, Mark Bellamy, Chris Cottrill, Ed Nice, Jake & Dinah Morris, Gianna Howard, and Liam Wirick. If you helped out and I did not include your name, thank you for serving as well!!

BIBLE BOWL! The Gospel of Luke (ESV) will be the book for Bible Bowl 2025! This is a great opportunity for students in grades 4-12 and any adults to spend half a year diving into the Gospel of Luke.

INVITATION TALK! Any men (young or old) who would like to give a short (4-10 minute) invitation talk on Wednesday nights are asked to sign up in the foyer.

TIMES ARE CHANGING! Recently, while searching YouTube, I came across the old Peter, Paul, and Mary version of Bob Dylan's "The Times Are A-Changin'." As I sat and listened to that song, I thought just how much times are changing—how much they have changed.

I remember taking a computer class in high school that involved setting up a system with cards that had holes punched in them. The computer itself was several feet long, taller than me, and filled up most of the room. I listened to that song on my tablet, which weighs just a few pounds and can give me more bits of information than I could ever read, faster than I can even imagine.

We watch television programs on color televisions that hang on the wall and can be controlled from across the room. It seems like we can surf thirty channels in just a few seconds. Some of the programs I like to watch on TV Land or ME TV are shows that I watched on our black-and-white television set, which had only three channels.

Many of the clips from older television programs remind me of how much television programming has changed. One show started a scandal because the lead female wore pants. In most shows, the husband and wife do not sleep in the same bed.

Churches also reflect the changing times. Video projectors and screens display announcements, songs, and sermon points. Smartphones or tablets allow us to search the Scriptures from dozens of different translations and have free Bible resources at our fingertips.

The times are changing—faster than we can comprehend, faster than we want to accept, and faster than we care to deal with them. Many changes are personal and unique to each of us: health changes, family changes, work changes, and life changes. It's hard for me to grasp the changes tomorrow will bring.

With all the changes. I'm glad we have this assurance from the Lord in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." The times, they are a-changin. Jesus Christ is not!

Hold on to the One who does not change!

Remember our theme this year:
Unchanging Christ in a Changing World.

-Matt

**JESUS CHRIST
IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY
AND TODAY
AND FOREVER.**

INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday at 11:30 AM at the Hong Kong Buffett. Sign up in the foyer.



VBS PLANNING MEETING—This Wednesday, after Bible class, there will be a planning meeting in Room 11.



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.



LEADERSHIP CLASS—The Elders & Deacons Leadership Training class has been moved to next Sunday @ 3:30 PM in Room 11.



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, March 20, the Elders and Ministers will meet in Room 11 @ 9 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY—On Thursday, March 21, the Women's Ministry will be going to The Sweada Mae Art Café, here in Marion, at 6:00 PM. Sign up in the foyer!



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, March 27, at 11:30 AM. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



THANK YOU!—I would like to thank the Church for the prayers and the planter of beautiful flowers in memory for my brother, Bill Swartz, it was deeply appreciated.

Steve & Debbie Swartz

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

FOR THE RECORD - March 3, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	n/a	WEDNESDAY.....	75
SUNDAY AM.....	420	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$7,287.14
SUNDAY PM.....	n/a	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00



Mid-Ohio Foodbank

NEW FOOD GIVEAWAY SIGN-UP PROCESS—As of this month, anyone wanting to come to the Giveaway will need to get a ticket ahead of time that will have a specific time to pick up a box of food. There will be specific days each month to come and pick up a ticket in the Fellowship Hall. They will not be available all month or through the church office. The dates for this month are:

Monday, March 25, from 10:00 AM—Noon
Tuesday, March 26 from 5:00—7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27 from 5:00—7:00 PM

If you know someone who wants to come but is unable to get a ticket during these times, they may come to the Giveaway after 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 30. However, they should keep in mind that there may not be food left, and the Giveaway doors will not remain open for long after the 12 o'clock hour. If you have any questions, please see Josh Ball, Rosemary Jones, or Kahlan Sargent.

HELP HAND OUT TICKETS on March 25, 26, & 27. Contact Kahlan Sargent.

HELP UNLOAD & BOX THE MID-OHIO FOOD Friday, March 29, @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD GIVEAWAY is on Saturday, March 30, and will now be a drive thru system. Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help. Volunteers please be here by 7:30 AM.



CONGRATULATIONS to all our Bible Bowl team members, coaches, and scorekeepers. Thank you to everyone who helped with Bible Bowl Weekend!

BIBLE BOWL RECAP

4th—6th Grade Team:

Lilly Gary, Madelynn Hoggatt, and Blake Hoggatt
Placed 3rd in the Multiple Choice Round

Adult Team:

Jacinta Gary, Doni Hallabrin, Gracelynn Hoggatt, and Mark Bellamy
Placed 3rd in the Buzzer Round

Adult Team:

Jacinta Gary
1st Place MVP in the Multiple Choice Round

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS

PICK UP A MARCH PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER