

Welcome to all our Bible Bowl Guests!

We are honored to have you with us this weekend. I am looking forward to our worship service this morning because I enjoy the singing part of our worship. I hope you will also find a special blessing in the signing today!

Our February Food Giveaway was such a blessing to many families. We served 190 families! Now, the time has come for us to move into the new format for our food ministry. On March 25th, 26th, and 27th, we will begin handing out tickets for timed appointments to get food. Then, on Friday, March 29th, we will unload the food and packing boxes at 11 am. Then, on Saturday, March 30th, we will serve our guests in a drive-through service. I hope this will go much quicker than before, and folks will not have to wait in the long lines, some even overnight on the roadway. If you want to help with this new format and have yet to be involved, contact me, Rosemary Jones, or Kahlan Sargent. We have a place for anyone who wants to serve.

Our NWOCYC work weekend is approaching quickly! Soon, we will be at the camp cutting firewood, mowing the grass, cleaning, and getting ready for a fantastic camp season! Two other congregations would like to join us for the weekend, so we will meet some new friends and spend time with some old friends. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. Please sign up so we know you plan to attend and food can be prepared for us!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 CAMP SEASON! That's right! Head to nwocyc.org and click on registration, then click on the Josh Ball week and get signed up! Our dates are June 16th through June 22nd. Our staff have already been planning a great week, and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Now is the time to invite your friends to come and see what a great time we have at camp with games, swimming, campfire circle, signing, and studying God's word! Please see James Gary or me if you want to donate a scholarship to send one of our teens or younger kids to camp.

Good Luck to all our competitors in the buzzer rounds this afternoon!

-Josh Ball
Teen Minister

THANK YOU!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU for all the cards, texts, notes and expressions of sympathy during the passing of my father, Craig Willis. We appreciate all the kindness that has been shown to us. Thank you all!

The family of Craig Willis

THANK YOU all for the texts, calls, and the many prayers that went up for my precious grandson, Kade Keller. He is healing wonderfully!

In Christian Love, Melissa Ruhe



CHILDREN'S SPRING PARTY—APRIL 27
CAMP WORK WEEKEND—MAY 3-5
CHURCH CAMP—JUNE 16-22
VBS—JULY 22-25
SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY—SEPTEMBER 10
MEN'S RETREAT—SEPTEMBER 20-21
TEEN RETREAT—OCTOBER 4-6

Divine Encounter ENCOUNTERING GOD'S POWER Exodus 14:1-9

THE _____ WE _____
Perplexing _____.

- Exodus 13:17, 18
- Deuteronomy 8:2
- Exodus 14:2

The Israelites _____.
• Exodus 14:9
• Exodus 14:7

Some people are _____ by _____.
• Titus 3:3

Some people are _____ in _____.

Some people are _____ in _____.

THE _____ OF _____
The Israelites _____ with _____.
• Exodus 14:10
• Matthew 14:30

They _____ against _____.
• Exodus 14:10
• Psalm 13:1-2

They _____, their _____.
• Exodus 14:11

The _____ their _____.
• Exodus 14:12

THE _____ TO _____
OUR _____
God _____ in the Israelites _____.
• Exodus 14:13, 14

Three things we can do when we feel afraid:

First step: When you face _____:
• Exodus 14:19-20

Second step: When the way _____,
• Exodus 14:15, 16
• Exodus 14:21, 22
• Exodus 14:25, 26

Third Step: When the _____ is _____,
Give _____!
• Exodus 14:31
• Exodus 15:1

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Richland Road

Church of CHRIST

March 3, 2024

Welcome!



*"The Lord is my strength and
song, and he has become my
salvation."*

Just Between Us

WELCOME TO RICHLAND ROAD! We have been preparing and looking forward to hosting the **38th Annual Miami Valley Bible Bowl** over the past year! We are blessed to have 33 Bible Bowl Teams participating this weekend from 13 congregations. Our goal is that Christ is glorified throughout this weekend! We admire all the hard work that has been put in by the different teams to learn and even memorize the **first 20 chapters** of the book of **Exodus**. We also appreciate the countless hours of the parents and coaches who have encouraged, challenged, and quizzed the young people to help them prepare for this weekend! We appreciate the dedication of Brian Driver and his helpers, who diligently spearhead this wonderful endeavor each year. We are also thankful for the many members of Richland Road who have worked tirelessly to make this weekend special for everyone participating. In addition, we appreciate our elders who have been supportive of this awesome endeavor! We want to remind all those participating in the Bible Bowl and their families that there is a meal in the fellowship hall immediately after the 11:00 AM worship service.

EXODUS: THE BOOK OF DELIVERANCE. The book of Exodus is about saying Goodbye to bondage and Hello to blessing! So many people today, both young and old, are living in bondage just like the children of Israel did in Egypt, rather than experiencing God's blessing! There's no blessing in bondage and no bondage in blessing! God not only wants to break the bondage and set you free... but He can! In fact, He's the only One who can! That's what the book of Exodus is all about. The name "exodus" means "the way out." It tells you the way out of bondage by simply obeying God's will! That's why God gave us the book of Exodus! To show us how to exit from the life of bondage and enter the life of blessing!

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? Did you know that you have a one in 222,000 chance of death by a lightning strike? Your odds of winning the Powerball lottery are only one in 292 million. The odds of being born on Leap Day, Feb. 29, is 1 in 1,461. Starting next Sunday, I will begin a series of lessons investigating a number of biblical prophecies from the Old Testament that would be impossible for Jesus to fulfill unless He was God himself! Many of these prophecies about Jesus were prophesized 500 to 700 years before he came. Anyone can make predictions; getting them fulfilled is another story. The more detailed the prophecy, the less probable it will come to pass. There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. A number of years ago, Peter W. Stoner and Robert C. Newman wrote a book entitled **Science Speaks**. The book was based on the science of probability and vouched for by the American Scientific Affiliation. It set out the odds of any one man in all of history, fulfilling even only eight of the 60 major prophecies (and 270 ramifications) fulfilled by the life of Christ. The probability that Jesus of Nazareth could have fulfilled even eight such prophecies would be only 1 in 1017. That's 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. Stoner claims that that amount of silver dollars would be enough to cover the face of the entire state of Texas two feet deep. Now I've been to Texas. Texas is a very big state. Who in his right mind would suppose that a blindfolded man, heading out of Dallas by foot in any direction, would be able, on his very first attempt, to pick up one specifically marked silver dollar out of 100,000,000,000,000,000? There is no way to explain the Bible's ability to predict the future unless you see God as the author! Please plan on joining us each Sunday in March as we explore five different prophesizes that relate to the last week of Jesus! What are the odds?

SPRING FORWARD! Remember to turn your clock forward one hour before bed **next Saturday evening!** Make every effort to be on time, in Bible class, and at worship next Sunday morning!
- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS



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



WELCOME BIBLE BOWL GUESTS!—At both services today, we will offer Bible Hour in Room 5 for children aged 3-Kindergarten and Junior Worship in Room 11 for 1st—5th Grade students.



CAMP STAFF PLANNING MEETING—If you plan to be on staff for this year's camp week, please come to the meeting on Wednesday in Room 11 after Bible Class.



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



SPRING BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS—The Spring Bible Class Quarter begins next Sunday. We are still in need of a teacher for the Nursery class. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach.



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, March 12 at 11:30 AM at the Hong Kong Buffett. Sign up in the foyer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING—There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, March 13, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday, March 14, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS

FOR THE RECORD - February 25, 2024			
BIBLE CLASS.....	71	WEDNESDAY.....	81
SUNDAY AM.....	287	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$5,777.27
SUNDAY PM.....	n/a	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS



What a great day this is to have so many visitors here with us. We would like to welcome all visitors, whether you are a first-time visitor, here for the Miami Valley Bible Bowl, or have been here before. Our Richland Road family is honored to share this day with you.

We are excited that you were able to come out and join us for worship this morning. We are glad you are with us and would love an opportunity to get to know you better. We want to make sure you leave here as our family and friends.

During our usual Bible Class time, we hope to continue our fellowship with coffee and donuts and support all those who have spent countless and dedicated hours focusing on God's word through Bible memorization and study for the Bible Bowl as it continues today.

We hope you will feel blessed with the fellowship you receive here today. We hope you will join us again soon and continue our Christian friendships. God's word is a treasure chest of knowledge that creates a foundation for all of our lives, both young and old.

Jesus says that by welcoming others, He is welcomed, and when He is welcomed, God's presence is affirmed and welcomed. In this, there is a great reward.

-Keith Rogers
for the Elders



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

THE FOOD GIVEAWAY is on Saturday, March 30. Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Steve & Debbie Swartz and their family at the passing of Steve's brother, Bill Swartz.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Kathy Flinchbaugh and her family at the passing of her brother-in-law, Ralph Flinchbaugh.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jack & Bonita Whiteamire and their family at the passing of Bonita's brother-in-law, Bill Hardy.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jack & Bonita Whiteamire and their family at the passing of Bonita's nephew, Vick Miller.



CONGRATULATIONS to Rod & Kim Hensley, who are the proud great-grandparents of Nova Arielle Tanner.

PICK UP A MARCH 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