Children's Ministry

Hi Everyone!

I hope you're all having a good day! To be honest, I am having a little bit of trouble putting any decent thoughts together today. It seems I can't do anything but just write and delete over and over again! It's very frustrating! At this point, it might be best if I just work within my formula and stick to the basics. I usually start with some kind of silly joke, so here is my start: (I should first warn you that it's a pretty great joke, so you'll want to be careful not to react too loudly. Otherwise, everyone will know you're reading the bulletin during the sermon when you're supposed to be paying attention.) "When does a normal joke become a dad joke?...When it becomes apparent." Take a moment and wipe the tears of laughter out of your eyes; I'll move on to the next segment. (Usually, I mark that with a new paragraph, which helps to denote a new thought and take a little more space on the page. Kind of like when you spread the veggies on your plate to make it seem like you've been eating them)

Next, I usually try to give you a little info (highlighting the important stuff in bold typeface) about anything that might be coming up in the next couple of weeks. That's the easy part! This coming **Saturday**, **the 27th**, will be (according to my estimation) our 467th annual Children's Ministry Spring party! We will meet here **in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m.** to have **picnic snacks**, **crafts**, **and games** and **discuss at length the risks and benefits of Roth vs. Traditional IRA plans**. I really hope you can make it!

(Hey! This is working great! Now it just needs the traditional sign-off!)

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

Ru-Roh Raggy! It's time for another Mystery Dinner!

That's right! After a 12-year hiatus, the Scooby Doo Gang returns on Saturday, May 11 at 6 PM for an encore presentation of:



Fred, Velma, Daphne, Shaggy—and, of course, Scooby—come back to the Coolsville Art Museum after 60 years only to discover that a new mystery needs to be solved.

The Mystery Dinner is our annual Fellowship event that includes dinner and a show. It's a great opportunity to hang out with fellow church members as well as invite your friends and neighbors. And, if you guess who the villain is, you can win valuable prizes!

Tickets are on sale today in the foyer and will also be available for the next two Sundays. Tickets are \$15/each. The funds are used to offset the expenses for the evening. Get your tickets early, as space is limited.

Basic Instructions on How to Live a Godly Life

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April 21, 2024



FRIENDS DAY

is on Sunday, May 19

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Ephesians 5:32

Luke 23:34

Mark 11:25

REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

Staying Connected

WELCOME! We are happy to have Kelvin Hoover with us this morning. Kelvin works with Orphans Lifeline International, and he will share their mission and ministry during Bible Class today. You will also learn how to be a part of this ministry. If you missed Bible Class and want to learn more, check out their website (orphanslifeline.org).

PICTURE UPDATES! We are taking pictures to update our online church directory. Those pictures will be taken in the north glass door foyer by the wall with the mural. If your picture does not appear in our online directory or needs to be updated, take advantage of this opportunity during April.

GENERATIONS TO COME! Here are many ways you can help with this part of the project. Sign up in the fover to help!

- 1. Move pews out of the auditorium next Sunday
- 2. Move items out of classrooms on Monday, April 29
- 3. Move items back into classrooms on Saturday, May 4
- 4. Move new chairs into the auditorium on Saturday, May 4

YOUTH DAY! Make plans to be here on Sunday, June 2, as we honor the Class of 2024 and our young men lead the morning worship services.

CHURCH CAMP! Josh Ball's week of church camp at North Western Ohio Christian Youth Camp in McCutchenville (south of Tiffin) will take place June 15-22 (staff) and June 16-22 (ages 8-18). To register for our week of church camp, go to (www.nwocyc.org).

ORDINARY PEOPLE! What do you usually think of when you think of the prophets? When I was younger, I envisioned them as men of God who lived a good, normal life. They were like ministers, speaking inspiring messages, followed by handshakes and compliments on a well-done sermon.

That is not the picture the Bible gives us. Unlike the popular, crowd-pleasing prophets, the prophets of Yahweh were often ostracized on the fringes of society. They often had extreme, hard, unusual messages and proclaimed them in unusual ways. They did not have educational training, a tenured professorship, or an impressive pedigree. Their lives were not defined by education or pedigree but by their call from God to proclaim his message fearlessly and faithfully.

Take Amos, for example. He was a common workingman. Later, he tells Amaziah these words in Amos 7:14-15, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to my people, Israel."

God doesn't call extraordinary people. He calls ordinary people to believe in an extraordinary God. Ministry is not reserved for the college trained or for professionals. Jesus says that the "least" in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than John the Baptist, the prophet who served as his forerunner (Luke 7:28). God calls the "least of these" to serve in his kingdom. That is you and I!

-Matt

INFORMATION & EVENTS





DIRECTORY UPDATES—For the next few weeks, if you have never had your picture taken or would like to have an updated photo for our online directory, we will be taking pictures in the north foyer, in front of the rainbow mural, before and after worship.

ORPHANS LIFELINE—This morning, a combined Adult and Teen Class will meet in the Auditorium with guest speaker Kelvin Hoover from Orphans Lifeline. Learn more about this organization at orphanslifeline.org.

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, 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 OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Terry Fawley for details.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Great Chapters of the Bible Russell Howard, Matt Dahm & Roger Hornbaker @ 7 PM in the Auditorium

> **LADIES CLASS** Lessons from Proverbs **Carol Driver & Cindy Lewis** @7 PM in Room 10

HELP HAND OUT APPOINTMENT TICKETS in the Fellowship Hall Tomorrow from 10 AM—Noon and Tuesday or Wednesday from 5-7 PM. Contact Kahlan Sargent to help.

HELP UNLOAD & BOX THE MID-OHIO FOOD on Thursday @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD GIVEAWAY is this Saturday. Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help. Volunteers, please be here by 7:30 AM.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—The Clothing House will be open this Saturday from 9-11 AM.



CHILDREN'S SPRING PARTY—There will be a Children's Ministry Spring Party this Saturday, from 3:00-4:30 PM. All children from preschool age to 5th Grade are invited for a time of food, crafts, and fun. See Ryan or Misty Hoggatt for details.

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

FOR THE RECORD - April 14, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.......76 WEDNESDAY......74 SUNDAY AM......\$6,769.07 SUNDAY PM......\$7,100.00



THE AUDITORIUM WILL BE CLOSED FROM APRIL 29-MAY 4 TO HAVE NEW **CARPETING INSTALLED.**

LOADING...



OUR AUDITORIUM REFRESH IS ALMOST COMPLETE!—Most of the updates have been completed, and now we are to the carpet and chairs! We are going to need the help of many people in this last phase.

PEW REMOVAL—Help is needed next Sunday, from 1:30—6:00 PM to remove all the pews from the Auditorium. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.

CLASSROOM CLEANOUT—Help is needed on Monday, April 29, from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM with removing everything from the classrooms. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to help.

CLASSROOM SETUP—Help is needed on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00—11:30 AM to move all classroom furniture back into its appropriate classroom. Please sign up in the fover if you are willing to help.

CHAIR SETUP—Help is needed on Saturday, May 4, at Noon to move and set up all the new Auditorium chairs. Please sign up in the fover if you are willing to help.



PRAISE, PRAYER, & PASSAGES—Due to the new carpet being installed in the Auditorium we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 1, for singing, prayer, and scripture, instead of our usual Bible Classes.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, May 2, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



CHURCH CAMP WORK WEEKEND-If you are interested in helping at Church Camp the weekend of May 3-5, please sign up in the foyer. See Josh Ball for details.



FRIENDS DAY—Our Spring Friends Day is now on Sunday, May 19. Pick up some cards in the fover and hand them out to your friends and family! Fellowship Meals will be offered at 10:45 and 12:15. Everyone is welcome!



The Minister Search Committee has met several times since February. The committee has completed an online ad and placed it in a Christian publication and a few other websites. The committee has also organized application and interview questions for the candidates. To date, we have received seven inquiries regarding the minister position. Please pray that God will bless us with the right candidate to move forward with for our congregation, who will only strengthen and grow us further.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS