

# Children's Ministry

Hi Everyone!

This is a very special week! First off, today we start our Summer semester of Bible Classes, and that means everyone is moving up a grade for the next year! We have really enjoyed all the interesting discussions that have come up in our Sunday morning class. All of the classes are really great and it only gets better when more people come! I would love to see all the classrooms full every week, it is such a blessing for everyone who comes!

Next, obviously we aren't just promoting the Sunday classes; our Wednesday night summer class is also kicking off in a big way! During the summer we give the Bible Discovery plan a bit of a break and work from another series of lessons. Don't forget to come to the Kick off to Summer Party this Wednesday to hear all about it! What's the Kick off to Summer Party, you ask? Well, I'll tell you: for the first Wednesday of the semester (this week), we meet at the usual time and first recognize and honor the accomplishments that everyone made in Bible Discovery during the school year and visit the Bible Discovery Store... Then, as a way to celebrate the start of Summer break, we have a big pizza party with pizza by Berwick and ice cream by usually something cheap! I know you'll love it! Please plan on coming!

Perhaps the biggest point to be made here is that you can only add to the classes by being there! It's easy to forget that most people in human history would never have been able to even dream of owning a Bible of their own, much fewer have been able to study it without breaking the law or at least facing severe persecution. It's true, we are very blessed to have such easy access to God's word and to have the freedom to meet and discuss these things out loud without fear of punishment! It really is a shame to let any of that opportunity pass you by, so we hope to see you around this Summer!

Talk to you soon,

-Ryan



- KING'S ISLAND TRIP—JUNE 23
- CHURCH CAMP—JUNE 16-22
- HOG ROAST—JULY 21
- VBS—JULY 22-25
- CEDAR POINT TRIP—AUGUST 9
- SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY—SEPTEMBER 10
- MEN'S RETREAT—SEPTEMBER 20-21
- TEEN RETREAT—OCTOBER 4-6

YOUTH DAY—MATTHEW BELLAMY

## UPS AND DOWNS: THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Romans 8:28

### FAVORED \_\_\_\_\_ - WHY?

- Genesis 29:18

Jacob loved \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 30:22

\_\_\_\_\_ - The \_\_\_\_\_ born of Jacob's most \_\_\_\_\_ wife.

### HATED \_\_\_\_\_ - WHY?

1. Their father showed Joseph \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 37:3

2. He was a \_\_\_\_\_

3. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_

### FAITHFUL IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1. Down— \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_

2. Up— \_\_\_\_\_ in charge of his \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 39:2-6

- Genesis 39:6-10

3. Down— \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph

4. Up— Joseph in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 39:21-23

- Acts 4:8-10

5. Last and Biggest Up— Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!

Joseph remained \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 41:51-52

### INSTRUMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph saved \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 50:18-21

- Romans 8:28

- Jeremiah 29:11

1. Joseph gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus gives us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2. Joseph was unfairly \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus was unfairly \_\_\_\_\_

Both meant for \_\_\_\_\_, but God meant for \_\_\_\_\_

3. Joseph became \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus sits at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

4. Joseph did eventually \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ !!

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# Church of CHRIST

June 2, 2024



# WELCOME to Youth Day



# Staying Connected

**YOUTH DAY!** This morning, we are honoring the Class of 2024 during Youth Day. Our young men will be leading the service and our young ladies will be greeting you with a bulletin. We are excited that Matthew Bellamy is preaching this morning. The elders will present our high school graduates with a Bible, and we will share a slide show of them throughout the years. Congratulations to all our seniors as you embark on a new chapter in your life!

**CHURCH CAMP!** Our week of church camp is just 2 weeks away! Register your children (ages 8-20) today ([www.nwocyc.org](http://www.nwocyc.org)). See Josh Ball for more details about this great week!

**VBS!** I hope you have marked Vacation Bible School on your calendars. It will be July 22-25 from 7:00-8:45 PM, and we will have classes for all ages. Our theme will be POWER UP (Mario Brothers), and we will look at four different Bible stories. Look for ways that you can help soon!

**CHURCH INFO!** Each week, we try our best to keep everyone involved while using many different platforms. You receive news and info about church members and events during announcements on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We send a weekly church news email each Monday and then during the week as needed. If you do not receive the emails but would like to, please contact the church office. Russell is on Facebook each morning around 8 AM with Good News to Live By (you can watch that any time). Please take advantage of these areas to stay connected to your church family!

**FOLLOW ME!** In recent years, with the development of social media, the concept of "following" someone has become a part of our electronic language. It is used by Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and many more. "Following," in the internet world, is the idea of showing interest in a person's life, subscribing to an organization's services, or even just being curious about a business' product. "Click" the follow button, and you will receive updates or notifications from that person or organization. In the realm of social media, "following" does not involve a great deal of commitment. A person can "follow" and "unfollow" with just a click of a button.

If we take that concept into the real world of following Jesus, the matter takes on an entirely different meaning. Jesus put it this way in Matthew 16:24, "if any man come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

The obvious challenge to "following" in this verse, as opposed to "following" on our social media platforms is the four small words; "let him deny himself..." Following Jesus requires a person to deny their self. Following Jesus requires seeking the kingdom of God first (Matthew 6:33) instead of seeking my wants and desires first. Denying self and following Jesus requires the same thing from us as it did from Jesus. In Matthew 26:39, Jesus said this to His Father just before the cross, "...nevertheless not as I will, but as You will." You see, "following" Jesus demands much more than just clicking a button. Following Jesus demands the commitment of life!

-Matt



## INFORMATION & EVENTS

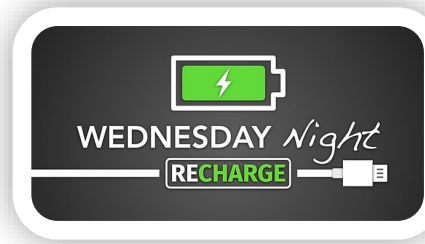


Check with you group leader to see if your group will be meeting today!



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Kathy Isler and her entire family at the passing of her husband and one of our shepherds, Bill Isler. Calling hours are today at the church building from 3:00—7:00 PM and tomorrow from 10:00—11:00 AM, with the funeral to follow at 11:00 AM.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Russell and Diane Howard and their family at the passing of Russell's sister, Janie Whitworth. Her funeral was held yesterday.



**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**



**AMAZING GRAYS**—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 11:30 AM at Payne's Pizza. Sign up in the foyer!



**ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING**—On Wednesday, June 12, 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!



**CHURCH CAMP**—Josh Ball's week of camp for ages 7-20, is set for June 16-22. Register now by going to [nwocyc.org](http://nwocyc.org). Scholarships are still needed for campers. If you would like to help send a child to camp, give your scholarship (\$200) to Josh Ball, Matt Dahm, or James Gary.



**KING'S ISLAND**—An outing to King's Island has been planned for Sunday, June 23. Sign up in the foyer. See Austin Buckland for details.

**PICK UP A JUNE PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER**

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

## FOR THE RECORD - May 26, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	81	WEDNESDAY.....	83
SUNDAY AM.....	260	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$5,134.00
SUNDAY PM.....	n/a	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00

### FROM OUR SHEPHERDS



The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.  
2 Timothy 2:6

This is the time of year when farmers get their fields ready to plant. We have several farmers in our congregation, and they work very hard. Farming is about having perseverance and patience. There are many acres of farmland that need to be tended to, and there is a right time to get these fields ready. Farmers work diligently to plow and plant. The farmer depends on the rain to water his seeds. If the farmer comes back the next day, there will be nothing to show for his hard work. If he comes back in a week, there is still nothing to show for his work. In a month, maybe there might be green sprouts that are starting to break through the ground. Now, when he comes back in six months he will have his harvest. In the end, the farmers rely on God for growth.

Our hearts are a lot about farming. We rely on spiritual growth and faith to show perseverance and patience. Farmers don't sit on their hands through spring and summer, hoping a few crops will appear. No, they work hard to get ready for their harvest. They wait patiently for their crops to take root and grow to maturity. They continually work and wait. This is what we, as Christians, must do. Paul talks in Philippians about how we can take part in the practice of faithfulness that Christ has given us with great confidence that he will bring growth, maturity and steadfastness. To grow in knowledge and love for God, we nourish our souls with truth by reading and meditating on scripture. We can trust in God's process for growth and wait patiently for him to bring what he's promised.

When it comes to our Christian journey we must remain faithful in our lives. We must think like a farmer who works and waits with patience and knows the harvest is sure to come. One day, Jesus will present us before the Father, and what a harvest that will be.

From the Elders

Keith



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, June 26. Contact Terry Fawley for more information.



**VBS PLANNING MEETING**—There will be a VBS planning meeting on Wednesday, June 26, in Room 11 after Bible Class.



**HELP HAND OUT APPOINTMENT TICKETS** in the Fellowship Hall on 6/24, 6/25, or 6/26. Contact Kahlan Sargent to help.

**HELP UNLOAD THE FOOD** on Thursday, June 27 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**HELP BOX THE FOOD** on Thursday, June 27 @ noon in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE FOOD GIVEAWAY** will be this Saturday, June 29. Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help. Volunteers, please be here by 7:30 AM.



**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**—The Clothing House will open from 8 to noon on Saturday, June 29.