

# Children's Ministry

Hi everyone!

I usually try to think of upbeat and happy things to write to you here, and I do believe there is good in positive thinking; after all, the Bible tells us that we should keep our minds on things that are praiseworthy and good. However, there are also times when problems come, and we do much more good by addressing them than trying to ignore what we don't want to think about. So today, I want to attack head-on a very serious problem that has plagued humanity since the beginning – stinky feet. As is so often the case, this issue stems from people reading Bible verses but missing the context. Yes, Peter is a character in the Bible who we generally accept as an authority, and yes, he did say in John 13:8, "You shall never wash my feet!" But you must remember, the Bible does not necessarily PREscribe everything that it DEscribes! In fact, if you keep reading, you see in the very next verse that he changed his mind and even asked for even MORE cleaning! It's so important that we avoid the temptation to "cherry-pick" verses to make them say whatever we want! So, if you notice stink-feet happening to you, don't panic. A good washing is probably all you need! I hope this helps.

As I think about it, that might be a bigger problem even than the stinky feet... A lot of confusion around what God's word means comes from people who read with their minds already made up about what they want it to say. Throughout history and even to this day, people have used little bitty chunks of the Bible to manipulate others. A lot of the supposed 'inconsistencies' in the Bible are really just people trying to squeeze out opinions that never existed. Sometimes, it's just silly examples to get a bulletin article started, but other times, it has been much more damaging. It has led to church division, family breakups, doomsday cults, and even deadly wars. It is not just history's greatest monsters acting this way, as I said, it is a temptation that anyone in the church can fall into. The way we avoid it is to keep an attitude of humility and always see ourselves as constant learners. If something doesn't seem right, it is always ok to dig in deeper and ask any question you have!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

PS – To all the dads out there, HAPPY FATHERS DAY!!! I have a special verse picked out just for the occasion – 3 John 13 says it perfectly!



### THE GIRLS OF ESTHER

Beginning on Monday, July 1, at 6:30 PM, Alexandra Vandeborn will be leading an art class centered around the story of Esther. All girls middle school and high school age are invited to join. Come learn the story of Esther and create art that is inspired by the character and faith of this strong women of the Bible. Sign up in the foyer!

## FATHERS WHO LEAD INTENTIONALLY

I Thessalonians 2:8-12

### EXPRESS \_\_\_\_\_ INTENTIONALLY

P \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Thessalonians 2:8
- Proverbs 12:18

P \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Thessalonians 2:9

A p \_\_\_\_\_.

### EMBRACE \_\_\_\_\_ INTENTIONALLY

Model \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Thessalonians 2:10
- Genesis 18:18-19
- 2 Kings 14:3

Teach \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Thessalonians 2:11
- Ephesians 6:4
- Colossians 3:21

Share your \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Thessalonians 2:9
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9

### \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ INTENTIONALLY

L \_\_\_\_\_ them up.

- I Thessalonians 2:12a

B \_\_\_\_\_ them up.

- I Thessalonians 2:12b
- John 11:19
- I Thessalonians 5:14

P \_\_\_\_\_ them up.

- I Thessalonians 2:12c

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# Church of CHRIST

June 16, 2024

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

**FATHER'S DAY!** Today, we celebrate Father's Day. What a blessing a godly father is to his family. He becomes the impression of what God is like to his children and those images of good or evil, kind or difficult, moody or consistent, benevolent or stingy, selfless or hard to shape. We will never be perfect fathers, but we have the perfect standard, to strive to be like Him (Matthew 5:48). We have a special gift after worship in the foyer for all the fathers that are present today!

**CAMP WEEK!** Our week of church camp at North Western Ohio Christian Youth Camp begins this afternoon for children ages 7-20. If you haven't registered yet but want to come for the week, please go online to [nwocyc.org](http://nwocyc.org) and register before coming to camp. We already have staff with their children at camp getting everything ready for an awesome week! Please pray this week for Josh Ball (as he directs his first week of camp), staff (kitchen, nurse, counselors, maintenance, lifeguards, teachers, crafts), campers, safety, patience, good weather, and for those who will make the decision to put on Christ in baptism. Come visit us at church camp sometime this week! The camp address is 8877 S. Township Road 131, McCutchenville, OH 44844.

**YHWH!** This summer, the theme of church camp is The Character of God. There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God His name. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH. Over time, we've arbitrarily added an 'a' and an 'e' to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels. Scholars and Rabi have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing: YH (inhale) and WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, their first breath, speaks the name of God. A deep sigh calls His name—or a groan or gasp too heavy for mere words. Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God. Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath when God's name is no longer filling their lungs.

So when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name? Being alive means I speak His name constantly. So, can it be heard the loudest when I'm quiet? In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

In fear we hold our breath and must be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down. When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage. When I think about it, breathing is giving Him praise. Even in the hardest moments! This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give Himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive. All of us are always: walking, sleeping, breathing with the name of God on our lips!

**DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP!** On Wednesday, July 3, we will have a special devotional time (everyone) in the Fellowship Hall @ 7 PM. Following our devotional, we will have a time of fellowship with hot dogs and ice cream.

-Matt



## LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE, WE HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR ALL THE FATHERS THAT ARE IN ATTENDANCE TODAY!**



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Keith and Jean Rogers at the passing of Jean's uncle, Weldon Abels, and her aunt, Rosemary Britenbucher.



**CHURCH CAMP**—Josh Ball's week of camp for ages 7-20 starts today! You can still 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 the church office.

**CAMPERS**—Camper check-in is TODAY between 2:00 and 4:30 PM. Please do not arrive earlier than 2:00 PM. If you cannot arrive by 4:30 PM please notify Josh Ball. Check-out will then be on Saturday at 10:30 AM.

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



**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**



**KING'S ISLAND**—An outing to King's Island has been planned for next Sunday, June 23. The group will travel to Northeast Church of Christ in Cincinnati for Bible Study at 9:30 AM & Worship at 10:30 AM before going to the park. Sign up in the foyer. See Austin Buckland for more details.



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, June 26 @ 11:30 AM at the House of Hunan. Contact Terry Fawley for more information.

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

BIBLE CLASS.....	69	WEDNESDAY.....	70
SUNDAY AM.....	291	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,070.02
SUNDAY PM.....	81	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00



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



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—On Thursday, June 27, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



**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.



**DEVO & FELLOWSHIP**—On Wednesday, July 3, everyone is invited to join us for a short devotional in the Fellowship Hall @ 7 PM, followed by a time of fellowship with hot dogs and ice cream.



**VBS VOLUNTEERS**—Volunteers are needed in many areas during our week of VBS. Please look at the bulletin board in the hall way and sign up where you feel like you could help!

