

Children's Ministry

Hi Everyone!

Today, I would like to look with you at the 46th Psalm, verses 6-7:

“The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.”


I imagine you have probably heard a lot of talk lately about wars raging on in the Middle East and in Europe. From the way these events are being reported, many of you might be understandably afraid that this may be the beginning of something very scary for our world. I do not want to belittle the problems that are going on with all of this, but with the way it is being talked about online and on the news, you might think nothing like this has ever happened! The truth, however, is that situations like this are happening almost constantly! In fact, I cannot remember a time in my life when there wasn’t some terrible international crisis going on. Some have been much more serious than others, but all of them have been breathlessly reported by screaming newscasters as though there would never be another happy day on Earth again, and if you get caught up in it, it can be scary. It’s a hard lesson to learn, but it is important to remember that this is being done quite intentionally because news outlets make the most money from stories that terrify people. If they give you too much good news, you are more likely to switch the channel or turn it off completely, so to keep you glued, everything comes from a perspective of impending doom!

Luckily, we can learn from God’s eternal perspective! Even back in the days when the Bible was being written, they needed constant reminders that when the powers of this world seem to be determined to scare us, God is our real king. We have nothing to worry about because even when God’s people are in real-life worst-case scenarios, they are ultimately safe because NO ONE can take away what God has prepared for us!


I absolutely believe you should learn to look out beyond our little corner of the globe, but don’t let it affect your mood so much that you start to forget about how God is taking care of you!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan



THANK YOU—I wish to thank all who send cards, flowers, and visited me during my last episode that I encountered! They all meant so much to me.
Linda Gallina



CONGRATULATIONS to Jay & Lori (Vandeborne) Lawson, who were united in marriage last weekend!

PICK UP A POWER FOR TODAY DEVOTIONAL BOOK IN THE FOYER

POWER UP! IN THIS PLACE...WE WORSHIP! Hebrews 10:19-25

REASONS WHY _____
IS _____ **?** _____
To _____ **the** _____ **of** _____
• Luke 4:16

To _____ **the** _____ **of the** _____
• Acts 2:42; 20:7
• I Corinthians 16:1-2
• Revelation 1:10

The _____ **commands us to** _____ **to worship.**
• Hebrews 10:25
• Genesis 22:5

Worship helps us to _____
• Hebrews 3:13

THROUGH _____ **WE MEET**
WITH _____
The first record _____, **was also**
the _____ **one.**
• Hebrews 12:18-21

We _____ **with the** _____
• Hebrews 12:22, 23

THROUGH _____ **WE MEET**
WITH _____
We meet with the _____ **of our** _____
• Hebrews 12:22-24

We are _____ **with those** _____ **that**
have _____ **before** _____
• Hebrews 12:22-23

We _____ **the** _____
• Hebrews 12:22, 24

THROUGH _____ **WE ARE**
_____ **OF THE** _____
We live in a _____ **world.**
• Hebrews 12:26-28

The _____ **of** _____ **cannot be shaken.**
• Psalm 45:6

The _____ **of** _____ **cannot be shaken.**
• Matthew 24:35
• Isaiah 40:8

The _____ **cannot be shaken.**
• Matthew 16:18

The _____ **of** _____ **cannot be shaken.**
• Hebrews 13:8

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DEVO & FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

AUSTIN BUCKLAND WILL SPEAK ON
"God Bless America"
FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP,
HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND ICE CREAM



REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE

Staying Connected

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

INDEPENDANCE DAY! In 1814, Francis Scott Key had been negotiating the release of an American from the British Fleet. Key was successful and was only allowed to return to his ship, yet not allowed to leave the fleet because he had become familiar with the strength and position of the British units and their intention to launch an attack upon Baltimore. That night he was unable to do anything but watch the bombardment of Fort McHenry. He would write a poem about his experience that night. These lyrics were printed in a local newspaper and set to the tune of an existing song called Anacreon in Heaven. From that would come out national anthem. Because of this, we are very familiar with the first stanza of the song but it actually has three verses. Let me share with you the last verse:

“O thus be it ever when freeman shall stand. Between their lov’d home and the war’s desolation! Blest with vict’ry and peace may the heav’n rescued land. Praise the power that hath made and preserv’d us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just. And this be our motto: ‘In God is our trust.’ And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave. O’er then land of the free and the home of the brave.”

For Francis Scott Key the victory wasn’t about the nation, but the God that saw them through.

This Thursday, as we spend time in celebration and remembrance of our nation let us never forget the words of Psalm 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

VBS! As a child, I loved video games like Pac-Man, Tetris, and Donkey Kong. The 21st century generation doesn’t understand a time when you had to insert a plastic cartridge or disc into your gaming system to get it to play. If you were lucky, the game would begin; otherwise, you would have to take the game cartridge out, blow on it to remove the dust, then place it back in the system just hoping it would work. I can remember playing my “Atari 800” video gaming system so frequently that it made my fingers sore, my palms hurt, and my vision start to blur. These were the days when your opponent had to be a few feet away from you and a few feet away from the television. The only way you could play neighbor on a video game would be if they were sitting right beside you. Now, you can play a fellow gamer in Russia, China, or the North Pole.

Our theme for Vacation Bible School next month is “Power Up!” and it will be based on the game Super Mario Brothers. Our VBS will be July 22-25 from 7:00-8:45 PM. Start registering online at the church web site (www.richlandroadcofc.com). Check out the foyer bulletin board for all the ways that you can help with VBS!

Adults speakers will be:

Monday—David Edmonds—Vandalia, OH

Tuesday—Chuck Forsythe—Xenia, OH

Wednesday—Jeff Darby—Marysville, OH

Thursday—Woody Biggs—Byesville, OH

-Matt



INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Dane & Stephanie Williams and Michael & Kayla Forry and their families at the passing of Stephanie’s daughter and Kayla’s sister, Lindsay Wooten.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Rod & Kim Hensley and their family at the passing of Rod’s brother-in-law, Ron Nelson. His funeral will be held tomorrow in Ada, Ohio.



THE GIRLS OF ESTHER—Tomorrow at 6:30 PM, Alexandra Vandeborne 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!



MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE—There will be a committee meeting tomorrow in Room 11 at 6:30 PM.

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



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—This 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!



DEVO & FELLOWSHIP—This Wednesday, everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall @ 7 PM, for a short devo led by Austin Buckland, followed by a time of fellowship with hot dogs, chips, and ice cream.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 11:30 AM at Bun’s Restaurant in Delaware. Sign up in the foyer!



MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday, July 11, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.

PICK UP A JULY PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER

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

FOR THE RECORD - JUNE 23, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....	n/a	WEDNESDAY.....	76
SUNDAY AM.....	267	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$5,828.00
SUNDAY PM.....	70	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00



HOG ROAST—On Sunday, July 21, at 6 PM, we will kick off VBS with our annual Hog Roast! Make plans to join us for a short devo followed by a time of fellowship with smoked pulled pork. We are asking members to please bring 2 sides and a dessert.



VBS—This year’s week of VBS is set for July 22-25, from 7:00-8:45 each night! Registration is now open; you can register online by scanning this QR Code or by filling out a card in the foyer.



VBS VOLUNTEERS—Volunteers are needed in many areas during our week of VBS. There are several sign-up sheets on the hallway bulletin board where you can sign up to volunteer in any of the following areas:

- Watch the pig as it smokes
- Help pull the meat off the pig
- Be a Group Leader for grades K—12
 - Be a Preschool teacher
 - Be a Preschool helper
- Help at the registration tables
- Help in the kitchen with snacks



COOKIES!!— We need Lots and lots of cookies for our week of VBS, homemade, store-bought, or any kind you can offer. Please place any donated cookies in the kitchen by the beginning of VBS.



VBS ADULT CLASSES—Each night of VBS, an Adult Class will be offered, beginning at 7:25 PM. The speaker lineup is:

Monday – **Dave Edmonds** – Giant Slayer - David
Tuesday – **Chuck Forsythe** – Save the World - Lazarus
Wednesday – **Jeff Darby** – King’s Challenge - Esther
Thursday – **Woody Biggs** – Water Walker - Peter