

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for the Family Camp Out! We had such a great time! We had 50 people participate, but we had plenty of room for more. Make plans to join us next year for camping, tubing, movies and more!

Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped with the School Supply Giveaway. There was a small army packing those bags, and then all the help passing them out! Mark and Mandy Bellamy spent a lot of time ordering and collecting the supplies, our members donated a lot of supplies, and the community was blessed. Great Job!



I have some great news about TEEN RETREAT! Zander McCready will be our guest speaker this year! Zander is one of the ministers from Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio. Zander and his wife, Emily, will be with us for the weekend. Zander will be speaking to us about putting on the full armor of God and preparing for an epic battle. I am excited to have everyone come and enjoy the weekend with us! Now, this is very important; please invite your friends. Yep, friends from school, from sports teams, from chess club, ballet class, work, even the – we wear plaid underwear – club! Teen Retreat is a great opportunity to invite someone you would like to share the gospel with. Have them join us for all the fun, and they will also hear God's word. James Gary is working on an Escape Room. There will be Laser Tag, snacks, fires in the fireplace, football, hot chocolate, and a lot of singing! The cost this year is \$30. Pack your bags and be ready – This will be EPIC!

Our August Food Giveaway will be on Saturday, August 31st. We will pick up the food on Thursday, August 29th, and we will need help organizing and packing boxes at noon on that day. Many families are struggling to buy groceries right now. If you know of a family who needs help, please invite them to come. We would love to help them and show them the love of Jesus!

Happy 18th Birthday to EMILY BALL! This past Friday, Emily turned 18 and is finishing her Senior Year of High School at North Central State College. Be sure to give her a great big hug and wish her a happy birthday!

- Josh Ball

JOHN 3:16 THE GREATEST MOTIVATION: HE LOVES

“For God So Loved the World...”

John 3:16; I John 4:9-10

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

The world _____ “_____”.

- Romans 3:10-17
- Ephesians 4:17-19
- I John 3:1

God's love is _____.

- Matthew 5:46-47
- Romans 2:11

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

God loves us _____.

- Romans 5:8

God loves us because He _____ to!

- Deuteronomy 7:7, 8
- Deuteronomy 23:5
- Hosea 11:1
- Zephaniah 3:17
- Psalm 17:8

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

God's love is an _____ love.

- Jeremiah 31:3

God is in an endless _____ to save you.

God's love will not let you _____!

- Deuteronomy 10:15



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Church of CHRIST

August 18, 2024



Just Between Us

AS THE SUMMER WINDS DOWN, GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS US! Last weekend **Mark** and **Mandy Bellamy** and their helpers recently completed a successful School Supply Giveaway – giving out **215 bags** of supplies. Almost weekly there are new faces in our assemblies. Overall, our weekly giving is historically the best it has ever been! There have been eighteen precious souls who have been baptized into Christ this year! Let us pray that many more will answer the Lord's call to be obedient to Christ in baptism. It is a happy time, for sure, in the life of this church!

NEW SERMON SERIES: JOHN 3:16! People often enjoy discussing who or what is "the greatest" in different areas of life. A new acronym has arisen in light of that: "GOAT," which stands for "Greatest of All Time." The first time I saw that, it was attributed to Tom Brady, who played into his mid-40s and has won more Super Bowls than any other quarterback in history, so he has been labeled "The GOAT." Others have been called "the greatest" of this or that in many different fields, but what about the Bible? What might the greatest verse in the Bible be? What would you say that it is? Poll after poll, survey after survey, consistently says that ONE verse is considered to be the "greatest verse of scripture" in the Bible: John 3:16. Is it really the greatest verse? Greatness, like beauty, might be in the eye of the beholder, but I think you can certainly make a case that it could be the greatest verse. You see it on billboards, signs at sports games and just about everywhere. Whether you know nothing of the Bible or everything in it, it's the best news ever for your life and the lives you touch! John 3:16 is considered the Mount Everest of Scripture. Why? John 3:16 shows us:

- **The greatest motivation - "For God so loved the world ..."**
- **The greatest sacrifice - "That He gave His one and only Son..."**
- **The greatest invitation - "That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

It is unbelievable – that God would love us so much that he chose to rescue us through the gift of His Son, Jesus – while we were unlovable people! John 3:16 offers us the hope of everlasting life – the promise alone should cause us to sing joyfully at the top of our lungs! Make sure to be present every Sunday as we look at this great verse starting today! **He Loves! He Gave! We Believe!**

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS CHURCH. As I move toward my last Sunday as your preacher on September 29, my wife and I have begun the challenging journey of getting rid of old files and reducing my library to half the size! It is very time-consuming because I want to look at all the pictures I have come across of different events through the years and reread the kind letters and notes I have kept from many of you. As I was reflecting on our time here over 34 years, here is a short list of the many things that I love about this church:

- The word of God is honored, upheld, and taught week after week. God's word is never compromised.
 - The focus is on being like Christ.
 - The genuineness of the people. What you see is what you get, and it's encouraging and comforting. There's no pretense here, just real people who love God and love each other.
 - Our leadership. The spirit of unity among our elders, deacons, ministers, and staff.
 - The wealth of talent and biblical knowledge. Observing the growth in individuals who knew very little about the Bible two or three years ago but are now quoting verses back to me.
 - All of our wonderful young people are growing in their faith and using their talents.
 - Watching our young children go to Children's Bible Hour and Jr. Worship. While many churches have no children, we are so blessed with so many of them!
 - All the good works his church has done through the years – mission trips, food, clothing, school supply giveaways, etc.
 - Our Life Groups where deep relationships are formed.
 - The incredible Vacation Bible Schools! I can't decide which one was the best! They were all great!
 - My Christian brothers and sisters that have already gone into eternity.
 - Those that I have known for a long time who have forever impacted my life with your love.
 - Those who are new Christians who are hungry for the Word of God!
 - That my family and I were able to call Richland Road our home!
- Thank you so much for so many blessings! To God be the glory in all that we do!

- Russell

INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

— MEET TODAY —



WE REJOICE with the angels in Heaven that Macie Treisch was baptized into Christ last Saturday! Macie is the daughter of Ron Jr. and granddaughter of Ron & Deb Treisch.



PARKING LOT—Due to bad weather this past Friday, the parking lot will be sealed tomorrow. If you need to be at the building, please stay away from any marked-off areas.

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!



**WEDNESDAY EVENING
ADULT BIBLE CLASS**
Great Chapters of the Bible
@ 7 PM in the Auditorium

LADIES CLASS
Ephesians
@ 7 PM in Room 11



THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY FOR CARPET CLEANING.



FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT—If you would like to participate in the Richland Road Fantasy Football Draft, meet in Room 11 next Sunday at 2:00 PM. See Brian Driver for details.



HELP HAND OUT APPOINTMENT TICKETS in the Fellowship Hall: 8/26, 8/27, and 8/28. Contact Kahlan Sargent to help.

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

FOR THE RECORD - AUGUST 11, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....68	WEDNESDAY.....n/a
SUNDAY AM.....251	CONTRIBUTION.....\$6119.01
SUNDAY PM.....n/a	BUDGET.....\$7,100.00



WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday, August 28, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Terry Fawley for more information.



HELP UNLOAD THE FOOD on Thursday, August 29 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP BOX THE FOOD on Thursday, August 29 @ noon in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD GIVEAWAY will be on Saturday, August 31. 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 during the Food Giveaway.

The Clothing House is accepting donations of clean clothing.



MEN'S RETREAT—The 39th Annual Men's Leadership Retreat will be held Friday, September 20, through Saturday, September 21, at the Round Lake Christian Camp in Lakeville, Ohio. This year's theme is "Fan the Flame." Guest Speakers are Jeff Brown and Anthony Walker, both from the Murfreesboro, TN, area. Sign up in the foyer and pick up a brochure for more information.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday, August 29, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



SAFETY & SECURITY MINISTRY—Ed Nice will now be leading the 1st Service Security team. If you would like to serve on this team, please sign up in the foyer before Sunday, September 1.



BIBLE BOWL—Practice for the 2025 Bible Bowl competition begins on Sunday, September 1, at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Students in grades 3-12 and adults are welcome to participate.



BIBLE DISCOVERY—The first night for the 2024-2025 Bible Discovery classes will be Wednesday, September 4, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a child between the ages of 2 and 5th grade, please sign them up in the foyer! See Ryan or Misty Hoggatt for details.



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—The Emergency Food Pantry is in need of donations of Canned Meat & Peanut Butter

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