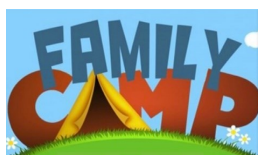


TEEN MINISTRY



Mark your calendars for the Family Campout this coming weekend on August 9th, 10th and 11th. We will camp at Camp Toodik - 7700 Township Road 462, Loudonville, OH 44842. Camping will be free. If you are going to participate in tubing the Mohican River on Saturday morning, you will need to bring \$20. Bring your own food for camping or coordinate with another family. Tents or campers, there are water and electric hookups! We will have Sunday morning worship at our campsite. There is a swimming pool at the campgrounds, and we will also have access to the river at the campground for swimming or fishing. Of course, we will have other games and activities to enjoy as we sit around the campfire. Our group has a private and secluded area just for our use, so come sit around the campfire and roast marshmallows with us!



I am happy to announce that on October 4th, 5th, and 6th, our annual Richland Road Church of Christ Teen Retreat will be at NWOCYC. This year's speaker will be **Zander McCready!** Zander is the youth minister from Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio. Zander is familiar with the camp as he attends Church camp yearly on staff. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be great food, plenty of games, activities, and an awesome bible study on connecting with God all weekend. Invite your friends and family, pack those bags, and come hang out for the weekend!

Mark and Mandy Bellamy are leading our School Supply Giveaway this year, and some help is needed today at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will need volunteers to help pack the backpacks and prepare all the supplies to be handed out this Saturday, August 10th. If you are able to help, please let Mark or Mandy know!

This Wednesday, we will be watching The Chosen, season 4, episode 6! These next three episodes contain some exciting scriptures, and I am excited to review them and discuss them in class. Don't miss the opportunity to participate. This is also a great way to invite friends and family to our Bible discussion and introduce them to the Gospel!

- Josh



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



TEACHERS NEEDED—Teachers are needed for the Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes. If you would be willing to teach the Nursery, and 2-5 year olds classes, please see Ryan Hoggatt.

2024 THEME

*Unchanging Christ
in a
Changing World*

“PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER”

Luke 18:1-8

THE _____
First character _____.

- Luke 18:3

Second character _____.

- Luke 18:2, 4, 5

The _____ **of the** _____.

- Luke 18:1, 6-8

THREE IMPORTANT

DON'T _____ **—** _____
Instead of _____, she moved to _____.

- Luke 18:1

_____ **you face when facing challenging** _____.

- I Peter 5:7
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Hebrews 4:16

DON'T _____ **— PRAY** _____
It is more than being _____.

- Luke 18:8
- I Thessalonians 5:17

Most effective _____.

- Psalm 55:16-17
- I Samuel 1:10-17
- Matthew 26:39-44
- 2 Corinthians 12:8

DON'T _____ **— PRAY** _____
Expect God to _____ **your prayer.**

- James 1:5-7
- I John 5:14-15

God may answer your prayer _____.

- Luke 18:8

God may answer your prayer _____.

- Daniel 10

God may answer your prayer _____.

God may answer your prayer _____.

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August 4, 2024

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THIS SATURDAY

AT 9:00 AM

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



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Just Between Us

"FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD". That is the goal of this congregation through all the seasons and situations of life! We are experiencing some great summer days! For the last few weeks our attendance has once again surpassed the 300 mark on Sunday morning, plus we have been blessed with many visitors from our community and from afar! We rejoice that on Monday, **Levi Bochnak** was baptized into Christ! This afternoon, Mark and Mandy Bellamy are looking for a number of people to help them pack school supplies from 2 PM to 5 PM in the fellowship hall. The **"School Supply Giveaway"** is this coming Saturday at 9:00 AM. We are so blessed to be part of a congregation that is always seeking to do good! Only eternity can measure the good accomplished by this congregation!

The 39th ANNUAL MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT has been set for **September 20 & 21** at Round Lake Camp in Lakeville, Ohio. This year's theme is **"FAN THE FLAME"**. Paul told young Timothy in ***Timothy 1:6-7, "For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God...For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline."*** The phrase **"fan into flame"** means, **"to stir up"** or **"keep at full flame"** and was used of hot coals or embers. There is a need at times for our spiritual fires to be stirred up! This year's speakers are both from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. **Jeff Brown** serves as the minister for the Kingwood Church of Christ. Jeff has been at the Kingwood congregation since November 2015. **Anthony Walker** serves as the minister for the Hwy 231 Church of Christ. Anthony has served the 231 Highway congregations for the past 17 years. Both of these men are compelling speakers, and you will be glad you chose to attend! Brochures and a sign-up sheet are in the foyer. Let's fill the sheet up. Make plans to be present on Friday and Saturday for this tremendous Men's Retreat!

LAST BROADCAST SET FOR THE END OF AUGUST August 30 will be the last broadcasting for the **"Good News to Live By"** Facebook podcast. For nearly four and half years, Monday through Friday, around 8:00 AM, I have tried to record a positive message as well as provide any updates and prayer requests. I began this effort at the very beginning of COVID. I greatly appreciate the help Matt Dahm provided at the very beginning and the many of you who have faithfully listened and commented through the years. Your words of encouragement have kept me going. It is possible that I may start it up again in November or December on my personal Facebook page. Again Thanks!

THE POWER OF STORIES. If you haven't noticed, I love to tell stories while preaching and teaching. I am reminded of the words spoken about Jesus in Mark 4:34, "He did not say anything to them without using a parable." Another translation says, "He never preached without telling stories." When I was growing up, preachers rarely used stories, illustrations, or "parables." I'm not sure why they were not in style for preachers during the middle part of the last century because stories are easier to remember than "truths," "principles," or "formulas." Stories can make the truth clearer and easier to understand. They can even make the truth tastier and a little more palatable. The points of a story can sneak up on people and do its good work before they realize what hit them. When the prophet Nathan was assigned by God to confront King David with the bitter reality of his adultery and subsequent manslaughter to cover it up, he chose to tell the king a story that caused the King to convict himself. If you think about it, the parts of the Bible most people remember are the stories! - **Russell**

INFORMATION & EVENTS



WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Levi Bochnak was baptized into Christ this past Monday. Levi is the grandson of Steve & Carla Bochnak.



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Lauren Baker and her family at the passing of her grandfather, Steven Baker. His service was held on Friday.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Kenzley Davis and her family at the passing of her father, Matt Davis.



PACK SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Help pack school supplies this afternoon from 2:00—5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Mak or Mandy Bellamy for details. Sign up in the foyer!

QUILTING MINISTRY—The Quilting Ministry will meet this 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!



CEDAR POINT TRIP—A Cedar Point has been planned for this Thursday. Sign up in the foyer. See Austin Buckland for more details.



FAMILY CAMPOUT—A family campout has been planned for this coming Friday through Sunday at Camp Toodik in Loudonville. The cost of camping is covered, but you'll need \$20 if you want to go tubing down the Mohican River. Bring your own food or plan with another family. Sign up in the foyer!



SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY—This Saturday at 9:00 AM, while supplies last.

CLOTHING HOUSE—The Clothing House will be open during the School Supply Giveaway.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:30 AM at Lee's Chicken, and then return to the Fellowship Hall to eat. Sign up in the foyer!

GENERATIONS TO COME—The committee will meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 8:00 PM in Room 11. See Todd Buckland for details.

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

FOR THE RECORD - JULY 28, 2024

BIBLE CLASS.....82	WEDNESDAY.....60
SUNDAY AM.....310	CONTRIBUTION.....\$7,003.90
SUNDAY PM.....76	BUDGET.....\$7,100.00

FROM OUR SHEPHERDS



DON'T LET POLITICS DEFINE US AS CHRISTIANS

The political season is upon us. We have three parties who want to lead the future of America, but each in their own way. They have increased their rhetoric of each other. A lot has happened these past couple of weeks, and everyone, including the media, is sharing their opinions.

These are some thoughts that we, as Christians, should pray for guidance about:

1. I wish more Christians would be as vocal about Christianity as they are about politics.
2. I wish Christians who have the zeal to go door-to-door, campaigning for a political party, would have the zeal to go door-to-door, telling people about Jesus.
3. I wish more Christians would be willing to defend the doctrine of Christ the same way they do a political platform and candidate.
4. I wish more Christians were as committed to going to worship service as going to vote.
5. I wish more Christians would realize that heavenly citizenship is far more important than citizenship in the United States.
6. I wish more Christians would find someone sinning more upsetting than someone not voting.

In conclusion, some Christians can be blinded by focusing more on politics than on God. It is so easy to get caught up in politics. Let us pray for our nation. Let us keep our focus on Christ and our eternal home, as we are promised. Let us remember that God is in charge.

Shared thoughts,



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, August 15, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.



FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT—If you would like to participate in the Richland Road Fantasy Football Draft, meet in Room 11 on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 PM. See Brian Driver for details.



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

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.

PICK UP AN AUGUST PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER

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