

CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS

Luke 9:57-62

COMMITMENT

Enthusiastic Disciple: _____

*"I will follow you wherever you go."
- Luke 9:57*

- Ruth 1:16

At the heart of the excuse: _____

Are you willing to _____ the _____?

*"Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.'"
- Luke 9:58*

- Matthew 13:44

COMMITMENT

Reluctant Disciple: _____

*"He said to another, 'Follow me.' But the man said, 'Lord, first let me go bury my father.'"
- Luke 9:59*

At the heart of the excuse: _____

Let The _____ Bury the _____.

*"Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury the dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'"
- Luke 9:60*

- Luke 9:23

COMMITMENT

Divided Disciple: _____

*"Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.'"
- Luke 9:61*

- Genesis 24:55-57
- James 4:8

At the heart of the excuse: _____

Jesus wants "_____ Disciples."

*"Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'"
- Luke 9:62*

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Richland Road
CHURCH
of **CHRIST**

September 22, 2024



Church
Fellowship Meal
Next Sunday @ 12:30 PM

WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASS WILL BE AT THEIR NORMAL TIMES
WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME BACK AT 12:30 PM
FOR A FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN HONOR OF RUSSELL &
HIS RETIREMENT FROM FULL-TIME MINISTRY
MEMBERS, PLEASE BRING A MAIN DISH, SIDE, AND DESSERT

Reaching out to meet your needs through His love

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

Can you believe fall is here? That's right, and **TEEN RETREAT IS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY!** Friday, October 4th, we will be gathering at NWOCYC for our annual teen retreat. I will be there by 5 pm. Registration will begin at 7 pm, with activities to follow. A schedule is posted in the foyer for your viewing pleasure. Now, we have a team of superstars bringing you a great retreat experience this year. First up, Carol Driver and Meaghan Lewis will be bringing the food and serving up some real treats all weekend long. Along with our regular meals, a few snacks are thrown in for fun so we will never be hungry. Next, we have James Gary, who has been working on an escape room for nearly six months. Of course, I cannot give away any clues about the escape room, but I assure you that you will not want to miss the opportunity to challenge the puzzles and escape the danger before time runs out! There will be plenty of group activities and lots of free time to spend with old friends, along with time to make new friends. We have teens coming from at least five different congregations. All this will be working around our guest speaker this year, Zander McCready. Zander and his wife, Emily, will be our guests for the weekend. Zander is a minister from Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio.

Zander will be bringing us a series of lessons about the "Armor of God" from the book of Ephesians. Of all the images meant to encourage believers, one of the most vivid is found in "The Armor of God," a passage written by the Apostle Paul in his book of Ephesians. In it, he names pieces of the actual armor worn by fighting men of the day and repurposes them for use in spiritual warfare. Paul was not the first to use this analogy, so he knew most people could relate to the picture he painted. The urgency in his tone makes it a call to action for all believers, both of his day and ours. This passage is one of my personal favorites! This portrayal of a soldier has taught me practical ways of guarding my faith and resisting the enemy. I'm more able to meet daily challenges while keeping my peace. The "Armor of God" passage is in Ephesians 6:10-20. Paul first compels his readers to stand firm for God, with His strength, not our own. Paul explains that our struggle is less a physical one than a spiritual one against our true enemy, the devil. I am sure you will enjoy studying these passages with us as Zander presents his lesson series.

So, today is the day to invite your friends! My challenge is that each person coming invites at least one friend from school, sports practices, or maybe a family member. Just make the invite! The cost this year will be \$30, and be sure to sign up in the foyer so we know you are coming!

This coming Saturday, September 28th, we will have our Food Giveaway. Kahlan Sargent has been working hard all month ordering the food. The food will be delivered this Friday, September 27th, at 11 am. If you are planning to help pack boxes, please be here by 12:00 pm. There is always plenty of work to do in preparation for Saturday, and many hands make the work lighter, so please plan to join us. Then, on Saturday, we will need plenty of help to send this food out to our neighbors. This is a great way to come and show the love of Jesus to others. Bring your family and friends together to serve others in Christ.

- Josh Ball

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

Sunday Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 AM Bible Study—Sunday—9:45 AM—Wednesday—7:00 PM Life Groups—Sunday—12:00 & 6:00 PM

FOR THE RECORD - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024			
BIBLE CLASS.....	90	WEDNESDAY.....	80
SUNDAY AM.....	281	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,992.83
LIFE GROUPS.....	103	BUDGET.....	\$7,100.00

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Tracey & Melody Lust were baptized into Christ on Thursday!

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—Help hand out appointment tickets on tomorrow, Tuesday, or Wednesday. See Kahlan Sargent to volunteer.

WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at Bob Evans. Contact Terry Fawley for more information.

ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—This Wednesday the Elders and Ministers will meet in Room 11 @ 9:00 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!

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

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—Help unload food this Friday @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Help will then be needed at Noon to box the food. To help with the Giveaway this Saturday, please be here by 7:30 AM.

FOOD GIVEAWAY—A drive-through giveaway will be held this Saturday. Tickets are required to attend.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—The Clothing House will be open this Saturday, September 28, from 8:00 AM—Noon.

Pick up a Power for Today in the Foyer!

Please go to the Fellowship Hall today to sign a special gift we have for Russell's retirement.

RUSSELL'S LAST SUNDAY as our full-time minister, will be next Sunday. We will have a fellowship meal at 12:30 PM that we want to encourage everyone to stay or return for. We ask that you bring a main dish, a side, and a dessert.

TEEN RETREAT—This year's Teen Retreat is planned for October 4th—6th at NWOCYC. The theme this year is the "Armor of God." Cost is \$30. Any adults wanting to serve as chaperones, please see Josh Ball. Students please sign up in the foyer!

AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 11:30 AM at Old 30 BBQ in Bucyrus. Sign up in the foyer!

CHURCH CAMP CELEBRATION—On Saturday, October 12, at NWOCYC, there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony at 3:00 PM for the new Dining Hall. This will be followed by a Spaghetti Dinner at 3:30 PM and Guest Speakers at 5:30 PM at the Fire Circle. The cost for this fundraiser is \$25 per person. See the flyer in the foyer!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
Games

3:30—4:30 PM

Picnic Shelter / Fellowship Hall (bad weather)

Trunk—or—Treat

4:30—5:00 PM

See Ryan & Misty Hoggatt for details!

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY—The Emergency Food Pantry needs donations of Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Meat, and Peanut Butter.