Serving Soon

Volunteers	Next Week Sept 24	Two Weeks Oct 1
Worship Leader	Adam Pugh	Jamie Fee
Opening Prayer	Layne Garringer	Dennis Hilby
Communion	Bill Daufen	Jeff Felzien
Announcements	Jeff Felzien	Jimmy Williamson
Children's Church	Shelly & Caden	Kara & Cindy
Sound Booth	Adam Vencil	ТВТ
Nursery Attendant	ТВТ	ТВТ

Statistics

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Sunday Bible Classes 77	Budget
Sunday Worship126	Contribution \$7,049
Small Group46	

Leadership

Wednesday Classes 56

Elders	Deacons	Ministers
Jeff Eldridge	David Hubbard	Chuck Forsythe
Dick Moore	Kenny Hoyle	Jacob Glaspell
Gary Stidham	Shane Barker	
Jimmy Williamson	Jamie Fee	Office Manager
	Jeff Felzien	Ashley Eldridge

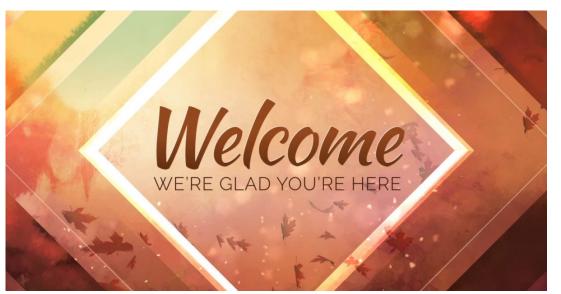
Meeting Times

Sundays	Wednesdays
Sunday Bible Classes 9:30	Bible Classes 7:00
Sunday Worship 10:30	
Sunday Evening 6:00	

Our mission is to bring people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers who demonstrate God's love through service.

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Sunday, September 17, 2023



This Morning

Announcements Jimmy Williamson





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The Ant And The Grasshopper

Bartimaeus sat along the road, calling out, "Alms for the poor! Alms for the blind!" He certainly positioned himself well, along the road that pilgrims take to Jerusalem to worship at the temple. They are in a good frame of mind to do righteous acts on their way to the temple of God.

He becomes really excited when he hears Jesus is among the traveling crowd. He began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:47)!

Mercy is actually a rare word in Mark's gospel. Only one other time is the word used: in 5:19, when Jesus tells the man from whom he had cast out many demons to go tell his family how the Lord had mercy on him.

But, as rare as it is, the word, nevertheless, drives straight to the heart of what Jesus is about – bestowing mercy. Jesus came not because he owed us a favor, but because God is merciful. Jesus himself is merciful.

The Bible uses the term "mercy" as an act of kindness we show to someone who is helpless. We ought to show mercy to a person caught in a bad situation. Thus, we show mercy to the down-and-out, to the weak and small. But mercy is used in another way. Mercy is shown to enemies and the wicked. It is this kind of mercy that God has shown to us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not show mercy because of our promises or our good efforts. He shows mercy because he is merciful. Oddly enough, and yet so wonderful, it is when we acknowledge that we have no hope save in the mercy of our Lord, that we can have the greatest peace and the greatest assurance that we will be heard.

D. Marion Clark

Teen Group

ID Sandoval

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Small Groups

Young Adult

Group Jacob Glaspell Group Jeff Eldridge Gary Stidham 304-917-6912 937-603-4269 937-728-4700 Sundays at 6:00 Sundays at 6:00 Sunday at 6:00 **Building Group** Jimmy Williamson Ladies Group Beavercreek Sharon Felzien 937-776-5021 Group 937-848-7641 Dick Moore Sundays at 6:00 937-609-3530 Sundays at 6:00 Small Group Sundays at 5:00 Gary Forrester 931-993-2080

Beavercreek

Prayer Requests

Dessie Neatherton Cole Garringer
Charlie Lightle Charlie Ayers
Mark Lewis Chris Stewart

College Students

Leah Hoyle Grace Beerbower Boston Begley Nate Strawser A.J Keys Alexis Johnson Jennica Fee Madison Liles Shiloh Drake

News and Events

HOPE RISING NEEDS: Boys' clothing – 18m – 5T Girls' clothing – 2T and 3T, Crib sheets, Baby lotion

MEN'S RETREAT: The Richland Road Church of Christ (Marion, Ohio) is hosting the annual men's retreat September 22-23. It will be at: Round Lake Christian Camp - 114 St. Rd. 3, Lakeville, Ohio 44638. Watch your email for more.

MEN'S GET TOGETHER: September 30th, 9-11am at the home of the Forresters. It will be a morning of fishing, food and fellowship. In an effort to better know one another, please be thinking of a hobby or a passion that you might want to share. Afterwards, some may want to fish while others visit. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Sunday Morning (Auditorium):

Song for Lovers: Chuck

Turn, Turn, Turn: Dennis

When Bad Things Happen: Ken

The Study of Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and

Job

Sunday Morning (Fellowship Hall):

Bible Warfare: How to Defend Your Faith:

Jamie

Wednesday night:

Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Saints: Dick, Jimmy, Jeff, and *Gary*

Wednesday night Ladies Class:

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way by Lysa

TerKeurst: Kelley

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Thursday nights from 5:30-6:30 starting September 7th. See Jacob for link.

FALL RETREAT: Sept 22-24 Dayton Arena Fall Retreat at Fort Hill. Chaperons needed and registration is active on our website.