

Serving Soon	Next Week	Two Weeks
Volunteers	July 19	July 26
Worship Leader	Adam Pugh	Layne Garringer
Opening Prayer	Lenn Moses	Kenny Hoyle
Communion	Dennis Hilby	Dick Moore
Announcements	Dick Moore	Jeff Felzien
Children's Church	Kim & Kara	Kim & Kara
Sound Booth	Jordan Rinard	Kevin Johnson
Nursery Attendant	Laura F & Kelley B	Carol D & Barb D
Ushers	Bill, Jon, Jordan	Brandon, Roger, Scott

Statistics

Attendance
Sunday Bible Classes 66
Sunday Worship 158
Small Group 8
Wednesday Classes30

Budget
Contribution\$9,341

Leadership

Elders	Deacons	Ministers
Jeff Eldridge	David Hubbard	Stephen Walker
Jeff Felzien	Kenny Hoyle	Kevin Johnson
Dick Moore	Shane Barker	
Gary Stidham	Jamie Fee	
	Chuck Forsythe	
	Gary Forrester	
	Mike Wilson	
	Bill Daufen	
		Office Manager
		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, July 12, 2026



This Morning

Welcome/Come To Worship Jamie Fee
He Has Made Me Glad
Prayer Kevin Johnson
Stand Up, For Jesus
Standing On The Promises
Leaning On The Everlasting Arm
Up From The Grave
CommunionLenn Moses
O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Offering
Children's Church Cinda Rinard
Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Sermon Stephen Walker
Trust And Obey
Announcements Gary Stidham



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Holy Humor

“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh.” (Psalm 2:4 NKJV)

Is laughter theologically correct? We rarely think of a knee-slapping, rib-tickling, belly laugh when we think of being spiritual. But is that God’s perspective?

In Umberto Eco’s novel *The Name of the Rose*, a villainous monk named Jorge poisoned anyone who came upon the one book in the monastery library that suggested that God laughed. Jorge feared if the monks thought God laughed, He would become too familiar to them, too common, and they would lose their awe of Him. Jorge probably never considered the idea that laughter is one of the things that sets us apart as made in God’s image.

In *Spiritual Fitness*, Doris Donnelly tells us that humor has two elements: an acceptance of life’s incongruities and the ability to not take ourselves too seriously. The Christian faith is filled with incongruities – the meek inherit the earth, the simple teach wisdom, death leads to life, a virgin gives birth, a king is born in a stable. Many, but not all of life’s incongruities are humorous.

Humor also helps us let go of an exaggerated sense of importance to face the truth about ourselves. Anxiety over our own efforts can obscure what God is doing in our lives. “Lighten up” can be good spiritual advice!

How can we renew our sense of humor?

Be on the lookout for humor. Almost every situation contains some element of humor.

Spend time with people who have a sense of humor – their perspective will be contagious.

Practice laughing. Take a five-to-ten-minute laugh break every day.

You can benefit from laughing. Humor requires a sense of honesty about yourself – without arrogance or false humility. Humor has also been proven to be good for your health. Take time to laugh each day – it is good for the soul as well as the body.

(Taken from [Coffee Break with God](#))

Small Groups

Beavercreek Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Bellbrook/ Sugarcreek Steve Liles 937-689-5725 Sundays 5:00pm	Bellbrook/Xenia Gary Forrester 937-477-3113 JD Sandoval 501-827-0443 Sundays at 5:00pm
Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sundays at 6:00	Building Group Jimmy Williamson 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00	Beavercreek Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00

Prayer Requests

Dave Giuliani	Jerry Booher
Linda Luginbuhl	Naomi Shields
Charlie Lightle	

College Students

Caden Liles	Ethan Byham
Kaitlyn O’Callaghan	Erica Moore
	Bo Frye

News and Events

JULY POTLUCK: July 19 after services. This month’s theme is “Indoor Summer Picnic”. Please bring your favorite summer dish to share!
FHCYC LADIES RETREAT: July 24 & 25. This year’s theme is “Connection Before Correction”, based on the woman at the well. Register at [forthill-cyc.org](#). Any questions see Kelley Beerbower.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY: August 12th, 9am at the building. If you want to donate supplies and backpacks please put them in the bin in the foyer. (Please NO composition notebooks)

MAJI BOXES: Many have asked about MAJI BOXES this year. Because of the busyness with VBS and then the back pack drive in August, we will distribute and fill the Magi Boxes in early September for early mailing. More info will be coming as the time nears.

MEMBER CHURCH EMAILS: If you have placed membership and are not on the church distribution list for mass emails and want to be, please email the office at office@xeniachurch.org

HOPE RISING NEEDS: Baby lotion, Similac 360 formula, Boys 4T/5T Pull-ups Girls 4T/5T Pull-ups, New or gently used boys summer clothing, size 12M - 5T

Summer Quarter Classes

Sunday morning classes:

Fellowship hall, led by Dennis Hilby, Mike Wilson and Jamie Fee, *The Life Of Jesus* (brown table side)

Fellowship hall, Stephen Walker will lead the young adults in a new study through the book of Ephesians as we explore what it means to live faithfully for Christ and grow together in faith and community. Through practical teaching and meaningful discussion, we’ll discover how Paul’s message still speaks to our lives today. (white table side)

Wednesday evening classes:

Romans, led by Jeff Eldridge, Paul’s answer to the most difficult question, How can a just God forgive sinners?

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

KIDS & TEENS: On the first Wednesday of each month, all kids will start the evening with a short worship service (10–15 minutes) led by our teens before classes.

VBS: “I Am The Way”, July 13-16. Enter a galaxy far, far away for an exciting Star Wars themed adventure as we learn the words of Jesus in John 14:6: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Join us for an action-packed week of Bible teaching, games, crafts, and galactic fun for all ages!