

Serving Soon

	Next Week Sept 3	Two Weeks Sept 10
Volunteers		
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Jamie Fee	Layne Garringer
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Len Moses	David Hubbard
<i>Communion</i>	Mike Wilson	Gary Forrester
<i>Announcements</i>	Gary Stidham	Dick Moore
<i>Children's Church</i>	Kim & Kara	Kim & Kara
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Jamie Fee	Evan Liles
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Alisha Meadows	TBT

Statistics

Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes73
 Sunday Worship 156
 Small Group 22
 Wednesday Classes 58

Budget

Contribution \$8,183

Leadership

Elders

Jeff Eldridge
 Dick Moore
 Gary Stidham
 Jimmy Williamson

Deacons

David Hubbard
 Kenny Hoyle
 Shane Barker
 Jamie Fee
 Jeff Felzien

Ministers

Chuck Forsythe
 Jacob Glaspell

Office Manager

Ashley Eldridge

Meeting Times

Sundays

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30
 Sunday Worship 10:30
 Sunday Evening 6:00

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00

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, August 27, 2023



This Morning

Welcome Chuck Forsythe

Worship Leader Jamie Fee

He Has Made Me Glad

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Prayer Jimmy Williamson

Jesus Paid It All

Communion Dick Moore

O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Offering

Children's Church Stidhams

I Will Call Upon The Lord

Sermon Chuck Forsythe

Do You Know My Jesus

Announcements Jeff Felzien



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Why Do Fewer People Believe In God? Part 2

Recently Townhall.com published an article on the decline of faith in America. This is part 2 of a condensed version of the article. Part 1 was in last week's bulletin.

Lyman Stone's (American Enterprise Institute) 2020 analysis of the decline of American religiosity theorizes a, "changing legal and policy environment may be the cause of declining religiosity."

Stone says: "Expansions in government service provision and especially increasingly secularized government control of education significantly drive secularization and can account for virtually the entire increase in secularization around the developed world. It is not educational attainment per se that reduces religiosity, but government control of education."

Writing for National Review, Cameron Hilditch notes that, "Children learn more at school than reading, writing, and arithmetic. They imbibe a whole set of implied assumptions about what's important in life." Hilditch postulates on the impact of an exclusively secular education writing, "... the government-run education system tacitly teaches students religious commitments are not a first-order priority. Faith in God becomes an optional weekend hobby akin to playing tennis or video games."

University of Texas-Austin researcher Charles Stokes examined the relationship between parental religiosity and achievement. "Students whose parents are more religious reap greater educational benefits compared to those students whose parents are less religious," Stokes wrote. "When parent and student participate together in the religious community, the educational payoff is even higher."

It's easy to take potshots at government schools, teacher unions, and the insufferably woke academics who infest higher education. But as adults, we must understand our individual responsibilities. It's incumbent on us to make sure our children are imbued with a sense of importance of both religiosity and academic excellence.

Scott Hogenson, edited

Small Groups

Beavercreek Group Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sunday at 6:00	Teen Group Jacob Glaspell 304-917-6912 Sundays at 6:00
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Ladies Group Sharon Felzien 937-848-7641 Sundays at 6:00	Beavercreek Group Chuck Forsythe 937-689-2350 Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00	Building Group Jimmy William-son 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00
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Prayer Requests

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

Leah Hoyle Grace Beerbower Boston Begley Nate Strawser	Alexis Johnson Jennica Fee Madison Liles
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News and Events

THANK YOU: Thank you to all that helped with the School Supply Giveaway! We helped over 160 local school kids this year!

HOPE RISING NEEDS: New/Gently used swimsuits of all sizes 2T-5T Socks, New/Gently used boy clothing (18 months-5T) New/Gently used girl clothing (2T-3T), New/Gently used crib sheets

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.

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 (PreK-12th) *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.

Bowling Night– Sept. 1st - We will meet at BeaverVu Lanes on Friday evening to bowl together. ALL ARE INVITED! Please let Jacob know if you are planning on attending.