FOR GOOD & GLORY



Welcome to the Newsletter!

For Good and Glory! This is why we exist. Our mission, as a church family, is to grow as mature disciples of Christ who bear fruit *for the good of our community and the glory of God.* As you read this newsletter, I pray you get a glimpse into how LifeSpring is serving within this mission and how God calls us to partner with him in his beautiful kingdom work in our community. Here's what happened in *July and August*.

July and August 2025

Sunday Serve: This summer, we packed 80 duffel bags full of essential and comfort items for children entering foster care. A team from our church also built storage shelves at our local DHHR to house the bags and make them easy to access when needed. This project was truly a community effort. Leadership Mason County donated the duffel bags; church members, community members, and even folks who live hours away purchased the items from our Amazon wish list (totaling nearly \$3000); Ohio Valley Physicians Foundation, River's Health, Farmer's Bank, and Constellium donated funds and items; and our LifeSpring family worked together to pack all the bags. We were astounded by the generosity shown toward this project. Jesus said that whatever we do for our brothers and sisters in need, we do for him. You showed up big for foster children and Jesus in this project, and we are truly grateful. We celebrated all God did through Sunday Serve with a parking lot party, which was fun for all.











Kingdom Kids Fun: Our kids had a fun end of summer, with a water night at Wet and Wild and a pool party at the Knights' house. We love sharing in fun moments together.

Back to School Sunday: Prior to the start of the school year, we set aside time to commission all of our students and school staff in the church and pray a special blessing over their year. We were stunned at how many people stood on the stage, representing a beautiful opportunity to be the light of Jesus in our local schools. We also celebrated Move-Up Sunday with a popcorn party.

Supporting Families: LifeSpring helped two families within our congregation through financial support in times of hardship, meals, prayer, and encouragement. We take very seriously the call to do good by all, especially those within the household of faith (Galatians 6:10), and we appreciate your ongoing generosity that allows us to care for people in times of need.

New Administrative Assistant: This summer, Brianna Decker transitioned out of her position as church administrative assistant, and Deanna Watts began serving in that role.

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We are incredibly thankful for all that Brianna has done for us in this position and are equally grateful for Deanna's willingness to step in and serve our church in ways many will never see.

Camp Cowen 2025

For years, I (Claire) prayed that Camp Cowen would become part of our church culture... not because our kids need more programming, but because it truly is a sacred place —a place where people meet Jesus and grow as his disciples in a community of faith. Sure enough, God heard that prayer. Students started attending, a few at a time, and then the next year they'd take a friend or two, and another student from the church would join in. This year, we sent 25 student campers and 3 adults (Director/Counselors) to Cowen for the summer season!

And YOU paved the way. All summer, the church lifted up these campers and their Cowen experiences in prayer. You also gave generously through fundraisers and private donations to ensure that every student who requested a scholarship, which was over 20 students, received one. Toward the end of summer, when we had a deficit in funds for Cowen scholarships, a family from the church donated an additional \$1,200 to cover the remaining balance. God provides through his faithful people, and we couldn't be more grateful for our church's generosity that makes Cowen possible for so many.

Students came back talking about how much they loved the food, campfire songs, and games. Most importantly, though, students met Jesus. Two of our students made first-time decisions to place their trust in Jesus at camp. At High School 1, I was blown away by how passionately the teenagers worshipped God. There were also several key learning moments, not just from Bible studies but in regular interactions with other students and counselors. The adults who volunteer to serve at camp take their influence seriously, and I loved watching them coach our teens on how to follow Jesus and live in his character in their interactions with others.

Our students weren't the only ones blessed and stretched by camp. Two of our adults served as counselors, and it was a gift to watch God work in their lives, too. Here's what Charen said about her experience at Cowen as a counselor:

The camp provided a wonderful environment centered on faith, fellowship, and fun. I loved how every activity, from worship campfires to team games was designed to help the youth grow spiritually and build meaningful friendships. Being part of their journey and seeing their love for God deepen was truly inspiring.

As a foreigner, I also appreciated how inclusive and warm everyone was, especially my co-counselors. The leadership team made sure I felt part of the team, and I learned so much about teamwork, cultural exchange, and ministry.

I can say our cultures may differ, but **the same God and Holy Spirit move among us**. Across every place and nation, we serve one amazing God. It was indeed an unforgettable experience!

We celebrate the ways God moved at Camp this summer, we look forward to how he will continue to work next summer!



Thank You, LifeSpring!

These ministries are possible because you have chosen to participate in God's good work in our community. Thank you for praying, casting vision, serving, encouraging, and giving financially to support LifeSpring's ministry. I sincerely look forward to how God will continue to work through us, as we surrender to him, *For Good and Glory*!

Your Grateful Co-Laborer in Christ,

Pastor Claire