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October 6, 2024





Have you noticed how so much of the campaign rhetoric and advertisements use fear as the way to motivate you to vote for one person or another? They present their opponents as being the worst possible person to serve in our government, even suggesting that our democracy will be in jeopardy if we elect that particular candidate.

We are about a month away from what some politicians are calling the most important election in history! The trouble is, they tend to say that every four years. Again, they are seeking to make the voters afraid of what might happen if the wrong person or party comes to power.

Like you, I have no way of knowing if any of these claims will turn out to be true or not. In the history of our country, our form of government has withstood some great challenges. Don't forget that one time when several states decided to secede from the Union! But whether or not this country suffers serious harm due to the results of the election is really beside the point. Why? Because, as followers of Christ, we are citizens of another kingdom.

The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are mentioned more than 80 times in the New Testament! Jesus began his ministry declaring that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Christ is the king who rules this kingdom, and we, as His followers, have been brought into this kingdom. Consider Colossians 1:13 (ESV):

He [Jesus Christ] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Presidents and senators will come and go. This earthly kingdom we call the United States may pass away someday. But the heavenly kingdom will never pass away.

But what do I do with these feelings of fear? Consider what Jesus said in Matthew 10:28 (ESV):

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Put your trust in Christ, and He will keep you in His kingdom.

—Brian

Just Between Us

THANK YOU!! Thank you so much for making my "retirement - semi-retirement" so **WONDERFUL!!** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the day so special!! So many church members were present, plus many community people and friends who traveled far and wide to be with us!!! I am a very blessed man! Thank you for the cards, the gifts, and the encouraging words!! Thank you for signing your name and writing notes for me!!! Thank you to the Elders for the gift of goodies for the trip Diane and I are on this month. The food and fellowship were the BEST!!! Thank you, Richland Road, for 34 wonderful years!!!! Matt Dahm will do a great job!! To God be the Glory—Russell

FOR THE RECORD - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

BIBLE CLASS	95	WEDNESDAY	74
SUNDAY AM	385	CONTRIBUTION	\$6,429.52
LIFE GROUPS	n/a	BUDGET	\$7,100.00

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Trisha Ponziani was baptized into Christ on Monday by her husband, Mike Ponziani.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Bob & Teresa Hice and their family at the passing of Bob's father, John Hice.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Marjorie Balch and her family at the passing of her great-granddaughter, Charlotte Marjorie Heimbigner.

DISASTER RELIEF—For the next two Sundays, there will be a box in the foyer for any donations you would like to give towards the Church of Christ Disaster Relief efforts in helping those affected by Hurricane Helene.

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

ELDERS 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!



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
Auditorium—Matt Dahm
The Book of Esther

Room 10—Carol Driver & Cindy Lewis
Biblical Self Care

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.

CHURCH CAMP CELEBRATION—Saturday, at NWOCYC, there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Dining Hall. See the flyer in the foyer!

QUILTING MINISTRY—The ladies of the Quilting Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD GIVEAWAY TICKETS—Appointment tickets will be available to pick up on Monday, October 21 from 10:00 AM—Noon, Tuesday, October 22 from 5:00—7:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 23 from 5:00—7:00 PM.

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—Help unload food Friday, October 25 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Help will then be needed at Noon to box the food. To help with the Giveaway on Saturday, October 26, volunteers need to arrive by 7:30 AM.

FOOD GIVEAWAY—A drive-through giveaway will be held on Saturday, October 26. Tickets are required to attend.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—The Clothing House will be open on Saturday, October 26, from 8:00 AM—Noon.

WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 30, at 11:30 AM. Contact Terry Fawley for more information.

Pick up an October Prayer List in the Foyer!

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