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February 2, 2025



Reaching out to meet your needs through His love

Children's Ministry

Hi Everyone!

How's it going? Last week in the Junior Worship class, the kids learned (from Chancelor, who was covering for me while I was out of town. Thanks, Chancelor!) about the prophet Jeremiah. Amazingly, because of the particular set of lessons we have for that class, that is the only lesson we have scheduled from that book. Since Jeremiah is actually the longest book in the Bible, it seemed appropriate to me that we at least talk about one more moment from there. In chapter 18, God tells Jeremiah to visit the house of a potter and just watch as he works. Unsurprisingly, the potter (who probably felt a little nervous about a famous prophet showing up out of the blue to watch him work and then write about it for people to read for many thousands of years) got the yips and messed up his first try. The guy was a total pro about it, though; he probably gave himself a quick pep talk and managed to pull himself together because, on the second try, he actually turned the same clay into something worth using. Jeremiah then learns that the people of Israel were like the clay, and God was like the potter. God was trying to form them into something good, but the more they resisted, the closer they came to having God crush them and start over!

I can tell you one thing with absolute certainty: one way or another, God's purpose will be fulfilled! We have the same option that the Israelites back then had. We can go along with Him and be worked into that purpose, or we can stiffen against Him and end up getting scraped off onto the floor. I hope I don't need to spend much time here explaining which one you'd rather be. Even if things seem not to be going our way, we need to remember that we are works in progress, and we can trust that in His loving hands, we are being made into something amazing!

Maybe this week, you can get out some non-brand-specific playful dough and try to build something. As you work, think about how God shapes our hearts and lives; keep trusting Him as He shapes you into His special masterpiece!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

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

LIFE GROUPS..........\$7,250.00

OUR HEARTS are saddened at the passing of Dale Philips, who preached here years ago.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Cindi Truitt and her family at the passing of her mother, Susie Parsons.

DISASTER RELIEF—Today is the last day to give towards the California Wildfire relief efforts. Place cash or check in the red box in the foyer. All checks need to be made out to the Richland Road Church of Christ. All money will be sent to the Church of Christ Disaster Response Team in Tipp City, Ohio.

WEDNESDAY EVENING INVITATION TALKS—We need of men willing to do a short invitation talk this Wednesday or Wednesday, February 26. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to speak.

SONG LEADERS—Men, help us get a head start on March's servers list by signing up in the foyer to lead singing for the 1st Service.

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

VBS PLANNING MEETING—A VBS planning meeting will be held this Wednesday in Room 11 after Bible Class.

AMAZING GRAYS—The senior group will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at the House of Hunan at 11:30 AM. After lunch, they will come back to the Outreach Center and listen to a speaker from the Marion Senior Center. Sign up in the foyer!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, February 13, all men are invited to a Bible Study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.

LADIES EVENT—Mark your calendars for a ladies event that is being planned for Saturday, February 15. More information to come.

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—If you would be willing to help hand out Food Giveaway Tickets this month, please see Josh Ball or Kahlan Sargent. We need a few men who would be willing to work on the days from 5-7 PM during these months when it gets dark earlier.

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—Help unload the food on Friday, February 21, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers need to arrive by 7:30 AM on Saturday to help with the Giveaway.

FOOD GIVEAWAY— The Food Giveaway will be held on Saturday, February 22. Appointment tickets are required to attend.

BIBLE BOWL PREVIEW—Plan on joining us on Sunday, February 23, for a Bible Bowl Preview. The Adult and Teen Classes will meet in the Auditorium at 9:45 AM.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BIBLE BOWL WEEKEND: Mints, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Chips, Cookies, Bottled Water, Juice Boxes, Pencils, Note Pads, Travel Kleenex, Chapstick, Small Hand Sanitizer. Please bring these items by Sunday, February 23 and place them in the North Foyer.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS—Teachers are needed for the Spring Quarter Bible Classes beginning on March 2. If you would be willing to teach the Nursery, Ages 2-5, K-2nd Grade, or 3rd-5th Grade, please see Ryan Hoggatt.

THANK YOU—We truly appreciate the use of the church to hold the Service to honor Carol's life and the meal that was provided afterward, which allowed us to spend time with family and friends remembering Carol together. Thank you so much for the beautiful candle-lit decoration that was sent; it is beautiful. We appreciate all your love and support.

The Gleespen Family

Pick up a February Prayer List in the Foyer!