

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR AARON

A massive earthquake shook the ocean floor last night. There's always an awful waiting period after an event like this, as residents in coastal areas prepare for the resulting tsunami waves. Thought they remain unseen until approaching the shoreline, they are a guarantee with an earthquake of this magnitude. The resurrection shook the world. The NT authors often speak of the return of Jesus as an impending thing, something just over the horizon.

The warning is clear, our preparation is simple.

2 Peter 3:10-11

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS

Tax free days are August 1st-14th, which makes it a perfect time to buy school supplies for your individual shoeboxes or for our packing party in November. Items needed: crayons, markers, colored pencils, small composition or small notebooks, scissors and small stuff animals. Please put donations for the packing party in the designated box in the commons.

SENIOR ADULT FALL FEAST DEADLINE 9/7

Tuesday, September 30 @ noon at Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH. Cost is \$29 per person. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Claude Robold and worship will be led by Richard Humhreys. Sign up at the Resource Center by September 7. Checks should be made out to Eaton First Church of God and put in the church offering.

20 SOMETHINGS

It's a great time to be in your 20's!! Our 20 somethings group is meeting each week during the Sunday school hour (9:45am) in room 208 and being led by Logan Clark. If you haven't dropped in to class yet, be sure you do soon. You don't want to miss it!

UPCOMING

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, August 2 | 7:30am
Plan to join our men for great food & fellowship!

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, August 5 | 9am
All senior retirees meet for breakfast at Bob Evans in Eaton.

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers
Tuesday, August 5th, meet at our Senior Center Diner (800 E. St. Clair St., Eaton) @ 5:00pm for Tim Hembree's Elvis Tribute Show. \$5 per person and \$1 per food item available there. You will enjoy this very talented entertainer. The show runs from 6-8:30pm. If you have questions, contact Shirley Clark 937-733-2628. See you there!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | Sunday, August 10 | 2:00pm
All are invited to join us as we worship with those at Greenbriar Nursing Home (501 W. Lexington Rd., Eaton).

BACKYARD SERVICE

Join us as we gather together on August 17th @ 6pm at Randy Bryant's home (635 Wolf Rd., W. Alexandria) for our backyard service. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share for a fellowship time before the service.

Note: If the service is cancelled due to weather, a notice will be put on the church's Facebook and an email sent.

WORSHIP NEWS

WORSHIP MINISTRY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our annual Worship Ministry Volunteers Summer Picnic! This event is for all current and future Worship Ministry volunteers and your families. It will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 5-7pm in the Gym. This is always a great evening of food, fellowship, and games. Mops & Co. is catering the meat, so just bring a side and/or a dessert.

WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSAL

Worship Choir rehearsal will begin again on Wed., August 13 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. I'm really excited to get together again and sing some new songs, some old songs, and some challenging songs all to give glory to The One who gave us voices to sing. If you are in the 7th grade or older, love to sing, and want to join us for either a long-term or short-term commitment, please come! Don't read music? No problem! See Matthew or any of our fine Worship Choir members for more information.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Summer is here, but the days are ticking on, and we are getting ever closer to our Christmas program. It is ALREADY August!!! We are in the throes of writing another original script for our program titled, "Because of Bethlehem" which features a new Christmas collection by Jay Rouse. If you are at all interested in being involved in any way, please let Matthew know.

CENTRAL DISTRICT CAMPMEETING

August 3-10 at the Church of God Campgrounds in Springfield (3251 W. National Rd.). Services nightly @ 7pm along with many other activities. Visit "Central District Campmeeting" on Facebook for more information.

COMMUNITY NEEDS/NEWS

Please put all donations in the appropriate marked container in the Commons.

- Love Packages need donations of Christian materials to send overseas. See container in Commons for list of what they need.
- The food bank is in need of canned vegetables. Please put donations in the container in the commons or go to Walmart.com/sparkgood and search for "The Common Good" and you can see their needs and have items shipped directly to them
- <https://hitfoundation.org/resource-newsletter>. Use this link to download a newsletter listing all the available resources to help individuals in the county.

COMMON GOOD WORK DATES FOR AUGUST

The Common Good purchased a building at 114 N. Cherry St. in Eaton and need your help getting it ready to move into.

Paint & Light Construction Dates:

Saturday, August 16th: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday, August 22nd: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Special Skilled Projects: Dates & times set based on volunteer availability

1. Attach clothing racks onto cement wall
2. Building walls to enclose a utility room
3. Disassembling racks at current location & moving them to the new building
4. Taking down old ceiling tiles and replacing with new

If you are able to help with any of these skilled projects, please contact Jenny McCarty (937-456-6560 or jmc-carty@commongoodpreble.org)

JULY GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
July Online		\$6,921.00	\$40.00	\$510.00
6/29/25		6,871.25	114.00	334.00
7/6/25	148	5,091.71	250.00	155.00
7/13/25		8,997.35	124.00	1,716.00
7/20/25	175	4,475.00	285.00	171.00
7/27/25	175	4,566.00	128.00	397.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,384.46

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2025: \$7,949



EATON FIRST students

you're not the first one to fall asleep!

WELCOME BACK BASH

Wednesday Night Bible Study will be starting back up in September, but before we do, we are going to get together one week early to welcome our incoming 7th graders to the group! We will have games, hot dogs on the grill, and a devotion from our very own senior, Ethan Gregory! So 7th-12th graders, come on out Wednesday, August 27th from 6-7:30 to join in the fun!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Our Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study will be starting the first week of September! If you would like to prepare a meal for our youth group, please see the sign-up sheet in the commons. Or, if you would like to donate money toward the meal, please contact the church office! Thank you so much for taking such good care of our kids!



EATON FIRST KIDS

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday School promotions will be Sunday August 24th in the sanctuary at 9:45am. Following our promotion celebration, kids will join their new teachers in their new classrooms!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Plans are being finalized so watch your bulletins and Facebook for all the details!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS STARTING UP!

Mark your calendars for September 3, 2025 and plan to join us for Wednesday nights this fall! Our Wednesday night program is for kids 3-6th grade. You can register your child at e1cog.com Hope to see you there!!

GET CONNECTED @ e1cog.com

Small groups and Sunday classes offer an opportunity to study the Bible in a smaller, more discussion-based setting. Check our website for more information.