



# MAY NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST** | Saturday, May 2

For all men - 7:30am in the gym for great food & fellowship!

### **KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST** | Tuesday, May 5 @ 9am

All senior retirees meet for breakfast at Bob Evans in Eaton.

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY** | Sunday, May 10

All are invited to join us as we worship with those at Maple Gardens Nursing Home (515 S. Maple St., Eaton) at 2pm.

### **WOW SMALL GROUP** | Widows or Widowers

Saturday, May 23rd at noon meet in our church's east-end parking lot to carpool to Rob's Restaurant in Brookville, Ohio. Afterwards we will meet in our church's commons area for games. If you'd like, bring snacks to share and your own drink. Contact Shirley Clark 937.733.2628 with questions/comments.

### **YOUTH CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER**

The youth are selling homemade cinnamon rolls just in time for Mother's Day! They are \$15 a pan, or you can buy 4 pans and get the 5th one free! See a youth or sign up at the Welcome Center to order by May 3!

### **GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY** | May 17

Join us on Sunday, May 17th as we celebrate our graduates during the morning services along with a donut fellowship between Sunday School & the worship service in the commons. Note: If you (or your child) are graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know!

### **JAMAICA WORK CAMP**

We're organizing a missions trip to Jamaica to assist with hurricane recovery efforts. The trip is planned for July, with exact dates to be announced. The work will focus on roofing and construction, and both skilled and unskilled volunteers are welcome. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Aaron (aaron@e1cog.com) or sign up at the Welcome Center soon! Additional information is also available on the Church of God website: <https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/hurricane-melissa-response-in-jamaica/>

### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

Ladies, mark your calendars! We'll be celebrating Isabella Trader with a Bridal Shower on Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in the commons. She's registered at Amazon, Target, and Crate & Barrel.

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

I'm almost three weeks into a "75 hard" challenge. This involves set of goals to be done without exception for 75 days. Two periods of exercise per day, a strict diet, and dedicated time to read.

It is..... hard.

Two things are making it not just tolerable, but an enjoyable experience. Firstly, I'm doing this alongside a handful of others. Their encouragement and accountability comes to mind when Kristine makes brownies and they just sit on the counter calling my name.

Secondly, I am excited about setting better patterns for my life. There is a kind of momentum that builds up behind the things we do every day. Setting new habits takes time and dedicated effort.

After I finish the book of Matthew, sometime in the summer, I'm preparing a topical series on spiritual disciplines. As part of this I would love to hear from you.

What are the habits of your life that have helped you draw closer to God?

## 2026 GRADUATES

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Sydney Brower - Eaton
- Ethan Gregory - Eaton
- Hunter Rose - National Trail / CTC

### COLLEGE

- Carson Brower, Bellarmine University, Business Admin.

### OPEN HOUSE

- Sydney Brower, May 30th from Noon-4pm at Church.

### GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY—May 17

Graduates—please turn in a picture to the church office along with a note outlining your future plans (college, work, etc. if known) for Grad Sunday.

**VBS IS COMING!!!**

Our Rainforest Falls VBS is coming! June 14-18th from 6-8:30pm. For children ages 2-6th grade.

Be on the lookout in May for our VBS display in the Narthex. You can grab supply slips and find out how you can partner with us. Registration is open at [e1cog.com](http://e1cog.com) and ready for you to sign up your kids. Don't forget to grab some post-cards so your kids can invite their friends to the biggest and most fun event of the summer!!

There will be a bin in the commons to collect plastic rectangular table coverings in different shades of green. We will also be collecting green pool noodles (for our adopt-a-prop Venus fly traps!) and cans of Great foam or any cans of expanding foam. Thank you for all bulk donations so far!



Don't forget to stop by if you are interested in helping us make props and decorations that you can work on at home. We've made it easy and they can be brought in as you finish them up until June 8th of our VBS decorating week! Our VBS team is looking forward to working with you!!

**VBS Work Nights**

- Wednesday May 27 6-8p
- June 8 - 10a-4p
- June 9 - 10a-4p
- June 10 - 10a-2p, 4p-8p
- June 11 - 10a-2p, 4p-8p
- June 12 - 10a-2p, 4p-8p
- June 13 - 10a-?

If you are working in any capacity for VBS or need to be screened to work with kids or youth throughout the year we will be meeting May 31st in the sanctuary at 9am during the Sunday school hour.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS**

On break until September. See you in the fall!! Be sure to watch the church newsletter, bulletin, and Facebook for all the latest kids ministry info.

**APRIL GIVING/ATTENDANCE:**

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
April Online		\$4,990.00		\$460.00
4/5/26	256	11,760.54	54.00	1,100.00
4/12/26	186	3,618.00	44.00	302.00
4/19/26	184	7,722.00	439.00	569.00
4/26/26	168	5,435.95	60.00	650.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 8,381.62  
 Average Weekly Offering Needed 2026: \$8,056

**CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER**

Students AND Parents! Please plan to come out and help make cinnamon rolls! Meet in the kitchen Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> after service to prep ingredients, then we will meet at 6:30pm from May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 7<sup>th</sup> to make them. Please come out and help, especially if you're planning to go to IYC! \*If additional days are needed, we will let you know!\*

**YOUTH OVERNIGHTER**

We will be having a lock-in this month! Bring your friends, snacks and plenty of caffeine! Dates and more information will be announced soon!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our high school and college graduates for their many successes and accomplishments! \*If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please send a photo and your after school plans to Allie: [youth@e1cog.com](mailto:youth@e1cog.com)\*

**IYC MEETING**

If you are planning on going to IYC with us this summer, please stick around after service on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for a meeting in the youth room!

**CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS!**

Our very own Kenn Barton has written six books, including journals, devotionals, poetry, and prayer collections. Visit his website at [www.Barton-Books.com](http://www.Barton-Books.com) to explore his work and purchase copies. You can also browse sample books at the Welcome Center in the Commons.

**LOVE PACKAGES**

Love Packages need donations of Christian materials to send overseas. See container in Commons for list of what they need.

**FOOD BANK NEEDING DONATIONS**

Food Needed: Spaghetti sauce; canned protein (chicken, beef, tuna, beans, beef stew, chili); breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, granola bars); canned soups. Please put all donations in the marked box in the Commons.

**GET CONNECTED @ [e1cog.com](http://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.