

The Heart of the Church: Putting our vision into action!

Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world! In the month of June we discussed how to put our mission and vision into action by these specific steps:

1. Reaching 1% of the unclaimed

Who is your 1%? What specific person are you reaching out to with the love of Jesus?

Who's name can you put in this blank: ______

As each one reaches one we can accomplish our goal of reaching the 1% of "unclaimed" persons in Preble County.

2. Fostering family health and stability

Love is spelled: T.I.M.E. Spend time this week in the following ways:

- Time with God
- Time to talk and share
- Time for fun and joy

3. Being a disciple who makes disciple

The heart and center of our faith and church is following Jesus. Dietrich Bonheffer reminds us that, "Without discipleship Christianity doesn't exist." Here's four ways to better follow Christ:

- OPEN yourself to God's Spirit
- ENGAGE in God's Word
- EXAMINE your life and heart
- PRAY for God's guidance and direction

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UPCOMING

JULY PREACHING SCHEDULE: Mud Run!

Throughout history, God has offered strength to help people persevere through difficult situations. Jesus persevered through death itself to make us right with God. We can have perseverance too, because of what Jesus has done for us. The Bible teaches us that: "But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak." (Isaiah 40:31 NirV)

- 7/7 Keep going because God is with you | Isaiah 40:31 | Hannah Grubbs-Oechsle speaker (Marquette University, Dept. of Theology, PhD Student)
- 7/14 You can choose joy when life gets hard | Acts 16:16-40 | Pastor Jonathan speaking
- 7/21 God can help you let go of what is holding you back | Hebrews 12:1 | Pastor Jonathan speaking
- 7/28 Keep going because of what Jesus did for you | Hebrews 12:2-3 | Pastor Jonathan speaking

KEENAGERS BREAKFAST | Tuesday, July 2 @ 9a

All of our senior retirees are invited to come join us for breakfast at Bob Evans in Eaton.

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, July 6 @ 7:30a Be part of this great breakfast and time of sharing.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | Sunday, July 14 @ 2:30p Greenbriar Nursing Center in Eaton

ALL CHURCH YARD SALE | July 18 & 19 from 9a-4p

The Missions Team will be having a yard sale in the gym to benefit disaster relief efforts through Samaritan's Purse. If you have any items to donate, they can be dropped off:

- Sunday, July 7 & 14 during church services
- Monday—Friday, July 8-12 from 9a-4p
- Monday—Wednesday, July 15-17 from 10:30a-4p If you can donate even an hour or two to help organize & price the items, please volunteer online, at the Resource Center or contact Ros Morey (landrmorey@msn.com, 765-962-7020).

OHIO MEN'S OX ROAST AND RETREAT

Sept. 6-7 at Camp Marengo. Special speaker is Jim Lyons, General Director of Church of God Ministries. \$60 registration until Aug. 15. Golf, fishing, cornhole & horseshoe tournaments are available along with other activities. Register at ohiomensoxroast.org/registration.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are partnering with the Once Around Shop to provide required school supplies for students in need. Our church has been asked to provide: pocket folders, composition notebooks, pink block erasers and back packs. If you are able to donate, please sign up at the resource center. All donations need to be put in the container in the commons by Sunday, July 21.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MINISTRY

We greatly appreciate the time and service that Missy Duffie and the Wednesday night Kitchen crew have invested in making our Wednesday evening meals possible this last year. After leading this ministry for thirteen years Missy is stepping down as the coordinator/point person.

As we move forward we are hoping to find 4-5 persons willing to serve as team coordinators. Our plan is to have a point person for each week overseeing a specific meal once a month (1st Wednesday; 2nd Wednesday; etc.).

If you are interested in helping serve and lead with this ministry, please see MeLeah Perry or Pastor Jonathan.

Lastly, please find an opportunity to express your thanks and appreciation to Missy and our Wednesday night meal ministry crew!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH Wednesday, August 28 | 6:00-7:30pm

Say "so long" to summer and kick off the new school year with this fun-filled event for the whole family! Enjoy a free hot dog cookout, frozen treats, inflatables, and water games for kids and teens.

GET CONNECTED

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Boundaries | Room 205

Feel free to join the group as we learn from each other about how and how much God loves each of us. Led by Ross Brown, Paul Beck & Terry Falldorf.

Common Ground | Room 200

Join us as we study "Love, Sex and Lasting Relationships". In this 10-part DVD series, you'll discover God's way for finding love, staying in love, and growing in intimacy for a lifetime. Led by Matt/Izzy Roberts and Bob/Mindy Brower.

Growing in God's Word | Room 102 | Studying: The gospel of Mark, led by Phyllis Martin.

Men's Sunday School | Room 206 | What it means to be a man: God's design for us in a world full of extremes

Messiah's Misfits | Room 204 | Studying: Angels, led by Bryan Scholl.

Search for Significance | Rm 103 | Studying: Sanctification and living a life of holiness, led by Lynn Morey

Women's Class | Room 207 | Studying: The Daniel Plan, led by Amy Gevedon. All ladies are invited!

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Mondays | 7p in Room 105-107 | This group is studying the book of Numbers, led by Joey Williams.

Tuesdays | 6a in the Commons | This men's group uses our Spring Devotional. Great way to start the day!

Thursdays | 6:30p at home of Gerald/Carolyn Scholl (519 E. Wadsworth) | This group is studying the book of Ezekiel, led by Carolyn Scholl.

Sundays | 6p at home of Murray/Barbi Mann (161 Harry Circle, Eaton) | Our group is following the Sunday morning Sermon Series, led by Jerry Reynolds. All are welcome to join us.

DOWNLOAD OUR UPDATED CHURCH APP

Visit e1cog.com/church-app

We are making some new and exciting additions to our church app. In order to do that, though, everyone will need to do a couple things:

- 1. Please delete our original app from your phone. It is the one titled "My E1COG" with the old church logo (black cross with four colors).
- 2. Visit our website and click "Church App" to download the new, updated app.

With this update, you will now be able to customize notifications you'll receive (general announcements, kids and youth activities, daily scripture reminders, etc.). You can now also interact with the sermon notes and will still be able to access features like the Prayer Wall, listen to past messages, and more.

MISSIONS

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Gift cards can be purchased/ordered in the commons after Sunday School. Purchases benefit missions.

LOVE PACKAGES

To donate Bibles, books, CD's, videos, etc. to send overseas, leave items in the container in the commons.

BIRTHRIGHT OF EATON

You can help by donating your money, time or new/used baby clothes up to 24 months. Stop in @ 212 E. High St. for a tour or to drop off donations.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR LAST MONTH

	A.M. Attn.	Offering	Building Fund	Faith Promise
May Online Offerings		\$1,950.00		\$20.00
6/2	228	\$7,869.35	\$1,254.00	\$369.00
6/9	194	\$5,183.00	\$484.00	\$311.00
6/16	257	\$6,183.00	\$449.00	\$308.00
6/23	188	\$10,600.25	\$779.00	\$206.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$7,946.40 Average Offering Needed: \$10,036.00





ROAR VBS

Another year of Vacation of Bible School has come and gone. It is hard to believe! We had a such a fun week. It was great to see our adults and kids having fun and learning about God's love together.

I can never say thank you enough to everyone that has a hand in making our VBS a successful program year after year. From those that run our preschool and elementary stations, our 5/6 leaders, our 2/3 year old leaders, our kitchen crew, our crew leaders, those that help decorate, those that grab slips and donate items/money and those that have prayed for our leaders and each child that walked through our doors this week. Each one of you are a true blessing to this ministry!!

We had a solid group of 70-80 children each night and over 40 adult volunteers. We are already looking forward to VBS next year. Stay tuned for more info about Rocky Railway!







FAIR PARKING

Fair Parking is almost here! We will be parking cars each night of the fair; July 27th - Aug. 3rd. Make sure you get signed up for shifts soon! You may sign up for as many shifts as you would like. If we don't fill all of our shifts, we will open up the signups for outside help. The shifts are from 4 - 8pm. Sign up on the church website or app.

SUMMER SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Middle School Guys Competitive Game Night | Sunday, July 14th from 6-8pm at the church

Games with prizes and lots of snacks

Middle School and High School Girls Campfire | Saturday, July 20th, 7-9pm

• Come hang out around the campfire at the Grubbs' house. Bring your bathing suit and a snack to share!

High School Guys Dinner and an Escape Room | Sunday, July 21st from 4-8pm

\$20 for escape room and bring money for dinner. Sign up in the commons.

CANOE TRIP COMING SOON

On Sunday, August 11th we will take our annual canoe trip down the Little Miami River! You won't want to miss out on a fun day on the river and a great time with friends! The cost is \$30 and lunch is included. Students may sign up through the church app or website beginning July 7th. Each student must have a signed waiver to attend. All of those participating are required to attend the first service at church that day. We will leave around 10am and return around 4pm. The first 10 students to sign up will receive a \$5 discount!

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:45a SundaySchool 11a Worship Gathering 6p Small Group		Ga Men's Bible Study 9a Keenager's Break- fast				7:30a Men's Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30a Worship Gathering 9:45a SundaySchool 11a Worship Gathering 6p Small Group	6:30p Small Group	Ga Men's Bible Study		6:30p Small Group		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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