

JULY NEWSLETTER

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR AARON

In 1404, King Taejong of Korea fell off his horse. It happens to the best of us. Wanting to avoid embarrassment, he commanded the court historians not to record the event. They did. Even his request to them was written down and faithfully kept.

One factor that lends credibility to a historical document is the inclusion of embarrassing material. A king would not make up a story about falling off his own horse, and so this is more believable than an account of him benching 400 in high school would be.

This same dynamic is a key reason we can trust the Gospels. The disciples were towering figures in the early church. If the gospels were fabrications, there's really no explanation why they are so brutally honest in their depiction of the disciples. There's also the benefit to us, and anyone who has fallen off their horse. These were humans no different than any other, caught up in the wake of the Messiah. And so are we.

UPCOMING

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, July 1 | 9am

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, July 5 | 7:30am

Plan to join our men for great food & fellowship!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | Sunday, July 13 | 2:00pm

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

NC MISSIONS TRIP UPDATE | July 13 - 18

Sunday July 13th (leave after church) returning Saturday the 18th. We will be staying at the Church of God campground at 233 Altapass Church of God Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777. This has hook ups for campers as well as cabins. We will be working alongside the NC Baptists. There are currently 550 homes on their waiting list, so we will have plenty of work to do. Volunteers must be 8th grade or older. There may be opportunities for non-construction related service. There are still spots open if you'd like to go - sign up in the commons!

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers

Thurs. July 17, 5:30 pm. Meet at our church's east-end parking lot to car pool to Fazoli's Restaurant in Richmond for great food & fellowship. Menu: pizza, Italian entrees, wings, subs, salads & desserts.

20 SOMETHINGS NEWS

It's a great time to be in your 20's!! Our 20 somethings group is meeting each week during the Sunday school hour 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!

The 20 Somethings are planning a trip to TopGolf on July 19th. They need 12-13 people to sign up. The cost should be under \$30. Plans will be finalized soon. Plan to attend Sunday school and be apart of the planning and discussion!

BACKYARD SERVICES

Join us as we gather together in July & August for our backyard services. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share for a fellowship time before the service.

- July 20th @ 6:00pm at the home of Terry & June Creech (5289 Bantas Creek Rd., W. Alexandria).
- August 17th @ 6:00pm at the home of Randy Bryant (635 Wolf Rd., W. Alexandria).

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

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:

Pencils (10ct) - 40

Markers (10ct) - 40

Loose Leage College Ruled Paper - 50

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 27.

MEN'S GOLF OUTING

Sign up in the commons to join a golf outing August 8-10 at Eagle Sticks Golf course in Zanesville, Ohio. The cost will be \$384.00 per person. For more info, see Bobby Clark.

10TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Help the Jones family honor a young father's memory and legacy while saving lives by signing up to donate blood at the 10th Annual Vincent Jones Memorial Blood Drive on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm at the church. Go to www.donortime.com or call 937-461-3220 to sign up to donate today! We have LOTS of spots and need your help to fill them, so sign up today to be a #Lifesaver!

OHIO CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2025

The Ohio Christian Men's Fellowship is a Church of God event in which Christian men gather together to grow in their faith, and to meet and fellowship with brothers in Christ. It will be September 5th & 6th at the Camp Lebanon Retreat Center. Speaker: Steve Southards; Worship leader—Casey Liston. Register at ohiocmf.com.

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

COMMON GOOD (FOOD BANK) NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Common Good purchased a building at 114 N. Cherry St. in Eaton and need your help getting it ready to move into. They need help: cleaning, painting/patching walls, small carpentry projects and moving fixtures. The work dates are:

- Friday, July 11 from 12:30p - 4:30p
- Saturday, July 12 from 8:30a - 12:30p
- Thursday, July 17 from 12:30p - 4:30p
- Friday, July 25 from 8:30a - 12:30p
- Saturday, July 26 from 8:30a - 12:30p

If you are able to help, please contact Jenny McCarty to sign up for a work date or for more information. (937-456-6560 or jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org)

NEED HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

If you are in need of help with back packs, school supplies, and new tennis shoes for your Preble County student, the Preble County Back to School Program would like to help. Sign ups start in July at the Common Good. For more info stop in (113 S. Cherry St., Eaton) or call 937-456-6560.

7/14 WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING MARATHON

On July 14th, starting at 7am people all around the world will be meeting at a designated spot to spend an hour reading God’s word aloud. Last year, Darke County participated and this year they would like to include Preble County if a coordinator is found. If you would be willing to coordinate the Bible readings, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

MAY GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
June Online		\$7,596.00	\$450.00	\$615.00
6/1/25		7,629.00	108.00	414.00
6/8/25		8,975.18	104.00	657.00
6/15/25		8,194.28	154.00	224.00
6/22/25		5,464.70	279.00	196.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 9,464.79

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2025: \$7,949

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 has only just begun, but the days are ticking on, and we are getting ever closer to our Christmas program... I know... It’s only July. It is also ALREADY July!!! 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.



**EATON FIRST
KIDS**

Our True North VBS is all wrapped up and many of our decorations, as well as, curriculum are being passed on to another church that will also be passing it along to another church! It is such a good feeling to work in unison with other churches to reach the kids in our area for Jesus. We had a wonderful week at E1cog! We averaged around 70 kids each night but had 93 kids that attended at least 2 nights of VBS. As usual, we had an incredible showing from our church family in the form of crew leaders, station leaders, security, kitchen crew, and people that came to help set up and tear down. The most exciting of course is the way God showed up for us every single night! We saw souls saved and seeds planted. God is so good and all glory is due Him! We are already looking forward to Rainforest Falls for the summer of 2026!

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.