

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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"To know Christ and make Him known"

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### Sunday Schedule

8:30 am
Partners in Prayer

9 am All Ages Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:30 am until 12:30 pm

PASTOR'S HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:30 am until Noon afternoons by appointment



WEDNESDAY YOUTH BEGINS!

this Wednesday at 6 pm

Kick-Off Cook-Out

We will have water games

so dress accordingly!

Youth Fundraiser
Car Wash
September 6th
9 am to 1 pm
in church parking lot





FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS we will be introducing our youth leaders and giving brief bios about them. This week our featured youth advisor is April Petz. This is April's first year as a Youth Leader, and she is excited to get to know our Senior High youth in CYF. She lives in Wauseon with her husband, two sons, and 2 dogs. April is a social worker, and when she isn't working, she stays busy with different activities with her boys. If she has any spare time, she loves anything art-related, spending time with friends,

listening to great music, and trying to find amazing desserts to satisfy her sweet tooth!

## In the Life of our Congregation

**PRAISES:** Sophia Mae Rose Reese has safely arrived! Mommy Patricia and Sophia are doing well. Grandparents Michael and Heather still on Cloud 9!

**CONCERNS:** Jerry Kingsbury, cancer treatments. The underground church in Iran. Barb Couts. Love and compassion for our church. Joy Lammon. Sharry Boyers. Gene Sugg. Resa Frey. Evelyn Engel. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Cleveland Reese. Pray for the remaining hostages taken from Israel. Pray for all innocent people caught in the middle of wars. That God continues to bless America with freedoms and religious liberties. Pray for our troops. Persecuted Christians being hunted and killed in Africa. Bernie Bronsink recovering from fall. Peace and unity for our America. The victims of human trafficking and the courageous people who free those they can find. Larry and Peg Burt. Jim Smith. Elaine Sugg. Pray for Christians in Syria. Ken Bell. Ben—Sharon Krumm's son-in-law, and her daughter Heather—recovering from major heart surgery. LifeWise organizing for their start on September 10. Marian Wilhelm in rehab following knee surgery. Sally Lutz adjusting to her new home. Connie Lynch recovering from shoulder surgery.

**AYDEN:** Paul and Susan Rosenbeck; Lee Zimmerman **ELIZABETH SCOTT COMM:** Vivienne Boyers; Sally Lutz

FAIRLAWN HAVEN: Heath Smith
FOUNTAIN PARK: LaDonna Smith
KINGSBURY PLACE: Diann Roth

OTTERBEIN SENIOR LIFE: Marian Wilhelm

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVERS**

Elder Jayne Ferreira and Sharon Krumm

Worship Leader Joyce Oyer

Diaconate Joyce Summers, captain

Rachael Buenger, Cynthia Vickery

Communion Prep Cynthia Vickery

Video Doug Oyer

Audio Kevin Nelson



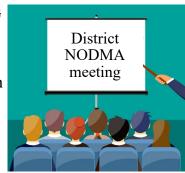
Youth Car Wash September 6<sup>th</sup>

## 9 am to 1 pm in church parking lot

Youth and parent volunteers need to be there at 8 am! We really could use some parents to stay and help out. Pizza provided for all workers. This is a fundraiser for their spring Heritage Trip!

## ALL-CHURCH GATHERING

September 7th at 3 pm
District 1 (NODMA) at
Hampton Park Christian
Church with Rev. Allen
Harris, Regional
Minister and President



#### FCC'S FINANCIAL STATISTICS

budgeted income needed for 2025	\$236,872.00
monthly income needed	\$19,739.34
weekly income needed	\$4,555.24
offering for 08.24.2025 +27.00	\$2,131.75
July's operating expenses	\$20,064.32
July's operating income	\$13,171.72
Deficit	<b>—</b> \$6,892.60
Outreach Giving:	
Educational Scholarships	\$8,000.00
Memorial Fund—parking lot signage	\$3,683.33
Disciple Mission Fund	\$616.00
Local Outreach— housing assistance	\$150.00
Week of Compassion	\$50.00
Reconciliation	\$25.00
LifeWise, Wauseon	\$20.00

YTD Budget Used: 54.46% (3.87% under)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Monday, August 25

3:00 pm WHS Prayer Walk

## Tuesday, August 26

6:30 pm Elders

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off Cook-Out (water games!)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

**Fulton County Fair begins** 

5 pm baked goods auction (Veteran's Pavilion)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

driving handicap carts at the Fair—all spots are filled!

Veterans Day at Fair (11 am Ham & Bean dinner free for veterans in Veterans Pavilion)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 am chapel pray'ers

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Golden Wedding Party (Veterans Pavilion)

5:30 pm Sanctus Real Fair concert Christian music bldg

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

September 1—offices closed for Labor Day; no *Caller* 

September 6— Youth Car Wash

September 7—District 1 (NODMA) at Hampton Park CC

September 10— LifeWise begins at FCC

September 11—CWF meets in fellowship hall at 6:30 pm

September 25—October 7 Sarah's vacation special office

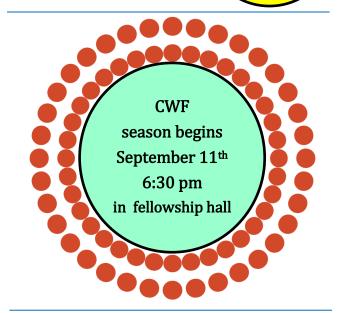
hours 9 am to Noon

According to a Barna study, 75 percent of U.S. adults read the Bible once a week or less. God directs us in II Timothy 2:15 to study His word so we know what it says and what it means. This week's Bible verses are:

Exodus 35:10-36:38 Matthew 27:32-66 Psalm 34:1-10 Proverbs 9:7-8



August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Wednesday Youth Kick-Off Cook-Out Bring a dish to share! Hamburgers & hotdogs are provided.



(Pastor's article continued)

rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil." Frankly, over the last couple of months, there's been too much anxiousness in my life. What I've experienced over the last couple of weeks has been an "exhale", a renewal of faith and trust in God and a renewed sense of gratitude for serving as your Pastor. God is good, all the time.

Thank you still for all the prayers that have been lifted through the last couple of months. We are blessed to share life together.

In Christ, Pastor Michael



EVERY MAN SHOULD EAT AND DRINK, AND ENJOY THE GOOD OF ALL HIS LABOR, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13

## **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

If God doesn't build the house, the builders only build shacks. If God doesn't guard the city, the night watchman might as well nap. It's useless to rise early and go to bed late, and work your worried fingers to the bone. Don't you know he enjoys giving rest to those he loves? Don't you see that children are God's best gift? the fruit of the womb his generous legacy? Like a warrior's fistful of arrows are the children of a vigorous youth. Oh, how blessed are you parents, with your quivers full of children! Your enemies don't stand a chance against you; you'll sweep them right off your doorstep. PSALM 127 (THE MESSAGE)

She's here!! Sophia Mae Rose Reese was born on

Tuesday, August 19th weighing 8 lbs., 14 oz. While

Sophia has had a few extra days in the hospital, she is doing well and should be coming home to her family in the next couple of days. Patricia is doing great, and Cleveland and the boys are so ready to have her home. We are filled with love and joy.

Your care for us along the way also fills us with joy. Heather and I are so grateful for you and the love you have shared as we waited for Sophia's arrival. Thank you again for loving us!

There's so much happening now that we are at the end of August! I hope you will be part of what is happening as we grow in our love for God and share God's love with each other and our neighbors.

I've been reflecting on the more traditional translation of this psalm--"It is in vain that you

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