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"Serving others as we serve Jesus."



Scott McFarland Minister



Keith Jones Family Life Minister

Sunday

Bible Class......9:00 a.m. Worship......10:00 a.m.

Elders

Jeff Bettinger
Bob Burrow
Keith Jones
Duane Landefeld
Brian Rose

Deacons

Ronnie Beardmore Eric Carothers Dan Christman Ned Day Mark Henthorn Shawn Howell Butch Lallathin

Brent McConnell
Jeff Seidler
Howard Spengler
Andrew Stalder
Jesse Stalder
Dan Watkins

July 18, 2021 Week 28

Mary Eddy, Dustin Rose, Mike Antonik (Duane Landefeld's brother-in-law) surgery & recovery, Faye Manges (Harold Lallathin's sister) surgery recovery, Jean Ault Bartilson, Barb Carslund, Clifford Blackstone, Gary Holland, Lois Kenney, Lester Jones (back issues), Kay West, Leah Feasel, Cindy Henthorn, Jerry & Marie Rose.

Please pray for Mike Antonik (Duane Landefeld's brother-in-law) he is having some health issues. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 111 N. Paul Street, Woodsfield, OH 43793.

<u>Those battling cancer</u> — Janie Perrault (Stephanie Gauding's mother), Christine Brown -breast cancer (friend of Gary & Bev Jones), Amy Long Griffin - breast cancer (friend of Debbie Day), Joyce Stimpert (Misty Landefeld's aunt), Rex McConnell (J.D. Wiley's cousin), Nina Christman, Nick Podlasiak, Glenn Kuhn, Dan Watkins, Kimberly Hickenbottom (Jim Hickenbottom's wife)

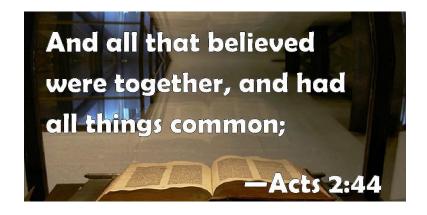
Pregnancies

Lakin Arnold, Whitney Rothacher, Lindsay Stalder—for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

Elder & Deacon Meetings

The Elders will meet today at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

The Deacons will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the main auditorium.



Being Together

This morning, we covered the difficult topic of balancing our online presence with our in person worship. In our world of social media and the internet, it's important that we offer these things as a part of our outreach while at the same time not allowing them to be crutches for ourselves. It's a difficult balance to keep. I believe in the post-COVID world, online options will continue to increase and social isolation will become a big problem, and not just for churches. I think we will see this in other areas of life—work, school, shopping, etc. COVID isn't the cause for all of this, but the accelerant. This type of online life was already going to happen eventually.

In many ways, however, I welcome this challenge. I believe this new development revealed a lot of problems that already existed and we simply didn't realize it. For example, how many of us have subconsciously thought for years that all that is needed for me to "do church" is to be at the building, sing some songs, have communion and listen to a sermon? If that's what we've reduced church to, it's no wonder the online option appeals to so many of us. We have reduced our concept of church to simply being present for a worship service and a sermon.

There's so much that could be said here, but I wanted to leave you with a verse—or part of a verse—that captures the thought for me. In Acts 2, at the end of the chapter, there is a paragraph that describes the activity of the early church. Acts 2:44 says, "And all who believed were together and had all things in common..." Did you catch that? It says all who believed were together. At the risk of making more out of a word or phrase than was originally intended, there is something to our togetherness. There are some things that will never be doable online—we will never give hugs, share stories, read facial expressions, or offer a friendly handshake. As human beings, we desire connection—in person connection. Church is not a worship service, it's PEOPLE. And PEOPLE need connection with each other to support and encourage each other. Online options will continue as an outreach opportunity and a ministry to our shut ins who cannot be with us, but it should never replace our togetherness for those able to come. It can't.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION July 11, 2021	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes Attendance at the building Bible Hour Attendance	104 150
Sunday morning Live feed views Post-Sunday sermon online views	29 53
Wednesday Devotional views Post Wednesday devo online views	15 23
Budget Contribution Tithe.ly app Contribution (06/22-06/28)	\$ 4,959 \$ 4,401 \$ 1,957

J.O.Y. Bus Attendance 07/11/2021

Riders Workers

BIBLE HOUR PowerPoint Schedule

July 18
Kirsten Rouse
July 25
Whitney Rothacher



Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Whitney Rothacher on Saturday, July 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. If you would like to give on a gift please see Linsey Colvin, Chris Christman or Stephanie Gauding.

M.A.G.I Project



In the month of July we are going to have a donation tote in the back of the main auditorium for the M.A.G.I. ministry. Each month we will list a new item we would like to be donated for the M.A.G.I project. In July, we are asking for crayons and coloring books ages 2-7 and we have set a goal to reach 100 boxes of crayons and 100 coloring books. If you would still like to do your own personal M.A.G.I box for a child, we encourage that, please contact the office to pick up a box!

Praise & Harmony Workshop



We will be hosting a Praise & Harmony Workshop with Keith Lancaster, starting Friday, September 17th thru Sunday, September 19th here at the church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, it will be an uplifting time for everyone!