

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 3 : 14 (NASB)

Lately, we’ve heard the phrase, “Back To School” quite a bit. It seems our lives and schedules revolve around school sessions and activities a bit much. Children, teenagers and young adults are resuming their educational endeavors in classrooms, libraries and beyond. Extracurricular activities, such as sports and the arts, along with community and social events, vie for our time and attention. All of these things make for long days and scheduling nightmares. I often wonder to myself, “Why do we put ourselves through it all?”



And then, there’s the phrase itself. “Back To School.” I believe that this terminology puts us in a bad mindset. Isn’t school – no matter what kind of which we are speaking (i.e. elementary, secondary, vocational, collegiate, etc.) – there to help us progress **forward**, rather than **back**? I am of the opinion that in order to put a positive spin on it, we should rather refer to this time of year as “On To the Next Phase,” or “It’s A New Season,” or something of the sort. Going “back” implies covering old territory or rehashing the same old same old. I remember some classmates who, after having a particularly rough time in a certain grade or semester, lived in absolute fear and dreaded the return to school. They were anticipating more of the same harsh realities they just barely survived the previous term.



Trust me, I understand that we all desire that our children and grandchildren have successful, enjoyable, and memorable times while they grow in all aspects of their lives. We

want them to be happy, balanced, safe and prosperous. We want them to learn how to be socially involved, academically inclined, physically fit, mentally stable, and, most importantly, spiritually mature. But, does that happen by going **back**? The Apostle Paul would say, “No!” He challenged his friends in Philippi to go **forward**. Paul, himself, was a forward thinker ... and doer. He claimed that he was of the mindset to “press on toward the goal” of the high calling of God. He said that he forgot about the past, because he was no longer identified by his past mistakes, desires, or accomplishments. He simply focused on the future and what was ahead of him. That was where Jesus was taking him, and he didn’t want to miss out on a single thing.



The same is true for us. We can no longer allow the past to rule over us. We must live for the future because that is where Christ wants to take us. There is a prize waiting for us. It is found in the upward call of God. We need to press on and move ahead. We cannot afford to become stagnated or stuck where we are. All too often, believers get to a place where it is “comfortable” and remain there. After a while, that place becomes a detriment to our spiritual condition. It becomes easy to stay there and look to the past; to remember the “good old days.” The best days are yet to come! We cannot allow ourselves to be fooled into believing that we’ve already been through the best of times. A bright and glorious future awaits us. Jesus has wonderful plans for us. Now is the time to move ahead.

Pastor Pete





Church Leadership Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024
at 6:30 PM
in the Fellowship Room

Please plan to attend this monthly meeting if you are part of the Leadership Team.



Monday, September 9th
Leaving the church at
12:00 PM.
Olive Garden
In Chillicothe

There is a sign-up sheet on the information table at the church if you think you might come!

Have any Questions? Contact Mary Maple at (740) 464-0628



- 1 — Kenna Renn
- 2 — Sarah Livingston
- 4 — Joey Preston
- 6 — Brooke Bauer McNutt
- 6 — Sophia Terry
- 8 — April Skaggs
- 12 — Peggy Weghorst
- 15 — John Hill
- 19 — Sondi Conley
- 20 — Melissa Lucas
- 20 — Amber Dicus
- 21 — Anna Davis
- 23 — Emma Kingrey
- 24 — Kelsey Book
- 24 — Morgan Wartluft
- 24 — Brennan Bauer
- 28 — Grace Lucas
- 28 — Bobbie Jo Bricker
- 28 — Mitchell Irwin



September

- 2 — Jim & Barb Richter
- 6 — Brock & Jennie Entler
- 8 — Ryan & Kara Stump
- 9 — Chris & Laura Lyon
- 10 — Mark & Rhonda Hammond
- 16 — Tim & Angie Renn
- 20 — Brandon & Jennifer Entler
- 27 — Mike & Barb Warner

Bible Study



Resumes on
Wednesday,
September 4th
at 7:00 PM
in the
Sanctuary.



Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Page 62: New address for Bill & Barb Schilling, 10385 Millers Fork Rd, Lewisburg, OH 45338

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

you are invited to

the wedding of

JOSH HOLSINGER

and

EMILY HAMMOND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

2:30PM

WINGS OF HEALING WORSHIP CENTER
129 Teagarden Rd. West Portsmouth, OH
45663

reception to follow

*The big shelter house at
Earl Thomas Conley Park*



DETAILS

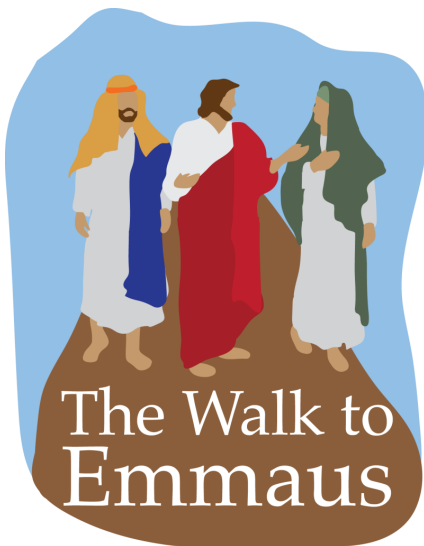
For more information, check out our website or our Facebook event for RSVP, hotel accommodations and more information.

theknot.com/emilyhammondandjoshholsinger

RSVP

If you plan to attend, please RSVP Rhonda Hammond at 740-935-4821 by September 10, 2024. Thank you!!

Have You Considered The Walk To Emmaus?



The “Walk To Emmaus” is a 72 hour spiritual retreat, designed to help develop leadership and Christian maturity in people who take following Jesus as a serious matter. This weekend event is held locally at Cornerstone Global Methodist Church in Ashland, KY. Walks are segregated by gender. Men attend only with other men, and women attend with other women. Each Walk is specifically detailed and structured to help the participants have a “once in a lifetime” experience with the Lord and the family of God. Emmaus weekends are bathed in prayer, and are staffed with teams who know their roles and abide by a scripturally-based program. The Emmaus movement began in the United States in 1968 in Peoria, IL. It has grown exponentially throughout the country and around the world. While the Walk To Emmaus has its roots in the UMC, it is interdenominational and welcomes all. If you would like to hear more

about an Emmaus weekend, please contact Pastor Pete and/or Trish Shaffer, or one of the many others at Nauvoo GMC who have attended a Walk. Fall Walks are scheduled and are filling up fast. NOW is the time to get your application in!

Men’s Walk – October 10-13 and Women’s Walk – October 24-27.



2024 Walk for Life

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
1112 GALLIA STREET
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662

*STARTS AT THE
CAROUSEL CENTER*

REGISTRATION
STARTS AT
8:30 A.M.

FREE
REGISTRATION

*WALK BEGINS AT
9:00 A.M.*

REGISTER ONLINE, BY MAIL, OR IN PERSON BY JULY 27TH TO
RECEIVE A **FREE T-SHIRT!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
740-354-2273

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**PATRIOT DAY
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**PEANUT DAY
GYRO DAY
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FAMILY DAY
GREENPEACE DAY
SCARF DAY**

**VFW DAY
RHINO DAY
RESPECT DAY
SKYSCRAPER DAY
TV DINNER DAY
SUDOKU DAY
COFFEE DAY**



OFFERINGS

August 4	\$5,410.00
August 11	\$3,370.00
August 18	\$2,876.68
August 25	\$2,611.62

ATTENDANCE

August 4	66
August 11	66
August 18	79
August 25	67



With Thanks

Nauvoo Congregation,

Thank All for helping us Celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary at our Surprise Reception!

We Love each of you and Treasure our Friendship and Fellowship!

Love, *Butch and Diann*

Thank you for the gracious reception extended to me on Sunday, July 14, 2024, when I was privileged to present the Gideon Ministry. It was a joy for me to be a part of your worship service. Our ministry would not be successful were it not for people like you who allow us to share in your church.

On behalf of the Gideons of Scioto County West Camp and the Gideon's International, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and your congregation for your generous support of the Gideon work. The combined offering, which was given in the amount of \$708.00 is tangible evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. This will enable 462 Bibles and/or New Testaments to be purchased and placed. We can pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these scriptures being distributed.

We especially appreciate your PRAYERFUL support for this ministry. Thank you again for the privilege of representing the Gideons International in your church.

Because of Christ, *Mike Lovenguth*

SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS

#IlovePsalms

Hello September,
Thanks for the reminder
that change
can be beautiful!

God is in control.
Angels have been
assigned to our case.
His miracle is coming.
Do not worry and Do
not give up!

Leadership Team Meeting Highlights for Monday, August 12, 2024

Attendance (8): Pastor Pete Shaffer, Tim Renn, Rhonda Hammond, Butch Cook, Jamie Prater, Brock Entler, Donnie Richards, and Linda Horner.

TREASURER REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$59,322.33
Offerings: 17,298.13
Expenses: (14,356.05)
\$62,264.41
Ending Balance Offerings under by \$819.17 per week

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Pete Shaffer

Road to Bethlehem Meeting at Oldtown on August 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Cluster Meeting on September 9, 2024 at VUMC at 12:00 PM

Terri Cash wants to get her Mozambique Mission under the umbrella of the GMC. Pete talked to Dennis about it and he seemed very excited to have this happen. He asked Pete if she was a member of the GMC and she is not, however, she is very willing to transfer to the GMC. Going to see about what can be done to get this done soon. Currently she is under Mission Africa and she has to reapply every 2 years to get to star in Africa. If she can get under the GMC she will not have to reapply every 2 years.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Brock Entler

We have the TV's for the sanctuary. Have to install receptacles and then we can get them installed.

Hopefully start the lift installation in early September.

Parking lot has been cleaned up by Scott Bauer. Thank you. The Township Trustees will fill in the hole that is in the alley and then they will put some concrete bumper blocks on the side of the alley so that will mark our parking lot from the alley and the apartment building will not be able to park in our lot. The alley is going to be opened up again.

Once the gravel has been moved from our parking lot, then Scott will bring in grindings for our gravel lot.

AUDIO/VISUAL REPORT: Donnie Richards

The right speaker in the sanctuary was not working, so they had to call someone in to fix it. They came and fixed it and also said that one of our Amps was going bad. We can do away with it and rely on the other Amp, however that Amp is the same age as the one going bad, so who knows how long it will last. We are going to baby along the current Amp and Donnie is going to get price quotes on replacing them and we will address it after we get the prices.

Some wiring needs to be replaced and this is in addition to having the TV's installed.

Donnie would like to get other people trained on using the new systems. We need volunteers to learn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concession stand volunteers. Mike said we had plenty step up to do this outreach.

Tim closed the meeting. Pete said the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM



Meeting
on Saturday,
September 28th
at 9:30 AM at
Oldtown Church
For more information,
see Pastor Pete

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