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# THE LIVING GRACE NEWSLETTER

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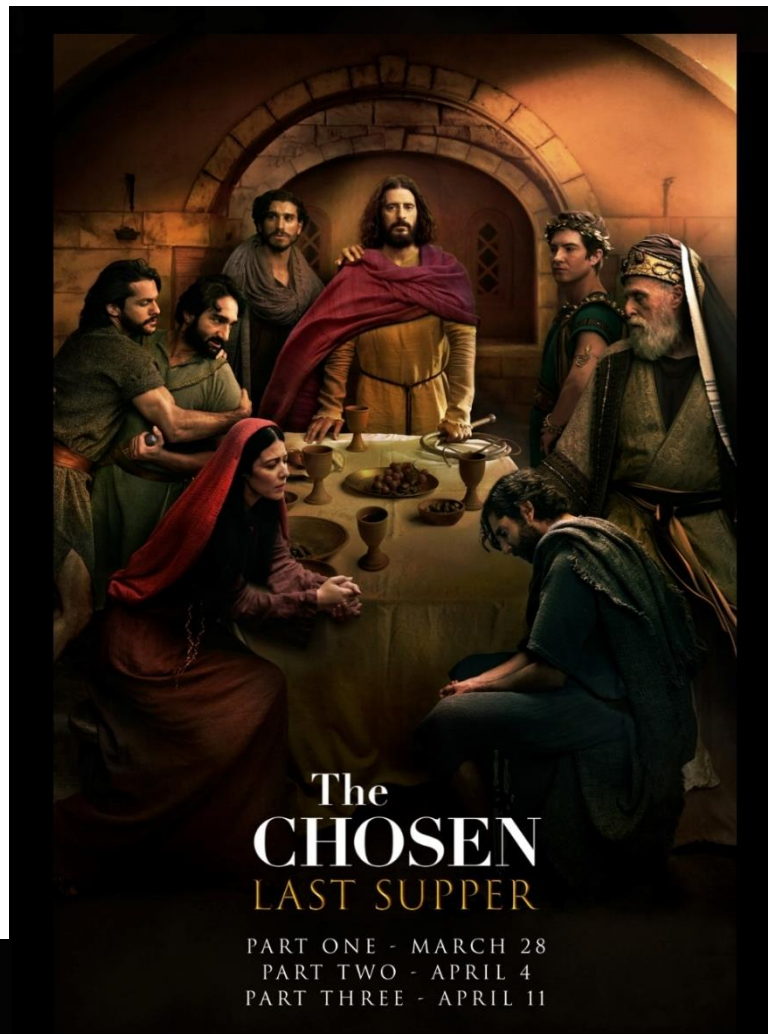
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Information about the next season of The Chosen!!!!



In the US and Canada, The Chosen: Last Supper is the entire 5th season of The Chosen, told in three parts. Part One (Episodes 1&2 ) begins in theaters March 28th. Part Two (Episodes 3, 4, 5) begins April 4th. Part Three (Episodes 6, 7, 8) begins April 11th. Once released, all three parts will remain in theaters for the duration of the theatrical run.



# The Bulletin Board

## Fairless Food Cupboard

The Fairless Food Cupboard is always taking donations of any nonperishable items, but for the month of March we are focusing on baked beans and dish washing detergent, as well as any nonperishable food items.

## Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of March, we are asking for quality craft kits, toy kits and bead/bracelet making kits. It is unbelievable how many boxes we were able to do last year and it is all thanks you all! We hope to do even more in 2025!

Thank you!!

## An Hour of Prayer

The prayer group meets on Thursday at 10:00am. Together, we share scriptures, devotions, joys, concerns, and experiences. We laugh, cry and sometimes even sing together! More important, as we pray, we are growing in a closer relationship with God and as a family in the body of Christ. Please join us, and experience God's grace together. We hope you are able to join us!!!!

## Communion Schedule

Below is the Communion Steward Schedule for 2025.

3/30 – TaJuana West  
4/27 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
5/25 – TaJuana West  
6/29 – Ashley Lynch  
7/27 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
8/31 – TaJuana West  
9/28 – Ashley Lynch  
10/26 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
11/30 – TaJuana West  
12/24 – Ashley Lynch  
12/28 – Russ & Arbie Mathias

(Please contact Ashley Lynch if you need to reschedule)

## The Widow's Ministry

The Widow's Ministry is in the start up phase of serving so if you or anyone you know is in need of any kind of help please contact Tim Mihal or the church office. This could be anything as simple as grocery pick up, raking leaves, seasonal decorating to the big things like housework, laundry, home projects or repairs. Please let us know if we can be of service to anyone.

## Upcoming Church Events

- March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Potluck with bible trivia.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> = packing of rice packets for missions 10am-2pm

## Garage Sale

Our church will be participating in the Navarre Garage Sale again this year. It is time to declutter, spring clean and find a home for your "stuff". Navarre Garage Sale days are May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. More details to come but please start collecting your items to be brought into the church! Thanks everyone!!!

## Women's Study

Please make sure to join us every other Tuesday for our women's bible study! 18 and over please. Come join us any time, you don't have to have been with us from the start to join!

**Wednesday Night Reset** is still going strong. The meals will continue through the end of March and will finish with a pizza party on Wednesday, **March 26th at 5:30**. Although the meals will end on March 26th, we will continue WNR and have the nursery, K-5th grade in Smith Hall, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study **every** Wednesday from 6-7pm through Spring. In order to keep this going smoothly, we need YOU! We are really looking for helpers in the nursery each Wednesday from 6-7pm. Here is an electronic sign up form, if you are interested in serving this way. If there are any questions, please reach out to me at church, by phone or email! Thank you for ALL you do.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13b1Gd2\\_7TMUeCOamk1xDtKT2whmKGrgEWNJVFLcZtsw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13b1Gd2_7TMUeCOamk1xDtKT2whmKGrgEWNJVFLcZtsw/edit?usp=sharing)

## Wednesday Night Reset

**5:30-6:00** -Dinner in Nydegger Hall  
(March 26th is the last dinner we will serve)

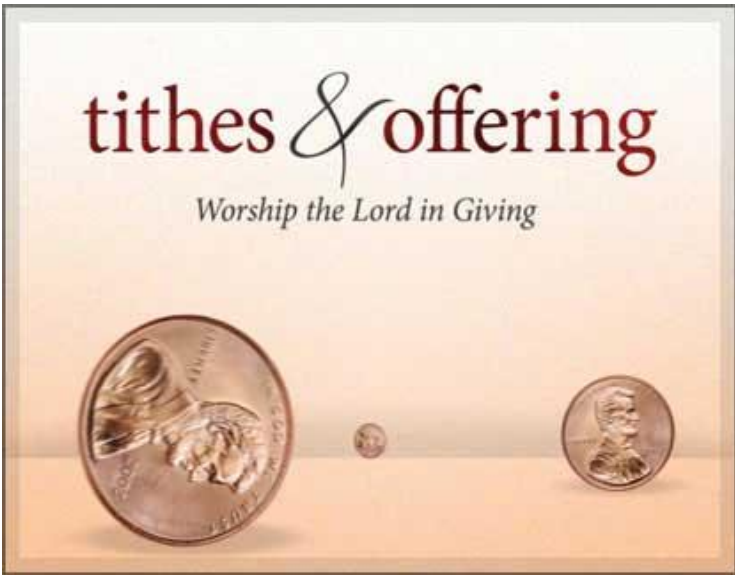
**6:00-7:00** - Nursery 0-4 years old

KIDZ J.A.M. K-5th

Group412 6th-12th

*The Chosen/* Adult Bible Study

**7:00-7:45** - Bell Choir



**Those Serving our church in March.....**

**March Media Technicians**  
 3/2 Tyler L.                      3/9 Hunter Miller  
 3/16 David Denney            3/23 Jason Everhart  
 3/30 Tyler L.

**March Door Watch**  
 3/2 Judy Werstler              3/9 Tyler Lautzenheiser  
 3/16 Morris Chaney          3/23 Justin Bender  
 3/30 Donna Wendell

**March Door Watch (Wed. Night)**  
 3/5 Ray Geroge                3/12 Russ Mathias  
 3/19 Persephone L.          3/26 Paul Werstler

**March Scripture Reader**  
 3/2 Ken Jones                  3/9 Sharon Leib  
 3/16 Russ Mathias            3/23 ???  
 3/30 Russ Mathias

**March Kidz Church Helpers**  
 3/2        3/9  
 3/16     3/23  
 3/30

**March Sunday School Teachers**  
 K – 2: Sarah Hess              3 – 4: Nicole Denney  
 5 – 8: Tim Mihal                High School: Sherri Kandel  
 Adult class: Pastor Carl    Nursery: N/A

**March Greeter – Trudy & Lucas Kukuk**

**March Ushers – Persephone L. Mike Huntsman, Josh Stacy (alt. Ken J.)**

**March Card Ministry – Rosi Jones**

**March Communion Stewards – TaJuana West**

**Stewardship Report...**

Date	2/2/25	Date	2/9/25
Attendance	P- 122 OL- 51	Attendance	P- 109 OL - 42
Offering	\$5,322.61	Offering	\$3,850.94
Date	2/16/24	Date	2/23/24
Attendance	P- 88 OL- 53	Attendance	P - 102 OL- 46
Offering	\$4,380.64	Offering	\$
Total Operating Expenses:		\$ 209,560.00	
Finances Needed Per Week:		\$ 4,352.45	

Special thanks to Cadyn & Jenna McKelvey who do our church sign out front. Jen Troyer & Nicole Denney who do all the bulletin boards in the church. You all do a **WONDERFUL JOB!!**

Weekly Sermons can be accessed on our Facebook page as well as the church YouTube channel.

# missions

our backyard and beyond



We had another great year for the St Pauly Used Clothing Shed!

- 18,236 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed in 2024.
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 3,359 people from all over the world.
  - Our church received \$729 for our effort.
- Donations not accepted at the shed, including such items as cook ware and home décor items, have been donated to the church's yard sale.

The St Pauly shed accepts all used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, and stuffed toys. **Sorry, no pillows!** Please place donations in plastic bags to help keep donations dry.

### Why Donate?

- Reduce waste in landfills
- Clothing is used world wide
- Donations are tax deductible

For Operation Christmas Child in March we are suggesting personal hygiene products such as combs, toothbrushes, and wash cloths. No bars of soap or tooth paste please. Donations of toys, school supplies, craft kits, school supplies, coloring books, crayons, etc. are always accepted.

For the Fairless Food Cupboard we are suggesting baked beans and dish detergent. Any non perishable food items, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products are always welcomed.

The 2025 mission trip to Oak Hill, WV has 10 volunteers going. The cost is \$250 for each volunteer and donations are accepted to help pay their fees.

Thank you for your continued support!



**BE AN EXAMPLE**

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.  
1 Timothy 4:12*

**LIVING GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY**

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We are so thankful for everyone and their support of schedule change / shift to Wednesday nights. We have truly enjoyed connecting with the kids on a weekly basis!

We finished our latest Bible study called 'Redeem the Screen' and our teaching series called The Hills (understanding what it means to be the light of the world). We started a new Bible study called 'Unashamed' by Lecrae, a study regarding Living Out Loud for Christ. Our next teaching series will start soon and is about the power of forgiveness (details below).

**News & Important Reminders:**

- We will not have Youth Group on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a game night on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8pm.
- We are going to Alive Music Festival from July 17-19th. If you are interested in attending, please let Gabe/Trudy know.
- The 2024/2025 Health & Permission form is now available. To access, select the following link: [Health & Permission](#)

**Teaching Series Overview:**

**TITLE:** Give & Take

**SERIES BOTTOM LINE:** This series emphasizes the power of forgiveness to build authentic faith, make wise choices, and have healthy relationships.

**SESSION 1:** You can forgive.

**SESSION 2:** Forgive like you've been forgiven.

**SESSION 3:** Forgiveness takes time.

Be sure to stay updated with all our resources (website, GroupMe, Bulletin Board, Youth white board). To join the GroupMe communication app, click the link: [Join GroupMe](#)

A graphic titled "GROUP412 SNAPSHOT" is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled "ANNOUNCEMENTS", has a green background and contains three white rounded rectangles with text: "We will not have Youth Group on Wednesday March 5th", "On Friday April 4th from 5-8pm we will have a game night at the church, dinner provided.", and "Easter Sunday is April 20th". The right section, titled "MARCH" and "APRIL", has a light beige background and lists dates and times for Youth Group sessions. The "MARCH" section lists Wed. (3/12), Wed. (3/19), and Wed. (3/26), all from 5:30-7pm. The "APRIL" section lists Wed. (4/2), Fri. (4/4), Wed. (4/9), Wed. (4/16), Wed. (4/23), and Wed. (4/30), all from 5:30-7pm, except for Fri. (4/4) which is from 5:00-8pm and labeled "GAME NIGHT".

**GROUP412 SNAPSHOT**

**MARCH**

- Wed. (3/12), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (3/19), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (3/26), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group

**APRIL**

- Wed. (4/2), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Fri. (4/4), 5:00-8pm: GAME NIGHT
- Wed. (4/9), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (4/16), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (4/23), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (4/30), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Easter Sunday is April 20th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Breakfast 8am  B – Sarah Hess
2 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45  B – Ken Jones	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service with bible study 6:00 p.m. B – Sharon Seese	6 Prayer Group 10am	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 Bible Olympics Presentation Sunday School 11:00 B – Vera Lautzenheiser	10  B – Ted Fetters, Ryan Majors, Kayla Sherwood	11 Trustee Meeting 7pm  B – Lisa Glasgow	12 6 – 7 Kids area 6 – 7 Worship – The Chosen	13 Prayer Group 10am  B – Nancey Burkey	14	15
16 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00	17  B – Donna Kerby	18  B – Ray George	19 6 – 7 Kids Area 6 – 7 Worship – Bible Study	20 Prayer Group 10am  B – Rowan Askren	21  B – Janelle McKelvey	22  B – Josh Stacy
23 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00  B – Sharon Leib	24	25  B – Ridge Majors	26 6 – 7 Kids Area 6 – 7 Worship – The Chosen	27 Prayer Group 10am	28	29 Pot Luck Dinner and Bible Trivia 5:30 p.m.
30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00	31  B – Christine Everhart					

# In the Light

*Stories of faith from the people of Living Grace*

## Faith for the Next Chapter

I am quickly approaching the empty nest chapter. Last weekend we took Charlee on a college visitation and watching her eyes fill with excitement as she gets ready to enter her next chapter in life was bittersweet. I quickly self-corrected and reminded myself that our awesome God has plans for us," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future, Jeremiah 29:11. This verse assures me that God holds my family in his hands during all chapters of our lives.

The world is getting scarier every day, and we are promised by prophecy it will only get worse. Sometimes it is hard to find the light when I am slapped in the face with this reality. Launching my children into a world so different in so many ways than the one I was launched into gives me a pause. But I know my God has created each of my children to be exactly in the time and place he wants them. He placed them in my care for only a short while and I know that for everywhere I have fallen short God will fill in the gaps.

As I am writing this my thoughts take me back to when we dropped Ruger off in Florida. It took a lot of prayer, faith, and trust in the Lord to leave him there. The first Sunday we went to Church without him, tears streamed down my face as I signed the pew pad without his name. Our little family had changed. I am so grateful that God has brought him home safe and he is now making his own place in this world. I know that our God will use him in great ways to bring other to His glory.

I pray my next chapter finds me and Mike exploring new things and continuing to support our children in the ways that they need. Thankfully, God has provided me with an ever-present source of earthly strength in my husband, Mike. This fall the names on the pew pad will drop to just the two of us, and I am sure the tears will stream again. I thank God for those tears for they are a reflection of deep love. I know "thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105) and as my little family changes again I trust God will light our path.

To keep God's light ever present in my life I wear a cross as a constant reminder of who I belong to, for I am His. It is a symbol and a reminder of all that was done for me and a promise of what is to come. Every time I put it on, reach to adjust the clasp, take it off, or see its reflection in the mirror I am reminded of where I came from, where I have been, and where I am going. The cross I wear most often holds immense significance in my life. It was handmade for me after the passing of my dad. It is a replica of a cross found in my dad's barn by my brothers. The original was made of railroad ties. My father worked on the railroad. This cross is not just an accessory; it is a testament to my dad's faith and a beacon of hope that my dad knew our God. It reassured me during moments of doubt and strengthens my resolve to face the challenges ahead. Each time I touch it; I feel a sense of peace and connection to both my earthly father and my Heavenly Father. It is a daily affirmation of my identity and purpose grounding me in my beliefs and inspiring me to live a life of gratitude. Current anthem playing in my head by CeCe Winans, give it a listen.

"For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so, so good  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
'Cause all my life You have been faithful"

Blessings  
Rayann



## OVERNIGHT CAMP

**JUNE 15-20**  
JUNIOR WEEK 1 | AGES 8-11

**JUNE 22-27**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEK 1 | AGES 11-14

**JUNE 29-JULY 1**  
JUNIOR RETREAT\* | AGES 7-11

**JULY 6-11**  
TEEN WEEK | AGES 13-18

**JULY 13-18**  
JUNIOR WEEK 2 | AGES 8-11

**JULY 20-25**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEK 2 | AGES 11-14

Our overnight campers have the opportunity to connect with God and others in a safe place away from life's daily distractions. Campers participate in a variety of exciting activities including swimming, go-karts, zip-lining, giant swing, crafts, and much more! Most importantly, campers are challenged by God's Word every day through trained counseling staff and a special guest speaker. Camp CHOF is dedicated to giving each individual camper a memorable week that is sure to deepen their personal relationship with God!

### OUR HISTORY

Believing that an effective and meaningful way of presenting the gospel to young people was in the outdoors, surrounded by God's handiwork, Canton Baptist Temple purchased the 40 acres that would become Camp CHOF on October 4, 1969. Originally named the Christian Hall of Fame Youth Camp and Conference Center, the name was shortened to Camp CHOF (Christian Hall of Fame).

For many years, Camp CHOF has presented the gospel to young people in an environment free from distractions of the world. Not only does Camp CHOF provide an exciting summer camping program, but the campgrounds are also available to rent throughout the year.



**CAMP DIRECTOR**  
**TRENT DIBELL**  
Trent served as a camp counselor in 2005 and has been the full-time director for the past 11 years. Trent and his wife Tristyn have two kids.



**CAMP CARETAKER**  
**ANDY MORGAN**  
Andy has served as the full-time caretaker of the camp grounds for the past 14 years. Andy and his wife Linda have 4 kids and 11 grandchildren.



**CAMP SECRETARY**  
**BRI KLINK**  
Bri has served in various camp positions for 5 summers and has been the full-time secretary for the past 2 years.

## DAY CAMP

AGES 5-8  
(must be 5 by June 1)  
MONDAY-FRIDAY | 8:30AM-4:30PM

WEEK 1 ————— JUNE 9-13  
WEEK 2 ————— JUNE 16-20  
WEEK 3 ————— JUNE 23-27  
WEEK 4\* ————— JUNE 30-JULY 1  
WEEK 5 ————— JULY 7-11  
WEEK 6 ————— JULY 14-18  
WEEK 7 ————— JULY 21-25



With our trained and loving staff, we are ready to serve your day camper! Our day camp program provides a fun, safe, and Christ-centered environment for kids ages 5-8. Between our jump pad, our Olympic-size pool, pedal carts, and much more, your camper will have a great week!

### WE ALSO INCLUDE THREE EXCITING ENRICHMENT WEEKS:

#### ANIMAL EDUCATION

— WEEKS 2 & 3 —

We will learn more about God's creation while getting to meet some cool animals thanks to Outback Ray and Realm of the Reptile!

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

— WEEK 5 —

We will learn more about God's provision for our community by getting to hear from local first responders such as firefighters and highway patrol officers!

### CONTACT US

CAMP CHOF IS LOCATED AT  
1820 DEERFIELD AVE NW  
DALTON, OH 44618

CAMP CHOF IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY

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## SAVE THE DATE

### CAMP CHOF OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

3:30PM-6:00PM

Come by, talk to our camp staff, ask any questions you might have, and tour the grounds!

### DEDICATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

6:00PM

Join us as we kick off the 2025 camp season with an evening of worship and thank God for what He has done and will continue to do at Camp CHOF this summer!

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 27

6:00PM

We will wrap up the 2025 season with a very special service at Camp CHOF! More details to come.

### IMPORTANT TIMES & PRICING

#### REGULAR WEEK

CHECK-IN BEGINS.....6PM SUNDAY

CHECK-OUT BEGINS.....7PM FRIDAY

#### SHORTENED WEEK

CHECK-IN BEGINS.....6PM SUNDAY

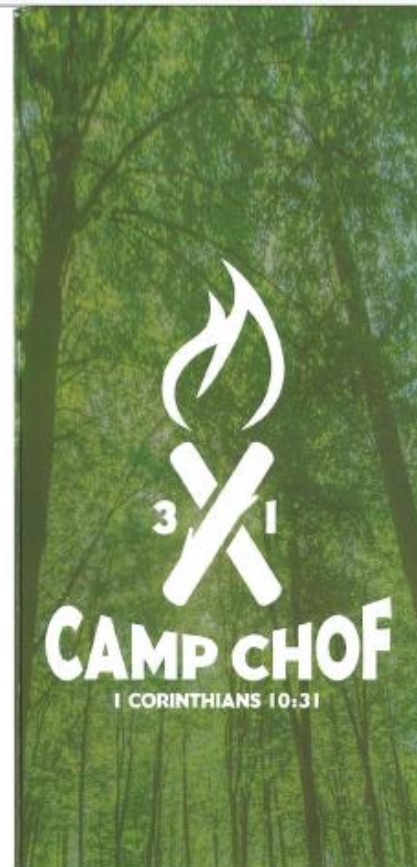
CHECK-OUT BEGINS.....7PM TUESDAY

**OVERNIGHT CAMP: \$365/WEEK**

\*JUNIOR RETREAT: \$150

**DAY CAMP: \$225/WEEK**

\*WEEK 4 (SHORT WEEK): \$99



**SUMMER 2025**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## March Christian Education Updates

Our March Sunday School teachers are Sarah Hess (k-2nd) Nicole Denney (3rd-4th) Tim Mihal (5th-8th) and Sherri Kandel with our highschoolers. Pastor Carl has started a new Sunday School Study called *The Real God* by Chip Ingram. A short description of the new study is: *There is a deep sense of unease in our rapidly changing world. Our distorted view of God is at the root of all our problems. Join Chip Ingram in this multifaceted study of seven attributes of God.* Grab some coffee & a donut and join us for a new adult study!

The KIDZ Church Kidz are finishing up BIBLE OLYMPICS! It is such a blessing seeing most of our kids/youth in Smith Hall every Sunday. This year, Bible Olympic participants are K-8th grade and our youth have stepped up to lead the teams and coach. The kids will be in our church service to reveal what team won and to show the congregation some of the trivia questions that they have been participating in for the last 8 weeks. Make sure you don't miss Sunday, March 9th to find out the winners!

Women of our church (18 and older) please join us for our new Women's Study! There will be light refreshments and wonderful fellowship. We will be reading, learning and discussing so much with *Every Woman a Theologian* by Phyllicia Masonheimer as our study guide. The March dates are March 11th & March 25th at 6pm in Nydegger Hall! We can't wait to see you there.

Wednesday Night Reset is still going strong. We would like to continue this schedule through Spring. There will be a couple changes in the upcoming weeks. Those changes include, the 5:30-6:00pm meal will end on **March 26th** and JOY Club curriculum will come to an end as well. But, we will still have the k-5th graders in Smith Hall from 6-7, we are just changing the name from JOY Club, to KIDZ J.A.M., which stands for Jesus And Me. This hour will consist of bible based games, bible trivia, discussion and bible stories. It will be very similar to JOY Club, but we will be using stories and RightNow Media as opposed to the JOY Club curriculum. We want to keep that curriculum special and only use it for special weeks at a time and not all year round. So, slight changes will be put in place, but the schedule of events will not change. Please join us!

## Wednesday Night Reset

5:30-6:00 -Dinner in Nydegger Hall

6:00-7:00 - Nursery 0-4 years old

KIDZ J.A.M. K-5th

Group412 6th-12th

Worship & The Chosen Study for Adults

7:00-7:45 - Bell Choir

-**Mariah Ricker**

**Christian Ed. Director**

### **Mission Statement**

**“Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.”**

**To Witness**

\*Pointing to Jesus in all we do

**To Disciple**

\*Teaching how to apply Christ in everyday life

**To Worship**

\*To glorify the Lord in all we do

**To Serve**

\* To be a servant of the Lord and those He loves

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Pastor - Rev. Carl Kandel  
Secretary - Ashley Lynch  
Youth Director – Gabe Kukuk  
Youth Assistant – Trudy Kukuk  
Pianist & Choir Director - Cory Janson  
Christian Education Director – Mariah Ricker  
Custodian – Seth Lackey

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