Marion Road CHURCH of CHRIST

Growing in Faith Together

February 8, 2026

GREAT DAYS AT MARION ROAD! I truly enjoy Sundays at Marion Road! God blesses us each week with great singing, amazing fellowship, and visitors from near and far! I am thankful for all of you who arrive to worship with gladness, to remember the Lord's death and resurrection, and to greet our visitors with a smile. You are doing your part to make this a very special place to be!

ONLY 40 DAYS UNTIL SPRING, and I am excited already! As springtime approaches, it will find us busy doing good in the Lord's Kingdom! There will be opportunities for fellowship, for growing deeper in the Word of God, and for reaching out to others. As we look to the spring, may I strongly urge you to start inviting your friends and neighbors to attend on **Easter, April 5th,** when we will be giving everyone in attendance a book entitled **"The Story"** that will be used for our sermon series of lessons that begins on **April 19th** on **Friends Day!** "The Story" is a thirty-one-week series that will cover different stories of the Bible. You will be hearing more about this in the future! In the coming spring, we will be installing a **door between two classrooms** used for our "**Children's Bible Hour**" and **paving the parking lot**!

WE REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN that **Cole Foster** was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening, February 4. Cole is an excellent young man who has a deep desire to grow in God's Word! Make sure to welcome Cole into the family! Let's pray that many more will make this eternal decision!

FAMILY NEWS. A big thank you to **Avery Langenderfer** for speaking at our **Wild Game Dinner**! Also, thanks to everyone who made it a great evening!! Please pray for **Johnny Cox Jr**, who is in a hospital in Columbus. Continue to pray for **Eli Howell**, **Ed Ughrin** (Jennifer Purcell's father**), Donna Wilburn** (Logan Wilburn's mother), **Kim Ponziani**, **Jack Long, Jeff White, Ron Bloomfield**, **Mike** and **Linda Siegel,** and **Cindy Dyer.**

LADIES GALANTINES POTLUCK. The ladies' Galantines potluck will be on **Tuesday, February 17 @ 6 pm**, here at the Marion Road building. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The ladies will be doing a craft, which will cost **$10 each**. Please see **Meagan White** or **Melissa Ruhe** for details.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR 201! We are anticipating our next Spiritual Growth Seminar set for **February 22,** immediately after morning Worship. This is the second in our seminar series. This seminar will focus on **Discovering Spiritual Maturity**. We will be exploring four spiritual habits: Bible study, prayer, giving, and fellowship. **Melissa Ruhl** has graciously agreed to prepare a delicious meal for us! So we know how many to expect, please sign up today! Also, childcare will be provided.

GOSPEL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP. On **March 8, Wood Biggs,** the former preacher for the Stop Nine Church of Christ in Byesville, Ohio, will be with us to conduct a **Create Gospel Conversations Workshop**. During the workshop, you will be encouraged, equipped, and empowered to share the gospel effectively with family, friends, neighbors, etc. Originally, Woody was going to speak on Saturday, but now he will speak on Sunday to a combined adult and teenage Bible Class at 9:30 AM, preach at the 10:30 AM service, and lead one final session immediately after a potluck fellowship meal. We will be extremely blessed to have Woody with us!

HAVE YOU MISSED SEEING SOMEONE LATELY? Maybe they have been out of town, maybe they have been sick, or maybe they are struggling with their faith. We assume someone will reach out to them, but because everyone assumes that someone will, no one actually reaches out. The whole time, Satan is saying to the one missing, "No one even called you." Let us always show love and concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ! Since every member of this congregation is a minister, let's not forget it's all of our responsibility to "encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25) - Russell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Galentine Potluck—February 17

Spiritual Growth Seminar 201—February 22

Gospel Conversations Seminar—March 8

BY THE NUMBERS—WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1

Sunday Morning Worship—84

Sunday Morning Bible School—42

Wednesday Night Bible Study—12

Contribution—$1,996.00

God's Amazing Love

HOW TO REALLY LOVE GOD

Psalm 63

_____FOR GOD

_____for a _____ with God.

- Psalm 63:1
- Psalm 42:1-2

How thirsty are you for God?
None at all? Some? Can't Get Enough?

_____ with God _____.

- Psalm 63:1
- Psalm 5:3
- Psalm 63:6

How often do you pray to God each day?
Once a day? Twice a day? Ten times a day? In the morning, afternoon, and evening?

_____ FOR GOD

_____to God above all!

- Psalm 63:3
- 2 Chronicles 16:9

How committed are you?
Not at all? Sometimes? Recommitment myself each day?

_____ _____ to God.

- Psalm 63:3-4,5,7

How often do you sing song of praise to God?
Daily? Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

Find _____ in God.

- Psalm 63:5

Where do you find your satisfaction?
Never quenching seawater? The rich of God's spiritual food – the Word?

_____ TO GOD

_____ _____ To God.

- Psalm 63:7-8
- Matthew 23:37
- Deuteronomy 32:11

How close are you to God?
Not near at all? Within a arms length? Under His wing?

Face the _____ with _____in God.

- Psalm 63:9-11

Where do you place your confidence?
In your self? In the situation? In God?

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