



Marion Road **CHURCH** of **CHRIST**

Growing in Faith Together

January 4, 2026

Happy New Year!

 **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026!** As we begin 2026, we are looking forward to several opportunities to grow as Christians and to reach out to our community with the love of Christ! Besides our Men's and Women's ministries and our upcoming **Spiritual Growth Seminars**, I want to highlight a few other events that we have planned for the upcoming months! In the near future, I will be leading a **Grief Share Support group** on Monday nights at the Richland Road Church of Christ in Marion. There will be more information about this forthcoming. On Saturday,

February 7th, at 6:00 PM, we will be having a **Wild Game Dinner**. **Avery Langenderfer**, a Natural Resource Officer on Lake Erie and a member of this congregation, will be our speaker. **Wood Biggs**, from Byesville, Ohio, will be with us on **March 7 and 8** to lead a seminar titled **“Gospel Conversations.”** Our **Annual Friends Day** this year is set for Sunday, **April 19**. On that day, we will kick off an exciting sermon series called **“The Story”** that will cover the Bible from beginning to end! Everyone will be receiving a book called **“The Story”** on Easter Sunday, **April 4th**. This series will be a great opportunity to reach out to our community with God’s Word! Make sure to mark these dates in your calendar and start praying that God will bless us with opportunities to share the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection with others!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR 101. Russell Howard will lead a special class for those considering becoming Christians, new Christians, and anyone who would like a spiritual refresher on basic Christianity. The class will focus on how to become a Christian, the importance of the church, and what is expected as a member of the church. This class will take place immediately after the morning worship service on **Sunday, January 11**. **Lunch will be provided for all who participate.** Everyone will receive a class book and an opportunity to ask questions. This class will be around two hours long. **Spiritual Growth Seminar 201** will take place on **February 8th**, and **Spiritual Growth Seminar 301** will take place in **March**. **Please sign up in the foyer** if you plan to attending.

FAMILY NEWS. Please pray for **Tim Synder**, who is now under Hospice Care. Also, pray for **Ed Ughrin** (Jennifer Purcell's father), **Donna Wilburn** (Logan Wilburn's mother), **Toby Goulding**, **Kim Ponziani**, **Jack Long**, **Jeff White**, **Ron Bloomfield**, **Mike and Linda Siegel**, and **Cindy Dyer**.

YOUR BIBLE – HAVE YOU PICKED IT UP LATELY? What's the greatest gift you received? I'll tell you that one of the greatest gifts we have ever received has been the gift of God's Word. How often do we take it for granted? In the Bible, we have the complete revelation of God before us...His introduction of Himself to us... His love letter to us telling of his undying love for us...His strategy guidebook to playing the game of life... his instruction manual and map for our life! What an incredible and awesome gift!! Have you picked it up lately? If not, why not start today, reading the wonderful words of life every day! If you don't have a daily Bible reading schedule, please use the one provided in the foyer this week! **LOOK UP AND REACH OUT!** Someone you know needs to know the Lord. Why not seek to invite them to worship with you in the coming weeks? God has called you to be His ambassador, so you can bring this person to Him, so their relationship can be restored. Don't put it off, for “today is the day of salvation.” – Russell



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spiritual Growth Seminar—January 11
Grief Support Group—January
Wild Game Dinner—February 7

BY THE NUMBERS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

Sunday Morning Worship	—84
Sunday Morning Bible School	—37
Wednesday Night Bible Study	—n/a
Contribution	—\$1,385.00

PRESS ON!

Philippians 3:12-14

MY

The plan is _____, not _____.

- Philippians 3:12-13

It is not about _____, but _____!

- Revelation 3:17

THE PAST

The past is _____ ... _____ it!

- Philippians 3:13
- Isaiah 43:18, 19
- Genesis 19:26

Two things you need to _____ if you are going to move _____.

#1: Your _____.

- Acts 22:16
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

#2: Your _____.

- Luke 9:62

ON THE

_____ on the _____.

- Philippians 4:13
- Luke 10:42
- Psalm 27:4

Focus _____ on what _____.

- I Corinthians 9:24
- 2 Corinthians 5:9

TO THE

_____ on!

- Philippians 4:12-14
- Acts 20:24,
- 2 Corinthians 4:8, 9

Two _____

- Galatians 6:9
- Philippians 1:6

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