



Marion Road CHURCH of CHRIST

Growing in Faith Together

June 28, 2026

GOD BLESS AMERICA! I wake up every morning thankful for this country...and especially as this country celebrates its **250th birthday anniversary** this Saturday the 4th of July! America is a crazy place. Here's what somebody wrote...**"Only In America"**: "Only in America can pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance. Only in America are there handicapped parking places in front of a skating rink. Only in America do we buy hotdogs in packages of 10, and buns in packages of 8. Only in America do we have Braille on drive up ATM machines." With all the negatives in our country, America is still a great place to live. While it's not a perfect place (like Heaven will be!), it's a lot better than most other nations in the world today. What can we do for America? What can we possibly do to help change a society that is going in the wrong direction? Paul tells us three things we can do **in 1 Timothy 2:1-5: First, pray for our Country, "First of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone." Second, live righteous lives, "Live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." Third, share Christ with others, "This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."** God desires for all men to be saved, not just a select few. The greatest freedom that people in this country need...is not Freedom of Speech...or Freedom from Taxation...but **Freedom from their sins!**



FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING, SET FOR JULY 10! Make plans to join us on **Friday night July 10**, at **6:30 PM** in the fellowship hall for a great time of singing and fellowship. We are asking everyone to either bring some **cookies** or your favorite **ice cream**! Please invite your friends and family to join us for a tremendous night of singing, praising God and fellowshiping!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 26-29! Vacation Bible School will be here sooner than we realize! In the weeks ahead there will be lots of work to be done to make our first VBS together a grand success! Parents, please take the time to fill out the registration cards. Each night there will be singing, skits, classes for all ages, snack time and a special event at the conclusion of each night! Our theme for this year is **"Fruit Full"** as we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit. Our adult guest speakers will be as follows: **Sunday night – Austin Buckland; Monday Night – Woody Biggs; Tuesday Night – Matt Dahm; and Wednesday Night – Chuck Forysthe.** We ask everyone to pick up some of the postcards in the foyer to hand out or mail to your family and friends!



FATHER & SON OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE. Mark Sabo and Aaron Johnson would like to have a meeting with all fathers of boys on **Monday July 6 at 6:30 PM** to form what is called **"Father & Son Outdoor Experience."** If we get enough fathers and sons to participate, we may eventually become part of Trail Life. If interested in attending, please sign up in the foyer.

MAKE SURE TO PICK UP this week's study guide, lesson Eleven in The Story on **"An Individual Encounter"**. Also, make sure to get the **July Servers** list.

ON VACATION THIS WEEK. Diane and I will be away all of this week to spend time with our family. **Jay Dennison** will be teaching my Wednesday night class on Genesis, **Josh Wilburn** will be teaching my Sunday morning class and **Micheal Ponziani** will be preaching next Sunday morning on King David, as part of "The Story" series. Please make sure to be present to support these servants of God! Please be praying for us as we are praying for you! - Russell

COMING THIS SUMMER

Father & Son Outdoor Meeting — July 6
Friday Night Singing & Ice Cream — July 10
Vacation Bible School — July 26-29
Worship In The Park — August 9

BY THE NUMBERS WEEK OF JUNE 21

Sunday Morning Worship — 81
Sunday Morning Bible School — 35
Wednesday Night Bible Study — 15
Contribution — \$1,553.00

THE STORY

STANDING TALL, FALLING HARD

I Samuel 3:1-10

STANDING TALL: THE _____ OF SAMUEL

He _____ before the Lord.

- I Samuel 1:24
- I Samuel 2:11, 18; 3:1

He _____ to the _____ of God.

- I Samuel 3:10

He _____ & _____ a _____ task.

- I Samuel 3:11-14
- I Samuel 3:15-18
- Ezekiel 3:18-19

He _____ in his _____ with God.

- I Samuel 3:19
- Luke 2:52

FALLING HARD: THE _____ OF ELI & HIS SONS

Eli's sons _____ their _____ of God.

- I Samuel 2:12

Eli's sons _____ what was _____ to God.

- I Samuel 2:13-14
- I Samuel 2:15-17

Eli's sons were _____.

- I Samuel 2:22

Eli's sons did not _____ their _____.

- I Samuel 2:25

Eli's sons _____ their _____ to _____ God.

- I Samuel 4:3-4

Eli and his sons _____ the _____ of their sins.

- I Samuel 4:10-11
- I Samuel 4:14-22

LESSONS LEARNED

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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