



Growing in Faith Together

Marion Road **CHURCH** *of CHRIST*

October 4, 2026

PLANNING FOR A GREAT FUTURE! Last Saturday at our congregational meeting we briefly reviewed what we have accomplished as a church in less than two years. (A complete list of suggestions is available in the foyer). When we explored the question “what do we want to accomplish in the next six months to a year?” Here are a few of our immediate goals:

1. **As a church we want to become autonomous (self-sustaining) by the first of the year.**
2. **To appoint shepherds of the church in the next few months.**
3. **Increase our attendance by an additional 25 to 30 people by everyone continuing to invite family and friends; and increase our Bible School attendance.**
4. **Outreach efforts: Turkey and Ham giveaway; Christmas toys giveaway; hats & gloves for schools; and community dinners in the winter months.**
5. **Replace three windows; purchase three solar lights for the parking lot; and replace the mower when needed.**

Some of our suggested long-range goals for the next five years were to: double our attendance; replace carpet with vinyl flooring; finish updating the classrooms; build a shelter house; and expand the fellowship hall. Let us do as Solomon said, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed!” (Proverbs 16:3)

TEEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST - TODAY! All teenagers are invited to a **Teen Pancake Breakfast**, today immediately after the morning worship service in the fellowship hall! All teens are encouraged to attend – there will be plenty of food!

THE 57TH ANNUAL TEEN RETREAT, sponsored by the Richland Road Church of Christ will be held **October 9-11** at NWOCYC. This year’s theme will be “**God Gives the Growth**”, focusing on **1 Corinthians 3:6-8**. The speakers this year will be **Nick Strawser, Jake Morris, Josh Ball, and Jak Gary**. There will, of course, be great food, games, an escape room, and some new games! At this time, we have ten young people planning on attending. If you are interested in attending, please see **Josh Milburn** or **Samantha Gaverick**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PARTY! You are invited to celebrate **Aaron Johnson’s 50th “Happy Birthday Party”** next **Saturday, October 10th!** The party will be in the fellowship hall at **1:00 PM!** Food, drinks, and a whole lot of FUN! Come wish the man a very Happy Birthday as he turns half a century old!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP. All Ladies are invited to attend a **potluck meal** on **Thursday October 8th** at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! This will be a great time to enjoy the company of fellow Christian women. If you have any questions, please see **Meagan White**.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CLASS. Our next class will be **Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 PM**. We will be looking at “**The Work of an Elder**”. All men are welcome to attend as we seek to develop spiritual leaders for our congregation.

FALL FESTIVAL SET FOR OCTOBER 24! Please start inviting family and friends to join us for our “**Fall Festival**” on **Saturday afternoon October 24th** starting at **4:00 PM**. We will be having games, crafts, a 90-foot inflatable obstacle course and hot dogs from **4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**. At **5:30 PM** we will be having “**Trunk or Treat**.” We ask everyone with a vehicle to decorate their trunk or truck bed and be prepared to give candy away to our kids. Around **6:00 PM** we will start having hayrides. We need several adults to help with the games and activities for the Fall Festival. You can sign up to help in the foyer! See **Meagan White** for more information. Make plans to be part of this great evening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teens Pancake Breakfast - October 4
Women’s Fellowship Potluck - October 8
Men’s Leadership Class - October 8
NWOCYC Teen Retreat - October 9-11
Aaron Johnson’s 50th Birthday - October 10
Fall Festival - October 24

BY THE NUMBERS WEEK OF SEP. 27

Sunday Morning Worship - 80
Sunday Morning Bible Class - 27
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 23
Contribution - \$1,969.00

THE STORY

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Mark 1:14-17

_____ **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

It is _____ by _____, the _____ of _____.

- Daniel 7:13, 14
- Zechariah 9:9
- Matthew 28:18

It is _____ in _____.

- John 18:36
- Romans 14:17

It is _____ manifested today through the _____.

- Matthew 3:2
- Mark 9:1
- Matthew 16:18-19
- Colossians 1:13, 14

_____ **OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

It _____ us.

- Matthew 13:31-33

It brings great _____ when you _____ it.

- Matthew 13:44-46

It is _____ the _____ reach through

_____.

- Luke 17:20-21

_____ **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

It has to be our _____.

- Matthew 6:33
- Jeremiah 29:13

It offers us a _____ life.

- Matthew 6:25-32



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