



*Marion Road*  
**CHURCH**  
*of CHRIST*  
*Growing in Faith Together*

September 6, 2026



**MAKING FALL BEST OF ALL!** Summer is not officially over until late September, but for many of us the fall season seems to arrive after Labor Day. Soon the daylight hours will grow shorter, and the gardens will all be harvested and forgotten until the spring. As we look to the fall months, let us pray that we will keep our hearts open to what God is doing! For it is not our doing, it is the Lord's doing! While some may plant the Word, and others may water the Word through encouragement – it is God who gives the increase (I Corinthians 3:5-9)! May we continue to pray throughout the fall that

“The Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into the field” that the lost may be saved!

**TEEN PIZZA PARTY TODAY!** Today after the morning worship service we will be launching our new “Teen Ministry” with a Pizza Party from Pizza Hut. We are inviting all our young people in the **6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** to meet in the fellowship hall. **Josh Milburn** and **Samantha Gaverick** will be working together to build an exciting youth ministry. Today we will focus on getting to know each other as well as making plans for future events. Parents, you should be able to pick up your teens around **1:30 PM**.

**SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CLASS.** Our next class will be **Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 PM.**

We will be looking at the “The Authority of Elders”. All men are welcome to attend as we seek to develop spiritual leaders for the future.

**BOYS OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.** Our next outing for the **Boys Outdoor Experience** will be on Monday Evening **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the church building. **Mark Sabo** and **James Gary** will be teaching the boys how to use a bow and arrow. Who will be able to hit the bull's eye? Plus, we will reflect on a biblical story. Plan on joining us.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST SIGN-UP!** Please plan on being a part of our **Congregational Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday **September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM.** We would like every member, if possible, to attend this important meeting. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Here is why you need to attend:

- You will be able enjoy some of the greatest fellowship, with some of the finest Christians around!
- Jay Dennison and crew will be making delicious pancakes with sausage.
- Explore our short goals for the remaining part of 2026.
- Help develop our long-term goals as we “Grow Together in Faith.”

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS IN NEPAL.** More than 40 members of Churches of Christ are among the 4,600 people missing after a tidal wave of muddy water, earth and rock devastated communities along the Nepal-Tibet border. The collapse of a high-altitude glacier near the China-Nepal border initiated an avalanche of ice and rock that dammed river channels and created a tsunami of mud, boulder and water along the banks of the Trishuli. At least 1,010 people died, the Nepali government estimated. China reported additional deaths on the Tibet side of the border.

**WEDDING IN MINNESOTA.** This Thursday, Diane and I will be heading to **Wolf Lake Falls, MN** by way of Wisconsin to participate in my brother's wedding. We will be gone for one Wednesday evening and two Sunday's. **Jay Dennison** will be teaching my Wednesday night class, **Josh Milburn** will be teaching my Sunday morning Class, and **Bart Dennison** and **Michel Ponziani** will be preaching while I am away. We will be returning late on Thursday, September 22. Please pray for us as we pray for you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Pizza Party — Today!  
Pancake Breakfast — September 26  
Marion Teen Retreat — October 8-11  
Fall Harvest — October 24

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### WEEK OF AUGUST 30

Sunday Morning Worship — 95  
Sunday Morning Bible School — 30  
Wednesday Night Bible Study — 25  
Contribution — \$1,371.00

# THE STORY

## “IF I PERISH, I PERISH...”

Esther 4:12-17

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO TAKE \_\_\_\_\_

Mordecai's \_\_\_\_\_ to make a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 4:1
- Esther 4:11, 13-14

The \_\_\_\_\_ response of \_\_\_\_\_:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-2)

### ESTHER'S \_\_\_\_\_ DELAY

Entering into the \_\_\_\_\_ presence.

- Esther 5:4

The \_\_\_\_\_ thickens.

- Esther 5:6-8
- Romans 8:14

### HAMAAAN'S \_\_\_\_\_ HEART

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Haman.

- Esther 5:9-10

The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

- Esther 5:13,14

### A SUPRISING \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 6:1

Hamaan's \_\_\_\_\_ day at the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 6:6-11

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 6:12, 14
- Proverbs 21:30

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 7:2, 5-7

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ move \_\_\_\_\_.

Changing the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Esther 9:2
- Esther 10:3



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