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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JANUARY 8-14**

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**Monday**

- 9:00 a.m.** MOM's Group (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Christian Education Committee Meeting (*103*)

**Tuesday**

- 6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Meeting (*Shadle House- 6025 Palmer Dr. Lima*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (*103*)

**Wednesday**

- 9:00 a.m.** Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)  
**6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
- Menu: Walking taco and fruit  
- Gluten-free options available  
**6:30 p.m.** Kids JAM Choir (*Sanctuary*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Kids JAM (*Various classrooms*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Middle School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Gospel: Plain and Simple (*Sewing Room*)  
- Men and Women are invited to join a 10-week small group focusing on learning how to share your faith with clarity and relevancy.  
**7:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Library*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (*103*)  
**8:30 p.m.** Youth Dodgeball (*Gym and Fellowship Hall*)

**Thursday**

- 7:15 a.m.** Youth Breakfast (*Shaner's House- 515 Greding St., Bluffton*)  
**6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (*489 Cherry St, Bluffton*)  
**8:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball (*Gym*)

**Friday**

- 6:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)  
**3:30 p.m.** Middle School Ice Camp Departure  
- Middle School students and helpers to arrive at the church as soon as possible after school in preparation for departure to Ice Camp.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Jan. 14-19** Kentucky Service Trip  
**Jan. 18** Children's Ministry Volunteer Training- 7:00 p.m.  
**Jan. 25** Women's Mystery Dinner  
**Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp  
**Mar. 31** Communion Celebrated

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**SUNDAY'S SERMON****EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES****GOD'S WORKMANSHIP  
& HIS GOOD WORKS**

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (*Various Classrooms*)  
**10:00 a.m.** Children's Church (*Ages 2-6, B10 & B11*)  
**10:15 a.m.** Worship Service- Pastor Nick Ringger (*CMC*)  
*Message-* God's Workmanship & His Good Works  
*Scripture-* Ephesians 2:8-10  
**11:45 a.m.** High School Mission Trip Meeting (*Conference Room*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Children's Volunteer Training (*Sanctuary*)

**Happy New Year!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. For more information about the church and its ministries, text "new" to 419-792-3625 and a member of the church staff will contact you.

**Contact Cards** are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

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### Attendance on December 31:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	213
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	321

### Opportunities

**Teacher/Volunteer Training:** A required training is scheduled in January for all individuals planning to volunteer with any children's ministry. The training will be offered tonight at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 18. This training will go over new additions, policies, and changes, as well as to review current policies. Please contact Hanné Streicher with any questions. Volunteers must attend one of these training dates.

**Men's Basketball:** Come out to the gym at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a game of basketball with other men. For more information, contact Gabe Meyer.

**Chair Setup Teams:** Volunteers are needed for the 2024 Chair Setup teams that help setup and put chairs away on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please email Trevor Meyer for more details (trevormeyer28@gmail.com). The chair schedule will continue in 2024 following the same pattern as 2023.

**Gospel: Plain and Simple:** A new class focusing on Evangelism will be included in the regular Wednesday night schedule in 2024. Men and women are invited to join this 10-week class that will focus on the process of evangelism and becoming more effective in sharing your faith. Contact Dan Steiner for more information.

**Service Opportunity:** A service trip to Kentucky to volunteer for a rebuild project with Samaritan's Purse is being organized. The trip is scheduled for January 14-19. Contact Crystal Hanna for more information.

**Kids JAM Choir:** Students pre-k - 5th grade are invited to join the choir. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings (starting January 10) from 6:30 to 6:55 in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the group is to give glory to God by preparing, practicing and presenting praise and worship on Sunday mornings approximately every 8-12 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Jammie Halker or Hanné Streicher.

**Service Opportunity:** There will be a Short-Term Mission opportunity to Santa Cruz, Bolivia to serve with New Heart Foundation missionaries, Freddy and Lillian Verastegui. New Heart Foundation brings the love of Jesus to children who have suffered violence and abuse by providing safe environments, prevention, and education to the local communities. Dates are July 23-30. For more information contact either Phil Steiner (phil@be2live) or Dan Steiner (dlsteiner65@gmail.com).

### Information

**Youth Mission Trip Meeting:** There will be a meeting for all High School Youth who would like more information on the summer mission trip to Bakersfield, CA. The meeting will be today, January 7, in the Conference Room following the worship service.

**Bible Reading Plans:** There are reading plans available at the Welcome Center and on the church website. We encourage all those walking with Christ to commit to engaging with God's Word this year.

**New Church Office Hours:** With the New Year comes new office hours. The church office hours will be amended to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. Please note that all bulletin announcements should be submitted by Thursday afternoon.

**2023 Giving Receipts:** Giving receipts for 2023 will be sent via email in the coming week. Receipts for donors without email addresses will be posted the following week. If you have questions, please see Dylan or Tim.

**Thank You:** We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support during Sloan's recent hospital stay. Your prayers carried us through a challenging time, and we are blessed to share that we made it home to celebrate Christmas as a family. We're looking forward to being back at church once Sloan has fully recovered. With heartfelt thanks, Sam and Julie Spallinger

**Thank You:** Dear Church Family, thank you so much for all your prayers and support during and after my two knee surgeries. Thank you also to Pastor David and Tim Gallant for praying with us before the surgeries. All these prayers meant so much to us. I want to thank everyone who visited me, sent cards, called or texted and provided food. Each act of kindness was very much appreciated. Gera and Richard Bixel

**Ice Camp Registrations:** Ice Camp registrations for High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registrations is February 18. The Middle School trip is currently full, so please contact Pastor David with any questions.