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Yes, this is the month we are beginning; however, it is also a command from the Lord. He wants us to “March” forward, stay in line, and do what He has instructed us to do.

As I sought the Lord on what to share, my mind thought of **Hold**. **Hold on to the promises**; don’t get weary; don’t let go. As I searched the scriptures, I found in Isaiah 41:13 *“For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!”* (Amplified) God is holding our right hand—the hand of authority! We have His authority to accomplish what God has told us to do! Who better to hold our hand? Who has more power than Our God? (No one!) Who is in control of Everything? (Our Father God who is holding our hand!)

Paul writes in Philippians 2:16 – *“Holding out (to it) and offering (to all men) the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may have something of which exultantly to rejoice and glory in that I did not run my race in vain or spend my labor to no purpose.”* (Amplified) Again, the **Greater Works** of **giving life** to others is found in the Word of God. Our commission from the One who is holding our right hand.

Remember . . . *“But test and prove all things (until you can recognize) what is good; (to that) hold fast.”* – I Thessalonians 5:21 (Amplified). Hold fast to the truth – no matter what it looks like. Keep holding! You will not be disappointed; you will never have regrets of thinking, ‘I wish I would have held on for a little while longer, because the results may have been different.’ You might be holding on today and cannot clearly see in the spirit the affect you are having on someone else’s life. You keep holding on! Their life depends upon it. If you let go, they may be lost – that would be a terrible regret.

“But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His (own Father’s) house as a Son (and Master of it).

And it is we who are (now members) of this house, if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope (in Christ).” – Hebrews 3:6 (Amplified). We are members of God’s House! Hold fast and firm to God’s promises; allow Him to hold your hand and you will triumph! **God said, Fear not, ! will help YOU!** The Creator of the universe said He would help us. The one who created everything Good! Praise God! Who better to have on our side? There is none better!!!!



YES, OUR KIDS LISTEN!

Sermon notes taken by our kids during service. These tidbits came from notes the kids wrote in their books during the sermon.

Christine – Putting people in position. We want to be in His perfect will.

Brock – Always trust in God.

Aubs – No matter what happens you can be redeemed.

Iseia – Now that we are a child of God, Satan has a reason to attack us. But before we were not a child of God, he did not attack us because we had belonged to him. We should say more ‘not my will but your will be done.’ Whatever the situation, no matter what is happening, say His name.

Now that we know the notes the kids take as they listen during the sermon, do you take notes so that you will be able to reflect on the message? If so, what are in your notes? Hmm...maybe we should ask for submissions so we can reflect upon what you gleaned.

KIDS' FUND RAISERS

Our children are excited to be raising money for their summer activities. After church on Sunday, you may contribute to our **DIME Fund Raiser** by placing dimes into our pop bottle. Please see Brother Brock, Sister Envy, or Sister Essence who will be in the Common Area with the pop bottle.

Saturday, April 8, there will be a Kids **Bake Sale at Rural King**. We would appreciate cakes, pies, etc. to add to the items we will be making and selling.



EASTER PRACTICE

There will be Easter Program Practice every **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** during the month of March.

All **Praise & Flag Dancers** need to be in attendance for a short meeting right after church on **Sunday, March 12**.



MARCH AT A GLANCE

- ❖ **Mar. 18 – Saturday** – Brothers in Christ meeting at 10 a.m. at Arby's
- ❖ **Mar. 19 – Sunday** – Book Club at 6 p.m. at the church – Chapters 7 & 8
- ❖ **Mar. 22 – Wednesday** – Submit all information for the April Channel to Rev. Julia Schwert.
- ❖ **Mar. 24 – Friday** – Excel Class with Sister Theresa Eishen at the church from 6-8 p.m. If you have a laptop, bring it with you to this hands-on class.



WINTER WARNING

Winter is upon us—even though the temperatures seem to disagree. As most of our members know, if the weather where you live is ever inclement, please use your own judgement to determine if you can safely attend the scheduled

service. We want our family to be safe! Any offerings you have can be brought to the next service or if you prefer, you may mail them to PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420.

Any cancellations due to weather will be announced on the following TV Channels as early as possible:

Channel 11 – WTOL
Channel 13 – WTVG
Channel 24 – WNWO

If we have a current telephone number for you, we will attempt to contact you by phone. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep the Church Office up-to-date on your telephone number and your address.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Morning Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

Saturday

6 – 7 p.m. – Prayer



Feed **your Soul**
every week.



BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet on **Sunday, Mar. 19**, at **6 p.m.** at the church. Our study discussion will continue with Chapters 7 & 8 of The Battle Plan for Prayer. Feel free to bring a refreshment or beverage with you.



COMPUTER SAVVY

For those who would like to learn more computer skills, Sister Theresa Eishen will be hosting an Excel training class on **Friday, March 24**, at the church from 6-8 p.m. If there is another program you would like to see offered in the future, please contact her.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The men will have a meeting on **Saturday, Mar. 18, at 10 a.m.** We will be meeting at **Arby's**. Please invite someone to fellowship with us.



LOCK IN THAT DATE!

Many activities have been added to our church calendar. Please mark your calendars accordingly. If there are any changes, you will be kept updated through the Channel and also during Morning Announcements at church.

- March 24** – Excel Class from 6-8 p.m.
- April 8** – Kids Bake Sale at Rural King from 10-3 p.m.
- April 9** – Executive Council Quarterly Meeting
- April 28, 29, 30** – Ministerial Summit
- May 7** – Church Traveling to Toledo for afternoon service
- May 13** – Good News on the Streets
- May 19 & 20** – BBQ Fundraiser
- June 3** – Good News on the Streets
- June 10** – Fishing Day with the Youth
- June 16** – \$5 Meal Deal from 11-3 p.m.
- July 8** – Good News on the Streets
- July 14** – \$5 Meal Deal from 11-3 p.m.
- July 15** – Farmers Market 9-1 p.m.
- July 28, 29, 30** – Youth Explosion
- August 5** – Farmers **Market** 9-1 p.m.
- August 12** – Toledo Zoo Aquarium with Youth
- August 19** – Farmers Market 9-1 p.m.
- August 20** – **Annual Church Picnic**
- Sept. 9** – Good News on the Streets
- Sept. 15 & 16** – BBQ Fundraiser
- Sept. 23** – Bible Walk Museum
- Sept. 30** – Good News on the Streets
- Oct. 7** – Good News on the Streets
- Dec. 9** – Adult Christmas Party

To get your activity date on the church calendar, please submit your desired activity dates to the Executive Council. We are requesting this so that everyone will be **1) kept informed** and **2) to avoid any conflicts**.

You may give a list of all dates and activities to Rev. Julia Schwert prior to the next Executive Council meeting. Thank you.



HE IS HAMMING!



Brock Hensley, a member of our youth group, is training for and studying to become a “Ham”, a Licensed Amateur Radio Operator. He will be studying the Technician's manual in preparation for future testing for his Technician's license. In the meantime, he will be able to make contacts with other hams across the U.S. and foreign countries under the guidance of the club Control Officer Chuck Foster.

If anyone is interested and willing to put in the time to pursue this fine hobby, they can contact the club Control Officer at 419-552-4951.



Water Baptism

Yes, the installation of our baptismal pool is coming along thanks to our energetic men: Deacon Charles Foster, Rev. Gary Thanasiu, and Pastor David Tucker. Thank you, gentlemen, for your labor unto the Lord.

Water Baptism is an outward sign of a serious spiritual commitment unto the Lord. There will be classes about the spiritual significance of water baptism for all of those desiring to be baptized.

Water Baptism doesn't save us. Only the blood of Jesus can save us as we confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness. Water Baptism does signify to others that we have confessed Jesus as our Lord and Savior and are giving up our own will, desires, plans, and wishes so that God's perfect purpose can be fulfilled in our life.

