

18 February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



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Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Opening Prayer

***Praise**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Mariana Patton – Ashtabula, OH

Mission of the Month: Gideons

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message In Search of Happiness Luke 6:20-22

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Council Installation

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-12

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

Blessed are the Poor

***Praise**

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Isaiah 58:6-12:

- ⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
- ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.
- ¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.
- ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.”

Luke 6:17-26:

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed them all.

²⁰ And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

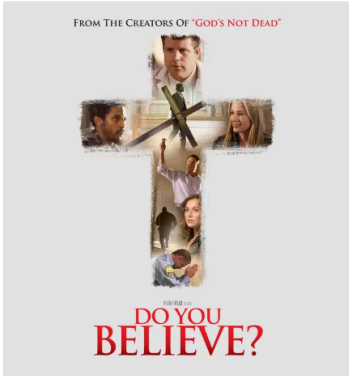
YOU'RE INVITED TO A

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY **24** AT 6:00PM

Do You Believe?

FROM THE CREATORS OF "GOD'S NOT DEAD"



DO YOU BELIEVE?

It's the most important question of your life.

Snacks: popcorn & beverages (by donation)

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Sermon Notes

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Scripture: **Isaiah 58:6-12; Luke 6:17-26**

Sermon: **Blessed are the Poor**

1. How do you see God calling you to live more for His kingdom and less for this world? How is God growing your faith this Lent? What steps are you taking in response to that call from God?

2. How do you receive Jesus's words in today's beatitude? How does it comfort you, AND how does it challenge you? What types of action does this call you to enact in your life?

3. How would you have defined a fast before the worship service today? How would you define a fast in light of the Lord's words in **Isaiah 58**?

4. How can you help wed the call to service (verses 6-7) to the promised blessings (verses 8-12) in **Isaiah 58**? How can you do that in your personal life AND in the communal life of our church? How can you advocate for those works in our community to impact the lives of those who are poor?

Sola Scriptura (by Scripture Alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Mariana Patton missing from Ashtabula, OH.

Community Movie Night - Do You Believe?: February 24 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Missions and Evangelism Committee. Snacks & Drinks available, donations appreciated. A dozen different souls all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ even if they don't believe it. Yet. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. This stirring new film from the creators of God's Not Dead. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: DO YOU BELIEVE?

Easter Flowers: Easter flowers available: lily, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, or pansy bowl for \$15 each. If interested please complete an order form and return with your payment no later than March 3. Any proceeds from the sale will go to the Good Samaritan's Fund. Any questions, please see Nancy Weaver or contact the church office.

From KGB to Christ: On March 13th at 7:00 pm, Dr. Sasha Tsutserov, president of Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary, will be coming to speak at Walnut Grove Methodist Church. Dr.



Tsutserov was a KGB agent keeping surveillance on several Christian missionaries when he found himself compelled by their words and converted to Christianity. God put a goal on his heart to train as many pastors as the KGB killed during the Soviet years. He'll be discussing his work and how we can support vital ministry in Russia. All are welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28 at 7 pm

Community Easter Sunrise: March 31 at 7 am at Boy Scout Lake's small pavilion. Please bring a lawn chair.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at

<https://forms.gle/p3Zdp3zHfsJmaqB16>. Deadline to apply is April 30 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Bike Blessing: May 19 at 11:30 am

Entering Church using South or East Entrance: During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

Coffee Hour News: Coffee Hour is offered as a time of fellowship in our lobby, and we hope you have time to greet one another before worship. If you take beverages into the sanctuary, please advise ushers of any spills. If spills are not cleaned up promptly, it creates stains on the carpet. Thank you for your understanding.



Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Please join us for the Second Annual Blessing of the Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church and God's Thunder.



May 19, 2024

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Donuts served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

**Open invitation to all to attend Worship
Service beginning at 10am.**

Hosted by:

*St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*



March 31 - 7 am

**COMMUNITY
SONRISE
SERVICE**

Boy Scout Lake - small pavilion



Week at a Glance

Today, 2/18:

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH

10:00 AM Worship Service

7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 2/19:

6:00 PM Girl Scouts – Chapel

6:00 PM CEF Meeting - library

Tuesday, 2/20:

6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel

Wednesday, 2/21:

5-7 PM Kid's Night

7:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, 2/22:

6:30 Cub Scouts - Chapel

Friday, 2/23:

12:00 PM Prayer

Saturday, 2/24:

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

6:00 PM Do You Believe Movie Night – FH

(doors open at 5:30 PM)

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (2/11): 69

Envelopes:

Loose Offering: Loose Ones:

Mission (Pioneers):

Ushers:

2/18: LeVern & Nancy Weaver

2/25: Jerry & Toni Pfister

