

OCTOBER 2022



Maranatha Sisters & Brothers,

When Times Are Tough

It should be no surprise that the majority of “news” broadcasts seem to always be negative, full of fear, worry, and concern. The enemy, the devil, thrives on hampering God’s creation with fear and negativity. So many Christians can get in a cycle of looking at the glass as half empty and living in a state where it feels like the sky is always about to fall. This is especially true when we look at our fiscal lives. If you were being honest, when you consider your financial life, do feelings of joy, blessing, and faith race to the top? Or, when you consider your current financial outlook, do you feel a sense of fear, concern, and lack?

It is so easy to get stuck in a negative, fear-filled mindset especially when the news is bad and we are facing some tough times. You’ve probably noticed, as I have, that inflation has significantly increased, and the cost of living feels like it has skyrocketed this year. The other day, Erin brought home four small bags of Doritos, and to her shock they had charged her \$20. After realizing they weren’t a part of the sale she thought they were, we both agreed we were returning them. I will admit to you that I have become grumpy, and even anxious lately when going to the grocery store for supplies. These certainly are challenging times we are living in.

Perhaps you’re feeling the pinch. Does it feel like there is more month than money? Is your income decreasing while your expenses seem to be increasing? Are you feeling concerned about the economy and your financial future? Friends, nothing determines more where our heart is than our thoughts on our money. The Bible says, “Where your treasure is there your heart will be also”. In tough times how do we maintain a heart that stores up treasures in Heaven, when it feels like our treasures on Earth are struggling? Can we just admit that we need help!? We need help to remain joy-filled, trusting, and hopeful as we look into the future. In tough times where do we look for help? The Bible says...

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”
-Psalm 121:1-3

In tough times, when we lack wisdom and understanding, when fear and negativity want to overwhelm us, we turn to the Lord our God and his Word. On Sunday, October 9th we will begin a sermon series called “When Times Are Tough.” In this series we will be seeking the wisdom of the Lord in an area He talks about more than any other subject, including Heaven, Hell, and love. God has so much to say about how to have a joyous, healthy, blessed fiscal life. We will also be learning from John Wesley, who helped found the Methodist movement and lived with a strong set of financial principles that have shaped early Methodists and lingers still today. He taught with inspiration from the Scriptures to “Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.”

Getting our financial lives right and living in a way that honors God with our money is a challenging task, because the love of money and our consumer culture calls to us. When times are tough, the margin for error shrinks even more. We have got to get this right with the Lord's help. So much self-inflicted grief comes when we follow the pull of our culture and ways of this world. We need the strength, wisdom, and courage of the Lord to shore up our financial households, and continue living in a way that honors Him. Don't miss a week of this series as we learn how to earn money, save money, spend money, and give money in ways that honor God and relieve the burdens of grief and worry. Come, discover how we can remain joyful, blessed, and even generous in tough times. I am praying for your household and mine that our trust and faith remains in the Lord.

Come on, God!



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mari Grant
- 2 Jessica Murgittroyd, Ashley Yontz
- 3 Mary Morgan
- 4 Gina Jerles, Amy Smith,
Tammy Smith,
- 6 Shelia Smith
- 12 Christopher Merlo, John Roberts
- 13 Marsha Archer, Tim Reed
- 16 Peyton Alice, Danielle Thomas
- 17 Ari Taylor
- 18 Tiffany Miller
- 19 Michelle French, Ruth Hartman,
Nellie Krigbaum, Carol Macenko,
Todd Thompson
- 21 Jan Harlan, Sandy Hayes
- 22 Beth Davis
- 24 Doug Fink, Ryan Thompson
- 25 Kendra Kemp
- 27 Jeff Flinn, Bruce McConnell
- 28 David Birkhimer
- 30 Cody Beisser, Roni Lowry,
Pauletta Reed
- 31 Barb Knox

- 4 Chris & Amanda Jarvis
- 11 Andy & Becky Curtis
- 11 Mark & Linda Swauger
- 16 Tim & Amy Smith
- 21 Ross & Linda Huggins
- 23 Steve & Jill Crippen
- 24 Tim & Tonda Adams
- 25 Kevin & Vickie Franklin
- 27 Harold & Judy Barnhart

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Clergy Appreciation day is October 9th, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers.

If you would like to get a card to Pastor John Alice or Pastor Russell White you may bring your card in and place it in the basket at the Welcome Center -OR- you may go to our website <https://www.rollingplainsumc.com> and click on Pastor Appreciation Month and send a card to them electronically.

As always, please keep our pastors and their families in your prayers.



[Bethel Community Center](#)
[A Local Missional Outpost](#)
126 Ontario Street, Zanesville, OH



Friends of Bethel Community Center,

As I sit here typing up this article to share with you about the happenings and upcoming events at Bethel, I can't help but share how full my heart is!

Bethel is currently a stop on the Steps of Faith Prayer Walk. As each group stops and enters our center, Breann and I get to share with them the awesome ministry we have here for youth and families.

The smiles on their faces as they learn of the youth programming we have and some of the success stories are priceless!

We shared information about the "Food for All" Emergency Food Program, funded by the Straker Foundation, which started last month. Individuals and families from anywhere can stop in once a month, fill out the form and take home a large box of pantry items such as spaghetti, cereal, mac and cheese, granola bars, canned vegetables, and much more. Each box will also contain a scripture verse, sharing God's word with the people.

We also shared information about the upcoming "Healthy Choices" Program, funded by the United Way of MPM, which will involve Putnam Neighborhood residents getting on the Bethel Van so we can take them grocery shopping. We will give food education tips and help them shop for items needed to make delicious and healthy meals. Bethel will then purchase the food for them so they can make the meals themselves at home. We incorporate our community garden into this program as well, encouraging people to harvest as often as they please from the garden to create healthy meals and snacks.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
~ Hebrews 13:16*

Bethel is always looking for volunteers to help with our programs! Contact Amanda: 740-252-6009 or Breann: 740-487-8526 to discuss volunteer opportunities. Monetary donations are much needed and can be sent to: 126 Ontario Street in Zanesville.

Wishing you many blessings,

Amanda Hatfield

Executive Director



TRUNK
OR
TREAT
AND SOUP BEAN SUPPER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
4:00-7:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT BEGINS AT 4:00
BONFIRE, HOT DOG ROAST, AND SOUP BEAN SUPPER TO FOLLOW

ROLLING PLAINS CHURCH

ALL PRO DADS BREAKFAST

The first All Pro Dads Breakfast of this school year will be held on Thursday, October 13th @ 7 - 8:00 AM. ForeverDads is proud to be a leading supporter of the Maysville All Pro Dads Breakfasts held @ Rolling Plains. Rolling Plains United Methodist Church has chosen to be the host partner of this school activity, bringing dads and kids together for 1 hour prior to school. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this 1-hour event, please contact Chris Merlo at (740) 453-1323 - OR - info@foreverdads.com

ROLLING PLAINS WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir has started practicing for our new season, but it's not too late to join us for Christmas.

Practices are Thursdays at 7:00 PM, in the Music Room (at the end of the hall past the kitchen).

The Christmas Musical, "RUN TO THE HOPE", will be presented on Sunday evening, December 11th at 6:00PM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Susan Reese at 740-408-2465 or psalms11814@yahoo.com.

INZONE



9:30 PM-midnight following Maysville home football games

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

OCTOBER 7TH AND 21ST

PLEASE CONTACT A FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER
OR TEXT **INZONE** TO 740-265-3855
TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE THE TEENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

SIDEWALK PROPHETS

I BELIEVE IT NOW

TOUR



Tickets are \$10 for Students and \$15 for Adults

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Please see Danielle or Chad to reserve and pay for your ticket.




SOUPER BOWL BENEFIT LUNCH



The 26th annual SOUPer Bowl Benefit Lunch will be held on Sunday, October 16th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Zane State, OUZ Campus Commons.

The soup menu, being prepared by Chef Marco Adornetto and his Zane State Culinary Arts students for the event, will be Chicken Noodle, Chili, Tomato Basil Bisque, and Potato soup. There will be sloppy joe, hotdog, and Coney dog sandwiches available. Additionally, each table will have our famous unlimited homemade cookie trays. Drinks include Crystal Light, water, and coffee.

Advance tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children - \$6.00 on the day of the event. All proceeds go to help the 5 hot meal programs in Muskingum county: Christ's Table, The Salvation Army, East Side Community Ministry, The Fellowship of Christ's Community, and the Muskingum County Center for Seniors.

If you are not able to attend but still want to help out, a ticket can be purchased and placed in the "Paying it Forward" program where tickets are given to folks that aren't able to buy one. For tickets see Tim Collins or text "SOUP" to 740-265-3855.



Save The Date

Planning is underway for our next ladies' brunch.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12th at 10:00am.

BURN THAT NOTE

In 2005 Rolling Plains embarked on a \$1.6 million building project that is now our current sanctuary, Embers Room, Lobby, Kitchen, and several other multipurpose rooms. Thank you for your continued contribution towards our ability to someday "Burn that Note" on our capital debt. We are getting closer each and every week, and your giving, above and beyond your normal tithe, is making a difference. We currently have \$254,745.93 left to pay down in order to reach our goal. Please pray for God's great provision for our church, and about how God can use you to get this number to zero. Come on, God!



John Wesley part two

If you remember we read part one of John Wesley's perspective on prayer written by Dr. Hal Knight. Here is part two of that article.



We of course do turn to God with our petitions (for our own needs) and intercessions (for others). With regard to petition, Wesley insists that prayer is absolutely necessary “if we would receive any gift from God” (“The Means of Grace,” 111.3). Here Wesley is assuming the primary things we seek for ourselves have to do with salvation: forgiveness of sins, new life in Christ, guidance in how to live faithful lives, peace, joy and love. For these promised gifts, our prayers are needed “not so much to move God — who is always more ready to give than you to ask — as to move yourselves, that you may be willing and ready to receive the good things he has prepared for you” (“Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount VI,” 11.5).

This does not mean Wesley thought it improper to pray for other things for ourselves. Even more, he strongly advocated praying for others. Prayer for others is an act of love, and regardless of whether the prayer is answered in the way we prefer, it often means much to the person being prayed for that there are others who care.

But Wesley does insist that God answers prayers. He doesn't try to answer the question as to why some prayers seem to be answered and others seem not to be, at least the way we want. Nor does seemingly unanswered prayer lead him to question God's love; God's love is revealed in the cross of Jesus Christ and nothing can take it from us. What he does to is recount the numerous occasions when prayer was answered, including many miraculous healings.

For Wesley as for the Christian tradition prayer is doing something, and it does make a difference. It is not a substitute for other action, but neither is it inaction. At its heart, prayer is communion with God.

If you feel lead to become a part of our prayer ministry or have prayer requests please contact myself or any one of the members of the prayer team. We would be happy to add you to our team and even happier to pray for/with you. God is good!!

Don Rice

Philippians 4:13

PRAYER TEAM EVENT

Uncovering the Power of God through testimonies and worship

October 23, 2022 will be a date to feed your spirit, soul, and body. Your Prayer Team invites you to celebrate as you listen to how God has changed lives.

Praise God - testify - enjoy dessert and a coffee/cocoa bar. Come, hear about our amazing God during a worshipful Sunday evening at 6:00 PM. Get your free ticket from prayer team members after church services in October.
See you there!

In Him, Marsha Marsh



Thanks to you, our Rolling Plains family, a team of 10 returned to Dawson Springs, KY to once again work on Ashley's house that was destroyed in the December 2021 tornado. This tornado wiped out half the town of 2,600 people. Our skilled team put down flooring in the kitchen, living room, daughter's bedroom, master bedroom, entry way, bathrooms, and laundry room.

Our two visits have built a strong relationship with this family. The team's goal was to "make an impact". When Ashley returned from work the first day and she saw the flooring in her kitchen area, words cannot describe the look on her face. Hope, caring, love and yes a HUGE impact had been made.

The hands and feet of Jesus at work in Kentucky! Thanks again for the love and support from YOU for making this trip possible.

Nora J. Holtsclaw

MISSIONAL INITIATIVES

Your Opportunities to Go

The *Missional Initiatives Team* members support and encourage all Christ-followers to "live out" our mission statement: *Go in God's name and share the love of Jesus.*

Here are a few opportunities where YOU can be intentionally missional:

- Connect with a student through Muskingum University *International Friendships* program. You will be paired with a student from another country and will visit the student on campus on a regular basis. This personal relationship helps those who need an adult friend while they are away from home. You may also plan off-site experiences. For information on how to become a mentor, *contact Laurie Kelly: 740-819-0537*
- Serve at *Bethel Community Center After School Program* (126 Ontario Street). For information, *contact Director Amanda Hatfield at 740-297-4795.*

You are invited to join the Missional Initiatives Team. Contact Laurie Kelly (ldkelly123@gmail.com) or Nora Holtsclaw (njholtsclaw@gmail.com).

Kay Miller



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October is

Pastor

Appreciation Month

***Thank you,
Pastor John &
Pastor Russell***

