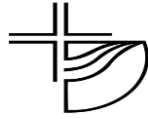


# SPRINGFIELD CORNERSTONE



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**Back to School Blast**  
This year's "Blast" will be from 4 pm - 6 pm. We are in need of help that day! Please reach out to a Witness commission

member (Clara Jean Knepp, Christine Kline or Kim Morckel) if you are willing to help. Thank you.

**Vacation Bible School** will take place following BTBSB from Monday, August 5 continuing thru Thursday August 8, evenings from 6-8 pm. All are welcome!



## AUGUST

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**District Conference is August 9-10** at the Hartville Church with Rita Snyder and Clarajean Knepp, delegates. See copies for registering in the Herald on the back table. Or you can register using the District web page. ([www.nohcob.org/register](http://www.nohcob.org/register)) Registration for all attending is \$25. No charge for youth. (\$35 on site) Fri. and Sat. dinners are \$14 with Sat. lunch, \$10.

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### **Remembering Our Shut-Ins**

Elizabeth Butera Glenwood Home, Rm #54  
836 34th St., Canton, OH 44709

Dick Putt Danbury Sr. Center  
73 East Ave. Apt. 237  
Tallmadge, OH 44278

Norma Shanafelt 316 Lisa Ave. SW  
(330-877-3749)  
Hartville, OH 44632  
(daughter, Cathy—330-603-1912)  
Norma is living at the Gables of Green in Uniontown

**Deacon Policy on Helping People** - People who are in the hospital or sick should call Pastor Andrew, their deacon or a deacon-on-call.

**Bulletin information:** If you have any information or prayer concerns you would like in the bulletin, please email them to the church by Thursday each week. Thanks.

**CD's of the worship service available:** Please let the secretary know if you would like an audio CD mailed to you each week.

**The Prayer Chain:**

If you have a prayer that you wished to share among the community, you can reach out by: connecting Pastor Andrew's cell, the Church Secretary's phone, or [email springfieldprayers@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprayers@gmail.com). (If prayers are urgently needed, call Pastor Andrew.) Reasons for prayers and names do not have to be disclosed if that is your wish.



**Keep these friends in your Heart**

Our church	Pastor Andrew
Emily Bell	Elizabeth Butera
Wayne/June Biltz	Avenell Cippant
Karen Hites	Dee Kinsey
Howard Ludwick	Amy Mishler
Meredith Morckel	Jim & Pat Mills
Dick Putt	Norma Shanafelt
Bonnie Young	
Bill Davis (Donna's husband)	
Scott Snyder (son of Rita Snyder)	

### **Psalm 5:3**

“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my **prayer** unto thee, and will look up.”



### **Acts 6:4**

“But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”



**Packing school bags:** Thanks to all those who came last week to help pack school bags for BTBSB.

**Thanks to David Weyrick** for sharing the message last week while Pastor Andrew was on vacation.

**Prayer Mtg and Bible Study:** Summer hiatus

**Altar flowers:** Please find the 2024 Flower Calendar on the back bulletin board. There are some slots available for the second part of the year beginning next week. Flowers are \$20. Please make your check out to the church with a note to altar flowers.

**Sunday school classes:** A pre-school-second grade class is meeting at 9:30 am Sunday morning as well as an adult class in a classroom behind the sanctuary.

**Special Music:** If you would like to provide a service to the worship service with music or poetry during the summer season, please contact Sam Courie or Glen Grunder. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back. Thanks so much!

**July-August Upper Room devotionals** can be found in the information rack inside the front entry.

**Church Picnic:** Date to be announced soon as to when to have our church picnic to be held later this summer.

**SAVE THE DATE !!! THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS COMING SOON !!!** Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Bring the whole family! Our annual Ice Cream Social is on the books! Plan to come for delicious ice cream, wonderful entertainment and great fellowship on Saturday, September 14th! We will have face painting for the kids, enjoy ice cream with all the toppings and share time together from 6 p.m. to 7. The

entertainment will begin at 7 with the eight-piece band called "Swingin' Along." They will provide a musical mix of swing, pop, big band, Latin, Christian and beyond. We will be able to sing along to a few of our favorites too! It is sure to be a great night of fun, sweet treats, fellowship and music! HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL! Please reach out to your deacon if you need transportation. We will get you there!

## *Bible Study & Prayer Meetings (Summer hiatus)*

### **The many ways to stay in the know with our happenings!**

- **Sunday service:** We are continuing to offer worship online by broadcasting directly on YouTube. How to watch: You can watch the worship live at 10:30 am on Sunday or the recording on our YouTube channel.
- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCOB)  
New information is posted here; you don't need to have an account to see the page.
- **YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPFzecAEgzFC0Q4LP6ix3pw)
- Video of worship is uploaded here; Subscribe if you can for updates!
- **Mailing of CD's.** The audio version CD's of the sermon are being mailed out to those requesting them.
- **Email:** Pastor Andrew sends out regular updates from his address. The church office sends out regular prayer needs throughout the Prayer Chain: [springfieldcob@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldcob@gmail.com).
- **On call Now:** Please see the new directory — pages 27-28—for information using One Call services. If you wish to be added, removed or have contact changed, please inform Pastor Andrew. Email Pastor Andrew or the church office or call Pastor Andrew or the church office to add prayer concerns, announcements or reminders to be sent out on the One all Now System.



## Pastor Andrew's August Message

### Back-to-School: A Season of Celebration

Back-to-School season has practically become another holiday in our modern culture, with its own rituals, excitement, and preparations. Walk into any store in late summer, and you'll see shelves brimming with school supplies, new clothes, and backpacks, all signaling the imminent return to the classroom. But beyond the commercial aspect, what if we embraced Back-to-School as a holiday with its own meaningful tenets? Let's explore three key values it could celebrate: new beginnings, lifelong learning, and appreciation for educators.

#### New Beginnings

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:18-19*



Grace was so nervous last year as she readied herself for a new school. She was worried that she didn't know anyone. At the same time, she was excited to make new friends and to learn new things. New beginnings are moments of fear and

anticipation. Each academic year presents an opportunity for students and teachers alike to start afresh, set new goals, and strive for new achievements. As in our Christian faith, rebirth and renewal are both cyclical and necessary. It's a chance to let go of the wounds and bad habits of the past and reforge ourselves and our path. This is not a forgetting of what happened before, but an overcoming of past negativity and an improvement for the future.

For those who are afraid of what new journeys can bring, remember, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23). The beginning of a school year is like a fresh morning, filled with God's new mercies and endless possibilities. It's a time for students and teachers to rely on God's faithfulness as they step into new roles, subjects, and classrooms.

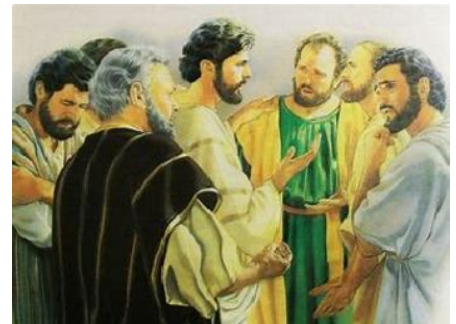
#### Lifelong Learning

*"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." - Proverbs 1:5*

Education is not merely a phase of life but a continuous journey. The tenet of lifelong learning encourages us to maintain a spirit of curiosity and openness to new knowledge throughout our lives. This principle is deeply embedded in the biblical understanding of wisdom and knowledge.

Jesus and Paul were lifelong students of the Scriptures, reading, discussing, and engaging in deep meditation on the words. Paul especially learned as he encountered others, had new encounters, and found new glories of God in this world.

There are always new things to learn, new ways to be stretched, and to

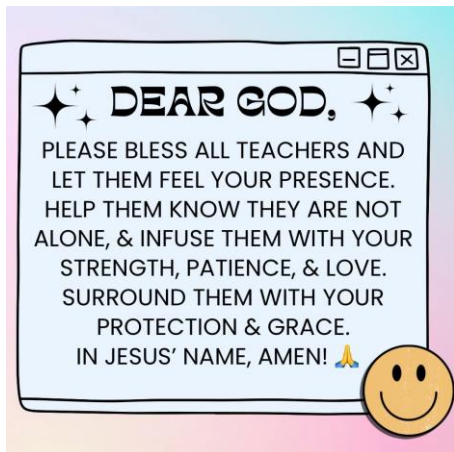


grow. No matter how many diplomas and awards hang on our wall or how many years in the field we have, we continue to be invited to learn new things each day. It is good for our brains and souls.

We know that school is not only about learning ABCs and multiplication tables but also about teamwork, self-control, and being pushed out of our comfort zone. This is perhaps something we adults can be better at. It is easy to avoid new people and experiences if we are not pushed.

### Appreciation for Educators

*"Pay to all what is owed to them... respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed." - Romans 13:7*  
*"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." - James 3:1*



Lastly, this is a time of year to lift up in prayer and support those who have devoted their lives to educating and supporting the educators. A special prayer for those who will be stepping into their first classroom as a teacher this year, those who are beginning their final year, and all those in between. Teaching is a special calling, one that is often underpaid and underappreciated. We Brethren have

traditionally had many teachers in our numbers, as we have a tradition of study and education. We recognize both the power and importance of educators.

I also want to lift up the administrators, janitors, lunch staff, bus drivers, and all of the other support staff that make a school run. Their work, though often unseen, is invaluable.

As you shop and see the "Back-To-School" specials, pass a school on your commute, or ready your student for a new year of school, take a moment to celebrate the changing of the season and lift up in prayer those returning to schools and colleges this fall. Also, take a moment and consider something new you want to learn this fall. Try cooking Vietnamese cuisine, learn Welsh, take a class on small engine repair, or push yourself to read a book a week.



I would also invite you to spend some time with your Bible and a commentary or two and deepen your understanding of God by experiencing the Lord through the eyes of another. May this year be one filled with new understanding. Pastor Andrew P. Wenger



# Coming Up:

**Prayer Meeting & Bible Study:**  
Summer hiatus

**Adult Sunday school:**  
Sunday, 9:30 am

**Bread and Cup Communion, August 4**

**BTSB:** August 4, 4-6 pm

**VBS:** Aug 5 - 8

**District Conference:** August 9 & 10

**Commissions & Executive Committee**

**Meeting, Wednesday, August 14th**

## Attendance & Offering

**July 7, 2024;** Attendance: 27 plus 7 online  
Offering: \$1,565.00; Specials: \$262.50

**July 14, 2024;** Attendance: 38 plus 3 online  
Offering: \$1,563.00; Specials: \$120.00

**July 21, 2024;** Attendance: 27 plus 6 online  
Offering: \$1,883.00; Specials: \$840.00

**July 28, 2024;** Attendance: 30 plus 3 online  
Offering: \$1,300.00; Specials: \$227.00

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Wed: 8:30-5

Thur: 8:30-2:30, 5:30p-8p

Fri: 8:30-5 & by appointment

Phone: 717-725-4695 (cell)

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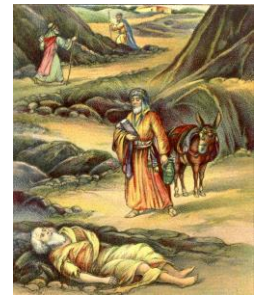


HOW WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE BIBLE ARE YOU? TRY YOUR LUCK ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS?

### AUGUST BIBLE QUIZ

1. Which Jewish holiday celebrates Esther's act?

2. What is the primary lesson of the Parable of the Good Samaritan?



3. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?

4. Who does God call: "...my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."? (Psalms 89:27)

5. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; the first, \_\_\_\_\_, who is called Peter, and \_\_\_\_\_ his brother; \_\_\_\_\_ the son of Zebedee, and John his brother...` (Matthew 10:2)

### Answers to the July Bible quiz

1. Epaphras
2. Elijah
3. Joshua
4. The eye
5. 30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service Online Also				1	2	3
4 2 Cent Offering Bread & Cup Communion BTSB 4-6 pm	5 VBS 6-8 pm	6 VBS 6-8 pm	7 VBS 6-8 pm	8 VBS 6-8 pm	9 District Conference	10 District Conference
11	12	13	14 Commissions & Exec. Comm Mtg. 7 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND NNIVERSARIES

3	Ethan Coen	14	Joe Davis	21	Ehan Uselton
9	Becky Burtoft	15	Jackson Tucker	23	Eldon/Valerie Moff
10	Josh Davis	15	Scott Naylor	29	Evanola Davis
11	Howard Ludwick	18	Cheryl Carver	29	Emly/Bob Bell
13	Wayne Biltz	21	Aaron Sells II	29	Dale Burtoft

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- To join with us in the fellowship of a Christian family.
- To join us in our journey to a deeper faith in our Lord Jesus
- To strive with us to “Live for the Glory of God and our neighbor’s good.”



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Peacefully, Simply together



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**Sunday school: 9:30 am**

**Worship, 10:30 am**