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Sunday Morning Prayer Service...8:20AM
Sunday School...9:45 AM...Sunday Morning Service...11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer...7:00 PM
Choir Practice Following

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Welcome to our visitors! Our deepest desire is to bring glory to God through lives changed by the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that our church will be a place where you can experience the love of God.

**Thousands laid down their lives
so that our country
can celebrate next weekend.
Never forget their sacrifices.**

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

“Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”
-John Quincy Adams

THOUGHT:

The happiness of every country depends upon the character of its people, rather than the form of its government.
-Thomas Haliburton

Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Their conviction resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in poverty.

At the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis had taken over Thomas Nelson's home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly ordered General George Washington to open fire on the Nelson home. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and mill were destroyed. For over a year, he lived in forest and caves, returning home only to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion.

-Kenneth L. Dodge

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

For a number of Saturdays, The Orchard Church has been distributing groceries to worthy families. Pastor Doug Ellis has provided this report: *We are serving 80-90 families a week that I believe is running \$3,000 - \$4,000 a week (about \$45 a family). Our surveys indicate that 40% of these families are unemployed and another 40% are under employed . . . some are in crisis, with few options. The need is large. We're turning away families each week, and as many as 10 families a week are asking for us to deliver food to them because they don't have transportation. We were planning to end the distributions this past Saturday, but still feel God wants us to continue, so we are extending two weeks at a time . . . We will distribute food, kid activity packs, and other things like diapers as we've been doing on 7/4 and 7/11, and we may do it also on the last two Saturdays of July. But, our longer term ministry plan is to relationally work with a smaller number of families that we identify as having the greatest need. . . . John and Cindy and Matthew have been huge blessings, and we love to have anyone who wants to pitch in with time or resources or creativity or prayer.*

Would you like to make a financial contribution? Make your check payable either to Community Church of God or The Orchard Church and note "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" on the memo line.

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ONLY 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE THROUGH AUGUST

Our congregation will continue meeting only for Sunday Morning Worship service (11:00 AM) through August. Our ministry leaders encourage distancing 6 feet apart and wearing of masks.

LICKING COUNTY CHURCH OF GOD CAMP MEETING

July 12 – 19 are the dates for the Licking County Church of God Camp Meeting, Newark, Ohio. For lodging reservations please contact one of the motels listed on the flyer posted on our bulletin board.

TAKE THE E100 CHALLENGE

The Essential 100 Challenge (The E100) is an effective Bible reading program build around 100 carefully selected short Bible passages – 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. It enables you to get the big picture of God's Word and in the process develop a daily Bible reading habit. Most readings are one to two chapters, the perfect length for busy people. The readings are undated. Nobody falls behind. E100 works with any Bible translation, any time schedule. **Look for the E100 Challenge Planner on the table in the foyer.**

MISSIONS-MINDED -- JAMAICA ANNIVERSARY SERVICE THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED MISSIONS

An invitation has been extended to join The Church of the United Missions, Kingston, Jamaica, for their 39th Anniversary Service. The service is to begin **6:00 PM our time this evening**. You may take part "virtually" by means of Zoom. Look for the email from Pastor Glenn with the Zoom link.

Our association with our brothers and sisters in Jamaica extends approximately six decades. Pastor Lawrence Brown writes, *"We want to let you know how much we appreciate your partnering and journeying with us. Join us in an hour service of gratitude to God for all He's done. Your presence would mean the world to us."*

UPDATE FROM PASTOR BOBBY IN INDIA: *"About Fe India Children's Mission [I.C.M.] in the corona distress situation, many children lost their parents in Nellore by the by because of lockdown many poor children and orphans fall into hopeless condition. Their lives fall in jeopardy and No Orphanage considers the children. In that way, some orphans came to I.C.M with their elders and requesting to facilitate in I.C.M.*

"We continue to help the abandoned people. Recently we distribute vegetables and Rice to the poor. Still, Andhra Pradesh continues under lockdown but with some relaxations. Schools do not open until the corona pandemic eradication. The government may extend the holidays for schools."

"If in a day when pestilence was abroad on the earth, and men dreaded its entrance into their household, we could carry them to a bed on which lay one racked by the terrible malady; and tell them that this individual had voluntarily taken the fearful infection, and was going down in agony to the grave, because complying, of his own choice, with a mysterious decree which assured him, that, if he would thus suffer, the disease should have no power over their families - is it credible that they would look on the dying man with indifference; or that, as they harkened to his last requests, they would feel other than a resolve to undertake, as the most sacred of duties, the fulfilling the injunctions of one who, by so costly a sacrifice, warded off the evil with which they were threatened? And yet, what would this be, compared with our leading them to the scene of crucifixion, and showing them the Redeemer dying in their stead? You cannot say, that, if the sufferer on his death-bed would be a spectacle to excite emotions of gratitude, and resolutions of obedience, the spectacle of Christ on the cross might be expected to be surveyed with carelessness and coldness. Yet such is undeniably the fact. The result which would naturally be produced is not produced. Men would naturally feel gratitude, but they do not feel gratitude. They would naturally be softened into love and submission, and they manifest only insensibility and hard-heartedness."

-Henry Melvill, "The Unnaturalness of Disobedience to The Gospel"

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