

A Moment with the Pastor

The Olympics are in full swing, and they are so exhilarating to watch. The joy in victory the tears in defeat. But how do we as Christians approach the Olympics and sports in general. I read an article from Stephen Liggins of “The Gospel Coalition”, and I found it quite provocative.

“The Olympic Games: Good but Not God” – “The modern Olympics encode a real mixture of philosophies—ancient Greek beliefs and practices, nineteenth-century “muscular Christianity”, religious ritualism, nationalism, internationalism, and commercialism. Over the years they have often been viewed as something of a secular religion. The Olympics, like all aspects of human culture, are a real mixture. As Christians, we need to embrace its positives and avoid (and perhaps expose) the negatives. We can appreciate the good aspects of the Games as a gift from God. God told humanity in Genesis 1:28 to “fill the earth and subdue it”, and then Genesis 2:15 says: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and taken care of it”. These instructions, are essentially a command to creature culture. This is sometimes referred to as the “cultural mandate”.

Sports, along with other pursuits such as literature, music and dance are just some of the ways in which culture has been developed. Thus, we can enjoy the good aspects of the Games as ultimately good gifts from God. The Olympics can be good, but they are not God. Betty Cuthbert, the golden girl of Australian athletics in the 1950s and '60s, came to this realization. To this day Betty has won more Olympic gold medals than any other Australian in Olympic history—four. At the 1956 Games in Melbourne, she won the 100 meters and 200 meters, and anchored the victorious Australian women’s 4 x 100 meters relay team to another gold. Eight years later in Tokyo, she capped off her Olympic career with a victory in the 400 meters.

In the years that followed, Betty developed multiple sclerosis but, far more importantly, she became a Christian. When I spoke to her a number of years back, she put her Olympic success into its proper perspective. ‘I might have won four gold medals,’ she told me, ‘But the greatest thing is to know that everyone is a winner when they accept Jesus Christ into their life.’

Members of the English football team prior to their taking part in the recent final of the UEFA European Football Championship posted, ‘It’s the biggest match of your lives. It’s the match you’ve been building up to for years ... But it’s a match that does not define you.’ That is advice that could be equally offered to all the athletes at the Olympics or to any other athlete for that matter. Your performance does not define you! You are more than an athlete—you are created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). Not only that, but Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross and rose from the dead to offer you the forgiveness of sins; a restored relationship with God; adoption into God’s family; peace, power and purpose in this life; and eternal life for eternity. As the Christians in Sports blog says, ‘The heart of the good news of Jesus Christ is an offer of total security ... If you trust in Jesus Christ, He becomes what defines you.’”

As the Olympics begin to wrap up, I challenge you to pray for these athletes as you enjoy the amazing skills: Give thanks to God as we see great performances, people doing their best, and good sportsmanship. Pray for all the athletes involved, that they would remember to give God all the glory, and that they would have opportunities to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the Christian chaplains serving the athletes. Pray for the work of the gospel in the various countries we see represented.

I Corinthians 9:24 – 27 “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the game’s exercises self-control in all things. So, they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore, I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as to avoid hitting air; but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.” – Be an Olympic Christian, and never stop running!!

Stewardship Statistics						Total Money And Average Attendance
	2/1/26	2/8/26	2/15/26	2/22/26		
Attendance for in-person services.	56	51	51	53		53
General Fund	\$3422.00	\$1555.00	\$1606.00	\$2151.00		\$8734.00
Weekly Budget	\$2855.00	\$2855.00	\$2855.00	\$2855.00		\$11420.00
+ or— Budget	\$567.00	(\$1300.00)	(\$1249.00)	(\$704.00)		(\$2686.00)
Designated Giving						
Birthday Money	\$50.00					\$50.00
Lehman Memorial				\$100.00		\$100.00
Jan Zulch Memorial				\$350.00		\$350.00
Computer			\$693.97			\$693.97
Total Giving's	\$3472.00	\$1555.00	\$2299.97	\$2601.00		\$9927.97

Prayer list
 John and Sara Roberts
 Sue Snyder (brain cancer)
 Gloria Snyder (cancer in vocal cords)
 Jamie Thomas (health issues)
 Nora (Jacob's 14yr. old niece/scoliosis)
 Jeff Frost (difficult time with chemo)
 Jacob's parents (health issues)
 Jai Krause
 North Baltimore Church of Christ (minister search)
 Hannah Euler (recovery)
 Sherry, friend of Mary Ann (cancer)
 Paul Kuzio (dialysis every 2 days)

Prayer list cont.
 Family of John Willis
 Julianna's grandmother (aneurism in brain)
 Family of Dick Tolles
 Jerry Snyder (awaiting biopsy results)
 Kristin Foster (knee surgery, off work for 6-8 weeks)
 Russ Harshberger (Lost hearing in left ear/doctor working on cause/healing)
 Family of Jan Zulch

Remember our Shut-ins
 Bud Brown - BG Manor

Those in Service:
 Darryl & Carol Krause (missionaries)
 Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Carlisle, PA
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan
 McNeil Snyder - USAF/Georgia
 Wynter Anderson - Army Nat'l Guard
 Hunter Braun - USAF
 MSgt Deidra (Anderson) Braun - USAF

Daylight Saving Time starts
March 8, 2026, 2:00am
Spring ahead! Don't be late for church!



Time to Spring Ahead



Fellowship Break

March 1st hosted by
Garry & Deb

Men's Mentoring
starts immediately after
Fellowship Break.



Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 3rd
at 7:30pm

Food Pantry is Open

March 7th and 21st
10:00am - Noon

VBS Meeting - March 1st

Those wishing to help with VBS remain in the
Sanctuary for a short planning meeting
before going to Fellowship Break.

Friday Game Night/Potluck

March 13th and 27th
6:30 - 9:00pm

Small Group Bible Studies at the church
Wednesdays at 7:00pm continuing our
study of the 'Gospel of John'

Ladies Christian Fellowship

March 23rd at 7:00pm

Monthly Prayer Meeting

1st Wednesday each month

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30-6:45pm

Pray for anything and anybody.

Everyone is welcome to come whenever they are
able during this time frame. *Singing hymns too!*
This takes place before Small Group Bible Study.



- ⇒ Junior/Senior High
- ⇒ Saturday, March 7th and 21st
5:00 - 6:30pm
- ⇒ At the Anderson's
- ⇒ Dinner - Games- Lesson

New Evangelism Class

Saturday, March 7 and 21

9:00 - 9:45am

- Jacob will lead a discussion on evangelism.
- This will be on the same days as the Food Pantry each month.
- Time will be 9:00 - 9:45am.

Bowling Green Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraising Gala
April 23, 5:30pm door open/6:00pm dinner/Program to follow
Parkway Place
2592 Parkway Plaza, Maumee, OH 43537

There will be a sign up sheet on the flip chart in the Sanctuary. Please sign the sheet with your intent of attending so we can determine how many tables of 8 we can fill. We will register as the church and you can submit your money to the church designating it for the BGPC gala.

The following invitation as received from the BGPC:

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining and meaningful fellowship. Together, we will celebrate God's faithfulness and reflect on how He has guided and sustained this ministry for 41 years.

This important fundraising event is essential to continuing the mission of BGPC: to love, serve, and equip individuals and families in the name of Jesus, empowering them to choose life and make healthy, life-affirming decisions.

With each \$50 ticket,, guests will enjoy a plated dinner and dessert, receive ministry updates from the Center, and be encouraged by our keynote speaker Savannah Marten, Executive Director of Bella Vita Network. Her message will encourage and inspire, pointing all glory to God for the life-changing work of this ministry.

We encourage you to invite friends and family and consider filling an entire table of eight as we come together to celebrate and invest in the future of this life-affirming work.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Event presented by MUNN Wealth Management

Christian Children's Home of Ohio
Annual Heart for the Home Benefit & Auction
Greyston Event Center, 50 Riffel Road, Wooster, OH 44671
Saturday, March 21 * Tickets: \$50 each

Purchase tickets online by March 6 at ccho.org/benefit

5:00pm doors open, social hour, silent auction

6:00pm prayer, dinner, program

Bidding in the online auction kicks off March 11.

Register at ccho.org/bid to be notified when the auction starts.

All proceeds raised help children, adults, and families experience hope, find healing, and discover their worth in Christ.





The King No One Expected

Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That’s exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, *“Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”* They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn’t deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, *“I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, *“Here is your king.”* The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, *“We have no king but Caesar!”*

When Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, he made one last jab at the furious crowd. John 19:19 tells us he ordered a sign to be placed above the cross. Written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, it declared:

“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. *“What I have written, I have written,”* he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:17 the early believers were accused of “saying there is another king, Jesus.” And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:

“The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings.” — Revelation 17:14

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Special Dates for March 2026

- World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2026*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 8, 2026*
- St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2026*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2026*
- Holy Week, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 29, 2026*

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If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let's imagine it for a moment.

I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn't route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don't get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly. Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, KJV)

Harleigh Foster
 Kristin Foster
 Bev Murphy
 Krista Saylor
 Garry Lehman
 Sherry Phillips
 Pat Higley
 Robert Tolles, Jr.
 Sandy Miller
 Nicole Spoerl



2 Garry & Deb Lehman
 12 Larry & Nancy Frost
 15 Jerry & Nancy Snyder

Lessons From A Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

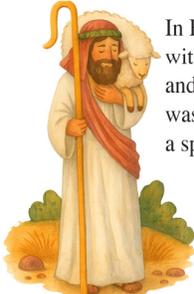
"I don't know what to say," the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. "Just say what you hear Mommy say."

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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Bible Quiz



In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)

I Believe...

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger in *Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise*



These cheerful “palm trees” make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:
“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!”
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

Faith That Blooms Anew

“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said,
“Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow. They neither
toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even
Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these.”
(Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)



Jesus’ words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant
places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.*

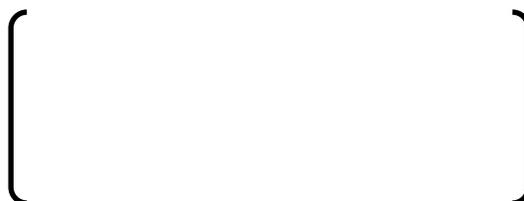
Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

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MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30am Worship Birthdays/Anniversaries VBS Meeting after Worship Fellowship Break hosted by Garry & Deb Lehman Men's Mentoring		7:30pm Board Meeting	5:30-6:45pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Small Group Bible Study	7:00pm Band Practice	World Day of Prayer	9:00 - 9:45am Evangelism Class 10am - noon Food Pantry 5-6:30pm Youth Group at the parsonage
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.	7:00pm Ladies Christian Fellowship		7:00pm Small Group Bible Study	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night	
PALM SUNDAY 29	30	31				
9:30am Worship No Pre-school or Jr. church 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S. 5th Sunday Singspiration 6:00pm at Weston						

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April news articles are due March 24

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Sunday School



Weston Witness

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strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**