



Getting *connected*

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Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

You hear the question thrown around today asking men, do you know what biblical manhood is? The struggle is, you cannot become what you cannot define. The enemy has very confusing definitions of what manhood is and honestly, our society is in a manhood fog. The better question to ask is, "What is the definition of what God's Word says?"

Starting on Saturday, March 23rd we will be having a 5-week breakfast/Bible study answering the question about what God's Word has to say. We will learn clear definitions of biblical masculinity and practical ways to make your marriage,

parenting, work-life, relationship with God — everything — better.

Each week, we will cover different topics like unpacking your past and also define a man's relationship with God's Word (the Bible), God's Woman, God's World, and God's Work (your job/vocation) Additionally, each week you'll have group discussions with peers, led by seasoned Table Leaders.

Plan to join us Saturday, March 23rd from 8:00 – 9:00 am and feel free to invite a friend or two to come along with you.

Backyard Bash Meeting

If you are able and interested in helping with Backyard Bash/VBS this year, please attend one of our information meetings on Sunday April 14. There will be a meeting after first service in the gym and a meeting after second service at 11:45 in the gym. I'll be sending out emails with more information and details on what help is needed. Backyard Bash is June 1st, 10 am - 3:15 pm

Church Events

- Mar 23 - Men's Study Starts
- Mar 26 - Movie Day K-8th grade
- Mar 29 - Good Friday Service
- Mar 31 - Easter Sunday
- Mar 31 - Risen Kids Easter Event
- Apr 13 - Ladies ISI Moline
- Apr 15 - Men's Night Out
- Apr 20 - ISI Champaign
- Apr 28 - Austin's Last Sunday
- May 5 - VBS Training
- May 7 - Ladies Night Out
- May 20 - Men's Night Out
- June 1 - Backyard Bash
- June 17 - Men's Night Out

Jr. High - HS News

6th-12th grade

May 22 - Last Jr. High group of the school year. Please look for summer events and updates on our website, Facebook, and Insta.

May 23 - Last HS Youth Group of the school year. Please look for summer events and updates on our website, Facebook, and Instagram.

June 17- 21 - Jr High CIY MIX
Please have our students in your prayers as we travel to Cedarville, OH. Pray that they have a true opportunity to experience Christ as this conference and develop lasting and supportive relationships

with not only the adult sponsors but also with each other.

June 23 - HS Canoe, Kayak, or Paddle Board @ LSCA

Come out after church for lunch, help Scarlett decorate for her week of church camp, and then enjoy the lake for a few hours.

June 29 - HS Game Night 6:00- 8:00 PM

There's normal game night and there's a more ridiculous competitive way to game night, this is not the normal way....

Bring your skills, your friends and we'll have the snacks!

July 6 - Jr High Game Night 6:00- 8:00 PM

Put on your detective hats and dive into a real life game of Clue. Make your own team with friends or come alone and be assigned to a team. We'll have snacks, prizes and intrigue.

July 8 - 13 - HS CIY MOVE

Our students will be headed to Lincoln, NB to this amazing experience of encountering Christ with a thousand other students who know exactly what they're going through. Please be praying for our students and sponsors during this time.

KidStuf News

Birth to 5th Grade

May 21 - Last 5G for the school year. Please look for summer events and updates on our website, Facebook, and Insta.

June 1 - Backyard Bash *

Ages 3 - just finished 4th grade. Event starts at 10:00 am, registration/check-in starts at 9:45 AM. Events ends at 3:15 PM. Parents show up at 3:05 for closing program. This year we're going under the sea and diving into what it means to be swimming in God's word in our everyday lives and learn that God is there for us in the good

times and bad times. He's a friend who's real and he's a friend who loves.

May 28 - Glow Bounce 7:00p

4th-5th graders outing. We'll meet at the church at 6:15 to drive to Sky Zone for an hour of glow in the dark bouncing. You have to wear white or neon shirts, if you have sky zone socks bring them with you. Cost is \$25.

***Register online for Backyard Bash and Cooking Camp**

July 16 - \$5 Movie Day

K-4th, we'll go to lunch and then see an age appropriate movie.

5th-8th, we'll go to an age appropriate movie in the evening. More details to follow.

July 22-25 - Cooking Camp *

Ages 2nd-5th Grade, 6:00-7:30 PM. Total cost is \$15 per student. Your students will be learning basic skills with cooking/baking and getting to know Christ with a short devotional each night that goes along with our meal for the night.

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Birth - 12th Grade**

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Giving & Faith Promise updates

Giving for *Faith Promise* in 2024 as of Mar. 21st is \$1,112.00 which is being applied directly to the principal of the building loan on a monthly basis.

Offering for 2024 as of Mar. 21st is \$86,139.90. Thank you so much for your giving and support.

Called Out, Transformed, and Renewed!

By: Keith Wilson, Worship Minister

When I was a child, the way my mother called me gave me a clue as to the level of importance the matter held. When she used my full name, I knew she was nearing critical mass. I knew I was being **called out** for a reason!

We Are Called Out by God to Praise Him!

1 Peter 2:9-10 – *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

We Are Called Out to Be Transformed!

If you are making a chocolate cake from scratch, you're going to pull together several ingredients. Ingredients like raw eggs, buttermilk, flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, bitter dark chocolate--the only ingredient a kid would recognize from this recipe as being from a major food group is sugar! But once those ingredients are mixed together, put in a pan and baked in the oven, a transformation takes place! There's a change! It becomes something pleasing! When we undergo a spiritual transformation, we are changed! Our human nature ingredients are transformed into something that is pleasing to God!

Romans 12:2 says we are not to “**conform to the pattern of the world...**” We are in fact, called out to be *transformed by the renewing of the mind*; to be able to *stand* when we're put to the test. We are not to be transformed on the surface, by “emotions,” or any “touchy-feely-warm-and-fuzzy” kind of surface transformation, but *changed* by the *renewing* of the **mind**. Complete transformation comes by a renewing of the mind. When the mind is renewed, the transformation is *total*.

Several years ago, I was touring with a music group, entertaining the troops in various parts of the world. We performed on several ships of the Sixth Fleet, stationed in the Gulf of Oman. One ship was so small that our Navy helicopter couldn't land on its fantail. So, we had to be “dropped” one-by-one by hoist cable and sling from the side-door of the helicopter. Now, you should know that I'm scared of heights. Like deathly afraid. When it was my turn, I looked over the edge of the helicopter's open door to the ship's deck below. I was relieved! The deck was only about 20 feet below us. I was *confident* that I could make it. So, I turned and faced the crew chief, who positioned the yellow sling around me, gave me instructions on how to cross my arms so the sling wouldn't slip off, and told me to step backward out on the door sill. As I stepped out, I looked down below my feet at the ship's deck. Now, the seas were a little rough, and the swells were big. So, now, the deck was about 40 feet below me! And it was on its way back up. Then back down. Okay, now I had a *new* confidence: I was *confident* that I was going to slip out of the sling on the way down, drop 30 feet and meet a fast-rising steel deck at about 60 miles and hour! I began to sweat and suddenly I couldn't swallow. My mind was renewed! That renewing of the mind transformed me into an instant coward! You see, when the mind is renewed, the body follows, and the transformation is total and complete. (By the way, I *did* make it.)

We Are Renewed and We Do Not Lose Heart!

2 Corinthians 4:16 says “*Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*” We need to renew our minds every day. Rest assured, the world will be doing all it can to try and tempt us to conform. We must not lose heart.

We Are Made New!

Ephesians 4:22-23 says “*You were taught...to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds.*” When we are made new in the attitude of our minds, we can then, as verse 24 goes on to say, “*put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*”

We are God's people! We are called out! We are transformed, and our minds are renewed! Off with the old self, on with the new, living an attitude-adjusted life for Christ!

Men's Ministry

Men's Night Out

Every 3rd Monday of the month the guys pick a place to go out and eat. This is more than just a bunch of guys getting together and having fun, although that does happen. This is a time when men can invite their friends to meet other men in the church. It gives them a chance to get to know other guys who attend WCC, so that when the time comes that they decide to visit WCC, there are people they already know.

- **April 15 - Mimosa**
- **May 20 - Brickhouse**
- **June 17 - Yummy Bowl**

You can either meet us at the restaurant at 6:00 PM or at the church at 5:30 PM and carpool. The reservations will be under Williamsville Christian Church.

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Women's Ministry

Iron Sharpens Iron for Women– April 13th

ISI is not just for men anymore! Ladies mark your calendar for ISI for Women in Moline, IL on April 13, 2024. We will leave WCC in the church vans at 6:00 AM to attend the conference at 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. We will leave after the conference ends and eat on the way home at a restaurant. We should return by 8:00 PM. The cost is \$59, which includes lunch, for registration of 10 or more by March 27, 2024.

May 7 - Ladies Night Out - Yummy Bowl

You can either meet us at the restaurant at 6:00 pm or at the church at 5:30 pm to carpool. The reservation will be under Williamsville Christian Church.

June 8 - Ladies Day Out– Petersburg

Lunch and Craft Day at Hello Sunshine Makery & Marketplace. More details to follow.

Text/Online Giving

We have two different ways that you can give to the WCC family. You can go to our website and click on the giving tab. It will walk you through the process and you can set up a regular giving schedule or give a one-time gift. The second way you can give is by texting 217-600-2552. You will be sent a link to click on which will walk you through the giving process. If you have any questions about these new ways to give, or any problems with either of these, please give us a call (217)-566-3381. Thank you for all you do to make WCC a great place to serve!

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