

# FEBRUARY 2012



## The Pastor's Corner

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

### Faith Training

In a lot of ways being a Christian is like being an athlete. To be either a Christian or an athlete takes discipline, training and endurance. While the training of the athlete is physical in nature so that he or she may compete physically with others, the training of a Christian is spiritual and prepares us for the spiritual conflict that will arise during our Christian walk. The great athlete separates him or herself from the others by their discipline in their training. How hard he or she is willing to work in order to take the next step, achieve the next goal or win the next game. The Christian needs no less discipline in his or her life. The life of prayer and of studying scripture is not an easy life, nor one that comes naturally to many of us, therefore it is necessary to discipline ourselves to that life in order that we may gain the fruits of it in our faith journeys. It is the hours that are spent in prayer and studying the scriptures that wins the spiritual battles ahead as we are drawn closer to God in heaven through his Son Jesus Christ. I encourage you as we move forward together to take your spiritual training seriously and to discipline yourselves now for the spiritual battles ahead.

Below are the Titles and Scriptures for February's messages. I encourage you to take a few minutes on Saturday evening or Sunday morning each week to take a look at the scripture for the coming Sunday message and see where God's Holy Spirit leads you.

February 5th - Regan Hensel Preaching

February 12th - "Having Faith" - What is Faith - Genesis 12:1-3 & Hebrews 11:1-3

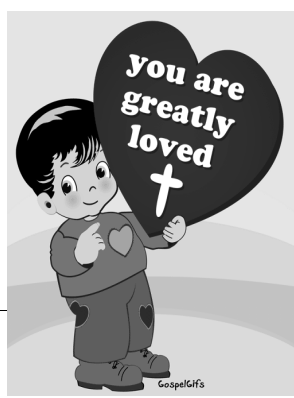
February 19th - "Having Faith" - Where Does Faith Lead - Genesis 22:1-18 & James 2:14-26

February 26th - "The Teaching of the Apostles" - God the Father - Genesis 1:1-5 & Romans 8:14-16

In Christ,

Pastor Jared

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***THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE*** written by Brenda (McChesney) Harvey

***“Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” I Corinthians 13:4a; 7; 13***



Alzheimer’s Disease has been called many pejorative terms: a thief in the night, an evil disease, the long good-bye.

But for our family, it has been the culmination of a love story.

This story began sixty years ago at a church camp when Paul, a shy, quiet 16 year old farm boy met Margie, the vivacious, fun-loving homecoming queen from the city. Paul likes to brag that he graduated in the top sixteen of his high school class. He fails to mention there were only sixteen students in the entire class. Margie went to the large, city school.

She starred in the school play, wrote her own permission slips to skip school and was thrilled to eventually pass Biology; never mind she passed with a C-. But she graduated and after graduation this unlikely duo got married and started a family.

The city girl was now a farm wife and she embraced her role with typical passion and verve. The pair had children. Margie sewed clothes for the family, canned the garden’s bounty, ran countless farm errands, volunteered at church and school and eventually went back to nursing school, this time graduating top in her class. (She finally learned Biology!)

Paul and Margie had a full life working the farm and raising their five children. Paul, Margie and their family worked hard tending the livestock and working the fields. But living in the middle of 200 acres, we, their children, played hard, too. So hard, in fact, that Mom dreamed of writing a book entitled: Don’t Bleed on the Rug! An appropriate title; with five children, there was plenty of blood. Falling from the hay mow, run-ins with animals and farm equipment, kickball and sledding mishaps, motorcycle falls and our personal favorite, severe leg trauma when my brother used an old refrigerator as a boat. Through it all, Mom’s words were always the same: “Let me see it, but don’t bleed on the rug!”

Through all of life’s trials, my parents remained steadfast in love. They exchanged quiet kisses as Mom stood at the sink. They looked in each other’s eyes as they sang duets at church. They held hands as they sat on the couch during ballgames. Through the family crises, the floods and the droughts, the financial struggles, the broken bones and stitches, and finally, now through Alzheimer’s disease, their love has been the constant. Margie can no longer wash dishes at the sink or sing duets with Dad at church. The twinkle in her eye is gone, but Dad still looks at her the same way he did sixty years ago. And he still holds her hand as they sit together on the couch during ballgames. However, unlike sixty years ago, now he also dresses her, brushes her hair for her, feeds her and takes care of all of her personal needs.

He is patient and kind. He perseveres and protects her through this most difficult trial. Alzheimer’s Disease has taken many things from our family. It has taken Mom’s memories. She doesn’t remember how to make her own special-recipe for apple dumplings. She doesn’t remember our annual corn-husking gatherings. She doesn’t even remember her own children. It has also taken a grandmother away. She can’t bake cookies or read stories or enjoy her grandchildren’s special events. It has taken away her fun-loving personality. She now sits and stares. It has taken a life-mate away from my dad. They had plans to operate a farm in South America, to winter in Florida, to enjoy life’s golden years together.

Yet, while much has been taken away, this love story has a happy ending. We are confident in this:

“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all”

2 Corinthians 4:17 We know that our parents will spend eternity together, with new glorified minds and bodies. Margie and Paul’s love story will continue. Their legacy to our family will be their steadfast love through all of life’s trials. Alzheimer’s Disease has been a context for our extended family to witness faith, hope and the greatest of these: love. We believe that we deserve to win this family reunion because winning this contest would provide us with the tools and resources to make Mom’s dream of writing a book a reality. As a legacy to our parent’s love, we would cherish the opportunity to document not only our broken bones and stitches, but also the love story that now defines our family history.

**(Brenda submitted this story to: [helpforalzheimersfamilies.com](http://helpforalzheimersfamilies.com) for a ‘I Will Remember For You’ family reunion contest)**

# Crossroads Youth Update

## Crossroads Youth Update

Hey there, youth and families!! Hopefully, you all got the mailing that I sent out in January with the information about the Valentine's Cake Auction, Work Mission forms and all the other stuff that we have coming up. If you didn't get one, PLEASE let me know so that I can fix my mailing list. As I already discovered, there are some mistakes in my mailing list. Hey, we all make mistakes. That's why we need a God who doesn't and forgives us when we do!

## IT'S A LOCK-IN ! A LOCK-IN !

OH YEAH!! IT'S A LOCK- IN ! Friday night, Feb. 10th starting about 6:30ish until about 9:00AM on Saturday morning!! Watch the weather and bring appropriate clothing just in case it happens to snow!! I need a couple of parents willing to spend the night, especially one female!! I also need a couple of people who could come Sat. morning and prepare breakfast!

## VALENTINE'S CAKE AUCTION ! - SWEET !!

What a "SWEET" fundraiser this event has turned out to be ! It's really simple. Each youth that is planning to attend Work Mission and/or ALIVE this year should make and decorate a cake for Valentine's day and bring it to the Church before Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM on February 12th. People will be placing silent bids during Sunday School and up until about 10 minutes after the 10:30 service ends. All proceeds for each item go directly into the account for that youth. All monies will be due that day. Checks go to CrossRoads Youth.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION !! - March 17th

The Spaghetti Dinner and Auction is our BIG fundraising event for the year and it takes all of the youth and their families to make it a success. We ask that each youth family help with soliciting donations and items for the auction as well as the dinner. All youth are expected to help work the dinner that night. Advertising flyers and donation forms are available. See Conni or Regan for more info!



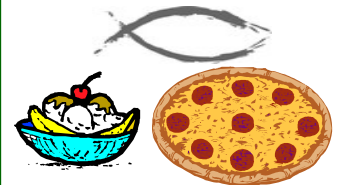
### February

- 5 - Confirmation Begins - 9:30AM**
- 5 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 10 - LOCK-IN @ the CHURCH
- 12 - VALENTINE'S CAKE AUCTION**
- 12 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 19 - DEADLINE FOR WORKMISSION**
- 19 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 26 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 28- Planning Team Mtg. - 7:30 PM



### March

- 4 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 11 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 16 - Setup for Auction & Dinner !!**
- 17 - Spaghetti Dinner & Auction !!**
- 18 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 25 - Crossroads Youth 7:00 PM
- 27 - Planning Team Mtg. - 7:30 PM



### WHO HAS SNACKS ??

- FEB 5 - Ross's
- FEB 12 - Hempstead's
- FEB 19 - Webb's
- FEB 26 - Messenger's
- MARCH 4 - Leving's
- MARCH 11 - ?????
- MARCH 18 - Ross'
- MARCH 25 - Strine's

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET ??

GROUP  
WORKCAMPS  
FOUNDATION

**Work Mission 2012**  
**Sommerville, TN - July 8—14**  
**Deadline to signup is Feb. 19th!!**

# ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened.*  
Matthew 7:7



## Praying For Missionaries

Mt 13:38.....Father, I pray for those out in the mission fields,  
Mt 13:38.....spreading the good news of the Gospel,  
Mt 24:14.....in this country and around the world.  
1Jn 3:17.....They have seen their brothers' needs  
1Jn 3:17.....and have not shut up their hearts from them,  
3Jn 1:7.....but have faithfully gone forth into all the earth.  
2Tim 1:9.....Let them be called with a holy calling,  
2Tim 1:9.....not according to their works,  
2Tim 1:9.....but according to Your own purpose, Father.  
2Tim 4:17.....Stand with them and strengthen them.  
2Tim 4:18.....Deliver them from every evil work and preserve them.  
Phil 2:16.....Help them to hold fast to the Word of life  
Eph 5:10.....proving what is acceptable to the Lord,  
Eph 5:11.....exposing the unfruitful works of darkness,  
Phil 2:15.....and shining as bright lights in a dark world.  
2Thes 3:8.....Let their hard work be an example to us,  
1Thes 3:2.....as we send fellow laborers and ministers of God  
1Thes 3:2.....to encourage and establish them concerning their faith,  
1Thes 3:3.....so that they will not be shaken by afflictions.  
1Thes 2:2..... the boldness to speak the Gospel in the midst of conflict  
1Cor 2:4.....in demonstration of the Spirit and power  
Col 4:17.....and to fulfill the ministry they have received in the Lord.

But we are all actually missionaries, aren't we?

We have a mission to spread the Gospel!



## Pray Without Ceasing

- ◆ **Robin Snopik** mission trip to El Salvador (Feb 8 th— Feb 19th)
- **Shad & Megan Pollock & family**-as they grieve the loss of their infant daughter, Vivyan Hope
- **Allen Pollock & family** (loss of his wife— (Shad's step mother)
- **Sgt Gregory Crabbe** (son of Don & Karen Crabbe)
- **Kaleb Leathem**- in the Air Force
- **Ralph & Helen Young**
- **Rod Jenkins**
- **Fred Roth & Jane Roth** – continued healing
- **Russ & Mary Wickersham**
- **Kinley Strohl**—Troy Ruehrmund's great niece is battling leukemia
- **Ralph Brown**-( 1st Ch of Naz.) Parkinson's disease
- **Crystall Gifford's baby**, Jonathan Paul Gifford
- **Helen Bender**- is at Woodside in room # 42
- **Our troops, their families & our nation**
- **Frances Strine** at Kingston- Memory Care 36
- **Samantha McGuire**-Mission Trip
- **Paul Young** (in Afghanistan)
- **Jamie Slaughterbeck**-(Heather & Todd's sis) God's healing of cancer
- **Troy Ruehrmund** God's strength, peace & complete healing.
- **Harold Milligan**
- **Mary Jo Peterman**- lung cancer
- **Paul & Marge McChesney**
- **Sammy Johnson**- (Eunice's 8 yr old gr grandson)
- **Wanda Robinson**- (Barb Dendinger's daughter) complete healing
- **Carson DeWitt**- healing and God's peace
- All of our shut-ins & those in Assisted Living & Nursing Facilities.



# Senior Lunch & Social Time



**11:30 a.m. February 29th**

## Marion Salem Free Clinic Feb. 13th 6 pm - 8 pm

Available to those with no health insurance & meet certain guidelines.  
 No appt necessary & the 1st 20 people accepted.  
 Please call 419-947-5383  
 or email freeclinic@marionsalemchurch.org

### Shopping Cart Sunday

As you know, we maintain a small food pantry at Marion Salem, which is available to anyone in need at our church or in the area. We need your help to keep the shelves full. The Outreach Ministry Team has designated the 3rd Sunday of each month as "Fill the Shopping Cart Sunday". If you would like to help, please donate canned & non-perishable items on Sunday, February 19th. Thank You!

**Noisy Offering** 1st Sunday of every month, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. *Thank you!*

*This helps with the purchase of meat for the food pantry.*

#### Meetings

2/6	SPR	7pm
2/9	UMW	7pm
2/19	Outreach (after worship)	
2/20	Worship	7pm
2/26	Discipleship (after worship)	
2/27	Finance	7:pm
2/27	Ad Council	7:30pm

#### Worship Schedule

2/5	E Band
2/12	E Band
2/19	Praise Band
2/22	Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
2/26	Praise Band

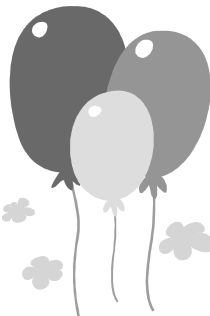
## Donut Sunday

9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday every month  
 Slackers Class February 5th



### Birthdays

- 2/1 Tim Roston
- 2/2 Jill Shore  
Georgie Morrison
- 2/3 Darla Campbell  
Luke Strine
- 2/4 Hadyn Danals
- 2/11 Naomi Dunaway  
Barb Dendinger  
Steve Young
- 2/15 Peyton Zempter  
Christy Tolle
- 2/16 Jeanne Evers  
Lyndsay Wyeth
- 2/18 Lynne Monroe  
Jana Bauer  
Leslie Longstreth
- 2/21 Cheryl Slack
- 2/23 Helen Bender  
Mitch Messenger
- 2/26 Jim McGuire  
Kara Strine  
Olivia Kyrk



### Anniversaries

- Paul & Marge McChensey 2/14
- Dick & Vonnie Dendinger 2/14
- Jim & Allison Miracle 2/15
- Tom & Nancy Tomlin 2/25
- Rodger & Marcia Burden 2/27

### Philippians 1:3

*I thank my God every time  
 I remember you.*

Our next Free  
Clinic is  
Monday,  
February 13th  
from 6-8 pm

## Wear Red for Heart Disease Awareness



February is American Heart Month.

Wear red the first Friday of February, National Wear Red **Day**,  
**each year to help raise awareness about heart disease in women.**  
**Make health your best accessory!**

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. It can begin early, even in the teen years. A woman's risk for heart disease rises between the ages of 40 and 60. No matter how old you are, you can take steps to lower your risk for heart disease! Start by planning heart healthy activities during the month of February. But don't stop there-stay healthy and active all year

Taken from <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/WearRed/>

## Valentine Cakes Silent Auction

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Before Sunday School until right after the 10:30 Church Service.

There will be a variety of  
special cakes and goodies for the silent auction.

Beside each cake will be a paper for you  
to put your name and price you would pay for the cake.

But remember, you will need to recheck it periodically  
as someone could outbid you and then you would have to bid again.

There will be a short time allowed after the Worship Service for you to check your  
final bid and win the cake of your choice.

This event is a fundraiser for  
the upcoming summer Work Mission trip!



**HAPPY BID-**



# **CrossRoads Youth Spaghetti Dinner & Auction**

## **Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- \*We need your donations of new items or services that can be auctioned off.**
- \*Maybe you or a family member works at a place of business that could donate items or services. You might ask your friends to do the same.**
- \*Do you or your friends or family have a skill or a hobby to share?  
woodworking - sewing - quilts - dolls - paintings**
- \*Are you an excellent baker or candy maker?**
- \*Do you or someone you know sell products such as Mary Kay,  
Home Interiors, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Avon,  
or any other products such as these?**

**This is our BIG fundraising event for the year! All of the proceeds go to the youth program with over half going towards their Summer Work Mission Trip. If you would like to help support the youth of our church in anyway, please contact Conni McChesney at 419-210-0925.**

**We also need everyone to attend! Invite your family and friends! This is open to the public and we want you to invite others to come! We would ask that you reserve your dinner tickets in advance, so that we can have an estimated number to prepare for.**

**To reserve your tickets you may call the office at 419-947-5383**  
**3-10 years old - \$5.00**  
**11 & over - \$10.00**

**We want to thank you all for your love  
and continued support of our Youth!**

**You may pay in advance to Conni McChesney  
or you may drop off your reservations and payment at the Church office.  
Make all checks payable to: CrossRoads Youth**



**Relay for Life of Marion County June 1-2, 2012 at River Valley HS  
Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back. ®**

**This year's theme is Relay Tailgate, Let's Tackle Cancer  
We will be Team Disciples**

**Are you a survivor? We want to celebrate you!  
We would love for your small group to join us!  
The more the merrier!**

Please visit [www.relayforlife.org/marionOH](http://www.relayforlife.org/marionOH) or see Leslie Jordan or Darla Campbell to register for Relay  
When you register as a team member you:  
Register for Survivor activities if applicable  
Are able to fundraise and earn credit toward event t-shirts and other prizes  
Are kept informed about activities leading up to Relay  
Sign a waiver needed by the American Cancer Society



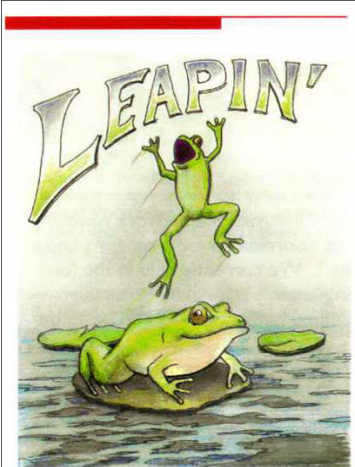
**Ash Wednesday Dinner Fundraiser**

Don't hurry to cook dinner before the mid-week Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd,  
join us for a soup dinner fundraiser!

Soup, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Punch  
**Wednesday February 22, 2012 5:30– 7:00 pm —**  
**The Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 7:00 pm**  
Free Will Donation  
Please see Darla or Leslie to help with the dinner

Leslie Jordan: 740-225-1509 [leslie\\_jordan2005@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie_jordan2005@yahoo.com)  
Darla Campbell: 740-361-2611 [Campbell.darla@gmail.com](mailto:Campbell.darla@gmail.com)





## LEAPIN' OUTREACH CENTER

**287 South State St. Marion, Ohio 43302 Phone – (740) 387-0131**  
**Hours: Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:30PM & Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00 noon**

February is a month that we normally associate with love because of Valentines Day. It is a time when we show our loved ones how much we care for them. The Bible tells us that we are to show that same love to everyone! I know that may seem tough sometimes, but Jesus said we are to “love our neighbor as ourselves!” He said we are to love “as I have loved you!” Come on and join us at Leapin’ this month as we share our love, kindness, friendship and a helping hand with the people of the Marion area. Of course, we would “love” to have you join us every month, but February is a great place to start.

Our totals are in for the 2011 calendar year. We registered 355 new households this year. We served 2,738 total households this year which breaks down to 9,750 individuals that we helped in Marion in 2011. Although these numbers may seem very large, they only continue to grow. We are currently working on possibly opening up another day of the week. We are praying that this is only the beginning of the growth that we see in our ability to increase our outreach in Marion.

Our current needs are warm clothing for school age kids along with coats and boots. We still need men’s warm winter coats. There is always the need for underwear and socks for men, women and children of all ages. We need personal hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper and women’s sanitary products. If you have questions, please call Pat Hensel at 740-262-1615.

**L – Loving**  
**E – Each**  
**A – And Every**  
**P – Person**  
**I – In**  
**N – Need**

*“Leapin’ Outreach Center” is now a 501c3 Tax-Exempt organization.*

What if you woke up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for today?

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18  
 Be joyful always, pray continually,  
 give thanks in all circumstances,  
 for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.



## Confirmation

*Dates are: Feb 5 – April 29th*

*Time: 9:30 AM - during regular Sunday School time*

*Confirmation is open to any students in the 7th to 12th grades and is a time for a young person to examine the Christian faith— to find out what it means to love God, how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and what it means to bear good fruit. Confirmation is a key opportunity to help make firm roots in the faith of your child. As a parent, you will join in nurturing your young person for a growing and healthy relationship with God, with others, with family and with themselves. We pray that you will commit you and your young person to joining us for this years confirmation program.*

*There is still time to sign up!*

*In His Service,*

*Regan Hensel*

*Reverend Jared Williams*

### **Thank you for your Smile!**

We are a friendly church and we appreciate you helping us keep that reputation! Statistics show that guests to our church will decide whether or not we are a friendly church within the first 30 seconds of coming through the doors.

That is why our greeter ministry is of vital importance.

We want to thank each of you who help out with our greeter ministry and remind all of us that hospitality is a ministry that belongs to everyone in our church.

Thank you again for your smiles, hugs and hospitality!



*The phrase “Do not be afraid” is written in the Bible 365 times.  
That is a daily reminder from God to live everyday fearless.*

Hospitality Time every Sunday @

**February**

CR Youth Sunday Nights @

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Fam Ctr Res
5 Noisy Offering	6 SPR 7pm	7	8	9 UMW 7:00pm	10 YOUTH	11 LOCK - IN to 9 a.m
12 Cake Auc- tion!	13 Worship Mtg 7p	14 Happy Valentines	15	16	17	18
19 Outreach Mtg after worship	20	21	22 Relay Dinner Ash Wed Ser-	23	24	25 Fam Ctr Res
26 1st Sunday of Lent	27 Finance 7p & Ad Council	28 Planning Team Mtg 7:30 p.m.	29 Senior Lunch 11:30 a.m.			

**NURSERY HELPERS**

2/5 Kathy Purvis & Amy McGuire  
 2/12 Cheryl Slack & Christy Tolle  
 2/19 Heather Townsend & Betty Woodruff  
 2/26 Vickie Axline & Kathy Butler

**CHILDREN CHURCH HELPERS**

2/5 Corinna Jagers w/ Julie Roth  
 2/12 Jon Myers  
 2/19 Amy Strine w/ Dale Wagner  
 2/26 Dawn Ruehrmund w/ Cheryl Slack

**Sunday School Helpers for Amy's Class**

2/5 Marcia Burden  
 2/12 Barb Dendinger  
 2/19 Janet Strine  
 2/26 Cheryl Slack

**Greeters**

2/5 Paul & Ellen Messenger & John & Lisa Layton  
 2/12 Brian & Kathe Hempstead & Annette VanVoorhis & Marcia Burden  
 2/19 Mike & Judy Renfrew & Max & Janet Strine  
 2/26 Adam & Rhonda Irely & Dave & Kathleen Miller

*If you are unable to help on the assigned Sunday, please switch with someone on this list.  
 Thank you for your time and service at MSUMC.*

**Communion Stewards February 5th**

Dale & Kelly Wagner   Dave & Kathleen Miller   John & Betty Quinn   Paul & Ellen Messenger

**Encouraging Word**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
 but to save the world through Him.

John 3:17

Stay in touch thru E-mail!  
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regan@marionsalemchurch.org  
lisa@marionsalemchurch.org  
Or call 419-947-5383

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Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. M-T-W & F

Have you read  
your Bible to-



**The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear?  
The stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1**

