



SMITHVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH

"Introducing people to Christ - together becoming completely committed Christians."

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Forward Look

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR AUGUST 2025

I'm not a golfer – unless you count the miniature version – and many of you are not either. I've played one round of golf in my life, and after shooting a 135 over eighteen holes (and much of the golf course), I retired from the sport. For the record, I came in last in a group of exactly two that day. I can appreciate how difficult the sport is and how much time it would take to become proficient let alone good.

Scottie Scheffler, the number one ranked golfer on the PGA tour, just won the Open Championship. He has won over ninety million dollars in his career – one of only four people to ever do so – and is only twenty-nine years old. To say he has been successful is an understatement.

Scheffler recently said:

This is not a fulfilling life. It's fulfilling from the sense of accomplishment, but it's not fulfilling from a sense of the deepest places of your heart.

Every day when I wake up early to go put in the work, my wife thanks me for going out and working so hard. When I get home, I try and thank her every day for taking care of our son.

That's why I talk about family being my priority because it really is. I'm blessed to be able to come out here and play golf, but if my golf ever started affecting my home life or it ever affected the relationship I have with my wife or my son, that's going to be the last day that I play out here for a living.

This is not the be all, end all. This is not the most important thing in my life. That's why I wrestle with, why is this so important to me? Because I'd much rather be a great father than I would be a great golfer. At the end of the day, that's what's more important to me.

Hearing what Scheffler said, Skip Bayless, sports commentator and television personality, responded:



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Just a reminder that Operation Christmas Child collection goes all year with featured items every month. Note that any item can be donated at any time, especially as you come across good sales.

This is just a guideline. Donations can be placed in the box under the OCC table in the entryway.



AUGUST **School Supplies** (no liquids allowed)

Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, paper, rulers, glue sticks, stickers, coloring books, pencil pouches, scissors, water bottles, etc.

September	Games	Puzzles, playing cards, handheld/travel games (including batteries), jacks, marbles, flexible frisbee, tic-tac-toe, etc.
October	Greetings	Letters, photos, and drawings to include in shoeboxes
November	Give	Monetary donations for shipping boxes (\$10 each)
December	Pray	Pray for the journey of each shoebox and the children who will receive it



A Note from Your Librarian

August is here already! It's almost time for school activities to begin. Now is a good time to stop in to the Church Library and take home a good book of your choosing!

1. ***Green Pastures*** by Patricia Johns
Tabitha Schrock's return to Lancaster County shakes the foundations of her family and community. After her departure during *rumspringa* and a recent divorce, Tabitha faces the challenge of reintegrating into Amish society while pursuing her dream of working as a veterinarian.
2. ***A Stolen Kiss*** by Mindy Steele
Who kissed who first? Full of faith, hope, and romance, this series takes you in the Heart of Amish Country with LeEita Miller who has never done anything spontaneous before.
3. ***The Marriage Pact*** by Kathleen Fuller
Perry and Daisy's fake relationship is fooling everyone . . . But they're the ones who might be getting fooled.
4. ***B is for Bonnet*** by Shelley Shephard Gray
An inspirational story of four English-raised siblings who return to their grandparents' Ohio community planning to become Amish. But one by one, they will soon learn more about living- and love- than they'd ever imagined.

Find these and more new books on the wall or on the table in the Library!

Keep Reading!

Your Librarian,
Rachel Krabill

Quote: "Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall." —Oliver Goldsmith

ELEMENT 412 EVENTS **(6th-12th GRADE)**

LAKE PARTY AT THE FETTERS
4064 INVERNESS DR
WOOSTER OH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
1-5 P.M.
Bring a swimsuit and towel
Lunch provided
Sign up at smithville.church




SCENE 75
MONDAY, AUGUST 11
1-6 P.M.
\$30 per person
Limited availability
Friends are welcome
Dinner provided
Sign up at smithville.church

WATER WAR @ SBC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
NOON-4 P.M.
Lunch provided
Friends are welcome
Sign up at smithville.church



Summer Reading Program 2025

Sunday, August 3rd is the last day to turn in reading logs to earn prizes; winners will be announced soon! Hope the students enjoyed all of the books they read and they learned something too!

ATTENTION MUSICIANS: It's that time of year again! Talented bell ringers and vocalists will begin practicing soon. Please join us!

BELL RINGERS: Practices will begin on Saturday, August 23rd from 9 to 10 a.m. in the lower fellowship hall. If you are interested in becoming a part of the team, contact Phyllis Snyder at 330-464-7035. You must be able to read music and attend weekly practices.

CHOIR MEMBERS: Practices will begin on Wednesday, August 27th from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you would like to join us as we make a joyful noise, contact Dee Sillman at 330-466-2287. All ages are welcome, and you must be able to attend weekly practices.

Thank You!

Church Family,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Please know how much all your cards, prayers and good wishes were and are appreciated. Thank you also for the beautiful planter.

Love to you all!
Ida James

Dear friends at SBC,

It was very thoughtful of you to be supportive in this time of grief and mourning for my brother, Wendell Fleming.

Mary & Brian Weeman and family



We cannot thank you enough for all the opportunities you help provide.
RSC LOVES YOU!

From the Associate Pastor
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I was jolted and jarred by what Scottie Scheffler said on the eve of the British Open. No, Scottie, no. God gave you spectacular ability to play the world's hardest game, gave you the strongest competitive drive since Tiger, gave you what Jack Nicklaus had, what Ben Hogan had. You can't just shrug it off at age 29 and focus on being a better father than a golfer. You can't do that, Scottie, no. God wants you to maximize the platform from which you can honor him, and encourage fans to open their hearts to him, to God.

That's what God has led or called you to do, Scottie. Not to focus on your wife and infant son before you are 30. Golf is just too hard; the line is just too fine between dominating and missing cuts.

I believe Scottie Scheffler is a true believer, that he is a legit God guy, that he does have God in his heart, but here's where Scottie Scheffler and I differ.

I felt called by God to be the very best truth-telling commentator and writer I could be, the very best. However, I could maximize my talent that God gave me, I'm going to do it. To do so, I sacrificed having children because I saw that properly and correctly raising children would be a huge time-draining distraction from maximizing my talents.

Allow me to share just a couple of brief comments from scripture.

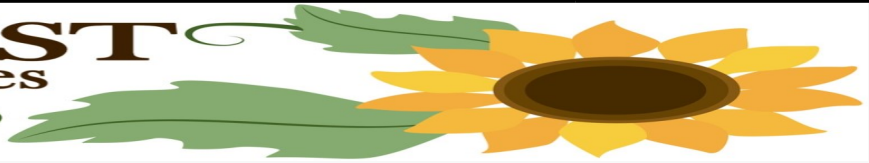
First, **FAMILY IS A GIFT FROM THE LORD.**

*He who finds a wife finds what is good
and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 18:22 NIV)*

*Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him. (Psalm 127:3 NIV)*

AUGUST

Anniversaries

**August 1**

Joe & Lisa Zemancik
27th anniversary

August 2

Ron & Judy Reinking
61st anniversary

August 8

Rex & Bobbi McConahay
55th anniversary

August 9

Virgil & Julia Brubaker
61st anniversary

August 11

John & Sylvia Stovall
62nd anniversary

August 13

Rick & Susan Dilyard
47th anniversary

August 19

Jim & Edith Rowsey
69th anniversary

August 21

John & Kristin Clabaugh
26th anniversary

Scott & Linda Dunn
10th anniversary

August 22

Clyde & Kathy Miller
66th anniversary

August 26

Bob & Vicki Carpenter
53rd anniversary

August 27

Bob & Judy Chittenden
62nd anniversary

August 28

Lloyd & Carol Horst
43rd anniversary

THIS AND THAT

There is no August Primetime Lunch; please invite family and friends to attend the All-Church BBQ in the Upper Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 9th at 4:30 p.m. Sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or at the Information table. **There are signup sheets at the Welcome Center** to provide something for the meal. If you would like to help with set-up and/or food prep, reach out to Eileen Vincent at 330-464-8705. We are expecting 150 people; what a great time to fellowship with your church family and friends!

SBC Car Show—Saturday, August 9th from 9 to 2. If you have a vehicle you would like to display or you would like to help with traffic control, please sign up on the church website, smithville.church, or at the Information table. Questions? Call Colin Agnes at 330-439-9435.

The August Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m. at The Barn Restaurant. If you have any questions or need a ride, please reach out to Louise Liebhart at 330-347-8544.

Farewell Gathering for Ted Peploski—Sunday, August 24th at 10:15 in the UFH you will have the opportunity to wish Ted well in his new job. There will be cake and punch and brief remarks, followed by time to fellowship. Adult Sunday school classes may attend all/part/none. We are thankful to Ted for his years of service; his last Sunday will be August 31st.

Family Camp at Camp Bethany is Labor Day weekend, Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1. Move in Saturday before lunch and plan to stay through Monday afternoon. Have fun and enjoy connecting with others from all over. This year's theme is "See What Jesus Has Done", based on Psalm 118:16 and John 6:6. There will be speakers who will share about their mission focus and how Jesus is using their efforts. Our own Tom McConahay will lead worship music. The lodging arrangements are made by family groups. The cost is \$45 per person and \$180 per family; six meals are provided. Register soon at campbethany.org/family-camp/. There is always a need for help in the kitchen; there is also a need for people to help with youth or children in the break-out sessions. If the Lord is prompting you to help, please contact Kim (330-465-0083) or Jeff (330-465-7028).

AUGUST Birthdays



August 1
Erik White

August 2
Carson Buss

August 3
Briley Cline

August 5
Phil Maasz

August 8
Marilyn Aspinall
Kaitlyn Carr
Gwen Zimmerly

August 9
Tom Blough
Susan Dilyard
Corben Mahas
Pam Gard

August 11
Ron Reinking

August 13
Doris Dravenstott

August 15
Rachel Krabill
Dan Fetter

August 16
Ryan Chenevey

August 22
Ellis Border

August 23
Karl Roller
Chris Curtis

August 24
Bobbi McConahay

August 26
Diane Borah

August 28
Reagan Gerhart

August 29
Dale Shamp

August 30
Jeremy Cline
Beth Hochstetler

August 31
Beth Riggensbach
Chet Underwood

August 2025

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3 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service 1:00-5:00 Element 412— Lake Party	4	5	6 6:30 Time of Prayer	7	8	9 9-2 SBC Car Show 4:30 All-Church BBQ 7:05 Rubber Ducks Game
10 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service	11 1:00-6:00 Element 412— Scene 75	12 6:30 CE Board Meeting	13 6:00 SHE Builds @ Fetter's 6:30 Time of Prayer	14	15	16
17 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service	18 6:30 Official Board Meeting	19	20 11:30 Ladies Luncheon @ The Barn Restaurant 6:30 Time of Prayer	21	22	23 9:00 Bell Choir Practice
24 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service Noon-4 Element 412— Water War	25	26	27 6:30 Time of Prayer 7:30 Choir Practice	28	29	30 Family Camp at Camp Bethany 8/30 through 9/1
31 9:00 T Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 C Worship Service						

Nursery/Jr Church Schedule

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
9:00 Nursery Traditional Service	Nina Hart		Jennifer Carr Kelly/Ronan White		
10:15 Nursery Sunday School	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King	April Pearce Sylvia King
11:30 Nursery Contemporary Service	Bridgett Collins Lori Cline	Wendy Fetter Melissa Underwood	Wendy Fetter Susan Dilyard	Julie Hostettler Rochelle Shane	Gwen Zimmerly
9:00 Jr. Church Traditional Service	Debbie Rinehart Elizabeth Frantz	Jill Harris Jessie Dravenstott	Emily Chenevey April Pearce	Susan Boyes Bridgett Collins	Kim Chittenden Chin-Chin Frantz
11:30 Jr. Church Contemporary Service	Courtney Maibach Sabrina Brandenburg	Chet Underwood Ashley Burns	Russ King Sarah Bozsik	Susan Dilyard Lorah Meech	Russ King Kylie Hostettler

Ministry Statistics: Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance			Weekly Giving
	Sunday School	9:00	11:30	
July 6	140	202	61	\$16,119.59
July 13	137	199	59	\$15,478.78
July 20	138	187	48	\$6,933.12
July 27	127	160	69	\$9,432.77

Ministry Statistics: Designated Giving

Camp Bethany	\$1,400	Primetime	\$250
Chair Rental	\$25	OCC	\$315.62
Element 412	\$400.41	Riverside Christian School	\$310
Flowers	\$220	Rubber Ducks Tickets	\$80
Good Samaritan Fund	\$800	Salt & Light Ministry	\$714
Library Fund	\$150	Zimmerly Memorial	\$200

From the Associate Pastor
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The two greatest commandments both deal with relationships. To follow Jesus is to invest in relationships with both the Father and those He created. Paul warned Christians:

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8 NIV)

The word translated “provide” carries the idea of caring for something. It is not primarily a financial term.

Second, **THE ULTIMATE SCORECARD IS CHARACTER.**

Paul wrote:

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. (1 Corinthians 9:25 NIV)

Relatively few people follow golf. Even fewer can name more than a handful of past winners – even of the greatest golf tournaments. But wives remember if their husbands were grateful. Children remember if their fathers were present. It has been decades, but I can still remember moments spent together with my dad, words he shared, laughs he caused. People might not give him a trophy, but I’ll give him a hug. He might not receive prize money, but he will have my gratitude. Multitudes might not crowd the fairways, but grandchildren will sit around the table.

And that’s a reason to put in the work.

Until next month ...


Pastor Scott

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**LET’S HELP ELLIS
CELEBRATE HIS
10TH BIRTHDAY WITH A
CARD SHOWER!**
**PLACE CARDS IN THE WHITE
MAILBOX AT THE INFOR-
MATION TABLE; ALL CARDS
ARE DUE BY AUGUST 17TH**

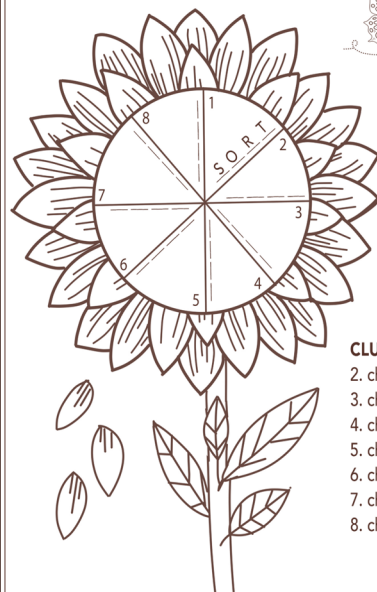



PUZZLE

THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.





We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).

Answers: fort, gown, down, dove, love, We love because [God] first loved us. 1 John 4:19, NIV