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An Encouraging Word

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When it comes to school, work, sports and most other categories, we take note of the averages. It helps know what's expected so we don't fall too far below. And in some cases, so we don't rise too far above the average. For instance: I was instructed not to produce too many parts per hour at a union production job that I held briefly during seminary. The average is typically where we're able to fit in with others. It's the safe place where a person doesn't draw negative attention. Therefore, average can be the comfortable place.

Following Jesus is different. His life wasn't average and He didn't encourage His followers to live average lives. He didn't encourage us to make finding the safe or comfortable place our goal in life. Instead, Jesus said this:

"...I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

Jesus said His followers would do greater things. Not only the average religious things. Instead, greater things because He returned to His Father and sent the Holy Spirit to fill our lives. In John 14:17 Jesus said, *"...you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."* These greater things are supposed to be the authentic experience of every follower of Jesus. And this can be our experience when we allow the Holy Spirit to more completely have and empower our lives. God wants to work through our Holy Spirit filled lives to help the lost, broken, hurting world around us to experience Jesus. May God use the Gospel of Mark and the sermon series "From Average to Authentic" to move the needle of the Holy Spirit in our lives further to the authentic side. We need to experience more of that kind of life. We need it for our sake and for the sake of the world around us. Are you ready? Let's go! The series starts May 1st.

—Pastor Mike



Jackson Miller, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. He is the son of Mark and Annette Miller, grandson of Dorothy Roush, Steve and Rickey Ernst and great-grandson of Loretta Ernst. Jackson received an honors diploma and will be attending Ohio University, majoring in business.

Brooklyn Miller, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. She is the daughter of Mark and Annette Miller, granddaughter of Dorothy Roush, Steve and Rickey Ernst and great-granddaughter of Loretta Ernst. Brooklyn received an honors diploma and is attending Ohio University, majoring in biology to become a dermatologist.



Kellan Paul Arn, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. He is the son of David and Shelly Arn and grandson of Donald and Carole Arn and Elden and Bonnie Oney. Kellan's honors include American Division SBAAC First Team All Star for Academic Team and National Honor Society. For four years he was in Theater, Choir, Marching and Concert Band, Academic Team and Student Council. Kellan plans to join the work force while deciding on his college plans.

Colton O'Hara, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. He is the son of Rob and Kim O'Hara and grandson of Richard and Marilyn Kirk and Larry and Linda O'Hara. Colton was a member of the National Honor Society and will attend Northern Kentucky University studying computer science, running cross-country and track.





Riley Shepherd, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. She is the daughter of Chris and Angela Shepherd and granddaughter of Harlan and Nancy Moore. Riley has joined the work force for now and is undecided on her future plans.

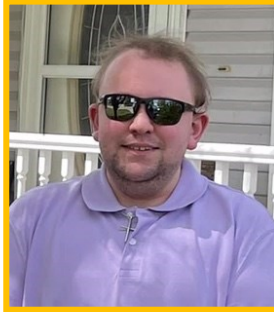
Benjamin Erhardt, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. He is the son of Chris and Gail Erhardt and grandson of Nancy Erhardt. Ben graduated with honors and will be attending Ohio University.



Hunter Shepherd, is a graduate of Southern Hills Career and Technical Center and Western Brown High School. He is the son of Chris and Angela Shepherd and grandson of Harlan and Nancy Moore. Hunter will leave June 30, 2022, to enlist in the United States Navy.

Mason Richard Gartner, is a graduate of Western Brown High School. He is the son of Randy and Sheri Gartner. Mason has attended the Thomas A. Wildey School and will continue his education at Thomas A. Wildey School.





Alex Massengill, is a graduate of University of Northwestern Ohio. He is the son of Neal and Pam Massengill and grandson of Vickie Walters. Alex has an Associates Degree in Medical Office Management and will continue his education at Shawnee State University working for a degree in Health Care Management.

Bailey Miller, is a graduate of Cleveland Institute of Art. She is the daughter of Mark and Annette Miller, granddaughter of Dorothy Roush, Steve and Rickey Ernst and great-granddaughter of Lorette Ernst. Bailey has a BFA in Illustration with a Creative Writing emphasis. Her goal is to become a book illustrator.



Noah Jacob Hayslip, is a graduate of West Virginia University with high honors in Forest Management and Park Ranger. Noah is the son of Daryl and Casey Hayslip and grandson of Lester and Ruth Hayslip. His goal is to get a job in a state park.

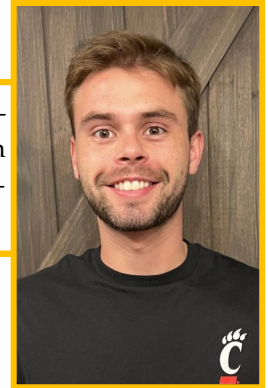
Luke Starkey, is a graduate from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Forestry. He is the son of Mike and Elise Starkey. Luke has been accepted into the Master's program with a full-time research assistantship.





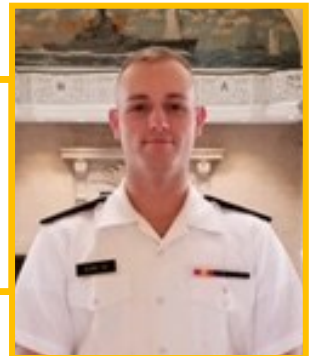
Cole Dotson, is a graduate of Clemson University. He is the son of Missy Dotson and grandson of Pat Cornett. Cole plans to work in the Agricultural field.

Logan Nickell, is a graduate of University of Cincinnati—Lindner College of Business. He is the son of Kevin and Diane Nickell and grandson of Richard and Marilyn Kirk. Logan plans to become a business professional selling IT business solutions.



Brooke O'Hara, is a graduate of University of Cincinnati. She is the daughter of Rob and Kim O'Hara and granddaughter of Richard and Marilyn Kirk and Larry and Linda O'Hara. Brooke has a degree in Marketing and is working at Angela Morton Interior Design.

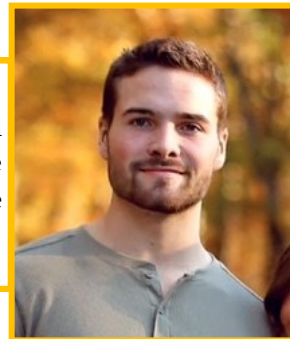
Brian Dunn, is a graduate of Annapolis, United States Naval Academy. His parents are Dave and Karen Dunn and grandparents are Lynn and Arminta Dunn and Philip and Sarah Watson. Brian has been accepted into the Navy Pilot Warfare Community and is reporting to Pensacola, FL, for flight training.





Miranda Wallace, is a graduate of Wright State University. She is the daughter of James Wallace and Michelle Barger and granddaughter of Marjorie Schafer and Joyce Barger. Miranda has a Bachelor of Science of Nursing degree and works at Children's Hospital emergency room.

Evan Wells, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. He is the son of Marc and Tracy Wells and grandson of Truman and Carol Sue King and Mike and Rose Wells. Evan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and works for Nuclear Care Partners as a home health nurse.



Jami Brossenne, will be a December, 2022, graduate from Wilmington College. She is the daughter of Jim and Jennifer Brossenne. Jami's Bachelor's Degree is in Agriculture Business with a minor in Equine Studies.

Food Truck Crew Team Planning Meeting and Training

Hope you can join the Food Truck Crew for VBS. We have lots to do to get things rolling for VBS in June. Our crew will be meeting in May and early June to preview the stories, crafts, science, snacks, games, and songs for VBS. In addition, we will review Safe Sanctuary procedures that we will need to consider for this week, work through the details of the schedule, and get to know one another on the team! Crew sign-ups will be at the Sign-Up table in the Narthex.

Planning Dates:

Monday, May 2 * Monday, May 16 * Monday, May 23 * Thursday, June 2

All meetings begin at 6 PM.

Mt. Nebo VBS 2022

VBS Coming to Mt. Nebo June 21-24

Sign-in begins at 8:45 AM each day

Sign-out is at noon each day



Calling all Chefs, age 4 thru those who have just completed 6th grades. You are invited to train at the Food Truck Party! Join Cupcake as he creates a special blend of Bible Stories, crafts, active games, snacks, science, and music during this year's Food Truck Party VBS at Mt. Nebo UMC! Groups will follow the lead of Master Chefs as they move from station to station with generous servings of growing our faith in God!

Hope to see you as the Food Truck Party rolls into Mt. Nebo on Tuesday, June 21st! Preregistration has already begun! Print forms are available at the sign up table! Invite others to join us this week—all registration forms should be completed and returned by Sunday, June 12th! Each day an adult will need to sign-in and sign-out the 'chefs'!

For more information, please contact Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator.



**Acolytes
Schedule**

9:00

5/1 Abram Cox/Gracie Zuech
5/8 Jennah Eubanks/Leah Waterfield
5/15 Jalyn Hahn/Camryn Graham
5/22 Brooke Kunkel/Evelyn Kunkel
5/29 Gracie Zuech/Leah Waterfield
6/5 BrookeKunkel/Abram Cox
6/12 Evelyn Kunkel/Camryn Graham
6/19 Jennah Eubsnsks/Jalyn Hahn
6/26 Abram Cox/Evelyn Kunkel

11:00

Emmaline Starkey/Addison Brossenne
Abigail Chirco/Joey Chirco
Jace Flores/AJ Flores
Jayden Edminsten/Madison Day
Ali Myer/Emmaline Starkey
Emmaline Starkey/Stella Keller
Addison Brossenne/Joey Chirco
Abigail Chirco/Jayden Edminsten
Jace Flores/AJ Flores



Hope you can plan to join us Sunday, May 15th, as we recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates during both the 9 AM and 11 AM Worship Services. We will have time following each worship service to personally congratulate these graduates on their achievements. See you Sunday, May 15th.



June 30th will be Mt. Nebo's annual Family Chalk Night.... All families are encouraged to plan a chalk creation for a parking space based on their favorite Bible story. Hope you can plan to be there!!!



Due to the bad weather on the day of our Easter Car Hop, we brought in inside. The children had fun as you can tell by their smiles.





Sunday Evening Youth

Sunday evening youth met before early April to help with landscaping and mulching around the church building and grounds! A big thanks to Chris and Virgie Luck for organizing this work project and also to the youth and their families for helping get our grounds ready to welcome guest throughout the Easter season!

This spring the Sunday Evening Youth will begin a series entitled 'Serve'...Serving like Jesus. Each week they will look at ways Jesus came to serve and calls us to do the same. A big thanks to Jacob and Sarah Clubb, Linda Henry, and Dan Reed for helping lead this ministry.

Please save these dates:

May 1st at 6 PM — May 15th at 6 PM — June 5th at 6:30 PM — June 12th at 6:30 PM
(June 12th meeting is to organize for Joni and Friends Carnival)

Please encourage these youth as they grown in their faith and serve others!

Joni and Friends Carnival Night

June 14th



joni&friends

Each summer, Joni and Friends sponsor family Ecamp experiences for families with a child who has disabilities. Once again we have been invited to host a carnival night for these families on Tuesday, June 14th. Each of our youth groups- 456, Devos and Donuts, and Sunday youth will be working together to share the Love of Jesus as they set up and provide carnival activities for the families there! If you are interested in going with our youth to serve in this ministry opportunity, please talk with Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator!

**devos &
donuts**
Grades 6 through 8

Devos and Donuts have met throughout the school year each Wednesday morning at 7:45 AM. These middle school youth have studied Biblical truths together, prayed for one another and the needs of others, and enjoyed breakfast and serving together. Devos and Donuts will finish their school year meetings on May 18th. In June, this group will help with Joni and Friends Carnival and VBS.

The 456 small group has been meeting Monday afternoons throughout the school year. Their last afternoon group will be Monday, May 16th, at 4:30 PM. A huge thanks to Alyssa Eubanks and Beth Keiffer for their leadership with this group. This summer 456 youth will be part of VBS and have opportunities to fellowship and serve together. In addition, an overnight adventure to The Wilds is planned for June 26-27.

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SMALL GROUP
Grades 4 through 7

—Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator



Births

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Harper Lindsay Aring, was born on March 18, 2022, to parents, Zach and Taylor Aring. Harper weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. at birth and was welcomed by big brother, Joshua, grandparents, Bill and Anna Henry, and grandparent, Linda Henry.

Ralph Edward Maness, was born on April 11, 2022, to parents, Denver and Ginny Maness. Ralph weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz and 21 inches long and was welcomed home by big sister, Virginia, and grandparents, Todd and Kathy Pollard.

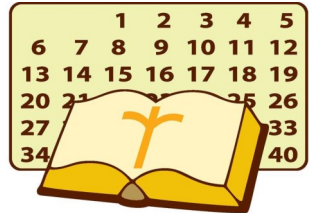


Deaths in Our Church Family

Danny Colliver, husband of Phyllis Colliver and father of Kanita Tackett, passed away on March 4, 2022, at the age of 72.

Deloris Brooks, companion of Chet Littler, passed away on March 13, 2022, at the age of 88.

Our prayers and love go out to their families ad friends.



Sermon Topics for May & June

New Series: From Average to Authentic


- May 1 – The Real Stuff
- May 8 – The Appeal of Home
- May 15 – Greater Things
- May 22 – It’s All Fun and Games Until...
- May 29 – Everyday Places
- June 5 – Profoundly Present
- June 12 – What’s Your Gauge Reading?
- June 19 – What’s Normal?
- June 26 – Humble Curiosity

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Bible Quiz

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle

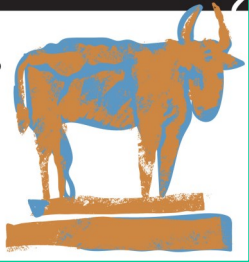


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Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 11



Mark your calendars for May 14th and June 11th for Men's Breakfast for the Soul. The breakfast starts at 7:30 AM, followed by a speaker and time of fellowship for men of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or two to join you for breakfast and a great way for men of all ages to connect. For more information, please contact Dan Reed.

"In Their Easter Bonnets"



ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZZES ON PAGE 10

Left — B (See Mark 4:33-34)
 Right — D (See Exodus 32:1-6)



Mortgage as of
 April 30, 2022:
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9:00 AM

- 5/1 Jodi Keller
- 5/8 Pat Cornett
- 5/15 Virgie Luck
- 5/22 Tara Wesley / Sandy Wesley
- 5/29 Brenda Reed
- 6/5 Alyssa Eubanks/Megan Cox
- 6/12 Kathy Pollard/Jessica Kunkel
- 6/19 Nancy Moore
- 6/26 Heather Fite

11:00 AM

- 5/1 Phyllis Colliver / Kanita Tackett
- 5/8 Michelle Clark
- 5/15 Jenny Flores/Diana Starkey
- 5/22 Tabitha Chirco
- 5/29 Linda Stover
- 6/5 Gail Frazier
- 6/12 Emily Myer/Josette Warner
- 6/19 Tina Nolen
- 6/26 Shelly Arn

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Invite Friends and Family to Worship!

Service Times:

9:00 AM Worship with Piano and Hymns
Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

10:15 – 11:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship with Band
Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

*Videos of all services are
offered on our website
www.mtneboumcoh.com
and on our YouTube channel
(Mt. Nebo UMC).*

Our Mission:

To Know Christ and Make Him Known