

# FEBRUARY 2024 ~ Marion Salem Church

1640 Salem Road, Caledonia  
10 am Worship 9 am Sunday School



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!*




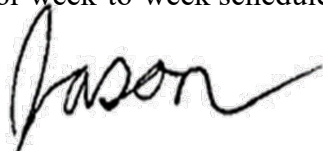
I was encouraged on January 21st to have 6 youth and 3 adults join me for our first youth group meeting. They had great discussion around 1 Timothy 4:12, where Paul writes encouraging

Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because of his age. Instead, Timothy is charged to set the example for the church. This is something that I think the youth group can do for Marion Salem Church too and told them this. Their group will continue meeting on Sunday evenings provided that we have adult chaperones to help. The chaperones are not responsible for teaching or leading discussion—the teaching is from RightNow Media videos, and the youth will lead their own discussions. **If you are able to help, please see me as soon as possible!**

Because of the timing of Easter this year (March 31) we have an early Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We'll be observing Ash Wednesday with a Soup Supper at 5:30 pm and a worship service at 7pm. All will have an opportunity to receive ashes and communion at the service. The Lenten Sermon Series will be "Gloves Off." The focus of this series is spiritual warfare as Jesus taught in Luke chapters 16-18. We'll be able to put this to great practice during Lent with the "Our Easter Hearts" campaign, where we'll be praying specifically for people who are unchurched, dechurched, and/or unsaved. Keep Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm on your calendar as we'll join together that evening to pray over all the names we have collected as a congregation during Lent in preparation for Holy Week services.

The final thing I want to raise up to you this month is the beginning of a semi-weekly pastor's study on Wednesday evenings. We're going to dive into the Word together reviewing questions of basic Christian faith. All are invited to attend this study, we'll pace ourselves and keep sessions to an hour. Keep an eye on the bulletin for week-to-week schedule changes.

Blessings

### Our Easter Hearts

During the season of Lent we will have hearts available in the sanctuary. We will pray for the unchurched (those who have never attended), dechurched (those who have completely left the community of faith), and the unsaved (those who have no connection to Christ). Simply write the first name of someone on the heart and they will be hung up for congregational prayer during Lent. On Wed., March 20 at 7pm we will join together for a prayer service to lift up all these names as well as our congregation for the upcoming Holy Week Services that start with Palm Sunday on March 24.

### Pastor's Small Group Class Basic Christian Faith Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study, and you can drop in anytime.

#### February Schedule:

- 7th: Session 1
- 14th: Ash Wednesday Service
- 21st: Session 2
- 28th: No Study, Ad Council

# GLOVES OFF

Lenten Sermon series  
starting  
Sunday, February 11

Marion Salem Church  
Worship 10a

1640 Salem Rd. Caledonia, OH 43314

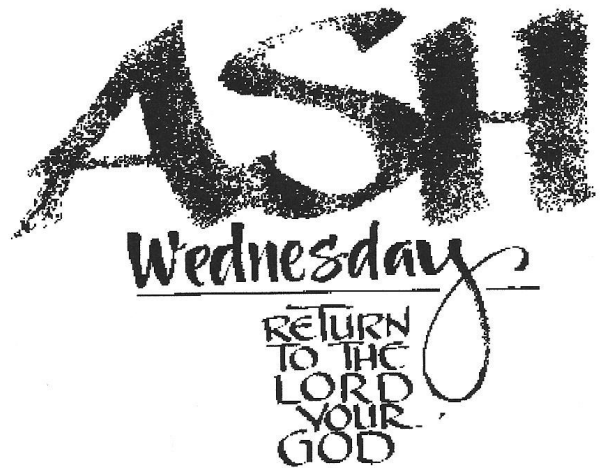


Pastor Jason is looking for boxing gear and similar items for our upcoming sermon series on Spiritual Warfare. If you have items that you are willing to allow us to borrow through the end of March, please see Pastor Jason.

## Ash Wednesday February 14

Soup Supper at 5:30 pm  
Service at 7 pm

Please come as we begin the Lenten season with a service focused on repentance, recognition of our mortality, and dependence on Christ.



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay? Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there [facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch](https://facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch). You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch, it's livestreamed each week and the replays can be found there immediately.



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Communion</i>	5 Bible Study	6 Choir 7 pm	7 Knitting/Craft 1pm Small Group 7 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Bible Study 7pm	13 Choir 7 pm	14 Knitting/Craft  1pm Soup Supper 5:30 pm Lenten Service 7pm	15	16	17 Hymn Sing & Potluck 4 pm
18	19 Bible Study 7pm	20 Choir 7 pm	21 Knitting/Craft 1pm Small Group 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Bible Study 7pm	27 Choir 7 pm	28 Sr. Lunch 12 pm Knitting/Craft 1pm Fin/Ad C 6:30 pm	29		



1st Sunday every month in the Family Center at 8:30 AM.

February - Joy/Renaissance Class  
March - Crusaders Class



**Pray for ....**  
 Karen Link  
 Ron VonAlmen  
 Janet Schelb  
 Dave Monroe  
 Jude Stitzel  
 Rodney Weisbrodt  
 Paul Strodtbeck  
 Sheryl Campbell  
 Donna McKinnis  
 Vicki Adams  
 Bob Barker  
 Israel  
 Judi Myers  
 George Brown  
 Ike Dietsch  
 Rick Hicks  
 Ken Bender  
 Randy Myers family



**Birthdays**

2/3 Courtney Cook  
 2/5 Joe Galloway  
 2/7 Norm Titus  
 2/9 Kathy Schelb  
 2/11 Barb Dendinger  
 2/13 Valerie Schrote  
 2/15 Aaliyah Hardeman  
 Carter Bayles  
 2/18 Jana Bauer  
 2/19 Austyn Hedges  
 2/20 Becky Oliver  
 2/21 Cheryl Slack  
 2/22 Emily Sharp  
 2/26 Jim McGuire

**Nursery Schedule**

2/4 Jennifer & Piper Croskey  
 2/11 Tracy Weisbrodt & Conni McChesney  
 2/18 Kathy Fisher & Addison Jordan  
 2/25 Amy McGuire & Robbi Smart

**Children's Church**

2/4 No Children's Church  
 2/11 Megan Pollock & Becky Oliver  
 2/18 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer  
 2/25 Mary Galloway & Karla Sharp



**GREETERS**

2/4 Jayson & Amanda Loyer  
 2/11 Terry & Kathy Fisher  
 2/18 Paul & Ellen Messenger  
 2/25 Jay & Betty Woodruff

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2/9 Mallori & Nick Hedges  
 2/27 Marcia & Rodger Burden



### Get ready for 'Souper' Bowl Sunday!

The Slackers class has your 'Souper Bowl Sunday' lunch all ready for you. For \$8 per quart, you can have your choice of three yummy, homemade soups.

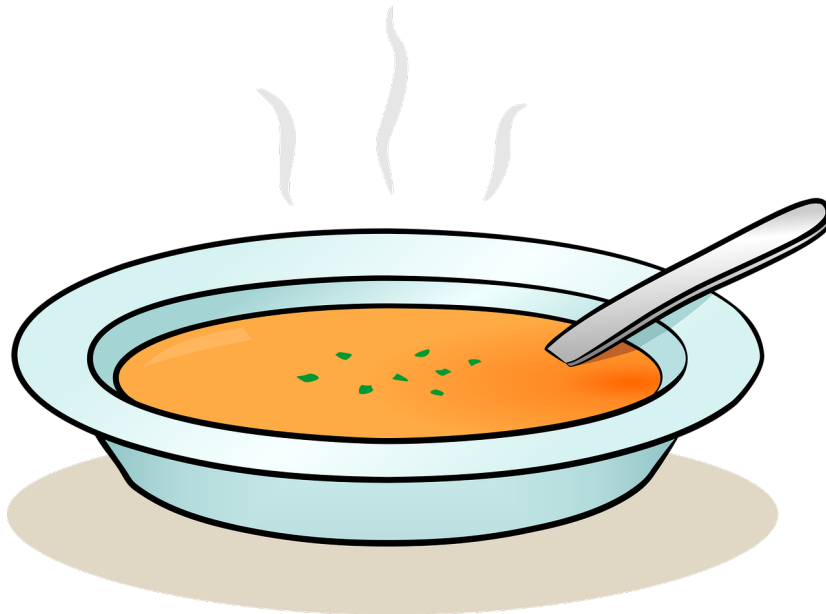
Please fill out this form no later than Sunday, February 4 and put in the offering plate or leave in the church office. You can then pick up and pay for your soup on **Sunday, February 11** after church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark how many quarts of each kind of soup you would like.

Chicken Noodle \_\_\_\_\_ Cheesy Potato \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Beef \_\_\_\_\_

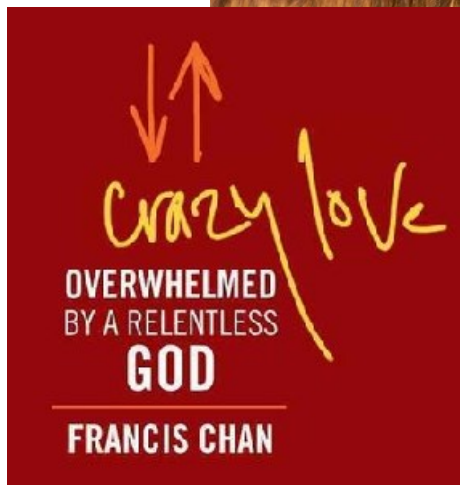
All proceeds benefit the Slackers class ministry projects.



# Youth Group News



“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”  
1 Timothy 4:12, ESV



**Beginning Sunday, January 28th we'll dive into this RightNow Media study by Francis Chan based off his book *Crazy Love*. Don't worry, you don't need to read, just come watch a short video and let's grow together.**

*From RightNow Media's Description:*

It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God.

Remember that the youth group video study is available to watch any time. If you haven't already, sign-up for RightNow Media using the QR code or by going to <https://rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/marionsalem>. — Youth, if you have suggestions for future studies, send a link to Pastor Jason!



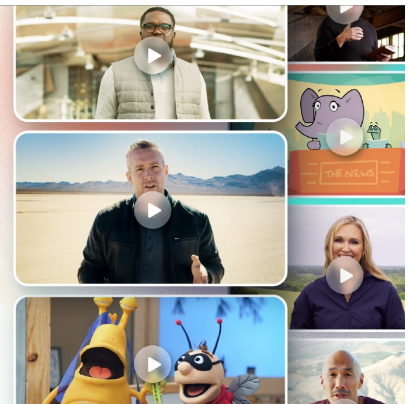
**YOUTH CHAPERONES NEEDED!** Adults interested in helping the youth to meet should see Pastor Jason **immediately**. We currently do not have meetings scheduled in February. You do not have to lead discussions, only be present.

## A Free Gift from Our Church

Free Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos Anytime, Anywhere, from Any Device

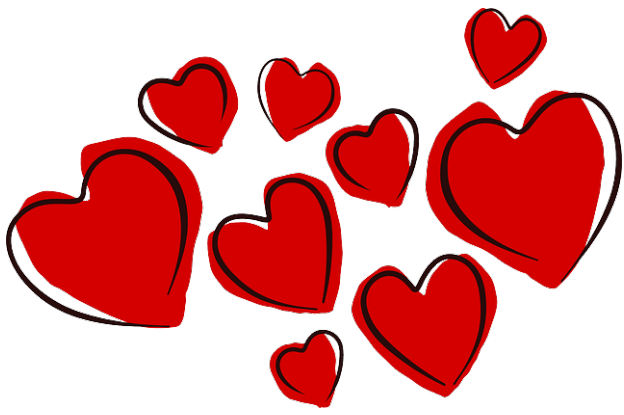


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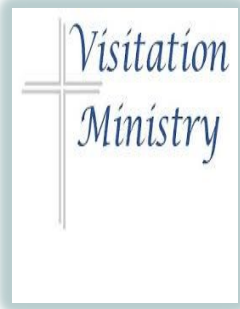


## E-News Sign-up

Join our weekly E-news to get the latest updates. Go to: [marionsalemchurch.org/Enews](http://marionsalemchurch.org/Enews)



Do you love kids? Help us share faith with the children on Sunday mornings by leading a Mites' Message. See Pastor Jason for details, Sundays are available!



Helen Denton  
Clive Jenkins  
Judi Myers  
Mary Wickersham  
Donna & Ike Dietsch  
Bob & Dorothy Barker  
Martha & Bill Crabtree  
Donna McKinnis  
Bob Howser

**2023 Attendance Report**  
Now that we have started to wrap the year, we can report on some of our attendance patterns for our first six-months together. We have held steady in attendance since the end of summer and our weekly average is 101. This is up from the first six month's of 2023 where attendance averaged 93. Average worship attendance in 2022 was 99, for the year 2023 was 97. Let's look towards 2024 as a year for inviting new faces to worship.



**Join us at 12 pm  
in the Family Center  
February 28**

## February Church Fellowship



**Saturday, February 17th  
4 pm**

**Please join us for a hymn sing, followed by a potluck and fellowship**

**Old Records**  
Calling all history buffs and packrats! Do you have old historical documents from Marion Salem's past? Old bulletins, newsletters, meeting minutes, pictures, and other such ephemera?  
Items can be scanned and returned in short order.  
Please see Pastor Jason.