



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!

Few of you may know that I enjoy classic rock (and while that seems to be an ever rolling description, I'm talking about stuff from the 70's and 80's that also is described as heavy metal, arena rock, big hair bands). So while the majority of the good stuff is older than I am, I do know that back in the day these bands were not without their controversy. I've seen clips of Tipper Gore testifying in congress about the explicit lyrics of some artists and later Dee Snider testified (frontman from Twisted Sister, without the costume and makeup— though with plenty of hair!). This is to say I haven't listened to that music in a vacuum. However, I started paying way more attention to the lyrics about the time I was in my 20's. Some of it was a shock when I actually listened to the songs!

Some of the revelations of paying attention to classic rock have been more of a blessing than not though. Learning about the background of Alice Cooper as a preacher's kid, his run from the Lord, then his eventual surrender to Christ as well as sharing his faith during shows. Another interesting tidbit is that Led Zeppelin was often inspired by the Christian writer J.R.R. Tolkien's work *The Lord of the Rings*. Looking at the lyrics for some of these songs is a real window into what the writers believed about the world. We just often did not take it seriously enough.

Why talk about this? Well, as was reported in the news in July Ozzy Osbourne passed away. I was not really hopeful for the man known as "the Prince of Darkness." Honestly, did we have much of an idea of his spiritual status? I certainly knew he was not like Alice Cooper. Then I caught a few Facebook videos that blew me away. Several years ago Ozzy said he felt he was a Christian and confessed a huge struggle reading Scripture. Step in the video I want to share with you, scan the QR code to watch. Dylan Novak (the video is titled incorrectly) shared how he had an opportunity to talk with Ozzy after a show in Philadelphia just a few weeks before his death. Dylan gave Ozzy a new believer's New Living Translation (excellent for easy reading) and showed Ozzy how to read it. Midsentence, Ozzy flipped to the gospels and exclaimed that he actually could understand it! (Makes me wonder if Ozzy was trying to read a King James version.) A few weeks later, Dylan saw Ozzy's son Jack at another show. Jack related how Ozzy made the convention center reopen after the Bible was accidentally left behind. Jack said his father treasured that personalized Bible and it truly impacted his spiritual journey.



So, was Ozzy Osbourne saved? That's not my place to judge. What I want to point out is how he, the supposed "Prince of Darkness," responded eagerly and with joy to the Gospel message. Not everyone is going to be like that, yet the most unlikely person on the planet was thrilled that someone took the time to share God's Word with him. "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do," Matthew 21:31b... don't discount who you reach out to on outer appearances. You might change their life.

Blessings 🙌,

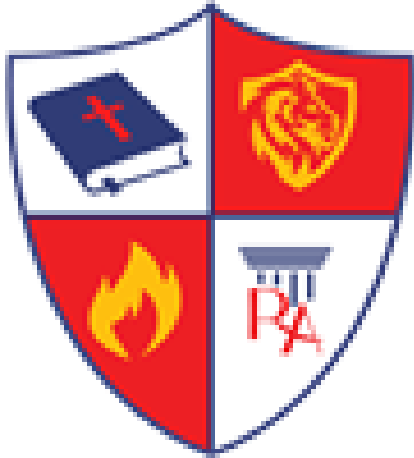
August Sermon Series: The Church Goes...

Aug. 3: Home—Joshua 24:14-28

Aug. 10: Out—Acts 1:6-11

Aug. 17: School—Psalm 119:97-104 Aug. 24: Praise & Worship Sunday

Aug. 31: Work—Colossians 3:22-25



Rhema Academy Update

Our friends at Rhema Academy continue to enroll students and prepare for the first day of school on September 2, 2025. 25 students are currently registered for grades K-9. Three full time teachers will be hired for students in grades K-2, 3-6 and 7-9. School will be in session from 8 am—3 pm. Thank you to everyone who is making this dream become reality!



Meet the Marquis Family! These are the people that we are helping with proceeds from the Ice Cream Social and VBS gift cards. Our prayers are with all of you—especially for Jamie's continued recovery!

CHURCH PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

AT

CALEDONIA MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH BASEMENT

245 SOUTH MAIN ST.

SERVING FROM 9-12

FREEWILL DONATION



Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon

Resuming
Wed. Sept. 24—Noon

**Senior
Lunch**



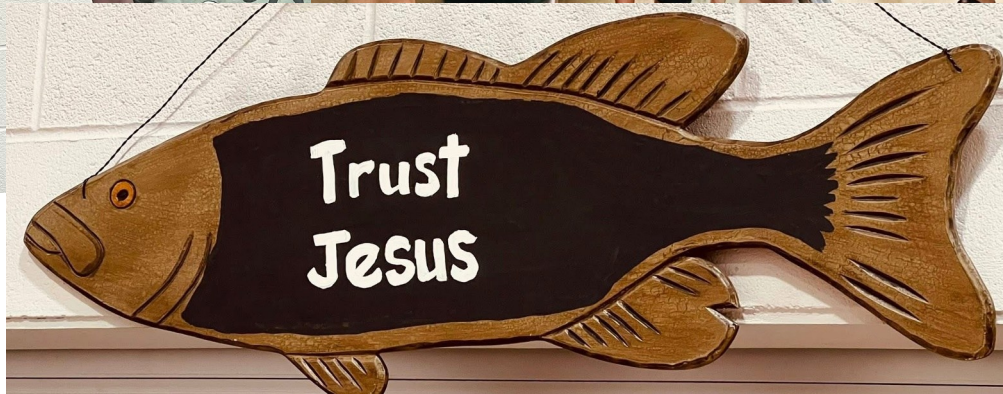
This is what community outreach looks like:

Marion Salem Ice Cream Social !!! 2025



Noodles:
More about the
fellowship...





LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

BACK TO CHURCH[®]
SUNDAY

COMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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.

August Studies:

- 6th: Study resumes on Communion
- 13th: No Study
- 20th Study continues
- 27th: Study continues

MITES MESSAGE: Anyone interested in sharing with the children during worship for the mites' message should see Pastor Jason. As of 7/23 August: 3 and 31 are available. Sept 7, 14, & 28.



Bishop's Video Study Mondays 4pm

In August we will take on a short term study from our GMC Bishops: *Lessons in Scriptural Holiness*. The trailer video for this 8-part study is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAOtGicW698> you can scan the following QR code.

Tentatively we will meet every Monday in August.



Columbus East Circuit Newsletter

Our circuit (the new district) has a semi-monthly newsletter that introduces the various congregations from southeastern Franklin county all the way to Marion county. If you would like to receive it, scan the QR code to sign-up.



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay? Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there 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.



**Marion Salem Kids
At the Marion County Fair
2025**



2025 Marion County Fair Results

Luc Crawford

- BBR Sheep Showmanship - 3rd Place Winner
- Market Sheep Show - 4th Place Winner in Lightweight and 2nd Place Winner in Heavyweight

Riggins Pollock

- Goat Show - 2nd and 5th Place Winner
- BBR* Goat Show - 3rd and 6th Place Winner
- Showmanship - 9th Place Winner
- Pie Baking Contest earned him \$100 (His mom, Megan, earned \$175 for her entry in the pie baking contest)
- Drawing – Received A ratings for his fish and a self portrait of a baseball player
- Corn Hole Tournament – Earned 2nd Place with his friend, Wyatt Kantzer

Carter Bayles

- Beginner Beef Showmanship Winner
- Beginner Skillathon Winner
- Steer Show Class Winner
- Reserve Champion Rate of Gain
- Crossbred Heifer Class Winner
- BBR Steer 5th place overall
- * One of Carter's steers was the largest steer in the barn - 1610 pounds.

Audrey Bayles

- Completed Pee Wee beef feeder showmanship all by herself.

Carter Sexton

- Market Goat Show - Champion Boer Percentage Breeding Doe, as well as 5th place and 7th place
- Market Steer Showmanship – 3rd Place, Intermediate
- Beef Breeding Heifer Show – 2nd Place

Aiden Jordan

- Grand Champion Market Hog
- Sr. Swine Showmanship - 2nd Place
- Sr. Dairy Feeder Showmanship - 1st Place

Addison Jordan

- Swine Showman of Showman
- Beef Showman of Showman
- Winner Showmanship Sweepstakes
- Market Steer – 5th Place Overall
- Reserve Champion Beef Feeder

Colby Jordan

- Exhibited Southdown Yearling Ewe and robotics poster

Marissa Loyer

- 1st and 2nd place in Market Goat classes
- Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor
- 2025 Beef Queen
- Intermediate Beef Feeder Champion
- 1st place in class

Collin Loyer

- 2nd place Junior Beef Skillathon
- Heifer: 1st and 2nd place in classes
- Steer: 3rd and 4th place in classes

Piper Croskey

- Heavyweight Market Hog - 5th Place in Class
- Sr. Skillathon - 2nd Place
- Beef Feeder Showmanship - 2nd Place in Class
- Beef Feeder Market Show - 6th Place in Class

Coming this summer!!

Join us for a break from the heat for an afternoon movie! Popcorn and Kool-Aid will be provided. Each movie will be followed by a brief talk about how parts of each movie relate to our faith and the Bible. These events are for all ages!

Our Saturday Afternoons Movie Breaks will be at 1:00pm on:

August 16

Movies TBA! We will post a poll on the church Facebook page with options to decide which movies will be shown.

Salem Strivers

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

ATTENTION ADULTS

Strivers do all they can to seek after the Lord. Part of that is sharing Christ with others. Remember to invite someone to youth.

The Strivers are still looking for a mature disciple of Christ who will help lead their meetings on a weekly basis. Please pray for and help us find this person by sharing it word of mouth.

The youth group is scheduled to start again on Sunday, September 14th. We are currently still looking for the right candidate for the Family Life Director that will lead the youth group. Until then, the youth group will have to be led by adult volunteers with support from Pastor Jason, not his active involvement.

Without volunteers youth group will be postponed.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion	4 Bible study 4 pm	5	6 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Bible study 4 pm	12	13 Knitting/Craft 1pm Social Mtg 7 pm	14	15	16 Movie 1pm
17	18 Bible study 4 pm	19	20 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	21	22	23
24	25 Bible study 4 pm	26	27 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	28	29	30
31						



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

August—Upper Room Class
September—Genesis Class



Pray for

Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Jude Stitzel
Sheryl Campbell
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Haiti
Mike Dilsaver
Steve Crock
Paul Messenger
Betty Woodruff
Kelly Marsh
Jamie Marquis
Dave Gerfen
Inda Lama
Janie Wooten
Doug Burkhart
John Wiseman
Mary Linn
Joni McCray
Peggy Smith
Steve Bayles family
Schrote family
Boger family



GREETERS

8/3 Nancy Jackson
8/10 Janet Burns & Janet Strine
8/17 Mahlers & Shroyers
8/24 McChesneys & Crawfords
8/31 Ruth Lutz & Susie Williams

Birthdays

8/3 Bob Howser
8/5 Brynlee Wyeth
Jesseca Wagner
Avy Bauer
8/10 Marilyn Shroyer
8/12 Max Strine
8/17 Mike Dilsaver
8/23 Jesse Bauer
8/26 Addison Jordan
8/29 Roger Burden
Rob Weisbrodt

ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Steve & Jenny Bayles
8/7 Phil & Marilyn Shroyer
8/17 Rob & Tracy Weisbrodt
8/18 Brian & Becky Oliver
Tony & Charisse Smith
8/20 Chuck & Annette VanVoorhis
Paul & Ellen Messenger
8/22 Hunter & Caitlin Smith
8/25 Mike & Penny Rose
8/31 Dave & Sheryl Campbell

Nursery Schedule

8/3 Marilyn Shroyer & Susie Williams
8/10 Kathy Fisher & Jesseca Wagner
8/17 Katen Marquis & Karla Sharp
8/24 Jennifer & Piper Croskey
8/31 Amanda & Marissa Loyer

Children's Church

8/3 No Children's Church
8/10 Ellen Messenger & Cheryl Slack
8/17 Jesseca Wagner & tbd
8/24 Ruth Lutz & Emily Sharp
8/31 Avy Bauer & Megan Pollock

