

# The Grapevine



## PRAISE BAND

The Praise Band is performing at the Miami County Fair Gospel Fest on Sunday Aug. 10 at 1pm.



## MIAMI CO FAIR

Cove Spring Church will hold our Sunday Service on August 10 at the Miami County Fair, at 9:30am in the Entertainment Tent. Admission to the Fair is \$6. Our guest Pastor is Pastor Ray Perryman of Midland, Texas.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Barbara Fulton for organizing the Special Music for the summer months.



Thank you to Darin Williams and Barbara Fulton for sharing their talents each and every Sunday on the piano and organ. We appreciate you!

***Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.  
– 1 Timothy 6:12.***

This text brings out an important truth about the Christian life. Faith is a fight. It is a fight we must fight and God is not going to fight it for us. It is up to us. By winning the fight of faith we lay hold of eternal life. Eternal life is God's quality of life here and now that endures beyond physical death. If we are going to have God's quality of life we must know how to fight the fight of faith and fight it well.

The fight of faith happens primarily in our minds. Fiery arrows are shot into our minds every day (Ephesians 6:16). Those fiery arrows are thoughts. The thoughts may be thoughts of doubt, thoughts of condemnation, thoughts of compromise or temptation. We position ourselves to win first of all by becoming aware that we are in the middle of a faith fight. We say to ourselves "I know what is happening right now. I am in a faith fight and it is up to me to do something about these thoughts."

Second, we remind ourselves we do not have to agree with these thoughts no matter how intense or convincing they may sound. We have a choice. We do not have to agree with thoughts of doubt but choose faith in God. We do not have to agree with thoughts of condemnation, but choose to affirm the reality of our righteousness in Christ. Third we fight by affirming thoughts that are in the opposite spirit of how we are being attacked. If we are being overwhelmed with thoughts of discontentment, we start thanking God for every small thing we can. Eventually if we persist in the opposite direction of the negative thoughts they will cease and we will be at peace.

Faithfully, Pastor Greg

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## Joy and Concerns

- Suzan Suber – moved to Story Point
- Tonya – Donna Owens sister–surgery
- Nick Miller – arm surgery
- James (age 2) & Mathias (age 1) Hoffman – lung cancer & surgery
- Janet Knife
- Jenny Petrick – PET Scan
- Judy Taynor
- The family of Miriam Gundolf

Continued Prayer for those with ongoing health issues and/or Cancer.

Crystal Ayers	Julie Kurtz
Ruth Caldwell	Betty Trostel
Randy Conaway	Ben Wilson
Nevin Elleman	John Jess
Lee Harrison	
Darlene Mott	

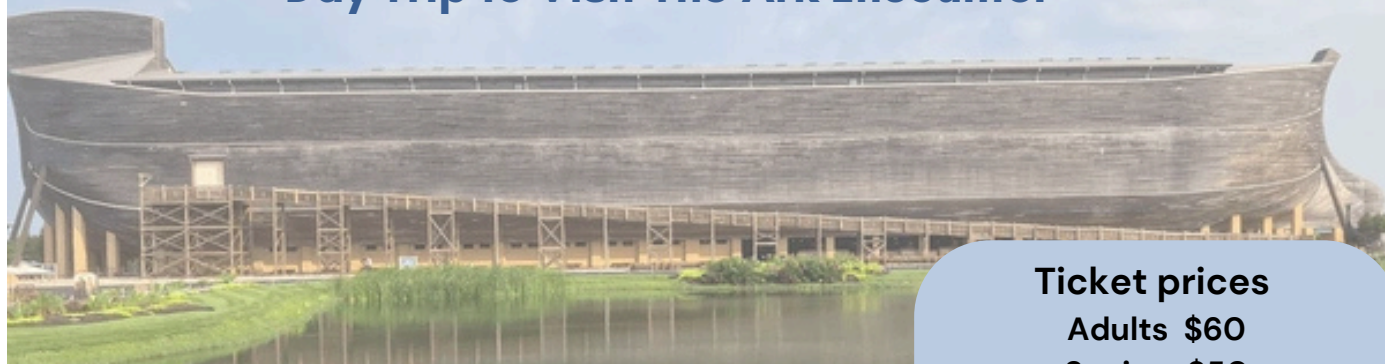
## Happy Birthday

Sophie Walters, Caleb DeMange, Sam Sutherly, Amy Reiter, Victor Clevenger, Dale Widener, James Sutherly, Lillian Gearhardt, Lincoln Gearhardt, Josh Gearhardt, Judy Hess, Ethan Paulus, Mike Jess, Jayne Benham, Stephani Duff, Cheryl Greenlee, Alix Luttrell, Walker Bennett, Kathleen Bailey, Josie Shane, Joyce Houshel, Liza Worthington, Gary Garlough, Jackie O'Neal, Susan Fry

## HAPPY Anniversary

RJ & Melissa Benham, Gary & Patty Garlough, Dan & Debbie Danielson, Adam & Amanda Bennett, Mike & Natalie Rindler, Phil & Cheryl Greenlee, Bob & Joyce Houshel, Tavis & Molly Shane, Ron & Holly Patton, Matt & Dorothy Manning

## Saturday, September 20, 2025 Day Trip to Visit The Ark Encounter



The Cove Spring Church Anniversary Committee has planned a day trip to the Ark Encounter. We will meet at the church at 7:45am, and we plan to leave at 8am. We will return to the church in the afternoon/evening. Please note that it costs \$15 per vehicle to park at the Ark Encounter.

### Ticket prices

Adults \$60

Seniors \$50

Youth \$28 (age 11-17)

Children are free (age 10 & under)

Reservations and payment are due August 24

## MIAMI COUNTY FAIR



**Good luck to everyone  
participating at the  
Miami Co. Fair!**

**We want to celebrate your  
accomplishments!**  
If you would like to share with the  
congregation, please send pictures  
and/or a brief description of  
accomplishments/involvement  
from the fair to  
[covespringchurch@gmail.com](mailto:covespringchurch@gmail.com) and  
we will include them in the  
September Newsletter.



## Important Dates

### **AUG 10 - CHURCH SERVICE AT THE FAIR**

\*church service will be held at the  
Miami County Fair Entertainment Tent  
at 9:30am featuring Pastor Ray  
Perryman of Midland, Texas.

### **AUG 17 - BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

during church service

### **AUG 17 - PRAYER WALK AT MIAMI EAST**

### **SEPT 14 - BLESSING OF THE FARMERS**

\*church service will be held at Lostcreek  
Memory Barn

### **SEPT 28- ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

Celebrating 210 years. Please stay for a  
group photo and lunch after church.

### **SEPT 28 - CHURCH PICNIC**

Potluck Picnic after church. Main dish,  
drinks, plates and cutlery will be  
provided. Please bring a dish to share.

## MIAMI EAST COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK

**AREA CHURCHES AND THE  
COMMUNITY JOINING  
TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR  
OUR CHILDREN, TEACHERS,  
STAFF AND  
ADMINISTRATION**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Meet at the  
board office  
front parking lot**

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 17TH  
AT 7:00PM**





## PLEASE JOIN US

**MIAMI COUNTY FAIR SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**August 10, 2025 at 9:30 am**



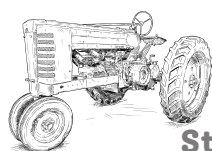
Please join us for our  
**Sunday worship service at the**  
**Miami County Fair**  
**featuring Pastor Ray Perryman**  
**from Midland, Texas**  
**in the Entertainment Tent.**  
**Admission to the Fair is \$6**



**Blessing of the Farmers**  
**Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 am**

**at Lostcreek Memory Barn**  
**3360 St. Rt. 589**  
**Casstown, OH 45312**

Please join us for our Special  
 Sunday service which includes a  
 blessing for the upcoming harvest  
 season.



Please send any old farming photos for our slide show to Betsy Staley at [covespringchurch@gmail.com](mailto:covespringchurch@gmail.com) or give to Betsy at church.



**Cove Spring Church**  
**Anniversary Sunday**  
**September 28 at 9:30am**  
*Celebrating 210 Years!*

**Please join us after church for a group**  
**photo and lunch. Main dish, drinks,**  
**plates and cutlery will be provided.**  
**Please bring a dish to share.**

# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 Church Service at the Fair 9:30am Gospel Fest 1pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Back to School Blessing</i> Prayer Walk at MEHS 7pm	18 Deacon Bd. Mtg. 7pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

**Jeremiah 29:11-12**

# CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - JULY 8 2025

*Draft for approval*

Church Moderator Tom Wallace called the regular Church Business Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Lord's Prayer. 18 members were present. Minutes were published from the April Business Meeting. Tom Wallace asked for approval of the minutes as distributed. A motion was made by Betsy Staley, Randy Mott seconded. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Dan Sutherly reviewed the church financial statements with those present. A motion was made by Mike Rindler to approve the Financial report. Debbie Faulder second the motion. Motion passed.

**Deacon Board:** Met last night and sent cards to various people on the prayer list. The Wilhelm's term will be ending in December and the Deacon Board is looking for 2 people to replace them. Pastor Greg will be taking two vacation days, August 10 and August 17. Ray Perryman of Midland, Texas will be the guest Pastor at the Fair, and Don Trumbull will be the guest Pastor on Aug. 17. The Deacons will be doing the Back to School Blessing on August 17 and the Blessing of the Farmers at the Lostcreek Memory Barn on September 14.

**Security Team:** Safe Sanctuary – is a program that has been suggested for Children's Church, and the nursery help. This would include background checks. This is a widely used policy that is used by larger churches. Michelle is going to research this more to see how we can use this for our church, then perhaps hire an attorney to review. Dan recommended doing an umbrella insurance policy that goes above our general liability insurance policy and determine the cost.

**Trustees:** Mike Rindler reported some mortar on the outside brick of the parsonage was cracked. He is calling Midwest Maintenance to inspect this and the bricks on the east side. There is also a leak in the breezeway and garage. Mike also went thru the house and will be re-keying it. The renter has moved out and Mike recommends opening it up to church members for rent. Dan recommended renting it for a minimum of \$1000 per month for members, if non-member \$1025. The rental agreement may need to be updated.

For the church, Mike has called a plumber, he has not called Mike back. Mike wants to check on the compliance regarding bathrooms to be ADA. Mike will also work on getting the toilets replaced and the sink in the men's room replaced. Ann commended the trustees for all their work.

**Flower committee:** Darin reported that the old wire stands are looking pretty rough. Doug found and purchased 6 new plant stands. Darrin is going to repair some of the old stands. Candelabras for candle sticks need some work, some of the screws were broken off. Darin found hardware to screw into the end of pews. The candelabras can use either fake candles or real candles.

**Youth Group** (Michelle Robbins): Corn Hole Tournament in April raised \$325 for Fletcher Food pantry. They celebrated the seniors at Long Shots in May with food and gifts. Parents joined. The Youth Group will take the summer off and start back up in September. Junior church helpers – the Sutherly's are stepping down and Roeser's have replaced them.

**Cove Spring Kids** (Michelle Robbins): Have been meeting monthly.. There are 12-15 kids. They will be taking August off and will start back in September. The Easter Egg hunt was held on Palm Sunday, and the children made crafts and played games.. 20 kids attended. VBS was a success, with 19 kids. The mission was to collect money to supply diapers to the Seeds of Hope organization. They raised \$200.

**Music Committee:** Wade reported that the Praise Group will be singing at the Fair on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 1pm during the Gospel Fest. They also plan to sing at Blessing of the Farmers on Sept 14. They have started practicing. Thanks to Barbara for lining up the summer special music and thanks to Darin and Barbara for playing the piano and organ through the summer.

## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - JULY 8 2025 *CONTINUED*

**Audio Visual Team:** (Randy Mott) Thanks to Barbara for giving them a heads up when new summer music is coming. The livestream is getting a lot of views on Facebook and Youtube is getting a lot of views as well..

**Missions Committee:** Total budget \$25,000 and detailed listing of which missions are being provided.

**Church Secretary** (Betsy Staley): Will be doing a post card that will be delivered to local mailboxes with information about the special Fair service, Blessing of the Farmers, and Anniversary Sunday. We have gotten several new members from doing these postcards in the past. There is a sign up sheet for greeters in the East Vestibule. This is an opportunity for members to serve.

**Blessing Box:** Diana Wilhelm reported that she fills up the blessing house each week and she is refilling it sometimes 2 or 3 times throughout the week. We are in need of more non-perishable donations.

Diana Wilhelm made a motion to close the meeting, Betsy Staley second the motion.

The next Business meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Church Moderator Tom Wallace adjourned the meeting at 9 pm and Pastor Greg ended with prayer.

Submitted by: Natalie Rindler