

The Grapevine



Over the past twelve years, God has been writing a story at Cove Spring Church, and I will always be grateful that He wrote me into this chapter of that story. Recently I happened to be reading Darrell Johnson's *The Glory of Preaching* when I came across a sentence that perfectly captured what I've been reflecting on: "When God wants to do a particular work among a particular group of people in a particular place, God calls a particular preacher with a particular ecology of personhood."

Thank you!

I am deeply grateful that God allowed me to be that particular preacher for this particular group of people in this particular place.

But as I reflected on those words, I realized they are also true in the opposite direction. When God wants to do a particular work in a particular preacher, He calls that preacher to a particular group of people.

That realization brought a flood of memories. I began thinking about all the ways God has used each of you to shape me into the person, disciple, and pastor I am today.

As I watched your love for Jesus, your steadfast faith through life's hardships, your generosity, your willingness to serve, and your joy in following Christ, God was forming me through you. Every conversation, every shared burden, every celebration, every prayer, and every act of faith has left its mark on my life.

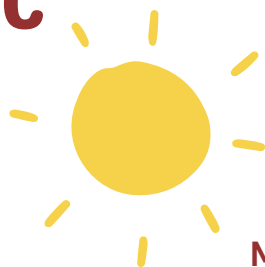
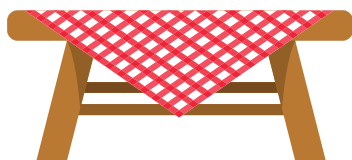
The person and pastor I am today has been shaped, in countless ways, by this church family. And wherever God leads me in the years ahead, I will carry Cove Spring with me. I will carry your influence into every future sermon I preach, every family I shepherd, and every person I have the privilege of serving.

As a pastor, I could not have asked for a more loving, encouraging, and supportive church family. Cove Spring has become much more than the church I served as pastor—it has become family.

I will always thank God for the twelve years He gave us together.

With gratitude, Pastor Greg

FAMILY PICNIC JULY 12



We will have a carry-in picnic after church on Pastor Greg's last day, July 12. We hope that everyone can come!

God has blessed Cove Spring Church with Pastor Greg, Amy, and Graham and we are extremely thankful for the Morrow Family and what they mean to us.



Joys and Concerns

JOYS

- *Ellie and baby James are doing well (Lee & Debbie Shellhaas' daughter)*

CONCERNS

- *Pray for our Nation and our World*
- *Lynda Mott - cancer diagnosis & treatment*
- *Judy Taynor*
- *Darrell Miller*
- *Judy Hess - heart cath*
- *Marty - (Marilyn Rowe's brother) - chemo is going well*
- *Gage Thompson (8th grader) - cancer treatment*

Please pray for God's comforting touch for the families who have lost loved ones in June:

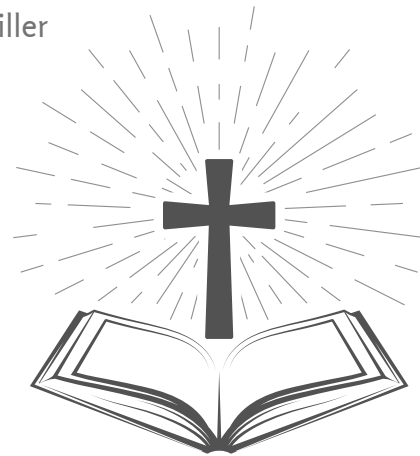
- the family of Karolyn Stocker
- the family of Smoke Shoup

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

Suzan Suber	John Jess
Nevin Elleman	Kathy Shellhaas
Patricia Smith	Patty Taynor



Julia Sutherly, Matt Gilliland, Matt Howell, Eliza Schaurer, Donna Abshire, Lucia Duncan, Wesley Sutherly, Kendal Staley, PJ Baughman, Taylor Hershberger, Amy Donaldson, Jessica Benham, Barbara Fulton, Lee Shellhaas, Jenny Sharp, James Hess, Mya Clevenger, Heather Gilliland, Ivan Clevenger, Tavis Shane, Harlan Fulton, Allen Blackmore, Brian Anderson, Suzan Suber, Aimee Routson, Dan Knife, Phillip Shellhaas, Katelynn Wallace, Gary Unger, Janet Manning, Marilyn Rowe, Vanessa Sandberg, Mark Bair, Michelle Miller, Elizabeth Bair, Linda Zerkle, Kathy Stocker, Sam Miller



Erik & Amanda Fine, Tom & Kim Roeser, Drew & Eliza Schaurer, Bill & Jane Hershberger, David & Tina Wagner

BUSINESS MEETING

July 14, 7 pm

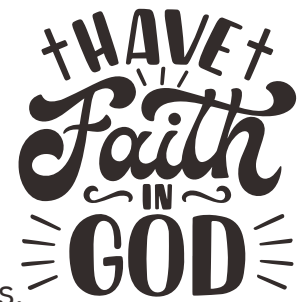
Please join us for the church business meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm in the church basement.

Please review last meetings minutes prior to the meeting. Copies of the minutes are in each vestibule.

PASTOR SEARCH

The Pulpit Committee has been meeting regularly, as well as looking through many applications & sermons.

Our next meeting is July 7th at 6:30pm. Committee Members: RJ Benham, Tyler Dunivan, Dan Danielson, Cheryl Jackson, Bill Klepinger, Betsy Staley, Diana Wilhelm.

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School
July 13-16, 10am-Noon



SCUBA diving into friendship with God!

Children Age 4 to just finishing 5th grade.

Please register your child by July 1st.

Volunteers are needed.

If you would like to help please reach out to Michelle Robbins

We are in need of: group leaders, station leaders, set up and clean up crews.

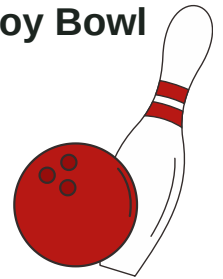
YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group: We will be Cosmic Bowling at Troy Bowl on July 10 at 8pm

Youth members can bring a friend.

Pizza and a drink will be provided.

Please let Michelle know if you will be joining the fun by July 6

**YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION**

We are seeking a part-time Youth Director (starting salary \$12,000) to lead and minister to the youth and children of Cove Spring Church. We currently have around 15 children (preschool – 5th grade) and 15 youth (6th -12th grade).

Youth Director's Responsibilities

- Hold one Cove Spring Kids activity and one Youth Group activity per month.
- Lead & organize one special activity every quarter for the children's ministry; Easter activity, Bible School, Harvest Party and Children's Christmas program.
- Attend the quarterly Church Business meetings to give a report of what the Youth Group and Cove Spring Kids have been doing.
- Lead and recruit volunteers for Children's Church & Nursery

For the full job description, qualifications and more information about the position, please email covespringchurch@gmail.com.

Important Dates

JULY 7 - PULPIT COMM. MTG. 6:30PM

JULY 10 - YOUTH GROUP BOWLING

JULY 12 - PASTOR GREG'S LAST DAY
COMMUNION, SPECIAL BAPTISM,
FAMILY PICNIC AFTER CHURCH

JULY 13 - 16, BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13 - DEACON BOARD MTG, 7PM

JULY 14- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING,
AT 7 PM, IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT
All church members are encouraged to attend.
The last meetings minutes are available in each
vestibule to review prior to the meeting.

UPCOMING

AUG 16 - CHURCH SERVICE AT THE FAIR

AUG 23 - BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SEPT 13 - BLESSING OF THE FARMERS

SEPT 27 - ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
CELEBRATING 211 YEARS!

BLESSING BOX / FOOD PANTRY

The Blessing Box /Food Pantry
is in need of donations of
non-perishable items.
Thank you!



THANK YOU!

The family of Linda Kennedy Newman would like to thank everyone who sent cards and helped with the food for the funeral dinner. Special thanks to Pastor Greg, Dean, Darin and the funeral dinner committee. It was appreciated very much.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, if you are looking for a way to help stay in The Word, please consider joining us on Wednesdays at 12:30, in the Pastor's Office.

Having just completed a study of "Acts", the next study is ""Pray - Cultivating a Passionate Practice of Prayer" - especially appropriate for this season.

Summers (AND LIFE) are crazy for all of us, so please know there is no condemnation if you can't be there! Even if our group is small, we try hard to gather. If for some reason we have to cancel one day, we stay connected through text so everyone knows. The summer plan is to meet through July, then break for August before resuming after Labor Day.

For questions, please call Jill 937-266-4456. If you would like to join us, please let Jill know so your name can be added to the text thread.



WORSHIP SERVICE

AT THE MIAMI COUNTY FAIR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

COVE SPRING CHURCH

along with

RAY PERRYMAN



Please join us for our special Sunday service during the Miami County Fair. Admission to the Fair \$6

COVE SPRING CHURCH

*Please Join Us
at Lostcreek Memory Barn*

September 13, 2026, 9:30 am

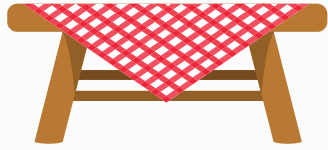
BLESSING OF THE FARMERS

LOSTCREEK MEMORY BARN

**3360 OH-589
CASSTOWN, OH 45312**

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





JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Pulpit Committee Mtg</i> 6:30p	8 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	9	10 <i>Youth Group Cosmic Bowling</i> 8pm	11
12  <i>Communion</i> <i>General Fund Offering</i> <i>Picnic after church</i>	 13	14	15	16	17	18
Bible School 10am to 12 pm, July 13-16						
19 <i>Basement Reserved, 4pm</i>	20 <i>Deacon Bd. Mtg</i> 7pm	21 <i>Church Business Mtg.</i> 7pm	22 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	23	24 <i>Church Reserved WEDDING</i>	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	30	31	