



EAST 40 CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 2026

~GETTING TO KNOW YOU~

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom."*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 NIV



For God. For you.

Hi church,

Will's Words of Wisdom

Every four years, the world looks forward to something special: the FIFA World Cup. Nations unite, flags wave, stadiums erupt, and fans rejoice. Part of what makes the tournament so unique is that it doesn't happen every year, no, after four years of waiting with anticipation, the tournament launches with excitement and celebration. People plan around it. Families gather for it. Entire countries rejoice together when their team succeeds.

Throughout Scripture, and especially in the Old Testament, God's people understood special seasons of rejoicing too. As described and implemented in Leviticus chapter 25, every seventh year was known as the Sabbath Year (25:1-7). Fields were allowed to rest, debts were forgiven, and God's people were reminded that life itself was a gift from the Lord. Even more remarkable was the Year of Jubilee, celebrated after seven cycles of seven years. Every fiftieth year was marked by freedom, restoration, and joyful celebration (25:7-54). These were not ordinary days. They were sacred reminders that God had blessed His people and that His faithfulness deserved rejoicing.

The other day, while waiting in line at the store, I heard an elderly gentleman tell the cashier, "Well, you only get so many summers." That struck me in that moment and helped me to see this summer itself as a seasonal gift. We only get one each year. One summer for every four seasons. Before we know it, July will turn into August, and the routines of autumn will arrive. The older I get, the faster these seasons seem to pass.

So, let's not let summer simply slip by. Let's not wish it away.

Rejoice. Enjoy the cookouts. Watch the fireworks. Take the vacation. Sit on the porch. Spend time with family. Laugh with friends. Sweat a little. Delight in God's creation. Worship with His people. Celebrate His goodness.

Sometimes we act as though joy is a distraction from the Christian life, when in reality joy is one of God's precious gifts. We don't rejoice only when life is perfect. We rejoice through every season, through every day, because God is faithful.

"The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad." (Psalm 118:24 NIV).

Church, enjoy the season. Rejoice in the Lord today. Celebrate His goodness. Praise His name.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Will

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

GALATIANS 5:13 NIV

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HEARTCHASER



Meet ... Cory Kiggans

Cory Kiggans is the newly appointed Youth Student Leader/Young Adult Leader here at East 40. He is from New Concord, Ohio. Cory attended John Glenn High School, graduating Class of 2004. He has three sisters. One of his favorite childhood memories is a family trip to Gatlinburg. He got to invite a friend, and they hooked up two TVs and two PS2s and played Madden the entire drive down.

Cory didn't grow up in church, so he didn't start attending until Jared became the lead pastor at East 40 and they became good friends. Then Heath mentioned that he needed a drummer for a worship team he was building. Music had always been a major part of Cory's life, so he joined the team. Later, he was asked to help with the youth group, and he's been involved ever since.

Some of Cory's biggest strengths are listening, communicating, and working with youth. One of his favorite qualities about himself is his ability to have conversations with anyone and build relationships through those conversations. Something he feels he's really bad at is "rollerblading!" If Cory could have one superpower, he would choose flying, because he really doesn't like driving.

Cory is most grateful in life for his wife Karen. He says that she has always pushed him to do better and to use the gifts God has given him for Kingdom work. They have been married for 15 years and have four children: Natalie, Hannah, Corinne, and Logan. He said they have one dog, but he is definitely a cat person. A special family tradition they all enjoy is spending Christmas in Maryland with family.

Cory prefers movies to books. He loves comedies. His favorite food is either...Chinese or Mexican. He likes salty snacks. If Cory could go anywhere in the world, he would go to China. He loves the food and would enjoy experiencing the culture firsthand.

Music is a huge part of his life. Any free time he has is usually spent playing drums or guitar. Cory honestly loves all kinds of music, but lately has been listening to a lot of Brandon Lake and Josiah Queen. Most of his free time is filled with his kids' activities, which is something he truly enjoys. He also loves attending youth activities and supporting students at their school events. His favorite season is fall, because he loves the fall sports season and hoodie weather. Cory loves all sports. One of his favorite things to do is attend local high school sporting events—you'll find him at a lot of them. Professionally, he's a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Cory's favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:10 ...

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Cory stated, "That verse stood out to me when I shared my testimony with the youth group, and it has come up again and again during important moments in my life. Because of that, it has become very special to me."

Meet ... Karen Kiggans



Karen Kiggans volunteers in the Youth Ministry at East 40 Church of Christ, working with students in grades 6–12 and she serves/volunteers in marriage ministry and on the worship team. She is originally from Southern Maryland. She has two brothers. One older, and one younger. She is the middle child. Some of her favorite childhood memories are spending time at the beach or around any body of water with her family. She and her cousins were incredibly close. They spent so much time water skiing, fishing, and eating Blue Crab! Karen's earliest memory of faith is of her grandmother, who always carried a rosary with her, and Karen remembers seeing it in her hands when she was ill. Karen's mother faithfully took them to church growing up, which laid the foundation for her faith journey.

Karen graduated from Cambridge High School. She earned her LPN from Belmont Technical College, her ADN and BSN from Ohio University, and her MSN from Western Governors University. She believes her biggest strengths are serving others, encouraging people, leadership, organization, and building relationships. Acts of Service is her love language. One of her favorite qualities about herself is that she shows up for people. Whether it's family, friends, coworkers, church members, or even complete strangers, she tries to be someone others can count on when they need support. Karen says that she is not the best at being patient. If she could have one superpower, she would have the ability to instantly heal people.

Karen is married to Cory and they have four wonderful children. They have one dog and a leopard gecko. Family is incredibly important to her. She comes from a large extended family...her mom is one of eight children and her dad is one of five...so family gatherings have always been a big part of her life. Spending Christmas in Maryland is very special! She is most grateful for her husband, her children, her health, and the amazing friends God has placed in her life.

Summer is Karen's favorite season. She says to give her sunshine, warm weather, and the ocean! Some of her favorite activities include going out on the boat, spending time at the beach, sitting around a bonfire with family and friends, and visiting amusement parks. If she could visit anywhere in the world, it would be Israel. She would love to experience the places where Jesus lived, taught, and performed His ministry and see the Bible come to life in a new way.

When asked about her free time...she said...what free time? However, she does enjoy a variety of music genres. She is a big fan of Red Rocks Worship and Brandon Lake. But her all-time favorite band is SafetySuit. She enjoys watching movies. Her favorite food is Chinese food. And she likes sweet snacks. Karen doesn't really watch sports on TV, but she absolutely loves watching her children participate in their sports and activities. They are her favorite athletes to cheer for!

Karen's favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 ...

"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."

Her favorite person from the Bible is Esther. She admires her courage, faith, and willingness to trust God and step forward when it mattered most.



Freedom Songs

Complete the Lyric then Match to the Title

Old Hymns, Traditional American Patriotic Songs, and Praise and Worship Anthems.

SONG LYRICS

1. Hail Him, Hail Him! Highest _____ in Glory.
2. Would you be free from the _____ of sin?
3. Care for the dying: Jesus is _____, Jesus will _____.
4. In the _____ bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a _____.
5. Heir of _____, purchase of _____, born of his _____, washed in his _____.
6. Mercy-_____ round us are falling, but for the showers we _____.
7. Through eternal ages let his _____ ring.
8. How sweet the _____ that saved a _____ like me.
9. If _____ all the things were gone I worked for all my _____.
10. From the _____ forest to the Gulf Stream _____,
11. Gave _____ through the _____ that our _____ was still there.
12. Stand _____ her, and _____ her, thru the _____ with the _____ from above.
13. _____ land of _____, of thee I sing.
14. _____ is marching on.
15. _____ shed His _____ on thee.
16. I pledge thee my _____, _____, the bold,
17. A real live _____ of my _____, born on the _____ of July.
18. And forever in _____ may you _____.
19. Stuck a _____ in his hat and called it _____.
20. Fighting soldiers from the _____, fearless men who jump and _____.
21. Heal our broken land with your _____ hand.
22. I still _____ in us.
23. So we can breathe in _____.
24. Let righteousness rise like morning _____ we humble our hearts, we turn from our _____.
25. From thirteen _____ colonies.

• **BONUS** – Shout'em. Scout'em. Tell all about'em.

One by one till we've given a day to ev'ry state in the USA.

* **NAME ALL 50 STATES**

SONG TITLES

- A. Star Spangled Banner
- B. America the Beautiful
- C. Showers of Blessings
- D. God Bless the USA
- E. I Will Stand
- F. Power in the Blood of Jesus
- G. My Country 'Tis of Thee
- H. You're a Grand Old Flag
- I. God Bless This Land Again
- J. Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus
- K. Praise Him! Praise Him!
- L. This Land is Your Land
- M. God Bless America
- N. Yankee Doodle
- O. Hymn for Our Nation
- P. Blessed Assurance
- Q. Yankee Doodle Dandy
- R. Fifty Nifty United States
- S. Rescue the Perishing
- T. Battle Hymn of the Republic
- U. Standing on the Promises
- V. My America
- W. This is My Country
- X. Amazing Grace .
- Y. Ballad of the Green Beret



Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell? Yeah, it cracked me up too!



KIDS

KELSEY HURSEY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these."*

MATTHEW 19:14 NIV

VBS 2026 - Kingdom Quest



An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom!

All kids entering Preschool (3 years & up)
through 5th Grade this Fall
are invited to join us for
VBS this Summer!

July 26-30, 6pm-8:30pm

Register with the QR code below or in the Foyer!



Adult and youth (6th grade & older)
Volunteers are Needed!

Check out the VBS table in the foyer to sign up or contact :

~ Kelsey ~

~ kelsey@east40.church ~ 740-252-7930 ~

What did the duck say on the 4th of July?
That was a big Fire-Quacker!



YOUTH

CORY KIGGANS
STUDENT/YOUTH LEADER

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they
are old they will not turn from it."*

PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

E40 STUDENTS

JULY
2026

EVENTS
SCHEDULE

05 SUNDAY
Youth Group 6-7:30pm

09 THURSDAY
A Minecraft Movie
Cinemark 9am
RSVP By 7/7/26



SUNDAY
Sunrise Bowling Center
12:00pm-2:00pm RSVP by
7/5/26

12 *Sign up for Kids Bowl for
Free* Use QR Codes
Cost \$10 for shoe rental &
lunch.



Youth Group 6-7:30pm
HIGH SCHOOL ONLY:
optional extended
hang out until 9:00pm

17 FRIDAY
Cook Out & Bonfire
@ the Hursey's 5-9pm



19 SUNDAY
Youth Group 6-7:30pm

Why are there no knock knock jokes about America?

Because Freedom Rings!

STUDENT
INTAKE FORM - CONNECT WITH YOUTH GROUP



STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE



MARRIAGE MINISTRY

*"And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

COLOSSIANS 3:14 NIV

For more information on how you can get involved,
please contact: Karen Kiggans ~ 740-630-8163



♥ E40 MARRIAGE MINISTRY ♥
**QUARTERLY
Date Night** ♥
• CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES! •

RSVP DEADLINE:
AUGUST 14, 2026
Final head count is needed
by this date.

*We hope you'll
join us!* ♥

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT?
Contact Katie Weber at 740-680-2609



DATE:
Saturday, August 29, 2026

TIME:
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION:
Sunrise Bowling Center
Zanesville, Ohio

WHAT:
Bowling & Fellowship

WHAT TO BRING:
Socks!

COST:
\$9.00 per person, per game
(paid upon arrival)
Food and beverages will be
available for purchase at the venue.

"In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free."

PSALM 118:5 NLT

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TJ Hall

Ty Hursey

Wade McGee

Richard Newsom

Adam Pattison

Adam Steer

What did the little firecracker say to his dad? "Hi, Pop!"

SUMMER SERIES 2026

E40



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

First Saturday of Each Month

9:00 AM - Location TBD

See Jim Detrick or Dave Monlux for more info

E40

East 40 Women's Ministry

Bibles & Breakfast

Ladies of all ages are invited to join Bibles & Breakfast
First Saturday each month at 9:30AM
Fellowship Hall @ East 40 Church of Christ
Bring a breakfast dish to share and enjoy fellowship

EAST 40 WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date

Thursday, June 18th, 7pm: evening devotional and nature walk
McGraw Edison Rec Area (Spry Rd.)

6:45pm at church for those that want to carpool

Sunday, July 12th, after 2nd service: Planning Meeting
for 2027 Women's Retreat

Friday, August 7th, 7pm: Family Fun Night @ East 40
pizza, games, family group devotional (while men are at DC Retreat)

Monday, August 31st, 6:30pm @ East 40: Monday Night Bible Study Begins

Tuesday, August 25th 10am & 6pm @ East 40: Tuesday Night Bible Study Begins

Saturday, September 19th, mid-morning: Sunflower Saturday
Open to all ladies in the community, details and signup to follow

October/November- We will be making Cold Weather Bundles for those in need.
We will collect items in October and give them out in November.

December- Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange- @ East 40, time/date pending

"Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's servants." 1 PETER 2:16 NIV

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"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then,
and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

GALATIANS 5:1 NIV

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM ~ Traditional Worship Service

10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Worship Service, and Online

10:00 AM ~ Children's Morning Programming



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CIY MOVE Evening Small Group	2 CIY MOVE Young Life 5:30-9PM	3 CIY MOVE Happy Independence Day!	4 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
5	6	7	8 Evening Small Group	9 Young Life 5:30-9PM	10	11
12 Women's Ministry Planning Meeting 12 PM	13	14	15 Evening Small Group	16 Young Life 5:30-9PM	17	18
19	20	21	22 Evening Small Group	23 Young Life 5:30-9PM	24	25
26 Leadership Meeting 12 PM	27	28	29	30	31	
VBS~Kingdom Quest						

Lady's Monday
Evening Small Group
will Resume
August 31st at 6:30

Wednesday
1:00 Bible Study
will
Resume in the Fall

Women's Precept
Bible Study
will Resume
August 25th

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Evening Small Group	Young Life 5:30-9PM		1 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
2	3	4	5 Evening Small Group	6 Young Life 5:30-9PM	7	8
9	10	11	12 Evening Small Group	13 Young Life 5:30-9PM	14	15
16	17	18	19 Evening Small Group	20 Young Life 5:30-9PM	21	22
23 Leadership Meeting 12 PM	24 Lady's Small Group Resumes 6:30PM	25 Women's Precept Resumes 10AM or 6PM	26 Evening Small Group	27 Young Life 5:30-9PM	28	29

What are the most patriotic flowers? Yankee Doodle Dandelions!

"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

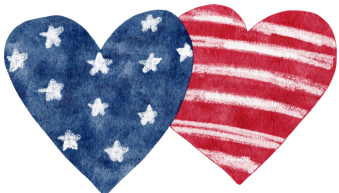
ZEPHANIAH 3:17 NIV

Birthdays & Anniversaries

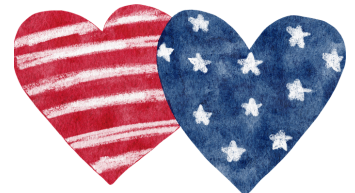
Charlie Brock July 1
Carter Brock July 1
Brenna Milliner July 1
Dylan Raber July 1
Maxine Monlux July 2
Ashley Snider July 2
Sarah Adams July 3
Rhett Pattison July 3
Hayden Bates..... July 4
Kim Robinson July 4
Joey Wells July 5
Luke Dobson July 6
TJ Hall July 7
Jackie Newcomer July 7
Brady Frazier July 8
Jim Harding July 8
Ross Hursey July 8
Brayden Jones July 8
Kyle Trout July 9
Alexis Higginbotham July 10
Corinne Kiggans July 10
Raelynn Sullivan July 10
Paislee Duffy July 11
Shellie Mull July 11
Lily Sandidge July 11
Julie Snyder July 11
Amanda Spiker July 11



Troy Stambush July 12
Harley Hamilton July 13
Kingston Locklear July 13
Melonie Abate July 15
Amy Mann..... July 15
Somebody Special July 16
Sharon Duffy July 17
Kaser Cleveland..... July 19
Cora Dever July 19
Brent Hylton July 21
Kaedence Long July 21
Gavin Lawrence July 22
Addi Newsom July 22
Carleigh Spragg July 22
Ella Stines July 22
Finley Tysinger July 22
James Noland July 23
Caleb Van Reeth July 23
Delaney Miller July 24
Debbie Newcomer July 25
Donnie Morrison July 26
Abby Cole July 29
Miles Hannan July 29
Dave Monlux July 29
Brantley Spragg July 29
Zaney Stewart July 31
Dave Williamson July 31



Dave and Sheila Danison July 3, 1982
Dave and Annette Deitrick July 9, 1988
Nathan and Angie Larrick July 14, 2001
Cory and Karen Kiggans July 16, 2011
Randy and Cora Ross July 16, 1972
Jason and Mary Cae Abrams July 24, 2024



"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NIV

(All birthdays and anniversaries are gathered from CCB. Please update your information to be included in the newsletter.)

Our Beliefs

We believe in the one true God;

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father, Creator of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the eternal Word of God, and the on Savior. We believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus was fully human and fully divine; the Word made flesh. We believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, but suffered and was crucified as a atonement for sin. We believe that Jesus rose again bodily from the dead on the third day, ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, and will one day return in victory to establish a new creation where He will rule forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit lives inside every Christian and helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us in prayer, convicts us of our sins, and empowers us to live a fruitful, Christian life.

We believe in the Bible; God's Word.

We believe that God inspired the original writings for Scripture and that those writings were without error.

We believe that the Bible is the final authority of all matters of faith, truth, morality, and Christian living.

We believe in the Gospel; the Good News of Salvation.

We believe that mankind willingly sinned against God and is therefore lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.

We believe that God was not satisfied with being separated from those created in His image, so He offers forgiveness for sins through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that salvation is given when one puts their life under Christ's rule, repents of their sins, and confesses Christ, and that the Bible commands every believer in Christ to be baptized by immersion.

We believe that those who have received salvation are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve the world like Jesus did.

We believe in the Church; the Body of Christ.

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ consists of all Christians everywhere and is organized into local assemblies, called churches.

We believe that the bible teaches that every Christian should be an active member of a local church.

We believe that the elders of the local church are the overseers of its affairs and the shepherds of its members; that they are the final interpretive authority of the Bible's meaning and application for the church; and that they are responsible for the oversight, instruction, edification, discipline, and restoration of church members.

We believe that all Christians belong to the body of Christ and are called to regularly meet for fellowship, worship, teaching, and the taking of the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christians are also called to use their natural abilities and spiritual gifts for the building up of one another as everyone promotes unity under the name of Jesus.

Our Mission

We believe that Jesus summed up everything we are supposed to do into two commandments (Matthew 22).

Firstly, He says to Love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. So at East 40, we are For God.

We are for His fame, for His agenda in the world, and for His will in our lives.

Secondly, Jesus says that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Then, He told us that everyone is our neighbor. So at East 40 we are For You. We are for people finding God, believing in Jesus, and then living the life they were designed to live as they become more like Jesus.

Simply put, at East 40, we are For God and For You!

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MEDIA

Get started immediately by visiting:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/east40church>

Or by texting the code EAST40CHURCH to 49775

Or by scanning the QR code above.



East 40 Church of Christ



SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

8:30AM Traditional
10AM Contemporary
10AM Online Stream
10AM Children

EVENING SERVICES

6PM E40 Kids

Pre-K - 5th Grade
September-May

6PM Youth Group

6th Grade - 12th Grade



Emergencies & Prayer Line

Text or Call 740-202-9690

Longterm Prayer Requests

- Church Leadership
- Missions
- School Leadership
- Governing bodies
- Our Military
- Worldwide situations
- Elderly
- Widows
- Caretakers
- Poor
- Sick
- Lonely and Sad
- Those suffering loss
- Those in pain
- Those who need Jesus