EAST 40 CHURCH OF CHRIST OCTOBER 2026

~GETTING TO KNOW YOU~

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power! Put on the full armor of God..." EPHESIANS 6:10-11 NIV

For God. For you.

Will's Words of Wisdom

Hi church,

The other night, while watching Monday Night Football, a Target commercial came on. There was a break in the football game. Commercials were happening. Nothing unusual about that. And I was probably only *half* paying attention. But then I heard the words: “Joy comes in the morning” mixed into the tune of the commercial’s music lyrics. And I immediately thought, “Hey, wait a minute!”

For me, those words don't mean that tomorrow will be a better day when you mark off that item from your shopping list at Target… No, I hear a Psalm! I hear the Psalmist talking about crying through the darkness of the night and discovering that God brings rejoicing with the morning sun. I hear words about suffering, but also about faithfulness, hope, and the goodness of God. So, hearing “joy comes in the morning” during a Target commercial felt a little strange. A little (a lot) out of place.

But I’m not mad about it. I don’t have a fight to pick with Target. No, the more I sat there thinking about it, I realized that to the marketing and advertising team, those words probably weren't intended to carry all of that Scriptural weight. No, to them, maybe they just heard a beautiful, familiar phrase. Something upbeat, rhythmic, and positive. Something common. Something embedded in the culture. Yes, so *deeply embedded* into the culture, that even those who are unfamiliar with Scripture, *might actually know* some Scripture.

And that often happens with language. Linguists call it “semantic bleaching” (do you personally know any linguists I can consult on this?) But this phenomenon happens when a word or phrase gets used over and over again, in so many situations, that it loses its original meaning and intensity. A word that once meant something very specific and powerful becomes a catch-phrase or background noise.

And eventually, we can use the word or phrase without really hearing the power of its definition. And you know, I’ve been struck by that thought while writing my messages for our Holy Fear series. Think about the word: “awesome.” We use it for God, but we also might use it for the result of a successful football scoring play.

Now, I'm not suggesting that we stop saying awesome (no, it’s too awesome of a word). But somewhere along the line, a word that once described something that inspired genuine “awe” has become a pretty ordinary way of saying, “That's really cool.”

So, I’m pretty sure that’s what happened here, with the Psalm verse turned into lyrics for a song in a commercial. And like I said, I’m not mad about it and I truly do appreciate the positive feelings Target was trying to convey, but when all is said and done Psalm 30 doesn't give us a slogan for a better morning, no, it gives us hope in the middle of difficulties; a God we can cling to in all circumstances.

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5b NIV).

That’s a very different kind of rejoicing than walking out of a store with a new item! It is rejoicing even in the middle of sorrow. It’s rejoicing because God is still faithful even when the night seems long. It’s rejoicing (*it’s joy*) that carries so much more significance than just becoming “a religious word.” No, it’s a way of being. It’s a reminder of who God is, what God has done, and what kind of life He is inviting us to live.

So, the next time you hear the beloved words of faith (maybe even in a commercial), don't rush past them. Pause. Ponder. Pay attention. Yes, sometimes the words we need to hear are the words that are already all around us. We might just need to learn how to listen to them again.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Will



ATTENTION

WE WANT TO
“Get to Know You”

If you are willing to be featured in our monthly newsletter,
PLEASE contact Melissa (Church Secretary).
office@east40.church

~ I would love to share your story! ~

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 CORINTHIANS 15:57 NIV

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NKJV

The Armor of God

Outfitted in God's Armor
Courage to overcome challenges
Trusting in the Lord's Truth
Overcoming the enemy
Being faithful in Prayer
Empowered by the Spirit
Rejoicing in Victory

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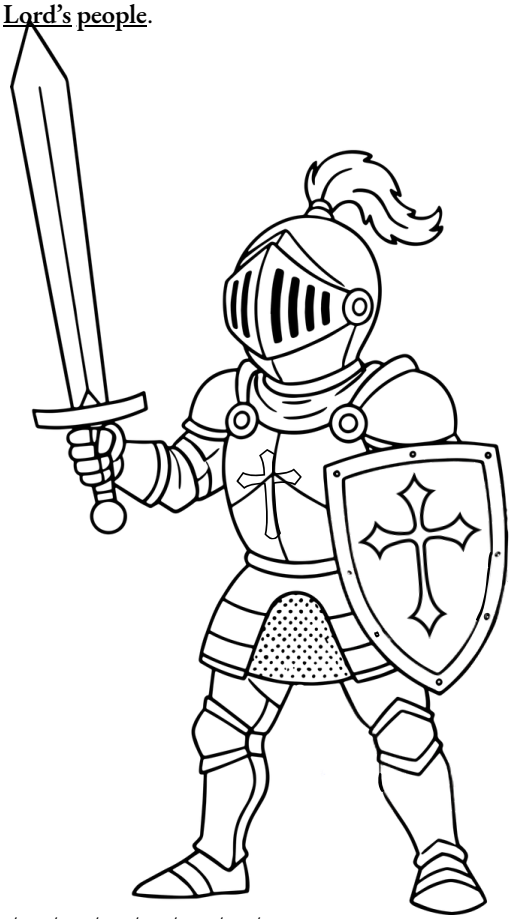
The Armor of God Word Search

10 Finally, **be strong** in the **Lord** and in his **mighty power**. 11 Put on the full **armor of God**, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the **belt** of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate** of **righteousness** in place, 15 and with your **feet fitted** with the **readiness** that comes from the **gospel** of **peace**. 16 In addition to all this, take up the **shield** of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the **helmet** of **salvation** and the **sword** of the **Spirit**, which is the **word** of **God**. 18 And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for **all** the **Lord's people**.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 NIV

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Lifewise is in full swing at East 40 for this school year.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

Interested in Volunteering or Sharing your Talents ... Please See Kelsey!

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

WORSHIP MINISTRY

WADE MCGEE
MISTY STRATTON

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." PSALM 95:1-2 NIV



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

EVENTS SCHEDULE
OCT. 2026

- **04 SUNDAY** — Youth Group 6-7:30pm Theme: School Picture Sunday, Dress Like You Are Getting Your Gradeschool Picture Taken
- **11 SUNDAY** — Youth Group 6-7:30pm Theme: Flannel Night
- **18 SUNDAY** — Youth Group 6-7:30pm Theme: Orange and Black
- **25 SUNDAY** — Trunk OR Treat *Decorate the Youth Room*

Cory Kiggans
E40 Youth Minister
740-630-7906

STUDENT
INTAKE FORM - CONNECT WITH YOUTH GROUP
STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE

YOUTH & KIDS SERVICE PROJECT

EAST 40 CHURCH OF CHRIST

E40 STUDENTS & Children's MINISTRY

ARE TEAMING UP TO MAKE

FLEECE BLANKETS

FOR THE RESIDENTS AT

THE BECKETT HOUSE

IN NEW CONCORD

HELP US COLLECT ITEMS TO MAKE WARM, COZY BLANKETS FOR THE RESIDENTS!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE THE WISHLIST!

DONATIONS REQUESTED BY 10/25/26

E40 STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT

PLEASE REACH OUT TO KELSEY HURSEY OR CORY KIGGANS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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" Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place."
EPHESIANS 6:14 NIV

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

KAREN KIGGANS ~ 740-630-8163

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." COLOSSIANS 3:14 NIV



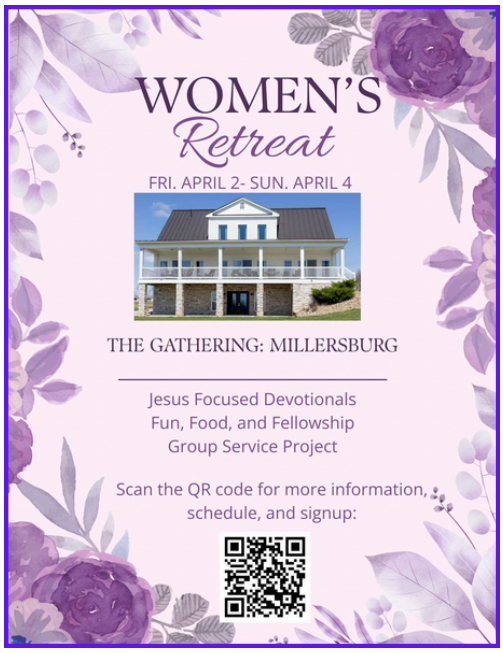
MEN'S MINISTRY





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."
PROVERBS 31:25 NIV



For more information on how you can get involved in the Women's Ministry:
Call or Text Valerie Smith: 740-624-2711

"and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."
EPHESIANS 6:15 NIV

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Wade McGee
Richard Newsom
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Adam Steer







SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM ~ Traditional Worship Service
10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Worship Service, and Online
10:00 AM ~ Children's Morning Programming



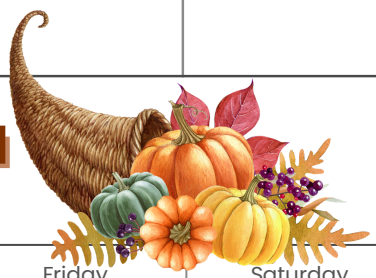
October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Ministry is Collecting Warm Winter Bundles All Month for Eastside (Thick Socks, Winter Hats (all sizes), Blankets, Gloves (esp. mens), Hand & Foot Warmers)				1 Young Life 5:30-9PM	2	3 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
4 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	5 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	6 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	7 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	8 Young Life 5:30-9PM	9	10 Men's Ministry Smoke Off 3:00
11 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	Columbus Day 12 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	13 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	14 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	15 Young Life 5:30-9PM	16	17
18 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	19 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	20 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	21 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	22 Young Life 5:30-9PM	23	24
25 Leadership Meeting 12:00PM	26 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	27 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	28 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	29	30	31



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	2	3 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	4 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	5 Young Life 5:30-9PM	6 Worship Night 7:00 PM	7 Women ~Bibles & Breakfast~ at the Church~9:30 AM Men~Breakfast Place TBD~9:00 AM
8 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	9 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	10 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	VETERANS DAY 11 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	12 Young Life 5:30-9PM	13 Marriage Ministry TOP GOLF 7:00 PM Columbus	14
15 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	16 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	17 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	18 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	19 Young Life 5:30-9PM	20	21
22 Sunday Afternoon Small Group After Second Service	23 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM	24 Women's Precept 10AM or 6PM	25 Bible Study 1:00PM Evening Small Group	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 BLACK FRIDAY Happy SHOPPING	28
29 Leadership Meeting 12:00PM	30 Lady's Small Group 6:30PM					

" In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
EPHESIANS 6:16-17 NIV

" Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you . . . "

3 JOHN 1:2 NIV

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aiden Duffy ..... October 1
Noah Sherry ..... October 1
Pat Lighthizer ..... October 3
Mason Baird ..... October 5
Autumn Cromwell ..... October 5
Kooper Trout ..... October 6
Kendall Snider ..... October 7
Macy Spiker ..... October 8
Taiylor Williamson ..... October 8
Heidi Busing ..... October 9
Alea Newsom ..... October 9
Mya Tank ..... October 10
Noah Larrick ..... October 14
Gavin Koscoe ..... October 15
Mary Robinson ..... October 17
Cloe Willis ..... October 17
Stefany Holbein ..... October 18
Meghan Kunkle ..... October 18
Linda Turk ..... October 18
Andy Hendrickson ..... October 19
Rick West ..... October 19
Brayden Snider ..... October 20
Hannah Kiggans ..... October 21
Dane McGee ..... October 21
Tom Monroe..... October 21



Don Gingerich ..... October 24
Carrie Williamson ..... October 25
Melissa Staker ..... October 27
Paul Morrison ..... October 28
Payton Stratton ..... October 30
Diane Deitrick ..... October 31

Joe & Tabatha Spragg ..... October 8, 2005
Preston & Audryonah Henderson ..... October 9, 2021
Bob & Elaine Ault ..... October 20, 1969
Curtis & Melissa Ziegler ..... October 22, 2016
Rob & Alyse Clark ..... October 25, 2008
Paul & Ashley Palmer ..... October 27, 2016



" Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. "

ECCLESIASTES 4:12 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 life 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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Or by texting the code EAST40CHURCH to 49775
Or by scanning the QR code above.

East 40 Church of Christ

" And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

EPHESIANS 6:18 NIV

SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

6PM E40 Kids
Pre-K - 5th Grade
September-May

6PM Youth Group
6th Grade - 12th Grade

CONNECT CARD

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