

When God Seems Silent
Psalm 28

God's Silence in Prayer:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? -Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! - Matthew 7:7-11

"And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you: behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation." - Gen 15:18-20

(Psalm 18:6, Psalm 24:6, Psalm 116:1-2)

The Fear of the Godly:

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted". - Matt 23:12

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." - Matt 23:27-28

The Fate of the Wicked:

(1 Cor 10:6-11, Psalm 26:9-12)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,^[a] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened". Romans 1:18-21

Worship: There Is a Fountain — *Citizens*

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer — *Sovereign Grace Music*

Hold Him High — *Citizens*

Closing Song: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery — *Matt Boswell*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum **ON SUMMER BREAK**

Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Account Balance: \$47,031.87 June Balance: \$45,803.014 CD Balance: \$59,743.80 <i>June CD Balance: \$59,559.30</i>	Weekly Budget: \$4,176 Monthly Budget: \$18,097
Total Giving: July 5	\$4,310.00
Total Giving: July 12	\$1,929.62
Total Giving: July 19	\$2,490.00
Total Giving: July 26	\$3,245.00
Total Giving for July:	\$11,974.62

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the August Newsletter for information about our Donation Collection for this month.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is TONIGHT from 5:30-7pm. We invite and encourage you all to join us for this time of corporate prayer, as we pray for specific prayer requests within the Church Body. You are welcome to join us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer. There should be an index card in the pocket of the chair in front of you, unless you are sitting in the front row. We ask that you please take the time to write down some prayer requests and your name on the index card and place it in the basket on the front table before you leave today!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, August 23rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point THIS Saturday, August 22nd. Group Admission tickets are \$57 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, August 22nd, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location, at 7am. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We are having our annual "End of Summer Party" in *TWO WEEKS*, on Sunday, August 30th, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming — weather permitting, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for this party!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** On Monday, September 14, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm, for 10 Weeks, we will study the doctrine of the church "Ecclesiology" and will be taught by Pastor Jeremy Scarberry and Richard Riley, Elder Emeritus. This course is 30 Lecture Hours with a Syllabus provided for each student. You may take the course for credit or for an audit. If interested, let Richard know so we may prepare a Syllabus for you. We will study the following from I and II Timothy and Titus:

- The identity of the Church: The Church is not merely a building but the assembly of believers called by God, united in Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit
- The purpose of the Church: Key functions include teaching biblical doctrine, providing fellowship, observing the Lord's Supper, praying, and spreading the Gospel.

Ecclesiology studies the theological meaning and practice of baptism, communion, and church discipline and the Biblical requirements for an Elder and Deacon.

Ephesians 4:11-13: ¹¹And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

★*For all other announcements, please see the August Newsletter!*