

# Edgewood Christian Church

## September 2022 Newsletter

### COSMA CORNER

*Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. Joel 2:23*

I am not sure if it is just because I am a September baby or because I have much experience in living in Ohio ... but I love the autumn ... its air, its smells, its feel, its leaves, and its memories. Memories of bonfires and hayrides and football and hobo dinners (if you haven't experienced this one you need to let me know). The sights and sounds and times with family and friends around a fire or a football is as vivid as the colors of leaves on the trees after an autumn rain. Of course, the weather at the beginning of autumn is superb ... not too hot and not too cold ... it is just right.

Scripture bears out the righteousness of autumn and its weather as a covering of our Lord's faithfulness. Like jumping in the pile of those newly fallen cornucopia of colors enhanced by the musk of the outdoors and of timber, you find yourself enveloped by the faithfulness of a God who loves us too much to just leave us alone. The prophet Jeremiah throughout his writings would refer to the cyclical natural wonders like rains as evidence of a God who brings ever present assurance: *Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest. Jer. 5:24*

Some people miss the wonders of autumn because they can only concentrate on the winter that is around the corner. They dwell on the distress of past winters and become almost despondent over the forecast for winter to come. Don't miss life's autumn moments as directed by our gracious and generous God, who gives us the present joys of the season as we await the predetermined joys of the future, a future outlined in a Father's faithfulness.

*Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7*

Our Prayer: Make It Rain Lord! Make it Rain!

From One In-Awe-of-Autumn to Another!

### P.S. 30-Day Challenge:

Remember to be reading 5 Psalms and 1 chapter in Proverbs so we can read through these two books with our ECC church family during the month of September! I suggest starting each day this amazing way ... but do whatever works for you and yours!

### MISSION HIGHLIGHT

#### **Our Mission**

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is an institution of Christian higher education whose mission is to impact the world by transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders.

#### **Our Vision**

To be a growing community of superior biblical higher education.

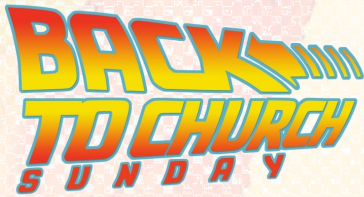


### **Philosophy of Education**

The educational philosophy of Mid-Atlantic Christian University rests upon the conviction that all truth comes from God. Only the Bible, God's word, enables us to integrate all fields of knowledge into a meaningful unity; it alone answers the deep questions of the human mind and spirit. Hence, all courses at Mid-Atlantic Christian University are taught from the perspective of the Christian worldview. Mid-Atlantic Christian University provides a Christian education based on a three-fold program of undergraduate instruction: Biblical and theological studies, general studies and professional studies. Mid-Atlantic Christian University believes that an educational program should cultivate development in all areas of a student's life. The University seeks to accomplish this through its academic curriculum, its service-learning program and its extracurricular activities. Academic work is designed to provide intellectual growth and maturity. The service-learning program is designed to integrate instruction with practical experience in Christian service. Extracurricular activities are designed to promote spiritual, physical and social growth.

### **Church Identification**

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is a private university from congregations and individuals of the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. The educational program of the University is in harmony with the faith and practice of these churches.



**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**September 11**

Invite everyone you know, family and friends, to come back to church.

A fellowship meal

will follow after the service. Meat will be provided, everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, dessert and /or drink to share.

**ECC Kids & Student News**

**Fun Friday Kids Night  
For Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Friday September 9th  
6 - 8:00pm -

**KidServe  
For Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Sunday September 18th  
12 - 2pm

**Bowling  
For 6th - 8th Grade**

Sunday September 4th  
12 - 2pm

For questions about any of these events or any other information you may have about the ECC Kids & Student Ministry, please see Kayla Leighton.

**Young at Heart**

Wed September 21 @ 1:00pm  
Golden Corral - Roanoke

**September Birthdays  
& Anniversaries**

- 5 - Mike Price
- 6 - Coleman & Toni Doss\*  
Jason & Kelly Markle\*
- 8 - Toni Doss
- 9 - Kenneth & Betty Blount\*
- 11 - Katie Collins  
Isabelle Lephew
- 12 - Angela Akers
- 13 - Nate Matthews
- 14 - Betty Custer  
Shirley Smoot
- 16 - Arleigh Boyd
- 19 - D'mon Jones
- 20 - Lance & Kayla Leighton\*
- 23 - Rodney & Kim Lawrence\*
- 26 - Sam Smithwick
- 27 - Edna Spencer  
Nicholas Witt
- 29 - Hope Smithwick
- 30 - Ann Plaster



**Sunday School**  
10:00am each Sun  
**Adult Connect Group**  
6:30pm each Tuesday

**Nursery available**  
For 3 years and under  
During Worship Service

**September Van Driver**  
Rodney Lawrence  
(540) 525-7729

**Leadership Team Meetings**  
Wednesday September 14  
Elders & Ministers- 6:00pm  
Elders, Deacons & Ministers 7:pm

**ECC's Elders**  
Carey Custer  
Scott Harlow  
Tim Lilley

**ECC's Deacons**  
Brett Matthews  
Curtis Witt  
David Akers  
Rodney Lawrence  
Tim Dowdy

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