



EATON  
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

## **note from** pastor dave

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Two little girls one day were acting very badly. They were misbehaving. It was on Thanksgiving Day and their father told them, "Girls, go to your room. You are dismissed from Thanksgiving dinner." The girls went dejected and sad to their rooms. A few moments later, they heard their mother calling them to come down for dinner.

A little baffled in light of what their father had said, they sheepishly walked down to the dinner table and sat down. But they noticed that dad was not there. So they naturally asked, "Mom, where is dad?"

"Dad went to his room." "But why, Mom?" "Because dad loves you so much. He couldn't change his standard, but he didn't want to deny you Thanksgiving dinner, so he went to pay the price so you could come and enjoy the meal. So, while you enjoy the meal remember your dad has picked up the tab and is paying the penalty."

Sound familiar? November and December are months filled with thanksgiving and thankfulness for what God has done through His Son Jesus. God sent His only Son as an infant to live among us, to teach us, to forgive us, to ultimately die in our place. He "picked up the tab and paid the price, so we could be forgiven and be the recipient of countless blessings."

This month, November, we gather together and celebrate Thanks-giving, not Thanks-keeping! We are blessed so we can be a blessing to others. So during these next two months, as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us continue to intentionally love God and each another. To serve one another. To believe in one another. To care for each other. To commit to share Him with another. To be faithful in worship attendance as well as in the blessing of giving.

It is an honor to serve Him by your side! Remember you are loved!

Pastor Dave



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### **November / December 2011**

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# Christmas Weekend Worship Schedule:

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Carols, Candlelight and Communion  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
Carols & Communion



## news for you

**Election Day is Tuesday, 11/8.** Our church will be serving as a polling place for several precincts. Be sure to exercise the wonderful privilege and duty we have as citizens of this country and vote on Tuesday, 11/8.

### **GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Events**

Surviving the Holidays is a warm, encouraging and helpful event. Featuring video instruction and group discussion, it helps you deal with the intense pain of grief during the holiday season. This event will be on 11/14 at 6:30p in Room 103-107. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to attend this event.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

The Eaton Lions Club is partnering with the Women of Faith and offering a hand up to our neighbors through the Preble County Food Bank by hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Nov 19, 2011 from 8:00 to 10:30 here in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth. All proceeds go to the food pantry.

### **Starting Point**

Are you new to the Church? Have you been coming for awhile and have questions about the Church? A class has been designed just for you. It will meet on Sunday, November 20th. We'll start with lunch (maybe pizza) in the Commons after 2nd service and then the class will begin. Sign up at the welcome center if you are planning on attending.

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

Our 20 Something Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 27. They will serve after Sunday School and 2nd service. The money they raise will help them attend the Passion Conference in January.

**Communion will be observed** on the second Sunday of Advent, December 4th in AM Worship.

### **Fundraiser at Carmelo's Restaurant**

If you eat at Carmelo's during the month of November, tell the cashier and 10% of your receipt total will be given back to the church to benefit our Children's Department.

**Christ's Birthday Offering** will be given on the 3rd Sunday of Advent 12/18. "Making Room" is this year's Christ's Birthday Offering theme. Through our giving, we can better equip the church to bring the story of his birth and his presence into the whole world.

### **Note from Board of Trustees Regarding Attic Clean-up**

In order to be in compliance with the fire code we need to clean up the attic and clear out the area under the stairway leading to the youth room. We are asking people who have items stored there to go through them and discard what is no longer being used.

To help with the clean-up, there is a dumpster at the east end of the gym until 11/21. This will give everyone 4 weeks to go through and help with cleanup.

### **Dear Church Family,**

Russ and I want to sincerely thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, food and visits during Anthony's illness. We especially want to thank our Pastors whom all encouraged Anthony and us through this difficult time. We are confident Anthony is in Heaven. Do you know why he is in Heaven? When he had a motorcycle accident in 2008 you held him up continually in prayer. It was his sincere desire to come and publicly thank the Church. When he was well enough to attend services you embraced and loved him. Because of your Christ-like example you touched him in a mighty way. You are most certainly the body of Christ. Thank you again for all your love and support.

Sincerely,  
Russ & Pam

## 20 something

### November 26

Creation Museum

Meet at the church at 9:30a

Cost: \$10+food

### Bible Study

#### November

The Story

Sunday Nights @ 6pm at the Maggard's  
(3840 Twin Creek Rd., W. Alex.)

#### December

- 4**—We are inviting Miles and Bonnie Shafer to share with us that evening. Location will be announced later. Come at 6pm for dinner, regardless of location.
- 18**—Christmas Party at the Maggard's. We'll have dinner together and play games. Come at 6pm.
- 24**—Candle Light and Communion Service
- 25**—NO BIBLE STUDY!
- 31**—New Years Eve at the Bryant's house.  
We'll play games and hang out. Come at 7pm

## men's ministry

### Men's Breakfast

**11/5 and 12/3 @ 7:30a**

Be part of this great breakfast and a time of sharing as different men share from the Word and from their life experiences.

## keenagers ministry

### Keenagers Breakfast

**Tuesday, 11/1 and Tuesday, 12/6 @ 9a**

All of our senior retirees and anyone else who would like to come are welcome to meet at Bob Evans in Eaton for breakfast and fellowship.

## wednesday dinners

Dinner is served on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center from 5:30-6:30pm. The cost is \$2.50 per person; \$10 max per family. All are invited to dinner! Check your worship folder each week for the menu!

There will be no meal on November 23, December 14, 21 & 28 due to the holidays.

## 501 youth ministries

### Eph 5:1 - Imitating God

#### Wednesday Night OPEN HOUSE

6-7:30pm

Nov 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21

#### Sunday Night INTENSE

6-8pm

Nov. 6, 20, 27

Guys @ Danny & Brionne Reynolds'

(2145 Eaton-Lewisburg Rd., Eaton)

Girls @ Jeremy & Rhonda Halstead's

(319 Romadour Ave., Eaton)

#### November 11-12-13

#### Ohio State Youth Convention

"Press Pause"

Speaker is Barry Shafer

Worship Band: AttaBoy

#### November 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22

#### Buckeye Making (Fundraiser)

Tues & Thurs, 6-9p

#### December 18

#### Christmas Party

#### December 29

#### New Year's Overnighter / Dayton Gems Hockey

- Pastor Jeremy will be attending the National Youth Workers Convention in Atlanta on Nov. 18-20.
- Pastor Jeremy will be on vacation Nov. 28 - Dec. 4.

## international missions

### Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year you can share joy and hope with a needy child in a troubled country like Afghanistan by taking part in Operation Christmas Child. Brochures are available in the commons. Take a brochure, find a shoebox and fill it with toys for a needy child. **The boxes are to be returned on Sunday, November 6th.** What a wonderful way to touch a child's life this Christmas! Don't miss out!





## worship arts ministries

*Eaton First Church of God's Christmas Celebration 2011*

**Imagine**  
CHRISTMAS  
somewhere between your memory and your imagination

*Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
3pm & 7pm*

*Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am & 6pm*

*Corner of East Ave. & Lexington Road in Eaton. Admission is free. [www.eatonfirstcog.com](http://www.eatonfirstcog.com) 456.4681*




## the story

Join us in worship each week as we continue our journey through the Bible called "The Story." Each week, our morning message, classes and groups are focused on a chapter that shares with us God's Story through history and yet today.

### **How can you be involved:**

- Engage in reading the book "The Story".
- Participate in worship each weekend. You can jump into The Story at any point.
- Connect with a small group and/or Sunday School class.
- Encourage discussion within your family.

### **"The Story" Fall Reading Schedule**

Please have the chapters read before the corresponding Sunday

Nov 6	Chapter 28
Nov 13	Chapter 29
Nov 20	Chapter 30
Nov 27	Chapter 31



## women of faith

### **Fellowships:**

**November Meeting:** Thursday, November 17th at 6:30p. We will be hearing a testimony from Rick McCollum. We also will be having a speaker from Children's Services.

**December Meeting:** The Women of Faith will meet on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. for their annual Cookie Walk. All women are asked to bring 4 dozen cookies. We will also be revealing the names of our Secret Sister and a testimony from Rosalind Morey.

**The Men and Women's Luncheon** is on 11/6. We will be serving chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans with cake for dessert after Sunday School and 2nd Service.

### **Fundraisers:**

**Bake Sales** on Sunday, November 20 in the commons. Baked items are needed. There will be a sign-up at the welcome center.

**Recycling:** Please save your aluminum cans and put them in the recycling bin in the FLC. If you have large quantities, contact Lynne Rossman.

There will be no Women of Faith meeting in January.

The Women of Faith would like to thank everyone who have been faithful in attending the meetings and making goodies for the Bake Sales. God Bless You and Your Family!!! May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Children's Ministry of the Eaton First Church of God

**Upstreet Kids**- the children's ministry of the Eaton First Church of God. *Train UP a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6* The arrow in the logo points one way, there is one way to know the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. UpStreet is a journey, a direction that we are following God through our lives. UpStreet is a moving, busy place, much like a city street.



The Edge of UpStreet is the name of our 5th and 6th grade group! They meet and discover things that all preteens need to know about themselves, God, and the church. They also participate in outings and other fun events throughout the year. They are called "the edge" because they are on the edge of the children's ministry as preteens and will be transitioning into their teenage years. The Edge meets Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm and begins in the sanctuary.

**November: Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Upstreet Wednesdays and The Edge** is for all kids ages 2 through grade 6 and meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30p. This month's service project outreach is the Preble County Food bank. Through the month of November, all children are asked to bring in non-perishable food items that will be donated to the food bank. The class that brings in the most donations will receive a reward. There will be **No UpStreet and The Edge on Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving.**

**December: Happy Birthday Jesus!**

**UpStreet Wednesdays and The Edge**

UpStreet and The Edge will meet only on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** this month due to Christmas program rehearsal and Christmas break. On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade UpStreet and The Edge classes will be meeting and then ending the night with a Birthday Bash for Jesus!

**UpStreet Wednesday's theme** for November & December is "Snow Day". The focus is Jesus's Life - The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20).

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov. 23rd - No UpStreet and The Edge due to Thanksgiving
- Dec. 7th - No UpStreet and The Edge due to the Christmas Celebration Dress Rehearsal
- Dec. 14th - UpStreet and The Edge Christmas Party
- Dec. 21st & 28th - No UpStreet and The Edge due to Christmas Break
- Jan. 4th - UpStreet and The Edge resumes.



**UpStreet Children's Ministry Project: Cabinets & Countertops**

We are raising money to install banks of upper & lower cabinets with a countertop in each children's room. This will allow for better storage and organization in each room. Our fund is growing because of you! Thank you! If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your giving envelope "children's wing" and put it in the regular offering or leave it in the church office. We look forward to seeing this project take shape one room at a time and with your help we can do it!

## **birthdays** in november

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Daniel Howard      | Jerry Tackett       |
| Cheyenne Smith       | 18 Gail Baker       |
| 6 Jason Posey        | Angie Creech        |
| 7 Aaron Eddy         | Wesley VanZant      |
| 10 Cindy Schmidt     | 22 Terry Creech     |
| 11 Craig Moormeier   | Brenda Ward         |
| Aaron Scholl         | 24 Nathan Stewart   |
| Nancy Parks          | Diana Price         |
| 14 Elizabeth Roberts | 29 Austin Moormeier |
| Alex Moormeier       | 30 Nathan Koeller   |
| 15 Jimmy Price       | Rachel Lewis        |
| 17 Chris Maggard     |                     |

## **birthdays** in december

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Hannah Maggard      | 18 Cody Bryant    |
| Jeff Maggard          | Ben Duffie        |
| 2 Erin Wheat          | Greta Reames      |
| 3 Miles McCollum      | 19 Margaret Carr  |
| Sam Judd              | 20 Miles Shafer   |
| 4 Darla Weber         | Rick Briley       |
| 5 Jeff Jones          | Anita Beare       |
| 6 Courtney Clayton    | 21 Ed Brewer      |
| 9 Josie Shindeldecker | Bill Smith        |
| 10 Joel Eck           | 23 Katie McCollum |
| Grace Reynolds        | John Clark        |
| Jenna Falldorf        | Shirley Clark     |
| 12 Terry Falldorf     | 27 Levi Mann      |
| 13 John Roberts       | 28 Matt Maggard   |
| 14 Roseanna Reynolds  | Barb Brewer       |
| 16 Brenda Clark       | Peggy Parks       |
| Mike Ressler          | 29 Mindy Jones    |
| 17 Janet Elliott      | 30 Jason Chappel  |
| 18 Carrie Trader      |                   |

## **november** anniversaries

- 4 Chuck & Rachel Lewis
- 7 Craig & Belinda Moormeier
- 9 Jason & Kerri Lautensleger
- 12 Tony & Dawn Little
- 19 Curtis & Kristi Falldorf
- 22 Melvin & Rega Wright
- 28 Gayle & Carolyn Stubbs

## **december** anniversaries

- 4 Roy & Sherri Bowman
- 5 Jerry & Sheila Tackett
- 7 Jeff & Susan Shafer
- 12 Steve & Diana Brower
- 27 Terry & Lynn Bush

## **community** missions

**Medical Equipment Ministry:** If you are in need of medical equipment or have some equipment to loan out, contact John Roberts @ 456-9025 or 371-5103.

**Love Packages** is an organization collecting Christian materials to send overseas. If you have anything to donate, please leave it in the Commons.

### **Scrip Gift Cards Available in the Commons**

Gift cards can be purchased in the commons after Sunday School. This supports our Missions Program.

## **our** faithfulness

	S.S. Attendance	A.M. Attn.	Offering	Building Fund	Faith Promise
9/4	182	272	9224.60	380.00	542.00
9/11	206	273	6324.31	362.00	346.00
9/18	195	267	4546.23	590.00	242.00
9/25	179	275	7281.64	205.00	537.00
10/2	188	261	6445.42	365.00	520.00
10/9	190	297	7332.64	655.00	302.00
10/16	166	282	8838.98	598.50	312.50
10/23	166	298	5823.76	285.00	192.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$6,977.20 Average Offering Needed: \$8,489.46

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a Keenagers Breakfast	2 9a Prayer Group 5:30-6:30p Meal 6-7:30p Youth 6:30 Upstreet 6:30 & 7p The Story Small Groups 6:45p Worship Choir 8:15p Cel. Ensem. Rehearsal	3	4	5 7:30a Men's Breakfast
6 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 6p 20 Something Bible Study 6p The Story Small Groups 6p Youth Sunday Night Intense * Men/Women's Luncheon	7 7p The Story Small Group	8 Election Day	9 9a Prayer Group 5:30-6:30p Meal 6-7:30p Youth 6:30 Upstreet 6:30 & 7p The Sto- ry Small Groups 6:45p Worship Choir	10	11 Ohio State Youth Convention	12 Ohio State Youth Convention
13 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 6p 20 Something Bible Study 6p The Story Small Groups	14 6:30p Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays 7p The Story Small Group	15	16 9a Prayer Group 5:30-6:30p Meal 6p Youth 6:30 Upstreet 6:30 & 7p The Story Small Groups 6:45p Worship Choir 8:15p Cel. Ensem. Rehearsal	17 6:30p Women of Faith in Com- mons	18	19 8-10:30a Eaton Lions Pan- cake Breakfast in FLC.
20 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 12:30p Starting Point 2p Stage Setup & Decorating 6p 20 Something Bible Study 6p The Story Small Groups 6p Youth Sunday Night Intense * Bake Sale	21 7p The Story Small Group	22 6:30p Worship Choir	23	24	25	26 9:30a 20-Some to Creation Museum
27 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 6p 20 Something Bible Study 6p The Story Small Groups 6p Youth Sunday Night Intense * 20 Something Spa- ghetti Dinner	28 7p The Story Small Group	29	30 9a Prayer Group 5:30-6:30p Meal 6p Kids Choir 6p Youth 6:30 Upstreet 6:30 & 7p The Sto- ry Small Groups 6:45p Worship Choir			

# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p Christmas Celebration Tech Team	2	3 7:30a Men's Breakfast
4 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 6p 20 Something Bible Study 6p Small Groups 6p Christmas Celebr. Pre-Dress Rehearsal	5 7p Small Group	6 9a Keenagers Breakfast	7 9a Prayer Group 5:30-6:30p Meal 6p Youth 6:30 Christmas Dress Rehearsal 1 6:30/7p Sm. Group	8 6:30p Christmas Celebration Full Dress Rehearsal 2	9	10 3p & 7p Christmas Celebration 2011
11 8a Worship Service 10:30a & 6p Christmas Celebration	12 7p Small Group	13	14 9a Prayer Group 6p Kids Choir 6p Youth 6:30 Upstreet 6:30/7p Sm. Group 7:30p Cel. Ensem.	15 6:30p Women of Faith Cookie Walk	16	17
18 Christ Birthday Offering 8a & 10:30a Worship Gathering 9:30a Sunday School 6p 20 Something Christmas Party 6p Small Groups *Youth Christmas Party	19 7p Small Group	20	21 6p Youth	22	23	24 7p Candles, Carols & Communion
25 10:30a Carols & Communion	26	27	28	29 Youth Over- Nighter & Hockey Game	30	31 7p 20 Something New Year's Party