

## Summertime Joy

By Pastor Doug

Don't you just love what summer brings? It invites us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain, "It's sure hot outside," but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. Down on the lake the boat docks come out in the spring and more life emerges as summer kicks off. The sounds of kids boating and skiing on the lake if fun to see, especially as the sun begins to set. I love seeing all of Bev's flowers in full bloom on the back patio. Daylight is plentiful and there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark.

Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness – the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Summer reminds us of the joy of the Lord we are to experience daily.

Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy should have in our lives:

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" –[Psalm 126:2](#)

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them." –[Psalm 111:2](#)

"Shout for joy to God, our source of strength! Shout out to the God of Jacob!" –[Psalm 81:1](#)

Joy grows from a deep place in our souls where we meet with God honestly and humbly. A place where we learn more about Him and how our relationship can grow stronger.

There is a joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.

## Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

- [August 3](#)—Craig Peters-Equip Ministries International
- [August 10](#)—Guest Speaker Aaron Justice
- [August 17](#)—Acts 4-Persecution and the Power of Prayer
- [August 24](#)—Acts 5-Why Obeying God Matters
- [August 31](#)—Acts 6-Choosing Godly Leadership

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Join us at Pier Lon Campground on Sunday, August 10 for MCC's annual church picnic and baptism. There will be swimming in the afternoon followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. and baptism at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event for the entire family.

5960 Vandemark Road, Medina . . . <https://pier-lonpark.com>



Join us for a fun Back To School Beach Party! There will be hot dogs, chips, snow cones, kickball, a craft, and prayer for back to school. Open to grades K to 5. Sign up sheet will be posted at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Henna Hulme at (330)-635-5103.



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, August 16, 2025** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive-thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text  
Emily Winans at (240)405-4003.



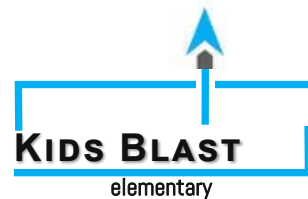
**Ladies Bible Study** - We are just a few weeks into our 12-week study called "Seeking Him" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. You can still join in. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 at the church.

**First Wednesday Dinners** - We're back to our dinners during the Summer and Fall months. June 4 we'll be going to Lagerheads at 2832 Abbeyville Rd. Medina, OH. We meet at 6:00. I'll send a reminder email. If you have suggestions of places maybe we haven't visited let me know.

If you have questions or comments or suggestions for things we could be doing please let Kathy know. Also, if you're not getting regular emails from Kathy Summers please send her your email address so she can get you on the list, [kathyksummers@gmail.com](mailto:kathyksummers@gmail.com); 330.461.1081.



Look for information in an upcoming newsletter  
or on the information table at church regarding  
when these groups will resume in the fall.



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Week 1 June 1

Field 3 @ 1:00pm MCC @ Average Joes

Week 2 June 8

Field 1 @ 2:30pm The Revival @ MCC

Week 3 June 15

Field 1 @1:00pm Medina United Methodist @ MCC

Field 3 @ 2:30pm MCC @ Countryside Crushers

Week 4 June 22

Field 1 @ 1:00pm MCC @ Countryside Crushers

Field 3 @2:30pm MCC @ The Revival

Week 5 June 29

Field 1 @ 2:30pm MCC @ Average Joes

Week 6 July 6

Field 3 @ 1:00pm Special Olympians @ MCC

Field 3 @2:30pm Average Joes @ MCC

Week 7 July 13

Field 1 @ 1:00pm MCC @ The Revival

Week 8 July 20

Field 1 @ 2:30pm MCC @ Medina United Methodist

Week 9 July 27

Field 3 @ 1:00pm Average Joes @ MCC

Field 3 @ 2:30pm Medina United Methodist @ MCC

Week 10 August 3

Field 1 @ 1:00pm Special Olympians @ MCC

Week 11 August 10

Field 3 @ 1:00pm MCC @ Countryside Crushers

Week 12 August 17

Field 1 @1:00pm Medina United Methodist @ MCC

Week 13 August 24

Field 3 @ 1:00pm MCC @ The Revival

Field 3 @2:30pm MCC @ Special Olympians

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Questions, please contact

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Location:

Blakslee Park

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