



Monthly News & Updates

September 2025

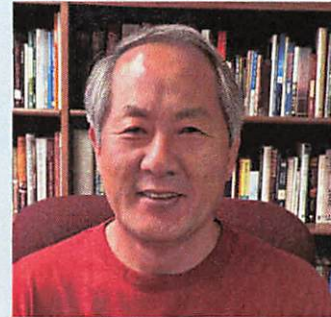
Richland Global Methodist Church

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"A Word from the Pastor"

With Small Steps

There is a Korean saying, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." These days it takes only two hours and twenty minutes to travel by a bullet train called KTX from my hometown Busan to Seoul. Not long ago, however, people traveled on foot, and it took them about a month to go to Seoul. How wonderful it must have been when the travelers finally reached Seoul after a long journey through hot or cold weather, rough terrains, and the peril of robbery along the way. They began a long journey with a single step and reached their destination with small steps!



I had never thought that I would preach the gospel in English when I wrote a short & simple English sentence from a daily newspaper on my notebook twenty-eight years ago. I continued to do so each day. And the Lord opened the doors for me to learn the new language in real life settings. During choir practice, I didn't know what to say when I wanted to sing the bass. So, I said, "I'm gonna *play* the bass." My American friend quickly picked up on it and said, "Oh, do you want to *sing* the bass?" I said, "Yes!" That is how I learned English, one step at a time. I have reached where I am today with small steps!

"Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said (Matthew 14:16-18 NIV)." The Lord Jesus does not expect us to do extraordinary things on our own. He knows that we're ordinary people and limited in our abilities and resources. What the Lord commands his disciples to do is so encouraging to us! They had only five loaves of barley bread and two fish, which they thought were too small. But Jesus told them, ***"Bring them here to me."*** That's all that it took for him to feed the five thousand. He encourages us to attempt something big with small steps!

Richland Next is like a journey of a thousand miles. We began our journey with a single step. There will be times when we must weather hot or cold days, rough terrains, and the peril of robbery along the way. Ultimately, however, we'll reach our destination. Let us hear Jesus say, ***"Bring them here to me."*** All that we need to do is keep moving forward with small steps that we can take!

Greetings Richland!

We will worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live on Sundays, at 10:00 am.
The Facebook Live video can be seen *anytime* after it is done.

Adult Sunday School is in person after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.
Adventure Land is held live during the church service.

Calendar for September

Sept. 7,14,21,28 / 10 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Sept. 7,14,21,28/ 11:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 2,9,16,23,30 / 6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Snider Home
Sept. 3 / 3:30 pm	Missions Committee	Parlor
Sept. 3 / 1:30 pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
Sept. 8/5:00 pm	Richland Methodist Women	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 11, 25 / 1:00 pm	Board Games for All Ages	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 10/ 2 to 4:00 pm	Discovery Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
Sept.14/ 9 am	Jr. High Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 21/ 11:15 am	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Sept. 28/ 5pm	Family Fun Night	Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive Update for August

We were blessed to receive 40 units this month. Thank you to all the volunteers!
The next Blood Drive will be on October 16.

**Please continue to lift in prayer those who were mentioned in the
worship service this morning:**

Prayers of Praise ~
-God's artistry through nature
-Return of the O.U. students and the opportunities for sharing the Gospel with them

-The encouragement for involvement with the Red Cross from Sandy Shirey

Prayers of Support ~

-Health concerns: Rita Snider; Sharon Burt; Sarah Burson, Diane Tong's niece; Megan Hill, Steve Davis' sister; chemo: Chuck Woodall, Darius Douglas, Brian Worth; Keith Watson, at The James; Kandi Oliveri; Sam Wells; Michelle Rose; J.D. Shriner; Martha Cornelius; Figueroa family; Signe Denbow, Carl's sister (broken ankle); Adkins' neighbor, Karen; Steve Secoy; the Osburns, Karen Hayes' d.i.l.'s family.

-Our sincere sympathy to George Adkins, and the Steele family, upon the passing of his nephew.

-We lift in prayer our church project called "Richland Next." We ask for God's guidance to shape us into the church He wants us to be.

-We lift in prayer two youth-encouraging events in September, and the leaders

-John Ray (Lindley Inn); Ginny Jones (TX)

-Israel; Ukraine; our nation and its leaders

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105

September Activities

Update on Adult Sunday School Activities

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently finishing up the book "The Gospel According to Peanuts." Beginning in mid-September we will be starting a study of the book "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. It is about how Jesus used ordinary men to become his disciples and is 11 lessons. Depending on how long we take with each lesson, we may take a break for an Advent study.

Update on the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

"Our "Tuesday Morning Guys", as I call them, began meeting sometime in the 1990's, nearly thirty years ago, when Rev. Norm Coleman was our pastor. Several of us attended one of the Promise Keepers stadium events at the Cincinnati Bengals stadium and decided it would be good to have an ongoing weekly fellowship. We discussed possible times and the time when nobody had "another meeting/ another conflict" was 6:30 AM.....after all, what excuse is there? (other than not wanting to roll out of bed early!). The group decided they could get up early if only for ONE DAY A WEEK, so we've continued our Tuesday morning 6:30 time for thirty years.....and Rita cooks a great breakfast!

Our average attendance over the years has been between five and ten on most Tuesdays. We've lost three of our regulars, who have passed on to the "other side".....Paul Jones, John Bedilion, and Dan Hudson.....and have had several others move from Athens. Over the years, we've invited guys from other churches and denominations, so currently we have more from other churches than from Richland Global Methodist. This past Tuesday we had nine attending, with four from Richland (Steve Davis, Mike Ward, Godfrey O'Galo, and myself.....the "Richland Regulars"). The other five are from a variety of other denominations and most Tuesdays our discussion leader is Fr. Don Horak, a retired priest.

We have one regular attendee who calls in by phone over the "Freeconferencecall.com" number, as he moved from Athens to Michigan. So, if some of you guys don't want to leave the house and join us for breakfast, you can join Karl Kontyko from Michigan on the speakerphone. Just ask me for the phone number and passcode.

The group moves from studying various books of the Old and New Testament, usually covering

one chapter a week. Currently we are on Isaiah chapter 45. Sometimes we'll choose another Bible study guide instead of directly studying a book of the Bible.

I'd really love to add more Richland Methodist guys.....or we might need to change the name to the "Forty-four Elmwood Men's Bible Study Group"☺.....I hope not! We'd love to have more of you join us, so consider this your personal invitation."

The Habitat Faith Build Fun Run will be September 20

10 a.m. on the bike path by the Eclipse Store, The Plains

Walkers are encouraged to join.
Let's create a group and have lunch afterward!



The Mission Committee and the Methodist Women collected 28 Jars of Peanut Butter and 27 Jars of Jelly for the Children Services project. I think that was a good donation and they appreciated it! Sharon

Join us for **Discovery Kitchen Workshops** September 10 at 2 - 4 pm



Nutritious, Simple and Seasonal. For those 55 and older, you are invited for

- Demonstration and tasting with instructor Peg O'Hara.
- Take home the recipes and produce needed to prepare the recipes at home.
- A chance to meet new Friends

The Remaining Wednesday Demonstrations for 2025

- September 10 and November 12 at Richland Global Methodist Church
- October 8 at United Methodist, 2 College St, , Athens
- December 10 (a Bonus, potluck at the home of the instructor)

All dates are Wednesdays and all begin at 2pm to 4pm All seasons are FREE

*****Advanced Registration is required. Contact Mary Jane Timmons, Ohio Health UpBEAT at maryjane.timmons@ohiohealth.com or 740-566-4680**

This is a grant funded program from the Athens County Foundation. The Athens County Partners, Discovery Kitchen Workshops, OhioHealth UpBEAT and CFI (Community Food Initiatives)

Missions Team

Mark and Mindy Heflin, who have been leading Athletes in Action at Ohio University since 1996, will be with us for our missions moment in September. One or two students will accompany them. Athletes in Action reaches out to athletes with the message of the Love of Jesus Christ. They help build believers in their faith and train them to reach out to others for Christ on campus and around the world. During their time at Ohio University, Mark and Mindy have sent students and taken the gospel to over 40 countries on five continents.

Prayer Requests

Richland Next Prayer Team Request

The Richland Next Prayer Team is requesting daily prayers for the many aspects of our church's renewal project. Soon, we will be providing THREE SPECIFIC things about the ongoing planning for you to include in your prayers.

Also, we hope to incorporate a brief time during Sunday worship in which we will pray collectively for the three things which will be updated as the work progresses. Be on the lookout in each Sunday's bulletin announcements for the current "three specific" prayer requests!

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1-2



We offer our deepest sympathy to our church family members who have recently lost a loved one:

George Adkins, and the Steele family, upon the passing of his nephew.

Family and friends of Marge Sebring upon her passing.

Godfrey Ogallo, and his family, upon the passing of his father.

Jan Gehres upon the passing of her brother, Dale.

Darla White upon the passing of her brother.

Becky Bailey upon the passing of her sister, Bonnie Wolfe, and the passing of Bonnie's husband, Bob. Rita Snider, and her extended family, upon the passing of her second cousin, Lindsey Artz.

Sarah Tipton upon the passing of her uncle, Richard Barton.

Tina Swearingen upon the passing of her sister Barb's husband.

Nadya Hinson, our church's office secretary, upon the passing of her husband, Ed.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

Please send in any inspiration that you may have for the Newsletter, Facebook, or our website. This can be anything from photos, art, poetry, thoughts and etc. God is speaking to you every day. What is He saying to you?

Important Dates



Alex Tyre Sept 8
Phyllis Dorrill Sept 12
M. Yvonne Mayer Sept 13
Jane Denbow Sept 14
Chuck Woodall Sept 14
Michael Ward Sept 15
Linda Lohse-Smith Sept 28

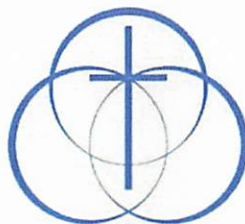


Jan and Rod Gehres Sept 17
Emily (Adkins) and Micah Dickerson Sept 20

If we missed your important date, please let Nadya know so that we won't miss it next time!



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