

A dark, blue-tinted photograph of a modern church building with a large, flat roof and a prominent entrance. The text is overlaid on this image.

CHURCH *of* **CHRIST**
ON FISHINGER ROAD

Congregational Meeting
August 24, 2025

Mission and Vision

Mission: To preach the Gospel and to strengthen the body of Christ at Fishinger Road

Vision: To trust that God will provide the numerical growth of attending believers

Our guiding principles:

- ✓ Evangelism
- ✓ Discipleship
- ✓ Benevolence
- ✓ Stewardship



Theme 1: Continue to be doctrinally correct

Lead elder: David Mayes

Initiatives

- Plan and deliver sermon series 1 year in advance
- Review and improve children's education/curriculum
- Initiate home bible studies in Fall, 2024
- Ensure correct Digital Evangelism

Outcomes/Updates

- Preaching, teaching and evangelism follow the bible
- The body is equipped for stronger Christian living
- The body has mature disciples and members know each other better

Theme 2: Increase Community Evangelism

Lead elder: David Hatgas [Tony Ramono; Dan Arnold; Greg Tidwell; Clay Brown]

Initiatives

- Support Willowbrook
- Execute robust website and digital evangelism
- Consult youth group on social media platforms
- Food Pantry
- Back to School Blast
- Thursday School
- Increase personal evangelism for visitors via greeting and follow up - temperature to friendly
- Fall Gospel meeting/event – Autumn of Spiritual Awakening

Outcomes/Updates

Visitors

- Visitor Information Packet w/ QR Code and Attendance Cards – **Completed**
- Maintain Visitor Log - **Completed**
- Ministers
 - Meeting/Greeting Visitors Post Services - **Completed**
 - Outreach – Follow up Phone Calls – **Completed**
- Visitor/Greeter Teams Assigned for 1st and 2nd Service – **September 2025**
- Visitor Center Upgrade – **In Progress**

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Outcomes/Updates

New Members/Involvement

- New Member Forms, Pictures, and Bibles - **Completed**
- Highlight Opportunities for Congregational Involvement
 - Service Area Booklet on Website – **Fall 2025**
 - Deacon Announcements/ Bulletin – **Fall 2025**
- Class for Newly Baptized Members – **Fall 2025**
- Mentors for New Members – Discussion in Progress with Deacons Re: Service Teams

Theme 3: Ohio Missions

Lead elder: Kerry Hurff

Initiatives

- Develop preaching and teaching “bench strength”
- Identify congregations that we can partner with in the Ohio and support their growth
- Develop relationships and deliver preaching, gospel meetings, VBS, Digital Ministry
- Partner with well-funded congregations interested in an Ohio evangelism effort
- Advertise at next Freed lectureship
- Continue disaster Relief efforts

Outcomes/Updates

- Leverage and develop the abundance of talent we have at Fishinger Road
- We enable other congregations to grow in the Ohio
- We become a digital center for evangelism in Ohio/Midwest-to be initiated
- **Begun relief preaching at 4 Ohio congregations, delivering 11 sermons in 2025**
 - **Little Hocking, Coshocton, Findlay, Euclid**
- **Emmett Clark, Daniel Falkenheim, Steve Haynes and Kerry Hurff**
- **Two baptisms as well as a job offer!**

Theme 4: Focus on OSU campus

Lead elder: Jason Gilbert

Initiatives

- Spiritual Growth & Fellowship w/ Weekly Monday Nights and On-Campus Bible Study (Tuesday Nights)
- Increase on-campus presence of B4C w/ students & campus community
- Expand B4C social media presence highlighting upcoming events & posts from events
- Drive Awareness of B4C with congregations within 350-mile radius (have 7 New students this year)
- Grow connection of congregation w/ students in B4C

Key Events for Fall

- Fall 2025 "The Lantern" for the Buckeye Bound edition sent to all 7M incoming freshman
- Student Fair participation showcasing B4C program (8/24)
- Acapella Nights at the Round Room in Union & singing at the Oval (5-6 times during school year)
- "Skeptics Welcome" event planned for Fall
- Fall opportunity tied to group that led OSU football event last year (baptisms) for Fishinger Rd to host Bible studies
- Adopt-a-Student

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Theme 5: Focus on youth at Fishinger Road

Lead elder: Jason Gilbert

Initiatives

- October Parent Seminar
- Children's education focus through Sunday Morning/ Sunday Night classes, Lads to Leaders, Fort Hill, Library and Children's Bible Hour, Bible Bowl, VBS
- Project Giving during Holidays
- Summer Youth Intern planning for '26
- Continued fellowship opportunities: Nov Teen Retreat, Sunday supper, lock-in, etc...)

Outcomes/Updates

- Successful Lads to Leaders in '25 (14+ participants)
- Active Children's Bible Hour ~ 18-24 kids
- VBS & Ft Hill camp attendance increase
- '25 Summer Youth Intern – Chance Thompson
- New communication app: "Band" to streamline Youth communication

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Theme 6: Greater congregational involvement

Lead elder: All

Initiatives

- Improve shepherding the flock by assigning 20 family units per elder
- Identify and contact members who are inactive
- Identify, communicate, invite, engage and enroll members to participate in at least one initiative
- Continue to design and execute fellowships
- Support Golden Agers
- Continue prayers, food, visits and personal benevolence

Outcomes/Updates

- The body is encouraged and actively participates in the life of the church
- Those who are weak or ill are encouraged

Theme 7: Improve internal communications

Lead elder: Rick Reynolds

Initiatives

- Help coordinate announcements, emails, bulletin and directory with Amy
- Create service leader for communication
- Plan, organize and robustly communicate 6 month rolling calendar
- Execute quarterly Deacon meetings
- Execute annual congregational survey and focus groups

Outcomes/Updates

- Members know what is happening in the congregation
- Leadership is clear with priorities and desired actions
- Richard Taylor appointed Internal Communications Deacon; Conducting numerous interviews to understand need
- Drafted initial set of Internal Communication Guidelines

Theme 8: Facility enhancements

Lead elders: Brett Triplett and David Hatgas (Tad Morris & Lance Cramlet)

Initiatives

- Continue maintenance and security
- Prioritize front door security, flooring in the auditorium and lighting in the auditorium
- Review building capacity options, select, finance and execute in 2025
- Bolster stewardship of our finances and build the capital fund

Updates

- All Entry Doors Repaired or Replaced – **Completed**
- Parking Lot Surveillance – **Completed**
- Access Control System –
 - Front and Back Doors - **Completed**
 - East Doors – **September 2025**
- Camera System –
 - Indoor - **Completed**
 - Outdoor – **September 2025**
- Parking Lot –
 - Resurfacing - **Completed**
 - Lighting - **Fall 2025**
- Building Expansion Assessment – **In Progress**

Theme 9: Develop elders, deacons, teachers, staff and members

Lead elder: Steve Haynes

Initiatives

- Identify, understand potential elder, deacons, teachers, staff and member strengths and interests, and provide growth experiences
- Review on quarterly basis actions of evangelists and Amy on growth areas
- Engage youth and new members in worship
- Hire and train interns
- Workshops and retreats to educate and train members and leaders

Outcomes / Updates

- Evangelists are working into the adult education program new member, ministry, education and preaching skills classes
- There will continue to be parent training seminars coordinated by Landen
- A leaders' retreat is being planned for the second half of 2026.
- Job descriptions are updated and maintained for staff
- Held a Spring quarter Ladies' class on prepping children's lessons
- Held a May Teachers' workshop and Resource Room tour. Further teachers' workshops will be planned at least annually targeting newer and incoming teachers.

Closing/ Next Steps

NEXT STEPS

- Did we miss anything?
- We will begin execution of plan/ focus
- Congregational Survey for involvement (July)
- Planning for growth (facilities, worship time, parking)
- Communication ~ goal to report out frequently



WHAT ARE WE NEEDING FROM THE CONGREGATION?

- 1. Prayers***
- 2. Feedback***
- 3. Involvement***

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