



Yorkshire Inspire ~ September 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love Others.
To all of you seriously involved in Yorkshire Church, I pray these words will be committed to memory and live in your heart. They represent our mission, and they drive our vision.

I was re-reading the book, *The Externally Focused Church* by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson and was reminded of the scene in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll. If you are familiar with the book, you may recall that Alice is wandering around, quite lost, trying to discover a way out of this confusing place called Wonderland. She really wished to return home. As she arrives at a fork in the road, she meets the character known as the Cheshire Cat. Alice asked the cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," replied the cat.

"I don't much care..." said Alice.

The cat's response is absolutely classic and should influence every one of us. The cat responded to Alice saying: "Then it doesn't matter which way you go."

Have you any idea how many people have no idea where they want to go in life? Have you any idea how many churches are clueless about the things that matter most?

If you were asked right now to explain what your work is about, where it is going, and what you hope to see happen because of your work, could you answer? I include those of you who are retired. If you were asked right now to explain what the work of the church is, and specifically Yorkshire Church...- where our church is going, and what you hope to see happen here - could you answer? Could you explain it in less than 1 minute... or even 5 minutes?

That is what is known as vision. What is the vision God has given us as we make our way into the future – both in the short and long term? What is the mission that drives our vision? If we do not have a vision for the future, then, like Alice, we don't know where we want to get to. If that is the case, then, as the Cheshire Cat suggests, "It doesn't matter which way you go."

But it does matter. If you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, the way we go has eternal consequences. Proverbs 29:18 reads in the King James Version, "Without vision, the people perish." In the Amplified version it reads: "Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God]". Here, unrestrained means "out of control."

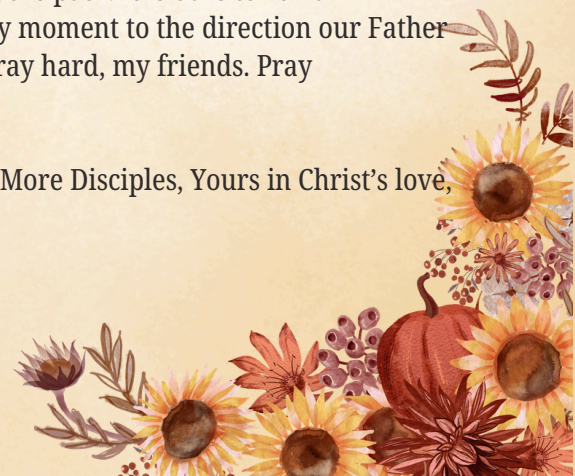
In Proverbs 16:9 we read, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." That is how God has worked in my life to provide direction. That is how God works in the church, when we are at our best. God gives each of us the ability to think, to dream, to plan, and to counsel. But it is God who must guide our steps.

The temptation is to try to do it all. Have you tried that? I have. You know... choose a direction, make my plans, set my course, determine my steps – and then I ask God to bless what I am doing and maybe putting a few pieces into place that I couldn't figure out. No, the second part of the verse says, "The Lord determines his steps." That means I do not want God to bless what I am doing, but that I ought to be doing what God is blessing.

It is also possible to ignore the first part of the equation, too. I usually don't do this, but I have known people to pray, and then do nothing, waiting for God to send the plan. We forget that we are responsible to study and work hard so that the vision becomes clear... Then the course will become clear. Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love Others. We must have a vision.

We are pursuing the path. It is ours to remain attentive at every moment to the direction our Father would give us. Pray hard, my friends. Pray passionately.

Better Disciples, More Disciples, Yours in Christ's love,
Pastor Roger





September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6am Men @Sixes 6pm Bible Study	3 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 First Day Preschool 3's & 2's	9 6am Men @Sixes First Day Preschool 4's 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	10 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	11	12
13 10am Combined Church Service 11:30-2p Community Fest	14 6pm Women's Bible Study Pot Luck	15	16 6am Men @Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	17 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	18	19
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Community Fest

Sept 13th - Combined Church Service @10am

Community Fest 11:30-2:00pm

Bibles will be given to 1st & 6th graders
during the 10am church service.
The theme this year is Animal Kingdom.

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There will be a bubble station, decorate your own treat,
face painting, tattoos, games, obstacle course, and a bounce
house. Everyone who attends will get a free hot dog, chips,
bottle of water & bag of animal crackers.

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Kona Ice will be there too!

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

**FAITH
FAMILY
FUN**





REMINDERS

With summer coming to an end
our fall schedule and group meetings will start back up.
Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Sept 3rd @ 6pm

The Well

Weds, Sept 9th @ 7:15pm - Room 206

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Weds, Sept 9th @6pm - Youth Room

Women's Bible Study

Mon, Sept 14th at 6pm - Fellowship Hall - Pot Luck

Youth Group

Sunday, Sept 20th @ 5:30pm

Men @The Sixes - will continue on
Wednesday @6am in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Breakfast will continue on
Thursday at 8:30am
Two Brothers Restuarant



ANNOUNCEMENTS

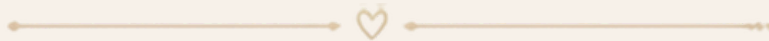
Celebration of Ernie Morgan

We remember with sadness that Ernie passed away on May 26 of this year. Since that time, we have continued praying in memory of his life. Ernie's family has made a special request of us...to take time to celebrate his life here at Yorkshire Church. This church was his spiritual home, and they felt it was fitting to gather here to remember Ernie and the blessing he was to so many.

Ernie Morgan was a faithful member of our 9:00 AM service here at Yorkshire, hardly ever missing a Sunday. Everyone who attended the early service came to know and love Ernie.

They have chosen Saturday, October 17, at 11:00 AM for this special celebration of Ernie's life. All are invited.

The family has also asked us to help serve a light luncheon following the service. We need a few volunteers to assist with some minor preparations and to help serve the meal. Cathy Mentzer has graciously agreed to coordinate the meal and preparations, but she could use some help as we offer this gift of hospitality to Ernie's family and friends. Please reach out to Pastor Roger if you are able to assist. Thank you for helping us honor Ernie and celebrate his life here at Yorkshire.



Greeters

We need new Greeters for the 11:15 service! Through attrition and medical issues, we are down to three Greeters. If you can open a door, pass out bulletins and smile at your friends, you are qualified. Potential attendees need to see that same smiling face to feel welcome at our church. Greeters are essential to bring new attendees into Yorkshire. Please contact John Remsen for more information.



Save the Date

Mark your calendars!

Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct 24th from 10-12pm

More info to come!



The Well

Where Faith and Wellness Meet

“Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst... it will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14



BODY



MIND



SPIRIT



TOGETHER



Strengthening Today for a Brighter Tomorrow



A new group balanced with exercise and fellowship is starting in September.

Meeting Wednesdays at 7:15pm beginning September 9 in Room 206

Speak with Pam Terry for more information.





Adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary

The Adult Sunday School will be showing
Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez'
episcopal address over two weeks on August 30 and September 6.
During Bishop's episcopal address at the 2026 Annual Conference session, he celebrated
the many ways United Methodists across the Susquehanna Conference are rising up and
loving boldly—making Christ's love visible and tangible near and far.
Your witness continues to inspire hope.

A new Sunday School series will begin Sept 20th.
We hope you will join us!

Women's Fellowship

Please join us for dinner & fellowship
Monday Sept 14th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
Please bring a dish according to your last name.



If your last name starts with a letter between A-G - please bring a main dish item.
If your last name starts with a letter between H-P- please bring a side dish
If your last name starts with a letter between Q-Z - please bring a dessert.

Bring a friend and please RSVP by emailing:
Julie (jncp@yorkshirechurch.org)



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible study will reconvene
on Wednesday Sept 9th @6pm in the Youth Room.
We will be studying Proverbs once again and welcome everyone to join us for an hour of
friendly study, conversation and good Gospel.
We learn from Scripture through shared experiences and life lessons. There are 10 of us
now and we would love to have you join us.
Please reach out to John Remsen with any questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

MONDAY @7PM

Walking by Faith by Jennifer Rothchild

September 21- November 2

With warmth, humor and insight, Jennifer shares the guiding principles she walks by and shows us how to walk forward by faith into God's marvelous light.

God Never Gives Up on You by Max Lucado

November 9 – December 14 (Skipping 11/30)

In this five-session Bible study we will see how Jacob's story invites us to believe in a God who sticks with the unworthy until we are safely home. God turns brokenness into blessings through his grace, mercy and relentless love.

December 14th - Bible Study starts at 6pm - Cookie Exchange at 7pm

Titus by Courtney Doctor

January 4 – March 1 (break on 2/1 for Choice Night)

Courtney Doctor explores Titus, sharing how to portray the gospel, understand its transformative power and embrace the impact of your conduct.

March 8th - Cake Kit Assembly and a Movie at 6pm

The Names of God by Kristi Mclelland, Kelly Minter and more

March 15 – May10 (Skipping 4/29)

Together we will examine names for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. we will discover the impact each of God's names has on your relationship with Him.



THE MEN AT THE SIXES BIBLE STUDY

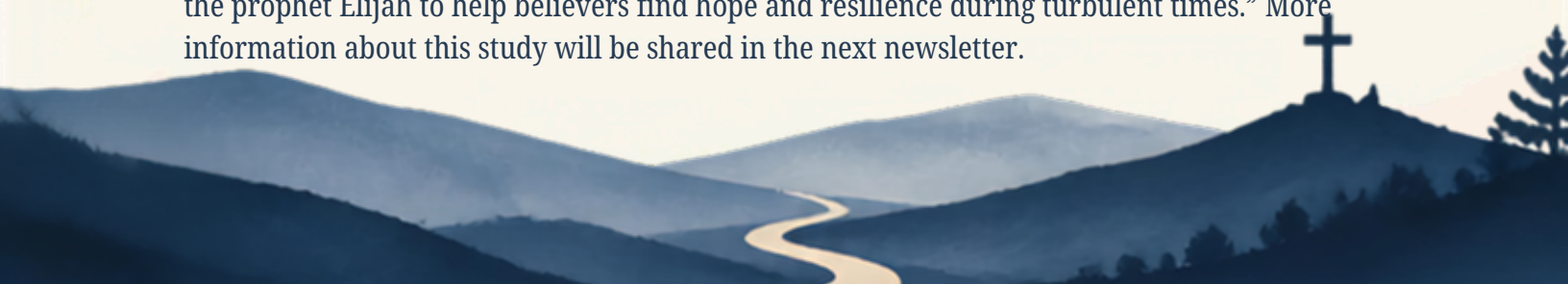
A NEW STUDY STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH - BECOMING LIKE JESUS

The Men at the Sixes meets every Wednesday at 6 A.M. to study the Word of God. We currently have eighteen devoted brothers in Christ who meet each week. Every Wednesday they are greeted with plenty of hot coffee, delicious doughnuts and an organized Bible study session with both video and discussion activities. We promptly begin at 6 A.M. and finish at 7 A.M. It is a great way to start your Wednesday and have a mid-week spiritual “pick-me-up.” The bonds formed with the men attending become long lasting and provide an added spiritual support group for those who attend. We are looking for more “Kingdom Men” to join us in our study of God’s Word each week.

On Wednesday, September 16th we begin a new study called Becoming Like Jesus. This is a six-session study using the Biblical text in Matthew 5. “This is a compelling exploration of the Beatitudes that will reveal a fresh, freeing journey of faith. As Matt Chandler, the author, illuminates the path laid out by Jesus in Matthew 5 you will discover profound spiritual formation that Jesus’s Sermon on the Mount promises.” This is also very timely in that it is a wonderful follow-up and reinforcement for Pastor Roger’s sermon series on the Beatitudes.

“Many of us imagine spiritual growth as a steady climb upward, but the truth is that it’s a journey filled with highs, lows, and moments of relearning. Every struggle, setback, and victory is part of how Jesus shapes us into His image. The Beatitudes listed in Matthew 5 provide a roadmap for this journey, revealing the qualities Jesus calls us to embody: poverty, peacemaking, and perseverance through trials. These traits don’t develop overnight – they require deep work, over time, with the support of a community for them to take root and bear fruit in your life.” Each session format includes a short video presentation by Matt Chandler, and a discussion of the key concepts presented. Participants will have access to each of the videos through streaming for review or for any sessions missed. A study guide book will be available to guide our discussions.

Contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792 if you are interested in joining the Men at the Sixes or if you would like more information about this new Bible study. We would love to have you join in studying God’s Word. The study of Becoming Like Jesus begins September 16th and ends October 21st . Then another new study called Unbreakable Courage will begin on November 4th and will end on December 16th. The Unbreakable Courage study “will focus on the life of the prophet Elijah to help believers find hope and resilience during turbulent times.” More information about this study will be shared in the next newsletter.



Men at the Sixes

Fall Schedule

THE MEN AT THE SIXES BIBLE STUDY HAS A SPIRITUALLY AND BIBLICALLY PACKED FALL PLANNED



- September 9 • Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM
- September 16 • Becoming Like Jesus #1
- September 23 • Becoming Like Jesus #2
- September 30 • Becoming Like Jesus #3



- October 7 • Becoming Like Jesus #4
- October 14 • Becoming Like Jesus #5
- October 21 • Becoming Like Jesus #6
- October 28 • Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM



- November 4 • Unbreakable Courage #1
- November 11 • Unbreakable Courage #2
- November 18 • Unbreakable Courage #3
- November 25 • Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM



- December 2 • Unbreakable Courage #4
- December 9 • Unbreakable Courage #5
- December 16 • Unbreakable Courage #6
- December 23 • Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM
- December 30 • Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM



January 6 • The Men at the Sixes will Begin a New Series (TBD)

Contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792 for more information about Men at the Sixes and/or if you would like to be part of this exciting growing ministry here at Yorkshire Church. We are always looking for more Kingdom Men to join us in our weekly study of God's Word in a supportive community of spiritual brothers.

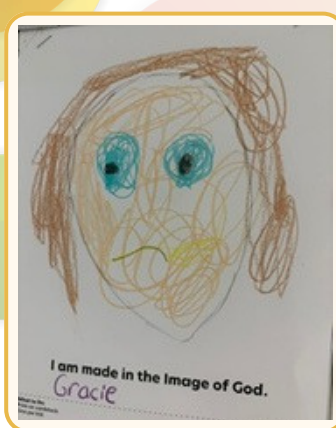
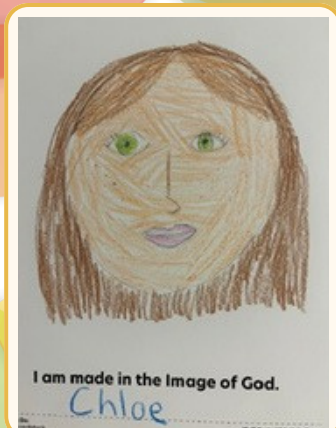
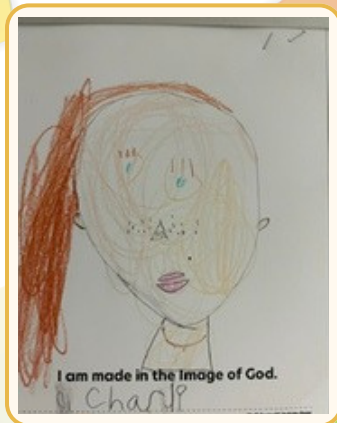
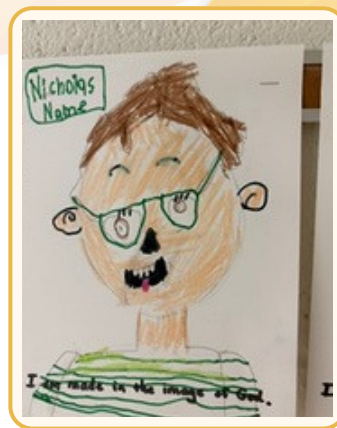
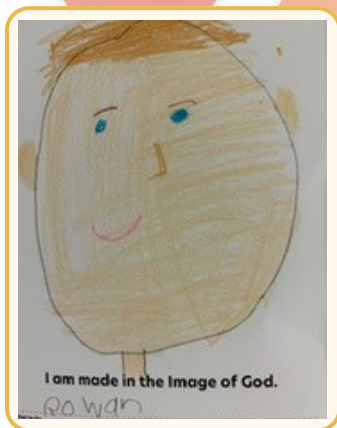
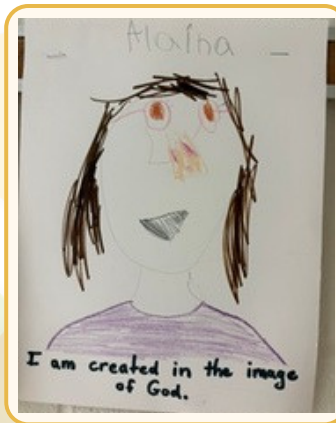
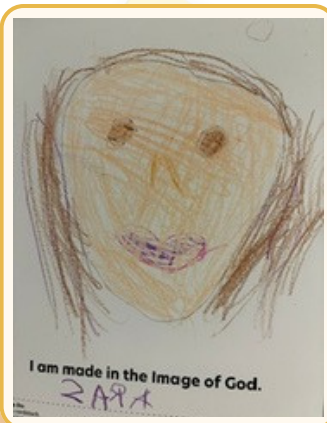




Sunday School



Each child in Sunday School is a Creation of God.
Below are some of their own "Masterpieces"
that represent them.



Joyful Noise Christian Preschool

The first day of Preschool is September 8th
We have 50 students enrolled!

We are fully staffed with great teachers
that work so well together as a team.
God has great plans for JNCP! We can feel it!

Fall Sub Sale

Starts 9/20/2026

Ends 10/13/2026

Pick up 10/22/2026 10:30-1:00 and 4:00-5:30

Preschool Board meeting 10/12/2026 6:30pm





Our **MISSION STATEMENT**

If someone asked you what was special about Yorkshire Church, how would you respond? What could we tell someone that was short- easy to remember and focused on what is truly important to us as a Church? Yorkshire's leadership team has been considering this very topic for quite some time. After much review and discussion, we've decided on these 7 words as our new "Mission Statement":

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People

A Mission Statement is an expression of the purpose and direction for an organization. These 7 words are easy to remember, easy to share, and focused on Jesus and his teachings. You will soon see Yorkshire's new "Mission Statement" displayed throughout the church, perhaps on a banner or on a brochure. Maybe projected in the sanctuary before our worship service, or listed on our website. But most importantly, we hope each of us will commit this to memory, and adopt these 7 words as both Yorkshire's "Mission statement" and perhaps our own as well.

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People.

Easy to remember; easy to share; focused on Jesus and his teachings. May they guide us as we go forward in mission as God's church at Yorkshire.



FOLLOW
JESUS.



LIVE HIS
WORD.



LOVE
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YORKSHIRE CHURCH CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

(APPROVED 2023)

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST - We value a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistently strengthening. Goal: Help all believers grow into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION - We value Biblical instruction that teaches the Bible as the inspired written revelation of the inerrant Word of God. Goal: Base all instruction and educational opportunities on the Bible's authority so that seekers find Christ and believers mature in Him.

PRAYER - We value prayer that deepens our spiritual intimacy with God. Goal: Become a church characterized by prayer relying on private and corporate prayer in the conception, planning, and execution of all the ministries and activities of this church.

WORSHIP - We value worship that is focused on God and is spiritually enriching. Goal: Share in worship that welcomes participation and strengthens our personal worship as well.

MINISTRY/SERVICE - We value ministry / service that seeks to honor God in all ministries and activities of the church. Goal: Maintain a high standard of excellence and encourage congregational participation in all ministries and activities.

FELLOWSHIP - We value the importance of fellowship that is joyful, inviting, inclusive, and enhances our relationships. Goal: Foster a community that encourages, comforts, and cares for one another.



Reference Acts 2:42-47

