



Condit Courier

August 2025

Thoughts from Pastor Sam...

I was fishing on a boat with family members once. We got this chartered thing going on, went out a bit in the Atlantic Ocean on a trip to Myrtle Beach once. I can remember being frustrated. I didn't enter the gambling pool to see who would get the biggest catch of the day. I remembered feeling so upset. I tried the minnows and the squid. I was throwing everything at these fish and nothing was biting. Everyone else was pulling up random fish. Some people were catching small sharks.

We were about to move the boat to a new spot and I was reeling my line in. It was stuck. I needed a minute. It seemed like I caught something. It was unlike anything I had ever caught before. It was fighting against me in a hard way. I've fought bass before and those guys are easy. This was not. It was then I saw the flash of the white underbelly tail. It was a shark. After several minutes of the hardest reeling I had ever done in my life, a shark over 3 feet long (longest and heaviest catch of the day) lay safely in storage. My one regret was that I didn't have the funds to have it mounted. It was so hard and difficult but in the end, the memory was worth it.

In Genesis 32:24-32, we have Jacob struggling with God. It's such a weird little passage. God and Jacob literally wrestle. It's not even just a struggling against-it's a struggling with. God is God. God should be able to overpower this man. Yet in this passage, God

has to cheat to win. He has to knock Jacob's hip out of joint to win. It makes no sense, does it? That's because it's not about winning. It's about the struggle.

Our lives are difficult at times. We feel the constant struggle of this life. Sometimes we may even feel as if God is actually struggling against us. I don't think that is the case. The name Israel that Jacob is given means they have strived with God. It's with- not against. God is not out to get us. God is striving with us. That makes the difference because we can rest in God's love and goodness even in the midst of the struggle. We know God is right there in it with us.

What are some ways you have striven with God? Do you feel

God is more adversarial at times? Why? What can we do to work with God and not against God in trying times?

Blessings,

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August Calendar



Blood Drive will be held **12-6 on Friday, August 8**. You may use your Red Cross APP to register or email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or call Polly Horn at 740-965-3582 and leave your name and phone number and you will be called to register.



Summer Bible Study

Submitted by Adam Garner

Condit's Bible Study is a self-directed group that explores topics chosen by the members on a week-to-week basis. We have explored topics such as communion, baptism, and heaven and will continue to follow the passions of the members. Please join us with a willing and eager mind **next Monday!** (Summer Bible study, originally introduced as a study of the Book of Mark, will meet using the above described format on **Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. through August 25.**)



Faith Filled Women will meet **Friday, August 8, at 11 am** at the Hope Lutheran Church. Please pack a brown bag lunch, dessert will be provided. This will be the planning meeting for 2026 with order forms for the gift fall card sale being distributed. All women are invited to attend.

Food & Fun dates for the month are **Wednesdays, August 13 and August 27**. Plan to come to the church from **5 – 7 p.m.** for some delicious summer fare and great fellowship. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.



Women's Circle is on summer break and there will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 17 at noon** in the fellowship hall.



August Birthdays

2 Allison Skinner
3 Amy Pettit
Danielle Salyer
5 Jaden Jacob
14 Carnie Joseph
15 Andrew Bergmann
Joseph Fuller
16 Connie Jacob
17 Judy Watts
20 Abby Marshall
21 Grant Bartlett
23 Gary Covert
24 Alita Markley
25 Sandy Thacker
29 Georgann Whitney
30 Marianne Westbrook

Mark the calendar

Boundary Training for CREs and Teaching Elders will be **October 6, 2025**. Training will be offered on a later date for elders in churches.

P.I.E. Training for church officers will be **January 31, 2026** at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Remember in Prayer

Cameron Gale
The Todd Jacob Family
Beverly Marshall
Condit children on summer vacation
John & Helen Szakas (Jane Lahmon's brother & sister-in-law)
Homer & Mary Jo Wilson
Max Sheets
Brent McPherson
Cindy Monte
Grandma Angie



It's A (Power) Wash!

Submitted by Condit Trustees

Condit's Trustees have interviewed and received estimates from four firms, as well as gotten offers from two others, to power wash the church and manse.

The middle of July, we hired a Big Walnut High School senior-to-be to get the job done. And, we're happy we did.

Trustees hired Trenton Wilson, of Wilson's Washing Services, to wash the church, manse, sidewalks, pavers, and "anything else he sees that needs it," to bring our exterior church back to being the 'bright spot' it always has been at the corner of Hartford Rd. and CR 605.



Trent is the son of Robert Wilson, a pond contractor and landscaper, residing at 14185 Ulery Rd., Sunbury. He says he's been power washing as his own side business to make money for his future, when he's not needed to help his dad in construction work. Trent says he's done over 300 homes since taking up the avocation three years ago.

Just so happens, Trent and the Wilson family are neighbors to Jennie and Bill Kavage. Jennie, a member at Condit and frequent writer for the newsletter, says she knows Trent as a really nice boy "who was very

conscientious weed-whacking on our property for Bill."

Trent told Trustee President George Justice he hopes to be an entrepreneur with his own business or businesses when he gets out of school. He feels he learns just as well through actually doing the work as he does through going to classes.

And, to top it all off, a congregant of Condit, in passing by the church and seeing Trent at work cleaning the structures, says he will pay for the power washing, in total, as an 'anonymous' donation to Condit. So from every aspect, "it's a (powerful) wash!"



Before/After power wash photos continued on page 3.



Eighty six riders were registered for the Duncan's Run Bicycle Patch Ride that passed by Condit on July 12, making it a successful event again this year. Riders

appreciate the rest stop each year as they participate in a 30, 60, or 90 mile trek. Bikers were especially grateful this year as the weather was extremely hot that Saturday. John Whitney thanks everyone who helped set up and man the water station on the east side of the church, particularly those who broke down the station during falling rain. Great job, Condit! *Info submitted by John Whitney*



Church before washing



Church after washing



Sidewalk before washing



Sidewalk after washing

Big Walnut Friends



Thank You Condit!

Once again your generosity was amazing....through supply donations and monetary donations we exceeded all of the requested numbers of 2 inch binders, colored pencils, and highlighters for the BWFWS school supply collection. Your dedication to this project is very much appreciated, not only by me, but the organizers of the project as well.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Kathy

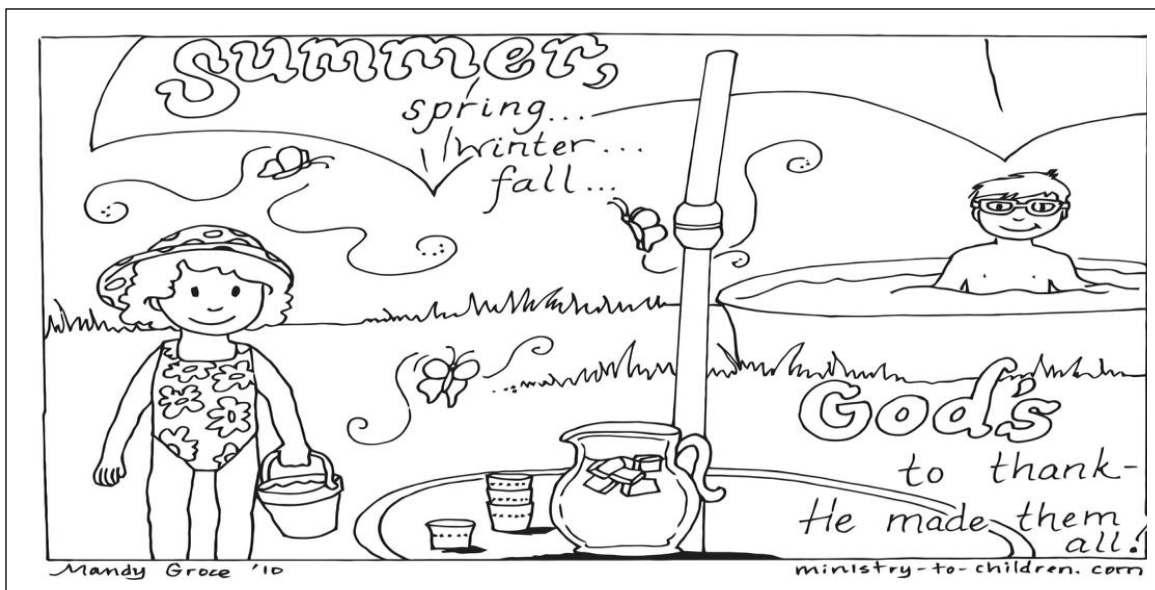
Welcome to the World!



Logan Skye arrived Monday, July 7, at 7:06 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 0.6 ounces and was 18 inches long. "Lo-Lo" joins big brother Becks in the Thacker home. Their parents are Jared and Slone; and their grandparents are Larry and Sandy Thacker.



Ryle McLaughlin Porter was born in Jacksonville, Florida, approximately four months ago. Big brother Stetson, three years old, welcomed the newborn. Judy Watts is a great great aunt to these children. They are the great grandchildren of George and Beverly Ross, who were married in Condit Church over 50 years ago and worship with us when they visit Ohio.



Treasurer's Report

June 2025 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering was approximately **65%** of its six-month budget amount (**\$54,838.18** of **\$84,735.00**; **\$29,896.82** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$72,426.36** of the six-month budget amount of **\$98,305.00**, **\$25,878.64** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year as of the end of June. This "pre-payment" overage of **\$6,341.95** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$97,723.75** against the six-month budget of **\$98,305.00**, resulting in outflows less than budget by **\$581.25**, approximately **0.6%** under-budget.

June net was **\$4,584.79** in the red, and June year-to-date was **\$25,297.39** in the red.

Receipts are **\$34,690.49** less than a year ago, mainly attributable to a \$30,300 bequest received in 2024. Expenses are **\$13,557.49** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$48,247.98 (210.2%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **4.6%** through June. Investments totaled **\$323,697.50** as of the end of June. Total funds available were **\$335,555.08** as of the end of June. \$140,214.29 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$163,387.65 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$31,953.14 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

June was a bit better, and could be considered "average" in regards to our six-month net bottom line. We continue to be behind last year's all-in pace, but are actually ahead of last year if you exclude the bequest that was received in 2024. We continue to need to work towards increased contribution levels, an increased base of contributors, and additional fundraising efforts and sources. Alternatively, we can look at tightening our belts on expenditures (definitely not optimal given our mission for our Lord), and perhaps using special designated funds for certain expenses that may be non-recurring.

Thank you all for your diligence and efforts!

Commercial Challenge

Submitted by Mary Kingseed

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if the students could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of their results:

God is like...**Bayer Aspirin**...He works miracles.

God is like...**a FORD**...He's got a better idea.

God is like...**COKE**...He's the real thing.

God is like... **Hallmark cards**...He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like...**Tide**...He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like...**General Electric**...He brings good things to life.

God is like...**Sears**...He has everything.

God is like...**Alka-Seltzer**...Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like...**Scotch tape**...You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like...**Delta**...He's ready when you are.

God is like...**Allstate**...You're in good hands with Him.

God is like...**V0-5 Hair Spray**...He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like...**Dial Soap**...Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like...**the U.S.P.S.**...Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Can you add any current commercial topics to the list? The editor challenges readers to send their findings to be published in the September newsletter. **Deadline: August 20, 2025.** Send results to ConditNews@gmail.com or text Melissa.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>August Alter Flowers- Judy Watts</i>					1	2
3 Worship with Communion 10 am	4 Choir 6 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm	5 Exercise 6 pm	6	7 Exercise 6 pm	8 Faith Filled Women 11 am Blood Drive 12-6 pm	9
10 Worship 10 am	11 Choir 6 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm	12 Exercise 6 pm	13 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	14 Exercise 5:30 pm Session & Trustees 7 pm	15	16 
17 Worship 10 am	18 Choir 6 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm	19 Exercise 6 pm	20 No Women's Circle	21 Exercise 6 pm	22	23
24 Worship 10 am	25 Choir 6 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm	26 Exercise 6 pm	27 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	28 Exercise 6 pm	29 	30
31 Worship 10 am						

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