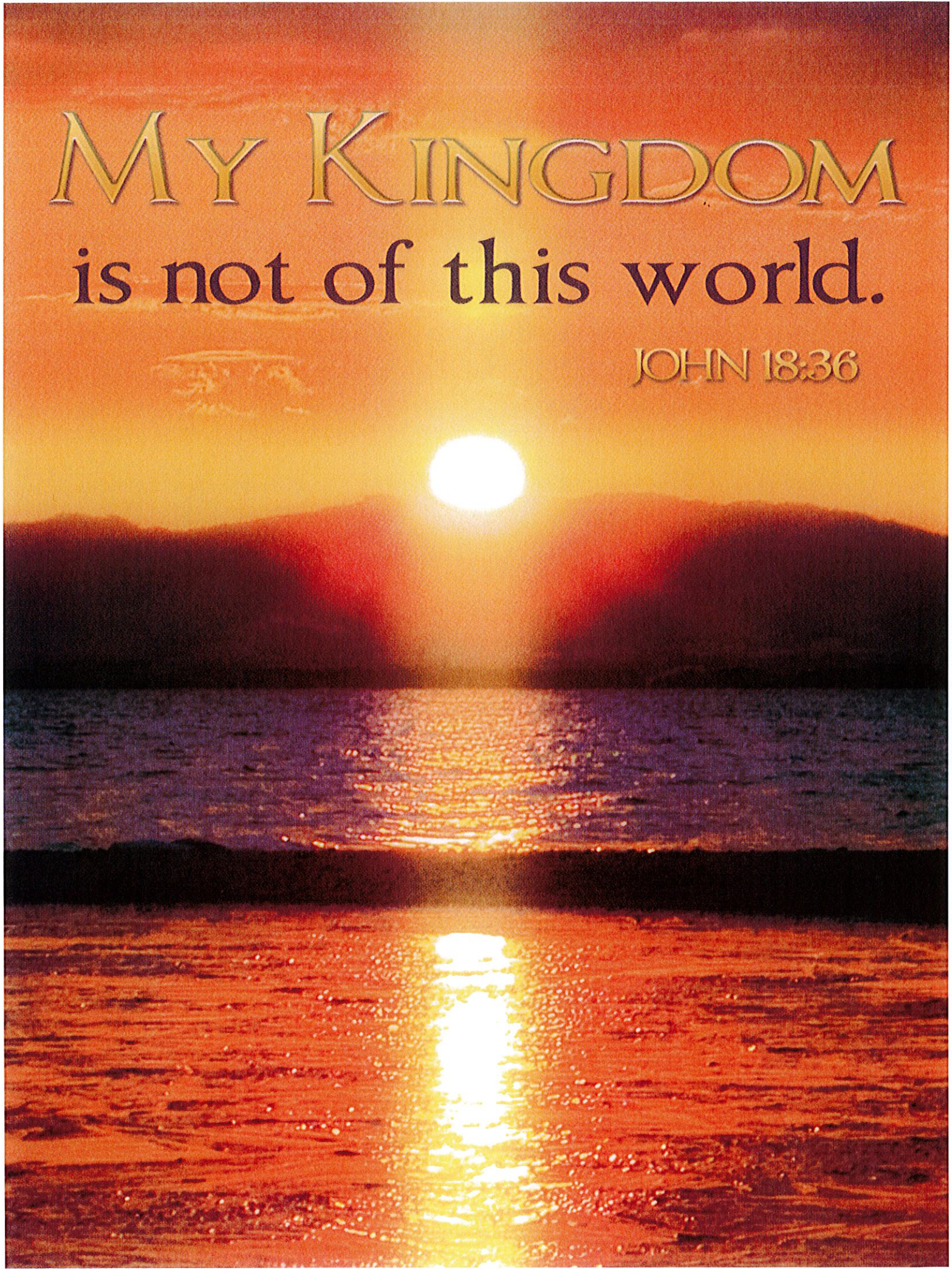


MY KINGDOM
is not of this world.

JOHN 18:36



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Sunday, July 20, 2025

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Gerald Peterson

WELCOME

HYMN: “To God Be the Glory”

Hymnal #35

OFFERTORY: “What Wondrous Love is This?”

Gerhard Krapf

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: “Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us”

Hymnal #418

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-13

SERMON: “The Pretzel Jar”

Rev. John Hyter

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “When We Walk with the Lord”

Hymnal #321

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “Ancient of Days”

Robert J. Hughes

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker

Organist

Secretary

Rev. John Hyter

Charles Cheuvront

Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Jim Reynolds, Karen Kaufman, Carol Freed, Joyce Shadley, Grant Lewis, Tiffany Smith, Paul Offenbacher, Betty Carr, Rebecca Smith, Angela Striff, A.J. (Kevin Cheney's friend), Steven Klaus, Tom Clutter, Kevin Cheney, Nancy Strouss and the family of Carl Bucher.

Life Situations: Pray for the victims (and families) of the Texas flood. Pray for cancer patients and their families, for persecuted Christians worldwide, for the safety of our elected officials and our families in our cities and schools nationwide.

Please keep the church office updated with praises!

"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

James 5:15 & 16

Shut-In of the Week: Kevin Cheney is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send him a card and pray for him. His address is 627 W. Grand Ave., Lima, OH 45801.

Bible Trivia: What material did Solomon use to build terraces for the Temple? (*Hint: 2 Chronicles 9:11*)

a) Ivory

b) Hammered Gold

c) Cedar

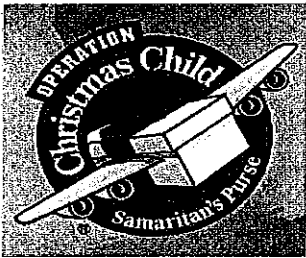
d) Algum wood

Pondering: Do you want to be made whole? Forgiven and delivered from sin? Saved for eternity? The God of miracles is waiting for your answer.



For the month of **July**, CUP is requesting that we donate shampoo. The request for **August** is feminine hygiene pads and bladder control products. You may leave your donations on the shelf marked CUP near the elevator. Thank you for your generosity to the needy.

Sermons: Sunday Sermons can now be seen on YouTube as well as Facebook. Go into your YouTube account and type our handle, @1EvangelicalAndReformedChurch, in your search bar.



Be cool, pack for school! We will officially be kicking off **Operation Christmas Child** in late September, giving gifts to children and sharing the love of Jesus around the world. Now is the time to take advantage of back-to-school sales for supplies. Toys and hygiene items are also needed.

Please note – soap is no longer allowed due to customs restrictions. Candy, gum, toothpaste, liquids are also not permitted. No military figures or war-related items. Remember, it's all about Jesus! Shoeboxes will be due November 16th.

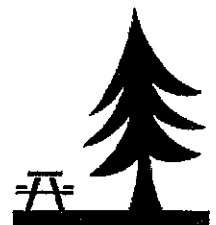
Thank you, Shannon Rapp



Birthday Party! The church is invited to Irene Brutzer's 100th birthday party. It takes place on Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 1 – 4 PM at Otterbein (main entrance). Feel free to invite anyone who knows Irene.

NO gifts please.

Looking ahead! Mark your calendar for September 20, 2025. This is the date of the **Church Picnic**. It will be held at Hermon Woodlands at the West Shelter house from 11 AM - 3 PM. The address is 485 N. Wapakoneta Road, Lima, Ohio 45807.



Don't forget to save your **Chief's receipts**. The Ladies Aid gets a percentage of the amount turned in. You can leave your receipts in the basket on the Mission Rack near the elevator. Thank you.

Member spotlight on Irene Fianna Miller Brutzer



Irene has three children, David Arthur Brutzer (Forest, Ohio), Rebecca Anne Bluem (Cincinnati, Ohio), and Linda Jean Brutzer (Villa Hills, Kentucky). She is also blessed with three granddaughters and six great grandchildren.

Irene was raised in the Ash Grove Baptist Brethren Church Old Conference in Elida, Ohio. She became a member of First Church after marrying Arthur in 1945 when she was twenty years old. Irene has been a member of First Church for eighty years. All three of her children were baptized, confirmed and married in First E & R.

Irene faithfully attended Sunday school and church. She taught Children's Sunday school and drove on several caravan trips with the youth fellowship. She was also involved with church decoration, including Harvest Home and Christmas. She and Ginger Hill, along with several others, spent many hours coming up with ideas and making decorations. Her husband Art made the Advent candle holder we still use today. Irene also filled in as president of the Ladies Aid for a while.

Irene was very active in the Builder's Class. Many events were hosted at their home including a pig roast, luau, and picnics. There were camping trips and trips to Waverly, Ohio to visit Rev. and Mildred Vitz. Irene also assisted at many church dinners and events like weddings, Easter breakfast, and Father/Son banquets (back in the day), and special events. Irene was always there with a casserole or cake when someone in the church was in need.

Irene is a very talented painter in oils, watercolors, and China painting. She was also interested in family history making photo albums for all her children. She enjoyed needlepoint, knitting and sewing. Irene will be celebrating her 100th birthday in August, 2025.

Thank you, Irene, for all your contributions to this church. You are appreciated.