

Enjoy the June edition of Eastside Community Ministries Newsletter!



Summer is a season of warmth, rest, and renewal, offering opportunities to reflect on God's creation and His blessings. The Bible reminds us to pause and appreciate the beauty of the world around us, from the golden sun to the fruits of the earth.

This vibrant season also invites us to deepen our faith as we experience God's provision and abundance. Summer is a time to embrace rest, gratitude, and joy, aligning our hearts with His goodness.

Let's explore Bible verses that celebrate summer's themes of growth, refreshment, and harvest. Let these Scriptures inspire you to see God's hand in every sunny day and gentle breeze.

#### [Psalm 74:17](#)

*You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. (ESV)*

This verse acknowledges God as the Creator of every season, including summer. It reminds us that the warm days and vibrant beauty of this time of year are intentional gifts from His hand. Summer stands as a testament to His order and creativity in the world.

By reflecting on this verse, we are called to marvel at the intricacies of His design. From the sunlit skies to the life teeming in nature, summer is an invitation to praise the Creator who made it all.

#### [Ecclesiastes 3:1](#)

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (ESV)*

This verse highlights the rhythm and purpose God has placed in every season, including summer. It encourages us to embrace the unique opportunities summer provides, whether rest, growth, or reflection. Each season serves a divine purpose in His grand design.

As we enter summer, this verse inspires us to seek God's guidance for how to use this time well. Whether it's through meaningful relationships or spiritual growth, summer is an opportunity to align with His will.

### **Proverbs 10:5**

*He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame. (ESV)*

This verse underscores the value of using summer for productivity and preparation. The imagery of gathering in summer points to wise planning and diligence in taking advantage of opportunities. Summer is a time to prepare for the future, both practically and spiritually.

God calls us to be intentional with the time and resources He gives us. This verse challenges us to focus on meaningful pursuits that honor Him, even amid summer's leisurely pace.

### **Genesis 8:22**

*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. (ESV)*

This verse reflects the unchanging order of God's creation, including the cyclical nature of summer. It reassures us of His faithfulness in maintaining the balance of the seasons. Summer serves as a reminder of His eternal consistency and provision.

By meditating on this verse, we are encouraged to trust in God's promises. The constancy of the seasons mirrors the reliability of His love and care for us.

### **Amos 8:1**

*This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. (ESV)*

The image of summer fruit represents abundance and the blessings of harvest. It reflects the fulfillment of growth and God's provision during this season. Summer invites us to enjoy His gifts and share them with others.

This verse reminds us to be grateful for the physical and spiritual blessings God provides. Just as summer fruit symbolizes ripeness, we are encouraged to live in gratitude and generosity.

#### **Psalm 104:19**

*He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. (ESV)*

This verse celebrates God's sovereignty over the seasons and celestial order. The summer sun, rising and setting in its ordained rhythm, reflects His divine design. It reminds us to praise Him for the beauty and structure of creation.

Summer offers a unique opportunity to marvel at God's creativity and provision. This verse inspires us to honor the Creator as we enjoy the season's warmth and light.

#### **Leviticus 26:4**

*Then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. (ESV)*

In this verse, God promises the blessing of fruitful harvests when His people remain faithful. Summer's rain and the resulting abundance are signs of His provision. It highlights the relationship between obedience to God and the blessings that follow.

This verse encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness. Just as the land yields its fruit in due season, God's promises bring fruitful outcomes in our lives when we align with His will.

#### **Luke 21:30**

*As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. (ESV)*

Jesus uses the natural signs of the changing season to teach His disciples about awareness and readiness. As summer approaches, the signs of growth become evident. Similarly, we should be alert to God's work and prepare our hearts for His return.

Summer can remind us of the urgency of being spiritually prepared. Just as the leaves indicate the coming of summer, we are called to be vigilant in our walk with God.

#### **Isaiah 55:10**

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, (ESV)*

This verse speaks of the life-giving rain that falls from the heavens, a key feature of summer's nourishing rains. It reminds us of God's faithfulness in providing for all creation, ensuring that the earth yields its abundance.

Summer's rains are symbolic of God's provision, bringing life and nourishment. This verse encourages us to trust in His faithfulness to provide, both in the physical world and for our spiritual needs.

### **Conclusion**

Summer is a time to reflect on God's abundant creation and the beauty of the seasons He has designed. The Bible reminds us to appreciate His faithfulness in providing for us through every season, from the rains that nourish the earth to the warmth of the sun.

As we embrace the blessings of summer, we are encouraged to trust in God's perfect timing and provision. Just as the earth flourishes in the summer months, our faith grows when we align with His will.

May these verses inspire you to live with gratitude and purpose, recognizing God's hand in the vibrant season of summer.

Source - The Bible Block



If you have left over Yard Sale Stuff or Just doing a Deep Clean of all your unwanted clothing and Household Items, Eastside Community Ministry will take your things 😊

We Have a Free Store on Stillwell Street. We except anything the Goodwill does and give them out for Free.

Mon-Thurs 9-12 and 1-3

Pull up to the backside Garage door and We will unload them.

Thank You Kindly 🍷🍷



Join us at Eastside for our June "Family Matters" event as we celebrate Fathers! Everyone is welcome. We will have a cookout, gifts for all dads in attendance, games, and lots of FUN! This is a Free event and all are welcome. Thursday, June 12th from 5:30 - 7 PM at ECM.



Eastside Community Ministry is extremely grateful for the work that goes into Race For Grace. Our organization received \$8,900 from this one event. Thank you Matt Schreiber and everyone that participated or volunteered. We are truly blessed!

A HUGE Shoutout and THANK YOU to Phillips Meat for helping fill our freezers!!! 🙏

Just last week our freezers were getting very empty, BUT then we received a call from our friends at Phillips Meat to come out and pick up a donation and now ALL of our freezers are full!!!

This is a huge blessing to the over 600 families we serve a month through our Food Pantry!!!

THANK YOU!!

We are SO blessed!



The blessings keep coming!

2025 NALC “Stamp Out Hunger” Food Drive Results

Branch 63 total: 63,784 lbs.

Zanesville’s total: 54,136 lbs.

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I know I know school just let out BUT June and July are the times Eastside Community Ministry starts to focus on what's next - and that is back to school items. Let's start a collection of back to school items - school supplies, tennis shoes (all sizes), new socks, new underwear, and new clothing items. Feel free to share this at your church, in your book club or at your family gathering! Drop off your donations to Eastside for their Back to School Days in August. Believe me they will be well received!



**Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

EagleSticks Golf Club

All proceeds benefit Eastside's Youth Program

Youth from kindergarten through high school experiencing disadvantages associated with growing up in an environment of high rates of poverty, substance abuse, illiteracy and crime are eligible for this program. Every week, nearly forty students are encouraged to complete homework and learn good study habits. They participate in the Learning for Life Program, which teaches money and household management, cooking, laundering, and other practical life-long skills to help them become independent, contributing adults. Go to our website for more information on sponsorships and team registration.

## LOTS AND LOTS TO ENJOY THIS SUMMER!

**2025**  
**SECRET SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
Join the fun on Thursdays at 5 PM in the Secrest Auditorium parking lot.

 <i>That Arena Rock Show</i> Ultimate Celebration of 70's & 80's	 <i>The Prince Experience</i> Performing all of Prince's hits	 <i>Hotel California</i> The original tribute to the Eagles
 <i>Thunderstruck</i> America's AC/DC Tribute	 <i>Ride the Wind</i> America's #1 Poison Tribute Band	 <i>North to Nashville</i> Ohio based County Music Band

   

First Friday Art Walk - This Friday, June 6 Downtown Zanesville

Muskingum County Reading Festival - June 7 at Colony Square Mall



## Upcoming Lorena Sternwheeler Rides

JUNE 5 - SECREST SUMMER PRE-CONCERT CRUISE BYOB 4:00 PM  
JUNE 6 - PUBLIC CRUISE 4:00 PM  
JUNE 7 - PUBLIC CRUISE 2:00 PM  
JUNE 8 - PUBLIC CRUISE 1:00 PM  
JUNE 13 - COMMEMORATION DAY CRUISE 4:00 PM  
JUNE 14 - COMMEMORATION DAY CRUISE 12:00 PM  
JUNE 14 - COMMEMORATION DAY CRUISE 2:00 PM  
JUNE 15 - COMMEMORATION DAY CRUISE 1:00 PM  
JUNE 19 - SECREST SUMMER PRE-CONCERT CRUISE BYOB 4:00 PM  
JUNE 20 - CLASSIC ROCK PARTY CRUISE BYOB 6:00 PM  
JUNE 21 - KIDS CRUISE WITH MICKEY 12:00 PM  
JUNE 22 - KIDS STEER THE BOAT CRUISE 1:00 PM  
JUNE 27 - PUBLIC CRUISE 4:00 PM  
JUNE 28 - PUBLIC CRUISE 2:00 PM  
JUNE 29 - ODNR AQUATIC LIFE CRUISE 1:00 PM