

AUGUST 2026

CONNECT

Monthly Newsletter

The HEART of
HUMILITY

BACK TO SCHOOL

The HISTORY
of the BIBLE

FREE - TAKE ONE

contents



FEATURES

3 **BACK TO SCHOOL**

It's Back To School time. See how you can hook up with supporting the kids as they journey through a new school year.

BY STEPHANIE HOWARD

6 **THE BIBLE AS WE KNOW IT**

Ever wonder how the compilation of books we call the Bible came to be?

BY PAULA ROTH

MINISTRIES

3 **A2C NXT**

4 **PASTOR JOURNAL**

7 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

BACK TO SCHOOL



Supporting Students, Encouraging Families, and Covering Our Schools in Prayer

Summer always seems to pass in the blink of an eye. Before we know it, backpacks are packed, alarms are set, and another school year is just around the corner. As students prepare for the return to the classroom, we're excited to come alongside our students, families, and schools with opportunities to celebrate, pray, and connect.

Our back-to-school season begins on **August 9** with our **Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway**, helping students head into the new year with the supplies they need and the confidence that comes from knowing their community cares.

On **August 12**, we'll gather for our **Prayer & Play: "Made It to School"** event. This special evening is dedicated to covering the upcoming school year in prayer. Together, we'll pray for students, teachers, administrators, support staff, bus drivers, and every family connected to our schools. Afterward, children and families are invited to enjoy time together on the playground, building friendships before the first day of school.

The celebration continues on **August 14** with our annual **Back-to-School Bash**. It's an evening filled with games, a bonfire, a weenie roast, s'mores, laughter, and plenty of fun for the entire family. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after summer and begin the school year with joy and encouragement.

Then, on **August 17**, students at Ayersville Local Schools will walk through the school doors for the first day of a brand-new year. While this day is filled with excitement, it can also bring uncertainty and anxiety for many children. We invite our church family and community to join us in praying for every student. Pray for safety, wisdom, confidence, kind friendships, caring teachers, and hearts that are protected throughout the school year. May this be a year of growth - not only academically, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

As our ministry continues to grow, so does our need for caring adults who are willing to invest in the next generation. **If you can give just an hour or two each week, we'd love to welcome you to our volunteer team.** Sometimes the smallest investment of time can make the biggest difference in a young person's life.

Finally, don't forget that **A2C NXT classes begin on Wednesday, September 2**. Be sure to sign up so you can stay informed about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and everything happening through the ministry.

| by STEPHANIE HOWARD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**AUG.
9**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Helping students start the new year prepared and confident.



**AUG.
12**

PRAYER & PLAY: "MADE IT TO SCHOOL"

An evening of prayer for our schools, followed by playground fun for the whole family.



**AUG.
14**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Games, bonfire, weenie roast, s'mores, and plenty of fun for the entire family!



**AUG.
17**

FIRST DAY AT AYERSVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Let's cover every student, teacher, and staff member in prayer.



**SEPT.
2**

A2C NXT CLASSES BEGIN

Sign up to stay informed about events, volunteer opportunities, and more!

VOLUNTEER WITH A2C NXT



Our students are our future—and they need caring adults in their lives.

CAN YOU GIVE JUST AN HOUR OR TWO EACH WEEK?

We'd love to have you on our team!

The Heart of Humility



TRUE HUMILITY IS AN ACT OF LOVE.



“

THOSE WHO
WILL HUMBLE
THEMSELVES
WILL BE
EXALTED.

There are many passages in the scripture where the Lord commands people and looks for people who are humble. The main teaching is that those who will humble themselves will be exalted. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

The question is what does actual humility look like? What is it?

I think humility has been morphed into what we call in modern days modesty. Modesty tends to be a mechanism we use to mask our pride. Most times when people are modest, it's when they know the truth, but they are trying to mask their pride in that knowledge. It also is a mechanism that we use in order to keep attention away from ourselves. This is often because we don't know how to receive compliments.

Another idea that we have of humility equates to beating ourselves down. We fight hard not to have pride or arrogance or conceit and therefore we attack our own being. But is this really humility?



TRUE HUMILITY IS UNDERSTANDING WHERE THE SOURCE OF OUR GOODNESS COMES FROM.

In the Bible, we see that no one is righteous. No, not one. We also see that our works cannot achieve anything, and that boasting in the Lord and His work is what we should be doing. True humility is understanding where the source of our goodness comes from. True humility is understanding that when good things happen, they come from the Lord. It's knowing that all of the good works that come out of us are because we have Jesus living in us and we have the Holy Spirit leading us. True humility is an act of love.

In Daniel, we see a king who became very proud about the work that he did to build his kingdom and how great it was. He didn't give any glory to the supreme God. Rather, he exalted himself.

We see that pride in people today. We might even see that pride in ourselves. That's the exaltation that the Lord brings down to humility.

So when we are operating in pride, we see that humility is a negative thing.

We will see it as a battle, or that something has gone wrong in life.

When we are operating in humility, we will see peace, joy, love and the work of the Lord in us.



MY CHALLENGE TO YOU is to learn to love yourself because God loves you and is living in you. Accept those compliments and give glory to the Lord. My challenge also is to take that love then and give it to other people. If you do, you will have fulfilled the law according to Romans 13.



“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The 27 books of the New Testament, in comparison, were written in common Greek. This was the language of the common people and was completed in a short time of 50 years about 1900 years ago.

The Books of the New Testament contain the Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles. The Gospels contain portraits of Jesus' life. The Acts bring us the founding of the Christian Church and its spread across the Roman Empire. The Epistles, many written by Paul, are rich in theology and guidance.

Job was the first book to actually be written down. It is also agreed that Mark was the first Gospel written.



FROM GUTENBERG TO THE KING JAMES BIBLE

In 1456 Gutenberg produced the first press-printed Bible in Latin. John Wycliffe, Martin Luther and William Tyndale in following years set out to do the same in languages familiar to their fellow countrymen.

It is King James who is responsible for the Bible we all know as the “King James Version” and was 1st printed in 1611.

HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO US

A DIVINE STORY THROUGH TIME

The Bible is not one book but a whole library of books – not all written at the same time. At first the Scriptures were stories one generation shared with the next, with reverent care. As time past, their history was written in Hebrew. It took 1000 years to complete what we know as the **Old Testament of 39 books.**



THE PENTATEUCH

The first 5 books tell the story of creation, the flood, and the beginnings of the Jewish People.



THE HISTORY

The next 12 books cover 800 years of Jewish history from the 13th to the 5th Century BC.



WISDOM & POETRY

These 5 books include the Psalms and were collected over many centuries. They make God's greatness clear.



THE MAJOR PROPHETS

These 5 books are full of judgments with also the promise of Christ's coming.



THE MINOR PROPHETS

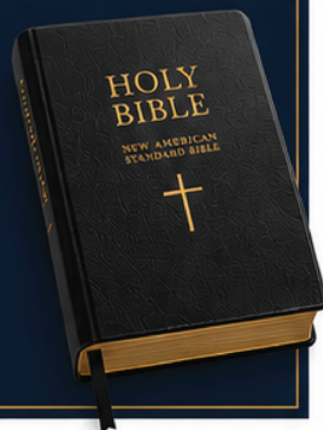
The final 12 books are shorter but brought God's message to those around them.



A GIFT FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A caring donor has given the A2C family new Pew Bibles.

“The New American Standard Holy Bible”, which is the Bible Pastor Jason uses, and will help all of the Church Family to follow along and learn as we grow in our faith journey.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August '26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. GET INVOLVED. MAKE AN IMPACT.

AUGUST

1



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

7:30A - 10A

AUGUST

9



BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST

12



PRAY & PLAY AT THE SCHOOL

5:30P

AUGUST

14



A2C NXT BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

6P - 7:30P

AUGUST

25-26



MAKING NOODLES

1P

AUGUST

SUN MON TUE WED THU

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

THERE'S ALWAYS *something* HAPPENING AT A2C.

LADIES

Save the Date

SEPTEMBER 10TH

WE ARE STARTING UP OUR
WOMEN'S
Bible Study

We'll finish up where
we left off and begin
our **next study**.

SIGN-UP
SHEET
*coming
soon*



BACK TO SCHOOL

*Backpack
Giveaway!*

WE'RE EXCITED TO BLESS
OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AS THEY
PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



AUGUST 9TH

during Sunday Service



BECAUSE EVERY STUDENT MATTERS.

Let's start the school year together!



A2C

AYERSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pray & Play

AT AYERSVILLE SCHOOL

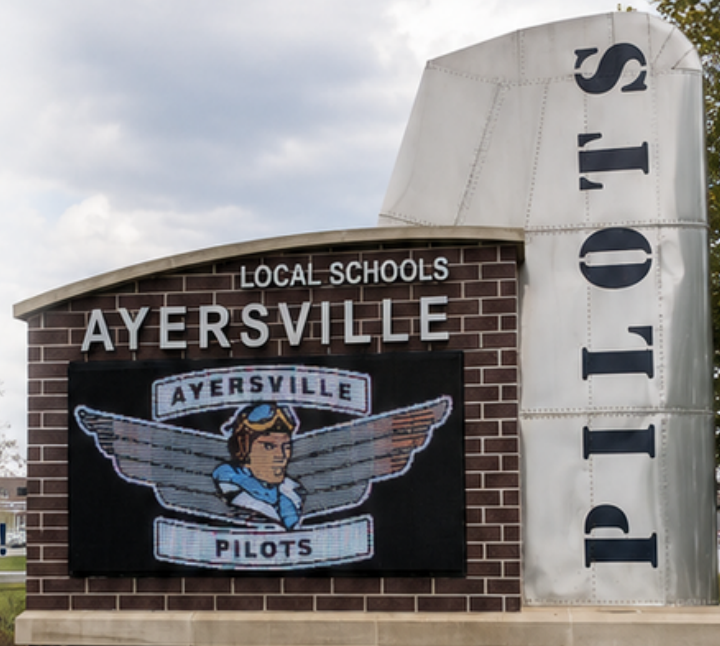


JOIN US AS WE
PRAY TOGETHER
IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
OVER OUR **STUDENTS,**
TEACHERS, AND CLASSES.



Play AFTER WE PRAY!

THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE
OPEN FOR KIDS TO COME
AND **PLAY!**



AUGUST 12TH



5:30 P

Praying for our school. Believing for our future. 



AYERSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

a2cchurch.com

27728 Ayersville Rd

Defiance, OH 43512

(419) 395-1742 - acc@ayersvilletelco.com