

WOW Connection

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PROVIDING AREA KIDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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We are so excited about our 2nd annual PAKSS program to be held in Bowersville. This is an incredible opportunity for us to show the love of God in a tangible way to the people of our community.

In order for this to be a huge success we need “all hands on deck”.

We will need approximately 15 people to make this all run smoothly.

All volunteers will be required to wear a WOW Shirt Tee Shirt.

If you have questions or would like more information, please ask Pastor Karen.

1. There is a list of ‘still needed’ supplies on the information table. Please pray about what you might be able to supply.
2. Sign Up to help with preparation and set up the night before.
3. *Sign Up to help on distribution day.
4. Sign Up to help with clean up
5. Volunteer to help with any follow up.

Volunteers must be 12 years or older and will be assigned a position alongside an adult.

Church Events

- Aug. 4th – Mobile Farmers Market
- Aug. 14th Ladies Night Out
- Aug. 21st – PAKSS Set Up
- Aug. 22nd – PAKSS Distribution
- Aug. 27th Women Of God’s Design
- Aug. 30th Baptismal Service



Church Attendance

Is it really all that important?

The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion—and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but “every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God’s Word.

Church attendance is not just a “good suggestion”; it is God’s will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should “not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that’s not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), “spur” one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20). It’s not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer’s life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense “required” for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Cite: <http://www.gotquestions.org/church-attendance.html>

Men’s Fellowship

Coming soon we will begin developing a time of fellowship for the men of WOW Church. It is our desire to build strong men, fathers, and leaders. More information will be available soon.....stay tuned!



Pastor's Pen

Are we supposed to wring our hands and say oh well, that's just the way things are?

Senseless shootings, pointless bombings, the continued rise and threat of terrorist organizations, undercover videos of abortion doctors talking about selling organs of aborted babies, multiple tragedies brought about by people who have become convinced that what they are doing is justified, the Supreme Court issuing rulings that have divided not only the nation but the church, and the continued attacks on the constitutional freedoms we as Americans have enjoyed since our founding fathers made them a right of every citizen. These things bring a very real opportunity to give into a sense of hopelessness or fear.

As Christians what are we to do? What is to be our reaction? Are we just supposed to wring our hands and say oh well that's just the way things are? There seems to be an endless opportunity to ask, what now?

Over the next few weeks we are going to look at what we, as the church, and as individual Christians are to do when we experience those "What Now Moments".

Come join us and find out from God's word what we are to do.

Announcements

- **Carry In Fellowship** - The first Sunday of each month (providing that is not a holiday). WOW Church is a family. We are also patterned after the first church in the book of Acts and as a part of their tradition they “broke bread together”. We believe this is an important part of building relationships. So just bring a main dish and a veggie or dessert and make plans to attend.
- **Girls’ Night Out** - Each month our women get together to do a fun activity. This is an great opportunity to get to know one another in a non-church setting. WOW Church believes relationships with one another are very important for us to be able to connect and speak into each other’s lives. Contact Linsey Christopherson for more information .
- **WOW Church App** – We encourage you to download the wow church app on your smartphone. This app will allow you to stay updated with newsletters, blogs, and sermon messages. You may also connect to our facebook page and twitter feeds, call us or send an email.
- **WOW Church Google Calendar** – We do our best to keep you updated with what is going on at WOW Church through our Google Calendar. You should be able to view this calendar on our website and on your smart phone. If you need help accessing it please ask Pastor Karen for help.
- **Helps Ministry** – If you went through the connection classes last fall and have not turned in your paperwork please get that in to us so we can meet with you. If you did or did not go through the classes we encourage you to

please take a look at [our website](#) to see where you would be able to serve here at WOW Church. **There is so much to do** and we need every hand on deck as we endeavor to do what God has called us to do in this and surrounding communities.

- If you are interested in being baptized on August 30th please let Pastor Will know.



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Women of God’s Design

Thursday, August 27th

Women of God’s Design! This is a class birthed out of Pastor Karen’s personal experiences, much scripture searching, and prayer. The last couple of months has been an awesome time of discovering the tactics the enemy uses against us, who we are in Christ and how to combat negative thoughts. I believe it is something God gave me to help other woman become the woman God designed her to be. These classes will be held in my home and will run for 6 months. I encourage you to put this on your calendar and make it a priority

– Pastor Karen