

Church in the *Park*

Sunday, June 28, 2026



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Thanks for joining us today in the park as we celebrate God's grace to us as a nation and worship him together!

In this booklet you'll find message notes for this morning (pages 4-5), lyrics for music (pages 6-8), and more info about Wawasee Bible.

Good to Know

One Service @ 10a | June 28 thru August 9

This summer we'll only have one service at 10a through August 9. We will return to two services at 9:00a and 10:45a on August 16.

Touch-a-Truck | Sunday, July 12

Stick around after the service on Sunday, July 12 for Touch-a-Truck. We'll have popcorn and a number of trucks, tractors, and other vehicles for all the kids (and big kids) to check out after the service on July 12.

Move Up Day | Sunday, August 9

Our final Sunday of one service this summer will be a fun one as we move all of the kids up a grade level in their Wawasee Kids classes. Additionally, we'll pray for and over our teachers and schools today.

Boat-In Worship

If you've never experienced Boat-In Worship on Lake Wawasee, consider this your invitation! It takes place every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day at 8:30a in front of the Oakwood Resort. You can attend via boat, or on land at Oakwood. To join on the water, bring your own boat or arrive at The Frog at 7:30a and ride on the SS Lillypad. Pastor Josh is preaching this year on July 5, Aug 9, and Aug 23.

Annual Meeting | Sunday, August 30

Our annual family meeting will take place following the 10:45a service on Sunday, August 30, 2026.



grateful.

JEREMIAH 29:4-7 (ESV)

⁴ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

PHILIPPIANS 3:18-21 (ESV)

¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

3 | Here and Not Home

PHILIPPIANS 3:17–21; JEREMIAH 29:4–7

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We are grateful God has sent us **HERE** (Jer. 29:4–7)



placed here on purpose

Acts 17:26; Deut 32:8; Ps 139:16; Ps 16:6



build, plant, multiply

Gen 1:28; Gen 9:1; Gen 12:1–3; Jer 29:4–5

and that **here** is not **HOME** , (Phil. 3:18–21)

earthly things aren't ultimate

1 John 2:15–16; Col 3:1–2; Rom 1:25; Matt 6:19–21



our citizenship is heaven

Heb 11:13–16; Heb 13:14; Eph 2:19; 1 Pet 2:11

so we live remembering **BOTH**.

love this place...

Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 2:1–2; Matt 5:16; Prov 11:11

...but long for heaven!

Titus 2:13; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 5:1–2; Rom 8:23

O Freedom

VERSE 1

O freedom, O freedom, Your freedom over me.
O freedom, O freedom, Your freedom over me.

CHORUS

Lift me up, set my feet on the Rock!
Lift me up, set my feet on the Rock!
When I stray, when I roam, call my name, call me home,
Lift me up, set my feet on the Rock!

VERSE 2

O mercy, sweet mercy, Your mercy over me.
O mercy, sweet mercy, Your mercy over me.

VERSE 3

O glory, O glory, all glory to the King!
O glory, O glory, all glory to the King!

VERSE 4

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! to the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! to the King!

Battle Hymn of the Republic & How Great Thou Art

BATTLE HYMN | VERSE 1

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on!

BATTLE HYMN | CHORUS 1

Glory glory! Hallelujah!	Glory glory! Hallelujah!
Glory glory! Hallelujah!	His truth is marching on!

HOW GREAT THOU ART | VERSE 1

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

HOW GREAT THOU ART | CHORUS

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! — How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! — How great Thou art!

BATTLE HYMN | VERSE 2

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damp
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on!

BATTLE HYMN | CHORUS 2

Glory glory! Hallelujah! Glory glory! Hallelujah!
Glory glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on!

HOW GREAT THOU ART | VERSE 1

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

HOW GREAT THOU ART | CHORUS

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! — How great Thou art!
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BATTLE HYMN | VERSE 3

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet
Our God is marching on!

BATTLE HYMN | CHORUS 2

Glory glory! Hallelujah! Glory glory! Hallelujah!
Glory glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on!

BATTLE HYMN | VERSE 4

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free
While God is marching on

HOW GREAT THOU ART | VERSE 3

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

HOW GREAT THOU ART | CHORUS

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art! — How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! — How great Thou art!

BATTLE HYMN | CHORUS 1

Glory glory! Hallelujah! Glory glory! Hallelujah!
Glory glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

Everlasting God

VERSE

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait. We will wait.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait. We will wait.

PRE-CHORUS

Our God, you reign forever!
Our hope, our strong deliverer!

CHORUS

You are the everlasting God!
The everlasting God!
You do not faint; you won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Discovery Bible Reading

A Simple, Effective Way to Read & Know Scripture

What is Discovery Bible Reading?

Discovery Bible Reading (DBR) is a participatory approach to studying Scripture that emphasizes communal engagement and personal discovery.

Unlike traditional methods of Bible study, DBR prioritizes group discussion and reflection, allowing participants to explore the text together in a collaborative environment.

This approach encourages individuals to ask questions, share insights, and delve deeper into the meaning of the passages they encounter. By actively involving *everyone* in the group, DBR fosters a sense of ownership and connection to the Word of God, empowering participants to apply its teachings to their own lives and share with friends, family, and colleagues!

How it Works:

Discovery Bible Reading is a simple effective reading plan—*whatever* your knowledge or experience of Jesus.

1. **Gather friends** to read passages of Scripture and stories of Jesus together (the Gospel of Mark is a good start, or use the text from this week's sermon).
2. As you begin, **one person prays** this simple prayer or one like it:
"Dear God, please guide us. Thank You."
3. **Read the Scripture for that day out loud.** (Either a story of Jesus from the Gospels, or this week's sermon passage.)
4. Have **someone else** read the same Scripture again, out loud.
5. **Ask a third person to retell the story or Scripture passage** again, but rather than read it, they should retell it in their own words.
6. Next, you will **discuss the Scripture**, using these five questions in order:
 1. What is new to you?
 2. What surprises you?
 3. What don't you understand?
 4. What will you obey or apply?
 5. What will you share with someone this week?
7. After your discussion, **plan when you will meet and read again.** Then **pray for each other.** You can end by praying something simple like this:
"Dear God, Thank you for your Word. Help us to follow you. Amen."

TIPS: 1. If you don't understand something, don't argue—you will read more!
2. Invite other people to join you.

When You Meet to Read Again:

You could ask: *Who have you met or caught up with? What two things did you learn?*

Review: *How did we do applying the insights? How did we do sharing?*

Then continue to the next story!



Summer Prayer Focus

This summer, let's be praying together for other churches in our community and in our Great Lakes District family.

Neighboring Church of the Week: **Redeeming Grace**

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Redeeming Grace Church in Syracuse and Pastor John Troyer.

Great Lakes District (EFCA) Sister Church: **Community Gospel Church in Bremen**

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Community Gospel Church in Bremen, Indiana and Pastor Jordan Muck. *Community Gospel* is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the Great Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Word Find in the **Word**

Word Find for Romans 3:23-28 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²³ For **everyone** has sinned; we all **fall short** of God's **glorious standard**.

²⁴ Yet God, in his **grace**, **freely makes** us **right** in his **sight**. He did this through **Christ Jesus when** he **freed** us from the **penalty** for our sins. ²⁵ For God **presented Jesus** as the **sacrifice** for sin. **People** are **made right** with God **when** they **believe** that **Jesus sacrificed** his **life**, **shedding** his **blood**. This **sacrifice shows** that God was **being fair when** he **held back** and did not **punish** those who sinned in **times** past, ²⁶ for he was

looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this **present time**. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is **fair** and just, and he **makes** sinners **right** in his **sight when** they **believe** in **Jesus**. ²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to **be** accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not **based** on **obeying** the law. It is **based** on **faith**. ²⁸ So we are **made right** with God through **faith** and not by **obeying** the law.

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Our Mission

We are sent to love people and invite them
to follow Jesus with us.

Our Values

The following five values are things you'll find to be true about Wawasee Bible as you spend time with us.



1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often. — Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred. His Word is sacred. The Gospel is sacred. But our opinions, methods, and traditions are not—we're willing to let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!



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