

# CORNERSTONE



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WE ARE HIS PEOPLE**



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# RON'S REFLECTIONS

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How do you approach a new year? As I look forward to 2025, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the church in Philippi. He declared: "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained." Philippians 3:13-16.

How could Paul, who had faced all kinds of trials and hardship, make such a declaration you may ask? Paul could say these things because he had discovered in his own words, "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord." Philippians 3:8 Knowing Jesus personally makes all the difference! Do you know him?

This morning, I had a conversation with a dear brother in Christ who is 35 years my senior. He asked me the question, "is believing in God the same or different than believing in Jesus?" As I took a minute to consider his question, the Holy Spirit brought the familiar words of John 3:16 to my mind. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life!"

Is there a difference in believing that there is a God and in believing and receiving Jesus Christ as Lord (boss or king of your life) as Paul did? Absolutely! The apostle James says that "even the demons believe and tremble!" James 2:19b. However, they have chosen to follow one who decided not to humble himself but instead strove to be equal with God. Isaiah 14:12-15 Jesus came from God, laying aside the glory he shared with Him to show us the Father and to bring us to Him. Philippians 2:1-9.

So, as you and I face this new year that God through his daily grace and mercy has given us to experience, let's make the decision to daily press in and take hold of Jesus! He came to bring us to the Father! 2 Corinthians 5:18 The worth of knowing Jesus is truly infinite and eternal in worth!

Whatever you are facing today, do not face it alone, bring it to Jesus. Cry out to him from your heart, lay your requests and partitions before God and Jesus will join you in interceding to the Father for you! Get to know the will of the Father and his promises by purposing to read and study his word daily. Take it one step further and reorder your schedule to join in with others of us at Cornerstone who are seeking the heart of God through the Savior of the world Jesus Christ who is one with God the Father in purpose and power. 2 Peter 1:1-3.

Finally, I invite you to join me as we step into 2025. Let's press into Jesus together! Let's get to know him better together! Let's pray for each other together! Let's reach out to our loved ones with the good news of Jesus together. He is our high calling; Jesus holds the words of eternal life! Forgetting what is behind let's press on towards maturity to take hold of what Christ Jesus took hold for us!

Love ya! Happy New Year!

*Pastor Ron*





# PRAYER REQUESTS



Please consider writing a card, sending a text, making a call, or visiting some of our church family members that are going through a rough time. There are cards available in the church office if you need some. If you need additional info, please contact Katie Harsh or Pastor Ron Embleton.

Mary Ellen Yoder- 850 Sunnyside St. SW, Hartville 44632; 330-904-2105

Eva Kuhns Potts- 1420 Smith-Kramer St. NE, Hartville 44632; 330-453-0748

Kathleen Patterson- 1976 Gulf St. NW, Uniontown 44632; 330-877-1606

Audrey Ritter- 11750 Klinger Ave, Alliance 44601 Altercare of Alliance Rm 406; 330-823-8263

Ruth DeLong- 4900 Massillon Rd. Apt. 19, North Canton 44720; 330-697-5323

Bill & Kathie Cooper- 1125 Shalimar Cir NW, N. Canton 44720; 330-696-3129

Denise Petersen- 1979 Andrews St. NE, Hartville 44632; 330-705-5381

Lynn Schrock- 2995 Raymond St. Uniontown 44685; 330-801-6054

Nick Turner- 171 Lowe Dr. Akron, 44319; 330-601-5902

## BIBLE READING PLAN

### Week 2

Genesis 16-18; Mark 6

Genesis 19-20; Psalm 1; Mark 7

Genesis 21-23; Psalm 107; Mark 8

Genesis 24-25; Psalm 4; Mark 9

Genesis 26-27; Mark 10







**This week at a glance**

# SCHEDULE

## JAN 6 - 12

### SUNDAY MORNING

**9:00am:** Fellowship over coffee

**9:30am:** Sunday School

**10:30am:** Worship Service & Annual Business Meeting. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

### FOR THE RECORD

## OFFERING UPDATE

**2025 Weekly Budget: \$5,502.79**

**Last Week: \$3,193.00**

**Offering Average: \$3,193.00**

**Attendance for Jan 5, 2025: 96**  
**2025 Attendance Average: 96**

### WEEKLY

**Tuesdays**

**6:30pm:** Grief Recovery Class

**Thursdays**

**5:30-7:00pm:** Community Dinner

**Fridays**

**9:30am -** Senior Community Group

### WEDNESDAY

**8:00am -** Senior Men's Bible Study

**6:15pm:** Prayer gathering

**7:00pm:**

**ANCHORED**

starts Jan 8  
see pg 6

**NEW**

*Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, & Loving Others like Jesus*

**TEXT TO GIVE** is here.

text **GIVE** to

**844-779-7619**

**and follow instructions**

*Let's give together, so we can advance the Gospel together*

## *COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT*

**FEBRUARY 15 AT 5PM**

**DINNER & BOWLING**

**Dinner at Tito's Mexican Restaurant**

**Our table is upstairs "Reservation for Ross"**

**2215 Waterloo Rd Akron**

**Followed by Bowling at Spin Bowls**

**2911 Waterloo Rd Akron**

**Dinner: Average \$25 Per couple**

**(depends on what you order)**

**Bowling: \$20 per couple**

**plus shoes if you need them**

**Please see Amy Ross for more information.**



# A.N.C.H.O.R.E.D.

**ALIGNING WITH GOD'S WORD**  
**NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS**  
**CONNECTING ACROSS GENERATIONS**  
**HELPING ONE ANOTHER GROW**  
**OPENING LIVES TO CHRIST**  
**REACHING OTHERS WITH THE GOSPEL**  
**EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR MINISTRY**  
**DISCIPLING ONE ANOTHER**





# FINANCIAL PEACE

*University*

## 9-Week Skill-Building Sessions

God tells us to be good stewards of what He has given to us. Join us every week after service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to participate in this amazing program led by Jason Breda & Steve and Amy Ross.

Meetings will be held every Sunday following service  
from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

We encourage all attendees to bring food to share with others.

**January 26 - March 16**  
**Sundays from 12:30-2**



# SERVING LEADERS

Children's Director: Nicole Miller

Nursery Director: Rachel Beachy



## For the week of Jan 6 - Jan 12

**Children's Church:** Sarah Byler & Xeni Madderom

**Nursery:** Nicole Miller & Ashleigh Matter

**Bread:** Jerry W. Miller

**Worship Leader:** Scott Miller

**Dinner Coordinators:** Lee & Esther Kurtzman

## For the week of Jan 13 - Jan 19

**Children's Church:** Carolina Venegas & Christie Johnson

**Nursery:** Joyce Serdinak & Sarah Byler

**Bread:** Jerry W. Miller

**Worship Leader:** Mike King

**Dinner Coordinators:** Jesse & Erma King

If you'd like to serve in one of these ministries please see the serving leader of the ministry or Katie Harsh.

### Happy Birthday

4- WAYNE BYLER

10- MARY ELLEN YODER

11- JOHN HERSHBERGER

11- ISAIAH REIDL

11- ALEXA OVERHOLT

### Happy Anniversary

8- KEVIN & DINA BEACHY

# COMMUNITY SMALL GROUPS

CONNECTED IN FAITH, GROWING IN LOVE.

## Jason & Chelsea Breda's

Meeting *every Sunday after service from 12:30-2 January 26-March 16* in the

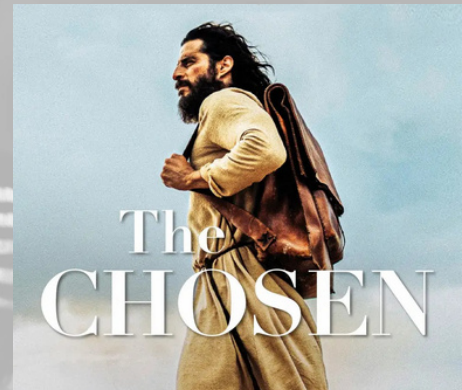
*Fellowship Hall at church*, we are opening up the entire church to participate in this amazing 9-week financial peace course.

Learn how to better steward God's way with many practical and eternal value. Bring a side dish or snack to share with everyone!



## Brian & Christie Johnson's

Meeting *every other Tuesday* we are currently watching and discussing the 3rd Season of the Chosen. This group meets *at Brian & Christie's home: 336 King Church Ave, Hartville Ohio 44632 at 6pm*. Pastor Ron leads this group. We would love to have you join us!



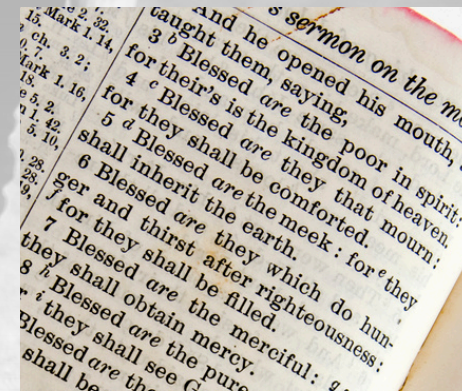
## Clay Akins'

This Friday night we are having our Christmas Party at Latinos Restaurant (3103 Tuscarawas St. W, Canton, 44708) followed by games and dessert at *Clay's house (8632 Wedgewood Ave North Canton 44720) @ 7PM*.



## Steve & Amy Ross'

Join the Bible study focusing on the Beatitudes of Jesus at *the Church every other Friday*. Dinner starts at 6:30PM and Bible Study at 7:00PM.



WEEKLY  
JAN 26-  
MAR 16

JAN 7  
JAN 21

JAN 17  
JAN 31

JAN 10  
JAN 24

INTERESTED IN JOINING?  
CONTACT PASTOR RON OR KATIE HARSH  
330-877-1250 | 330-685-2689



# DISCIPLESHIP

## focused.



**“TRUE EVANGELICAL FAITH CANNOT LIE DORMANT; IT CLOTHES THE NAKED, FEEDS THE HUNGRY, COMFORTS THE SORROWFUL, SHELTERS THE DESTITUTE, SERVES THOSE THAT HARM IT, BINDS UP THAT WHICH IS WOUNDED, AND HAS BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE.” - MENNO SIMMONS**

Discipleship is at the heart of growing in our faith and walking more closely with Christ. As we step into 2025, we're excited to introduce ANCHORED, a new discipleship initiative designed to help us root our lives deeply in God's Word and truth. Starting Wednesdays this year, ANCHORED will offer a fresh approach to equipping believers of all ages to live out their faith boldly. Whether you're new to discipleship or looking to go deeper, this will be a powerful opportunity to connect and grow.

But ANCHORED is just one part of our broader discipleship strategy for 2025. We have even more exciting plans in the works that will equip and inspire our church family to make disciples and grow together in Christ. From small group opportunities to mentoring relationships, this year will provide pathways for everyone to take their next step in faith.

Stay tuned for an announcement this Sunday, where we'll share more about ANCHORED and how it fits into our overall vision for discipleship. We believe God is calling us to be a church that goes deeper, reaches further, and stands stronger together. Mark your calendars and come ready to learn how you can be part of this exciting journey. Let's make 2025 a year where we live out the call to be disciples who make disciples. Together, we will grow, serve, and stand firmly anchored in Christ.

- Jason Breda

# A.N.C.H.O.R.E.D.

# PARABLES OF JESUS

LAST WEDNESDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH

*adult & youth study*

JANUARY 29

PARABLE OF THE SOWER  
LED BY JASON BREDA

At Cornerstone, we emphasize discipleship based on Titus chapter 2, where older members mentor the younger generation. On the last Wednesday of each month, youth join adult Bible studies to explore Jesus' parables through collaborative learning.





# LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

## LET US KNOW!



# VIDEO TESTIMONIES

**Sara Ruth will be available to record video testimonials. We are looking for 2 willing participants (can be couples or individuals) to share their testimony on camera after service.**

**Let Pastor Ron or Jason know if you are interested. We have prepared questions for you.**

**We want to allow you to have some time to prepare what you want to share. The videos will be professionally edited and will be available to share to our church & community to show what God has done in your life! This is a beautiful way to spread the Gospel to others! Please consider participating!**



# CORINTHIANS

## TRUE SPIRITUALITY

### SERMON SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 2025

REIGNITE YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH THROUGH 1 CORINTHIANS!

THIS SERMON SERIES FOCUSES ON GROWING IN FAITH, UNITY, AND HOLINESS, WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN OUR CULTURE SIMILAR TO THOSE FACED BY THE CORINTHIANS.

1. **ADDRESSING REAL-LIFE CHURCH ISSUES:** PAUL'S WISDOM OFFERS SOLUTIONS TO DISUNITY AND MORAL CONFUSION, HELPING US BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY.
2. **RECLAIMING THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL:** THE LETTER EMPHASIZES THE GOSPEL'S IMPORTANCE, REALIGNING OUR MISSION WITH MAKING DISCIPLES.
3. **LEARNING TO LIVE OUT IN LOVE:** PAUL'S DESCRIPTION OF LOVE IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13 CHALLENGES US TO EMBODY CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR INTERACTIONS.
4. **EMPOWERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** PAUL ENCOURAGES THE USE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, EMPOWERING MEMBERS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MINISTRY.
5. **NAVIGATING CULTURAL PRESSURES WITH GRACE:** HELPS US MAINTAIN OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES IN A CHALLENGING CULTURE.
6. **BUILDING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION:** PAUL'S TEACHINGS ON THE RESURRECTION INSPIRES CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PROMISES AND PERSEVERANCE IN FAITH.

STUDYING 1 CORINTHIANS CAN TRANSFORM US JUST AS IT DID THE CORINTHIANS, FOSTERING UNITY AND DEEPENING OUR FAITH. LET'S EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER!



# GRIEF RECOVERY CLASS

FREE for Church Members

\$195 for Non Church Members

Alumni Welcome

Online Classes Available

One-On-One Classes Available

- death
- trauma
- pet loss
- divorce
- abuse
- financial loss
- & more



BEGINS JAN 14

TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM