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RON'S REFLECTIONS

I'd like to take a few minutes today to reflect on a trip I took with six men last week to North Carolina. The purpose of our trip was to respond in obedience to the word of God and to the Holy Spirit's nudging of our hearts to help those neighbors in need who have been devastated by the recent Hurricane Helene.

At the beginning of this trip several of us knew each other to some degree. Others who traveled with us had not met each other before the trip. This made for interesting interaction on the nearly 8-hour trip as we were in close quarters of two pickup cabs and there was plenty of time to talk, to ask questions and get to know more about each other's lives, families and experiences.

The newness in our relationship was quickly overshadowed by the more similar feelings we began to experience collectively as we encountered the high degree of devastation to the region that we drove through as we drew near to Asheville. It is frankly hard to put into words.

In many ways it was an ideal week to get to know each other and form bonds of friendship as we witnessed together the results of the hurricane, found our way to the air bnb and to and from project sites, discussed, planned for and picked up material from Lowes, then interacted, shared Jesus, financial blessings, words of encouragement and prayed with those living in the trailers we winterized.

Because hungry men must eat, we also prepared numerous meals together, had many discussions ranging from theology, hunting, flying, sports, families, food, Ping-Pong, and sleep habits while working and serving long days in all kinds of weather. All this activity, mixed with lots of wit and humor and lots of ribbing, effectively enabled us to grow to know each other better which resulted in a meaningful and memorable week of building one another up in our faith and cultivating friendships newly forged to the glory of God.

As scripture says "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Ps 133:1 It was truly a wonderful experience. I also want to put this out there that these brothers who travelled to North Carolina are serious about their faith and exhibited it in their cheerful willingness to work hard, to serve, their openness to studying and discussing the scriptures together, and their eagerness to listen to, share and pray with one another and for those we served.

So, a heartfelt thank you to Brian Johnson, Matthew Cymbal, Trey Boyd, Paul McCartney, Lee Kurtzman, Tom Sawyer, for taking time off and making this selfless trip, and to Wanda's brother Robert Swartzentruber, who travelled in from Knoxville on Tuesday night with ice cream, a van load of foam board, gorilla tape, and portable heaters to donate to the relief effort. You guys are awesome!

Each of us felt to some degree the pull to either stay on longer or to at least not forget those who have been severely affected by Helene. Let us continue to mind the Lord and the Spirit of God as he leads, guides and prompts us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Love ya!

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

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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

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

This Bible Reading Plan give us a little more flexibility. Instead of 7 days, it is only 5, that way in case you miss a day you're not behind. We hope it helps you read through your Bible in a year! Happy reading!

Week 50

Nehemiah 10-13; Revelation 8

Malachi; Psalm 2; Revelation 9

Job 1-3; Revelation 10

Job 4-7; Psalm 99; Revelation 11

Job 8-11; Revelation 12





This week at a glance

SCHEDULE

DEC 16 - 22

SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:00am:** Fellowship over coffee
- 9:30am:** Sunday School
- 10:30am:** Worship Service & Children's Program
- 5:30-7:30pm:** Christmas Caroling

FOR THE RECORD

OFFERING UPDATE

2024 Weekly Budget: \$5,340

Last Week: \$10,217.00

Offering Average: \$4,389.82

Attendance for Dec 15, 2024: 85
2024 Attendance Average: 122

WEEKLY

Tuesdays

6:30pm: Grief Recovery Class

Wednesdays

8:00am: Senior Men's Bible Study

6:15-6:45pm: Prayer

7:00pm: Family Night Bible Study

Fridays

9:30am - Senior Community Group

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Senior Men's Bible Study

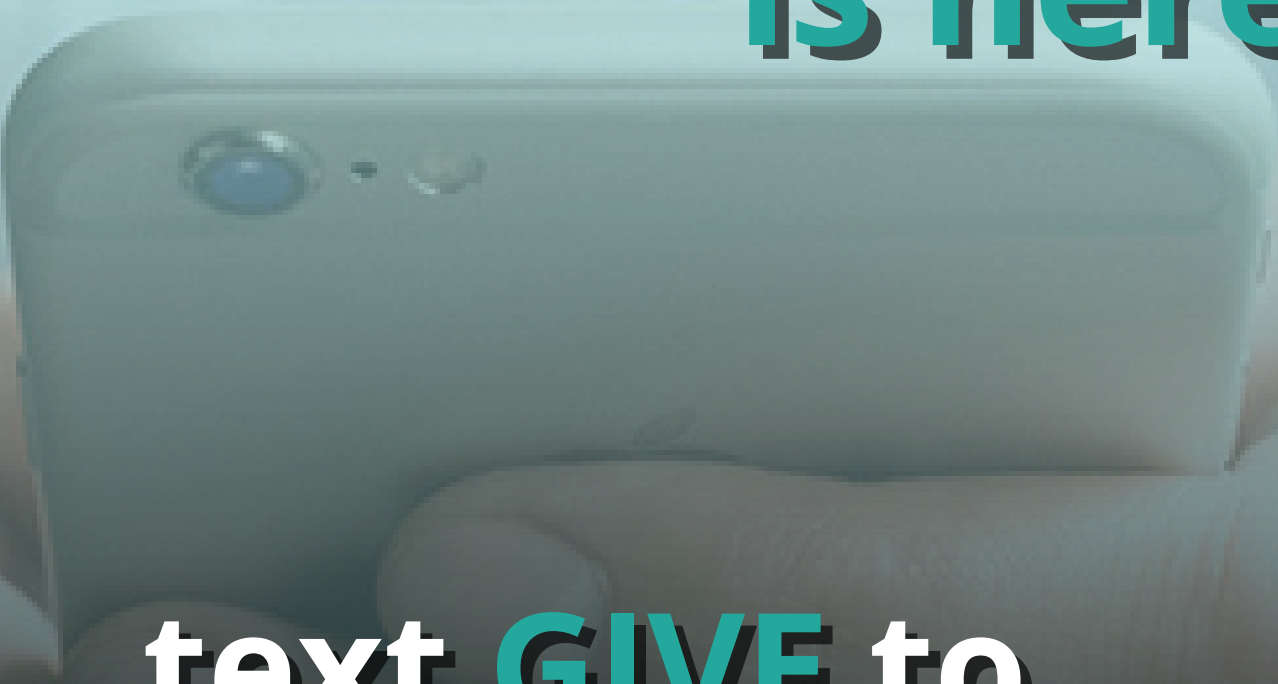
6:15pm: Prayer gathering

7:00pm: Family Night Bible Studies

Family Night details on Page 8

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

SERVING LEADERS

Children's Director: Nicole Miller

Nursery Director: Rachel Beachy



For the week of Dec 19 - Dec 25

Children's Church: Nicole Miller, Yadira Miller, & Sarah Byler

Nursery: Rachel Beachy & Dina Beachy

Bread: Jacob Coblentz

Worship Leader: Jacob Coblentz

Dinner Coordinators: Jesse & Erma King

For the week of Dec 26 - Dec 31

Children's Church: Nicole Miller, Yadira Miller, & Sarah Byler

Nursery: Erma King & Christie Johnson

Bread: Dorman Kuhns

Worship Leader: Scott Miller

Dinner Coordinators: Lee & Esther Kurtzman

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

Happy Birthday

23- IRENE HERSHBERGER &
CHRISTIE JOHNSON

25- GEORGE LOUVIS

27- CHARLOTTE REIDL

30- JIM REIDL

Happy Anniversary

23- IVAN & CAROLINA
VENEGAS

28- JEFF & HEATHER
SCHLONEGER

COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Jason & Chelsea Breda's

Meeting **every Sunday after service from 12:30-2 January 12-March 9 in the**

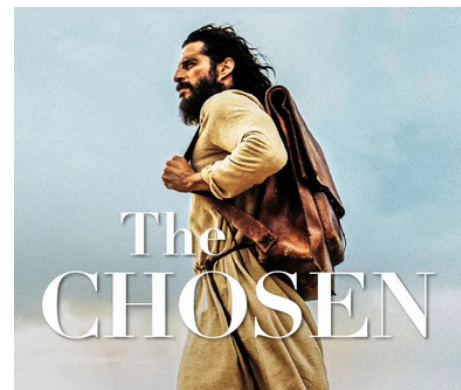
Fellowship Hall at church, we are opening up the entire church to participate in this amazing 9-week financial peace course. Learn how to better steward God's way with many practical and eternal value. Bring a side dish or snack to share with everyone!



**WEEKLY
JAN 12-
MAR 9**

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!



**JAN 7
JAN 21**

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**.



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INTERESTED IN JOINING?

CONTACT PASTOR RON OR KATIE HARSH

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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 12 - March 9
Sundays from 12:30-2**

DISCIPLESHIP

focused.



"THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME MUST BE SEIZED DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE OPPORTUNITY." - LEONARD RAVENHILL

In Acts 20, Paul offers a deeply personal and powerful example of discipleship and leadership as he bids farewell to the Ephesian elders. His actions and words provide a blueprint for how leaders can disciple others with integrity, humility, and love.

1. Serve with Humility and Perseverance (Acts 20:19-21)

Paul reminds the elders of how he lived among them, serving the Lord with humility and enduring hardships. He boldly proclaimed the Gospel to Jews and Gentiles alike, teaching repentance and faith in Christ.

- A disciple-maker must lead by example, showing humility and perseverance even in the face of trials. Are you modeling a life that reflects Christ to those you disciple?

2. Prioritize the Mission Above Personal Comfort (Acts 20:22-24)

Paul expresses his willingness to face imprisonment and hardship for the sake of completing the task the Lord gave him: testifying to the Gospel of God's grace.

- Discipleship involves sacrifice. Are you willing to put God's mission ahead of your own comfort or preferences? How can this inspire those you mentor?

3. Guard the Flock Faithfully (Acts 20:28-31)

Paul charges the elders to keep watch over themselves and the church, warning them of false teachers who will try to lead the flock astray. He emphasizes the importance of vigilance and shepherding.

- Discipleship includes equipping others to stand firm in their faith and discern truth from error. How are you helping those you disciple guard their hearts and minds?

4. Be Generous and Selfless (Acts 20:33-35)

Paul reminds the elders that he did not covet anyone's possessions and worked hard to support himself, setting an example of generosity and selflessness.

- True discipleship is about giving, not taking. How can you practice generosity—of time, resources, and love—with those you disciple?

5. Lead with Love and Prayer (Acts 20:36-38)

As Paul kneels to pray with the elders, they weep and embrace him, showing the deep bond of love and respect between them. This moment underscores the relational aspect of discipleship.

- Discipleship is not just about teaching; it's about building meaningful, Christ-centered relationships. How are you showing love and praying for those you disciple?

Go and do likewise brothers and sisters,

Jason Breda

PARABLES OF JESUS

LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

adult & youth study



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. Upcoming meetings are:

7PM

TONIGHT

DECEMBER

18:

**PARABLE OF THE TWO
DEBTORS**

LED BY PASTOR RON

LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

LET US KNOW!



VIDEO TESTIMONIES

Sunday December 22 & 29 we will have Sara Ruth available to record video testimonials. We are looking for a total of 4 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!

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

*More
info!*

*Coming!
Soon!*



**NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRAVAGANZA
AT THE CHURCH**



ping pong battle



**talent
show**



food, fun, & more!

**From 7-Midnight
December 31**

CHURCH SURVEY HEADING YOUR WAY



We are asking for your humble and transparent opinion on how we are doing as a church. Be on the lookout for a short anonymous survey. We greatly value your feedback!

Join us

CHRISTMAS EVE

from 4:30-6:30pm

for our

“Experiencing Jesus Open House”

Take a little time to refocus on Jesus while listening to the Christmas story, praying, and taking communion. Come for the whole time or just stop by for a few minutes. All are welcome.

