



Ron's Reflections

Over 100,000 people in the United States died of a drug overdose in 2023. Think about it, that number of souls, sons, daughters, moms or dads from someone's family and would fill up our church of 200 capacity, 500 times. In Stark County alone, 159 people died of overdose and in Ohio nearly 5000 died of an overdose in 2022. What is even more sobering is that as a nation we are on track to see similar numbers of deaths from overdose in 2024.

At the same time over 14000 children have been killed in the conflict in Gaza alone and another 14000 civilians are so severely injured and needing evacuation for lifesaving medical help but are being denied due to the political posturing of the international community that continues day after day. Again, someone's, son, daughter, mom or dad is dying or in danger and desperate need for help and we remain blissfully ignorant and unaware. How are we unaware and so easily distracted? Could it be that...

Meanwhile, we watch our heroes on our favorite sports teams, and the celebrities with whom they share their affections in illicit love affairs captivate the evening news stories along with those taking heat for speaking out about the holy calling of women to be homemakers and mothers? If we are honest, one could conclude that we make a valiant attempt to remain aloof from the core issues of insecurity, sexual immorality, and pride that are at the root of the symptoms of addictions and overdoses. We watch somewhat enviously as others escape to illicit love and entertainment pleasures and riches, convincing ourselves that we can watch, but not take part. Or do we? News just came that another friend and fellow pastor of a flourishing local church was just arrested in a prostitution sting. God help us.

Are we asleep, distracted, apathetic, fearful of what others think? What will we say when we one day stand before the judgement seat of Christ? What are we doing as a church community to pray for and to seek out the poor and needy, the down and outers, those families who are broken and crying out for help? Is it enough, can we do more?

Are we willing to walk with them as they start over? Are we willing to come together to petition God for wisdom and direction? Are we willing to come together to give generously to those who are facing financial need or resettlement? Are we willing to come together to serve or to share with them the good news of Jesus? Are we willing to risk or lay down our lives for Christ's cause?

Or, are we more concerned about carving out our own kingdom or our small group or a home church where we can huddle better, expound deeper and sing louder as the sirens of the world go roaring past on their way to another futile attempt to save a life that has been snuffed out due to the influence of evil in the world where we've been called to be a light?

Lord, give us your eyes, your ears, your heart for the world you love so much! You, O God, who are not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance! Awaken us O God! Help us to turn our hearts back to you and away from our preoccupation with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life! O God, revive us before it's too late! Lord let me see the people, there are so many now in need! Let me be a blessing to others!

Pastor Ron



Gatherings this week

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am: Senior Men's Bible Study in our Fellowship Hall.

6:30pm: Community Prayer Walk

All evening groups are cancelled this week. Please join us at 6:30pm for the Community Prayer Walk, beginning at the Thrift House.

Thursday, May 23

5:30-7:00pm: Community Meal, CCC Fellowship Hall

6:00pm: Worship Team Practice

Friday, May 24

9:30am: Senior Community Group in our Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, May 25

8:00-1:00pm: Encouragement Tent at the Flea Market

Sunday, May 26

8:30am: Preservice Prayer in the Fellowship Hall/ Nursery Extension

9:00am: Coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and foyer. Get to know new faces and catch up with your church family over coffee or tea.

9:30am: Sunday School, a class for every age

10:30am: Worship Service. Come and join in praising God the Father through song, prayer, and hearing the Word.

Monday, May 27

8:00-1:00pm: Encouragement Tent at the Flea Market



Volunteer Schedules

Children's Church

Director: Nicole Miller

As of this week, Children's Church will be taking a break for June & July. Quiet boxes are available during the service. VBS will be the week of July 15th! Details to come.

Nursery

This week: Rachel Beachy & Dina Beachy

Next week: Nicole Miller & Brenda King

Bread Ministry

This week (5/19-5/25)- Dorman Kuhns

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Worship Leader

This week: Mike King

Next week: Rick Joyner

Lead Cook for our Thursday Meal

Ian Johnson will be leading the team for the rest of May. Also, starting in **June, our Thursday Meal Program will take a break for the summer. Love Our Community will start their Summer Meal Program the first week of June and continue through the end of August, on both Mondays and Thursdays. As a church, we plan to provide one of the meals, probably in August. Please see Katie Harsh for more information.**

This weeks menu is Hot dogs/chili dogs, tater tots, coleslaw, and Dessert

Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy! You are so greatly appreciated for serving in this way. We love you!

If you'd like to be part of one of these ministries please see the leader of the ministry or Katie Harsh.



Church News

Life Group/Bible Study opportunities:

Jason & Chelsea Breda's Life Group is meeting Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30 until about 2pm in the CCC Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! It is a kid friendly environment. The focus is reflecting on the sermon text.

Brian & Christie Johnson's Life Group is meeting Tuesday June 4th, and June 18th at their home (336 King Church Ave, Hartville 44632) led by Pastor Ron at 6:00pm. The focus is watching and discussing the second season of The Chosen.

Steve & Amy Ross's Life Group is meeting at Steve & Amy's house (5821 Manchester Rd, New Franklin, 44319) June 14th and 28th. Bring your Bible and a side dish for an evening of food, fellowship, songs, and fireside snacks!

Clay Akins' Young Adult Life Group is meeting Friday May 31st at his house (8632 Wedgewood Ave. N. Canton 44720) at 7:00pm.

*Do you have a request for which you need prayer? Do you have a question about the sermon? Would you like to discuss questions about the Bible? Great! Call or text Pastor Ron at 330-704-3690 (Please not until after April 21st)

*Any other questions feel free to call the church at 330-877-1250 or Katie Harsh at 330-685-2689.

Would you like a Cornerstone T-shirt? Great! We have a couple of different designs in various sizes. Each shirt costs \$15. It is on a first come, first served basis. Please see Katie Harsh if you want one. Thanks!!

Spring is here! We love to see kids, of all ages, playing outside, just being kids. However, we have noticed that the basketballs and dodgeballs are not making it back inside the church when they're done being used. To help remedy this, we are going to have a sign out sheet hanging by the side door. Please sign out whatever ball you/your kid(s) are going to use and then when they are returned sign the last column. If the balls are lost, the last person to have it is responsible for replacing it.

For the Record

Church attendance for last week (May 19, 2024) was 115

The total tithes & offerings given was \$4,800

Total needed to reach the approved budget is \$5,340.00



[Volunteer opportunities](#)

IVEP Home needed– IVEP (International Volunteer Program through MCC) is looking for a home starting in late August for a Christian Palestinian young man named Khader Assi Najib. If you are interested please email Phil Stauffer at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org or Julie Yoder at jyoder@hartvillethriftshoppe.org

Love Our Community is doing their Summer Meal Program! Meals will be served on Mondays & Thursdays in June, July, & August. Please scan the QR code for more information or visit www.loveourcommunity.net. If you are in need of a meal delivered please visit <https://forms.gle/g4yswBxJJ23Qf1fDa>



Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking to hire a paid position for Warehouse Associate II. This would involve lifting, receiving furniture, baling clothing, etc., and possible some heavy equipment operation as appropriate. This is a full time position, working Monday-Saturday with a day off during the week. Pay would be commensurate with experience. Come and join the Hartville MCC Thrift team and know that your work not only provides pay, and work with great people, but the knowledge that every hour is a gift to the community and the world through our support of MCC. Please contact us at the store and ask for either Bob or Phil at 330-877-2769.

[Community Outreach Opportunities](#)

COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK
MAY 22, 2024 | 6:30 PM

STARTING AT HARTVILLE THRIFT SHOPPE PARKING LOT

BETHANY MEMBERSHIP CHURCH
 CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
 EVERMORE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 RIVERTREE LAKE



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

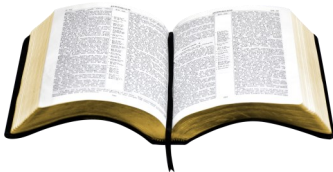
Audrey Ritter- 11750 Klinger Ave, Alliance 44601 Altercare of Alliance
Rm 406; 330-823-8263

Susie Boyd- St. Luke's Lutheran Community Rm 107 Pinehurst; 220 Applegrove St
NE, North Canton OH 44720; 330-498-5539

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

Lorene Coblentz- 156 Woodbury Glen St. Hartville 44632; 330-606-2359

Kevin Beachy- 13543 Gopp Ave Hartville 44632; 330-877-6123 (Home)



Read the Bible in a year

This year's **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 20

2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13; Psalms 60; Acts 23

1 Chronicles 14-16; Acts 24

2 Samuel 7-8; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalms 132; Acts 25

2 Samuel 9-10; 1 Chronicles 18-19; Psalms 89; Acts 26

2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalms 51; 32; Acts 27

