



Ron's Reflections

What are you screaming about? Simply hangout or get online or turn on the news and you will hear loud complaints of a perceived injustice that has reached a fevered pitch. Someone is screaming about how unjust, how unfair, how perverted, how disgusting, and how they will not put up with it any longer. What is IT? Truly, there are many vile and frightening outcomes in our fallen world today. And there is also another message, one of hope.

Locally, it may be the new four way stop the Village just put in, the new levy that has just passed for the local public school, the number of false and fallen preachers and teachers in evangelical circles, the corruption in and laws the govt has passed that discourage marriage and the nuclear family, the number of vaccinations now required/recommended, the war in Ukraine, the war in Gaza, or simply the price of food and gas today, or the neighbor's cat that got out and shouldn't be neglected, you get the point, everywhere you turn, people seem to be fed up and ready to go loud and bite someone's head off, declare rights, or prove their point. Is not having our own way or finding ourselves out numbered so petrifying? Why?

Are these complaints really core issues or is there something going on at a heart level that we are ignoring and would rather yell and point the finger at something or someone outside of ourselves instead? Should a follower of Jesus just accept that this is the way people and culture are today and sort of just simply go with the flow? I say No, I think there is a better way, yet for some at first glance this way may seem impossible. Please let me explain.

This past weekend the sermon text I was preaching from took us to the Acts 19 account of Demetrius. Demetrius was a silver smith whose career along with many others was facing a possible financial crisis because their livelihood relied on the cultural Pagan worship of the idol Diana, the goddess of sexual pleasure, fertility, and hunting. So many people in the region were turning away from this idolatry and sexual immorality and to a relationship with Jesus that these tradesmen were experiencing a major decrease in sales of and the demand for their crafted shrines and trinkets that exulted the idol, Diana. Wow!

Much like today plenty of people who heard Demetrius and were drawn into the uproar triggered by his anxiety without really understanding what exactly was at the core of the issue. ***Today we live in a culture of anxiety that triggers more anxiety and we have seemingly lost our way and forgotten the words of Jesus who frequently commanded his disciples with these words "fear not."*** Paul the Apostle had more to say about it.

Paul, wrote to the church at Philippi exhorting them to think on "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. What things do you spend a significant amount of time worrying, complaining, or fretting about? Are they core issues?

The cure for the uproar started by Demetrius was this: the town clerk reminded all the screamers that it was clearly obvious what they were screaming about. Furthermore, he reminded them that Paul, and his companions, who were the ones preaching Jesus, had not done anything to physically attack or damage their idols. Paul was preaching Jesus and his Kingdom. In conclusion: Followers of Jesus, it would be better today if we focused on preaching Jesus and living out his compassion for others with all boldness, rather than getting involved in every protest that comes along the media/gossip channels. Love ya!



Gatherings this week

Monday through Friday

6:00-7:00am: God moves through prayer, come pray with us every morning!

Tues, April 30– Chaney & Izzie Beachy’s Anniversary!!

Wednesday, May 1

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

7:00pm: Woman’s, Men’s group AND Youth Group!

Kids 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome.

Thursday, May 2– Dorcas Eberly’s Birthday!!

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

6:00pm: Worship Team Practice

Friday, May 3

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

6:00pm: Steve & Amy Ross’ Life Group in our Fellowship Hall

7:00pm: Clay Akins’ Home Young Adult Life (8632 Wedgewood Ave N. Canton 44720)

Saturday, May 4– Ivan Venegas’ Birthday AND

Brian & Christie Johnson’s Anniversary!!

Sunday, May 5

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.

After the offering is lifted, children 5th grade and under are invited to walk down to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Worship while the pastor shares the sermon.





Volunteer Schedules

Children's Church

Director: Nicole Miller

This week: Nicole Miller & Sarah Byler

Next week: Charlotte Riedl & Xeni Madderom

Nursery

Director: Brenda King

This week: Yadira Miller & Christie Johnson

Next week: Erma King & Brenda King

Bread Ministry

This week (4/28-5/4)- Dorman Kuhns

Next week (5/5-5/11)- Jerry W. Miller

Worship Leader

This week: Scott Miller

Next week: Austin Yoder

Lead Cook for our Thursday Meal

This week: Ian Johnson

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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, May 5th & May 19th (Sunday Afternoon) 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 May 7th & 21st (Tuesday night) 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 Friday May 3rd to do an outreach in Downtown Canton (see Amy for details), May 17th in the CCC Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Due to Memorial Day the 31st is TBA.

Clay Akins' Young Adult Life Group is meeting Friday May 3rd, 17th, & 31st (Friday night) 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

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.



Calling all Men– We are in need of some men to volunteer their cooking abilities and singing voices to honor the women in our congregation for Mother's Day (May 12th). Please see Pastor Ron for details.

For the Record

Church attendance for last week (April 21, 2024) was 130

The total tithes & offerings given was \$3,025

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

Volunteer opportunity at **FISH**: We are in need of volunteers on Tuesday mornings & Thursday evenings to deliver groceries to our clients who are in need of delivery services. Clients are eligible for delivery if they are senior citizens, lacking transportation, and live in 44632 & 44685 zip codes. Volunteers that deliver groceries are asked to use their personal vehicles. Volunteers can pickup groceries as early as 9:15am on Tuesday mornings and 5:15 on Thursday evenings. The amount of deliveries varies from 1-4 per driver depending on needs that day. Deliveries are usually able to be completed by 10am Tuesdays and 6pm Thursdays. If you are able to help us with our delivery services, please head over to our website: www.laketownshipfish.org and click the green "Volunteer" button. Or go to our direct link: <https://laketownshipfish.volunteerlocal.com>

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>



[Community Outreach Opportunities](#)



Hope Bridge is looking for volunteer help on Friday, May 10 from 10AM until 2PM. As part of their single mom's program, they recently had a mom transition out of one of their homes, and are in need of volunteers to help clean this home and prepare the space for the arrival of the next single mom. All supplies & equipment will be provided, they just need people ready & willing to lend a hand. Please use the link below to RSVP or see Katie Harsh for help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA8AA2EA4F9C16-49342826-single#/>



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

Deb Zaluski- 1291 Countryside Cir NE, Hartville 44632; 330-575-8532

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



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 17

1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8

1 Samuel 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9

1 Samuel 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10

1 Samuel 15-16; 1 Chronicles 1; Psalm 39; Acts 11

1 Samuel 17; 1 Chronicles 2; Acts 12



Who Am I Bible Quiz



Match each question with the correct answer

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| 1. I am the first king of Israel. Who am I? | A. Japheth |
| 2. I am the father of King Ahab. Who am I? | B. Peter |
| 3. Shem, Ham and I are Noah's sons. Who am I? | C. Leah |
| 4. I was a king mentioned in the Bible because of my weight. Who am I? | D. Saul |
| 5. I am Jacob's first wife. Who am I? | E. David |
| 6. I am the bronze serpent raised by Moses in the desert. Who am I? | F. Matthew |
| 7. I was also known as Levi. Who am I? | G. Eglon |
| 8. And Samuel asked him, Are these all the sons you have? There is still the youngest, Jesse replied, but he is tending the sheep. Who am I? | H. Omri |
| 9. I watched something like a sheet filled with animals coming from heaven. Who am I? | I. Antioch |
| 10. I am a city. The disciples were called Christians for the first time. Who am I? | J. Nehushtan |

