



Ron's Reflections



On Tuesday, we, as a nation, celebrated freedom and our "Independence Day." Culturally, this holiday is normally observed with time off work, gathering with family and friends, eating lots of delicious food, and then culminating in the community observance of the evening sky filled with a dazzling display of fireworks! For many, last evening certainly did not disappoint.

Wednesday morning, it's back to work. For us at Cornerstone Community Chapel, the senior men's Bible Study started right on time. This morning's text was 2 Peter 2:1-11. This is an interesting text as the Apostle Peter, who has written about the freedom and hope that believers have through Christ Jesus, now warns believers throughout the region of false teachers that secretly enter in and introduce destructive heresies within the Church.

It is delightful and encouraging to listen to these elderly gentlemen wrestle with the scripture and bring their insights and conclusions to bear upon the topic at hand. The discussion ranged from defining these destructive heresies as "everyone's opinion" to the "council of the ungodly" as stated in Psalms 1. One brother pointed us to Acts 17:11, which highlights the believers in a place called Berea, who upon hearing Paul preach to them, resorted to searching the scriptures, OT scriptures by the way, to see if what Paul was teaching them lined up to be the truth. This is always an excellent principle to be applied to the hearing and study of scripture.

Peter gave some pointers in verses 1-3 as to how to recognize the false teachers. In summary: they deny Jesus, introduce sensuality, blaspheme the truth, and use exploitation and flattery. All these methods are intended to steal away the freedom, joy, and hope of a believer in Jesus. So, let's remind ourselves why Jesus came.

When Jesus began his public ministry, he said in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

So, we see that Jesus came to set the captives free, bring freedom to the oppressed, seek and to save the lost and to serve. Jesus did all of this in order that we might have life and experience it to the fullest! National Freedom and Independence Day celebrations are fun, needed, and temporal. However, the freedom that Jesus gives as we repent, believe, receive, and celebrate Him is the eternal source of true joy and lasting freedom to all who trust Him.

Yes, there are those who will intentionally try to get close to you in order to steal your joy and freedom. The way to counter that is to set time aside to get involved in a Berean style Bible Study where you search the scriptures together with those who are growing deeper in their walk with Jesus. This is where true community can also be experienced as well.

True Freedom is priceless. It's been bought and paid for by Christ Himself. Let's make the most of the Freedom we have in this country by seeking Jesus, The One who brings lasting freedom.

Grace and Peace be yours in abundance,

Pastor Ron



Gatherings this week

Tuesday, July 4

All events today are cancelled because of the holiday. Happy 4th of July!

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 a.m.- Senior Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00-8:00 p.m.- Youth Group in the Sanctuary. Kids 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome to join.

Thursday, July 6

6:00 a.m.- Corporate Prayer meeting in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join.

6:00 p.m.- Worship Team practice. If you can sing, play an instrument, or know about sound boards feel free to come check us out. We'd love to see your gift in action.

Friday, July 7

9:30 a.m.- Senior Discussion Group in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 9

8:30 a.m.- Preservice Prayer in the Fellowship Hall/ Nursery Extension

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and foyer. Get to know new faces and catch up with your church family over coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. We hope you enjoy the delicious Hemisphere Coffee.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School. There are classes for everyone, if you aren't sure where to go, our greeters and ushers would love to point you in the right direction!

10:30 a.m.- Worship Service. Come and join in praising God the Father through song. Our service is a mixture of contemporary songs and hymns, something for everyone to enjoy. **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.

For the Record

General Fund Giving budget needed for a 5-week month (July) is \$20,150.95

General Fund Giving last Sunday (June 25) was \$2,201.00

General Fund Giving so far for the month of July is \$2,201.00



Church News

Coming in August!

We are starting a new club
Backyard Bible Club. August 7-11,
6-7:30pm in the Greenspace.
More details to come this weekend!



Tomorrow & Saturday (7 & 8) we are painting the Fellowship Hall. Will you help us? We will start around 1pm on the 7th (Friday). Refreshments will be provided. If you have any brushes or rollers you like to use, bring them with you!

This Sunday evening we are having a bonfire, 7-9pm, in Cornerstone's backyard!! It will be a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship. Light snacks will be provided, feel free to bring snacks too! Hope to see you there!

Our sanctuary is nearly complete! The new chairs are in, the carpet is installed and it looks wonderful! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to get this accomplished!





[Church News Cont.](#)

The Voice of Martyrs is presenting a live stream event July 14th from 6:30-9pm. There is going to be interviews, music, and different sessions. See Katie Harsh if you'd like more information.



Perspective Classes are back! A note from Dave Yoder:

If you are interested in the upcoming class, read on.

You can:

- Be in prayer for the upcoming class planning and for finding a church to host.
- Spread the word to people who may be interested. Watch the perspectives.org website for info in the coming months. (click: Classes > Ohio)
- Help out. Interested in being on the planning team, networking with area churches, prayer team, graders, classroom help and more? Let me know.
- Have feedback or thoughts regarding your experience in class? Let me know.

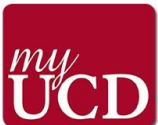
For the whole world to hear!

Dave Yoder

Perspectives Class Coordinator

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This Sunday we will be passing around a clipboard for the directories. If you received one already please highlight your name! If you haven't yet please just pass it along. After the service the clipboard and the directories will be in the foyer for you to get, at which point your name can be highlighted. Also, don't forget to get the app!



Universal Church Directories.

Special Guest Speaker!

Total Living Center's (TLC) pastor Ben Kariuki will be preaching here Sunday July 16th!





Ministry Opportunities

We are looking for someone tech savvy to help those who need tech support to get connected to our church via YouTube, Facebook, our website, and Right Now Media. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

We are always looking for people to help on the worship team, both on stage and behind the scenes. If you can sing, play an instrument, monitor the camera/stream, or know anything about running a sound board (or are willing to learn). If you'd like more information, please call the church office to schedule an appointment or audition.

Our Prayer Ministry needs you! Every Tuesday and Thursday Morning there are a small group of people that meet here at the church to pray. Unfortunately, they haven't had any prayer requests the past few weeks! We all need prayer, be bold enough to admit that you do too. We would love to pray for you, specifically, if you'll only let us know how.

If you feel lead to start a ministry you don't currently see here at Cornerstone, talk with Pastor Ron. We want to know what ignites you, what your spiritual gifts are, and it all starts with a conversation! We are always looking to dive deeper into God's Word through Bible Studies and church activities so please let us know your ideas!

Congratulations!

To: Nicole Miller for accepting the Christian Education Ministry Director position!

*If there are any announcements you'd like to see in the Courier, please email them to secretary@ccchartville.org by end of day Tuesday. All other announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by Thursday 1pm.



Katie's Corner

Hey friends! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Katie Harsh, and I am the administrative assistant here at CCC. I have been attending here for about 5 years now, (wow I didn't realize it had been that long!) and I've been the secretary since November of 2022. I have 2 wonderful kids; Zoe who is 10 and Peter who is 7. I recently learned their names mean Life (Zoe) and Rock (Peter) and if you know them that explains them quite well! Also, it got me thinking how amazing God is, that without even knowing it, I named my kids life and rock. Jesus is the solid rock, the Way, Truth, and Life and He gave me these amazing kids in His image. When I am down, they are the reminder that He loves even me! Having God on my side, knowing that He loves me, and knowing my kids love me makes anything possible.

I am also engaged to Jacob Coblentz, the man of many talents on stage. He sings, plays guitar, bass, piano, and drums. He is a wonderful man of God, and I am so grateful God has brought us together. Anyways, enough about me and my life. The reason I am writing this is because I want to hear your feedback. The format will probably change a few times, just until I find something I like, but I want you to tell me your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for our church. I will say a little something then leave you with a question. Please send something back to me! Email me at secretary@ccchartville.org or text me at 330-685-2689!

I want to hear from you!

This week's question is how do you like our coffee cart selection? For those of you that drink the coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, do you like the flavor selection? I am not a tea drinker so if you are and have any suggestions on brands or flavors, please let me know! Do we like the hot cocoa in individual packs or the big jug you can pour in?

Whatever your thoughts may be on it, let me know!

Prayer Requests

Please consider writing a card, sending a text, making a call, or visiting some of our church family members that we haven't seen in a while. There are cards available in the church office if you need some. If you need additional information, please contact Katie Harsh or Pastor Ron Embleton.

Mary Ellen Yoder- 850 Sunnyside St. SW, Hartville 44632

Eva Kuhns Potts- 1420 Smith-Kramer St. NE, Hartville 44632

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