



Ron's Reflections

Have you ever heard the statement: "Well that was enough to make a grown man cry?" What is it about the divine design of a human being that is so intricate that we tend to allow things to build up and stack up inside and the only way to find a release is to either work out till we sweat profusely, cry uncontrollably or just yell loudly?

As I watch the professional football players give it everything they've got to make a tackle or block a pass, I often see them get up from the ground pounding their chests or stopping to give a "Tarzan" type yell as a culmination of the great effort and victory that they've just made. What a way to release all that pent up emotion! It would seem almost unnatural if they remained stoic and just marched back to the line for another go at the opposing team.

There is another place where emotions are often triggered and that is when a person is watching a movie, based on a true story and the plot is so moving and powerful that at any climatic point of the movie, the viewer is so moved that eyes fill with tears and spill over as one identifies with the emotion of the moment.

Scripture tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made and are image bearers of God. Furthermore, scripture tells us that we exist to worship, honor, praise and give thanks to the One who made us. So, would it be safe to conclude that when we neglect to worship God until we release that built up stress and emotion through either sweating, crying or praising him with our whole heart (to yell loudly is one way), that we are dysfunctional as stewards of our truest calling? As I stated before, to be worshippers of the one true God of the universe with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is what we are hardwired to do.

A professional athlete gives it everything he or she has, and we applaud the effort and the blood, sweat and tears that they shed in their temporary effort to win and be the star of the game. Yet, it is unheard of in our culture to be anything more than a bit stoic in our common patterns of religiosity during our hour of weekly worship in a corporate way.

When was the last time that you wept before the Lord in prayer as you poured out your heavy heart to him? When was the last time that you danced before the Lord, preached your heart out, or engaged in heavy physical labor in service to help someone less fortunate serving as unto the Lord, until you broke a sweat? When was the last time that you lifted your voice as loud as you could in praise and thanksgiving to the Magnificent One?

Could it be that all that anxiety and stress that you are carrying is because you have neglected to draw near, humbling yourself and seeking the one who made you, had mercy on you and is so deserving of your honor and praise? I challenge you to get alone, get with God and pour your heart out till you have a good cry, break a good sweat, or raise some good praise till your lungs hurt with joy. Now look in the mirror, I bet there's a smile on your face and you feel better. I can't wait for you to call me and tell me about it! Love ya.

Pastor Ron



Gatherings this week

Monday through Friday

6:00 a.m.– God moves through prayer, come pray with us every morning!

Wednesday, Jan 31

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

7:00 p.m. - **Men's group, Ladies' prayer group , AND Youth Group!**
Kids 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome.

5:00 p.m.– Food prep for the Thursday meals.

Thursday, Feb 1

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

6:00-8:00 p.m.– Worship Team Practice

Friday, Feb 2

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

6:30 p.m.– Steve & Amy's Life Group in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Feb 4

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 or tea.

9:30 a.m.– Sunday School, a class for every age.

10:30 a.m.– 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.

5:00pm: Perspective's Class, CCC Fellowship Hall



Church News

Work trip to KY is happening Feb 28– Mar 2! If you are interested in a winter missions trip to help those less fortunate please talk with Pastor Ron asap.

New Member's Class will begin this Sunday, Feb. 4th! Please see Pastor Ron if you'd like to become a member!

Bible Study opportunities:

Jason & Chelsea Breda's Small Group is meeting Feb 4 & 18 (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 Small Group is meeting Feb 6 & 20 (Wednesday night) at their home (336 King Church Ave, Hartville 44632) led by Pastor Ron. The focus is watching and discussing the first season, episode 7 of The Chosen.

Steve & Amy Ross's Small Group is meeting Feb 9 & 23 (Friday night) starting at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. The focus is on Discipleship.

*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.

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

Bethany & CCC Men's Retreat Friday, April 26– Sunday, April 28 at 1pm. They will be traveling to Camp Muskingum 3266 Dyewood Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615.

It will cost about \$100. Food will be provided. You are invited to bring snacks and beverages to share.

The General Pending Schedule is Saturday & Sunday there will be devotions in the mornings. There will be 5 teaching sessions for the whole weekend. The rest of the time will be for general fellowship time, there are many things to do around the camp.

Please see Clay Akins with any questions.

For the Record

Church attendance for last week (Jan 28, 2024) was 132

The total tithes & offerings given was \$3,891.30



Opportunities to grow in 2024

GRIEF RECOVERY CLASSES



Upcoming Classes

- In Person Group Class \$195 (8 weeks) includes class materials
- One-on-One Available (contact me)
- Special Rate if you already took the class and want a refresher.
- Online Classes Available

Contact me for more information

IN PERSON CLASS

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
 1250 EDISON ST NW, HARTVILLE OH 44632
 STARTS JANUARY 30TH AT 6:30P.M.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED LOSS AND WANT TO LEARN A PROVEN SKILL SET TO RECOVER?

- DEATH
- DIVORCE
- PET LOSS
- TRAUMA
- ABUSE
- FINANCIAL LOSS
- LOSS OF SAFETY OR TRUST
- LOSS OF HEALTH
- RELATIONSHIP ENDED
- AND 34 OTHER TYPES OF LOSS

THIS PROGRAM HAS CHANGED MY LIFE AND THOUSANDS LIKE YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION MESSAGE ME

ALL NEW PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE THE GRIEF RECOVERY HANDBOOK

ONE-ON-ONE AND ONLINE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE.

Amy Diane Ross,
 Grief Recovery Specialist
bethechurchministry@gmail.com

If you have any questions about any of these events please contact Steve and Amy Ross.

Steve: 330-605-8083;
rossstephen47@gmail.com

Amy: 330-704-4144;
bethechurchministry@gmail.com

Love FEBRUARY 10TH 5PM
COUPLES NIGHT OUT SOLD OUT
DINNER AND BOWLING
 DINNER WILL BE AT **TITOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT**
 OUR TABLE IS UPSTAIRS **"RESERVATION FOR ROSS"**
 2215 WATERLOO RD AKRON
 THEN WE WILL TRAVEL DOWN THE ROAD TO **SPIN BOWLS**
 2911 WATERLOO RD AKRON
DINNER: AVERAGE \$25.00 PER COUPLE (DEPENDS ON ORDER)
BOWLING: \$20.00 PER COUPLE PLUS SHOES IF YOU NEED THEM
QUESTIONS SEE STEPHEN/AMY ROSS

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER COUPLES CONFERENCE

AKRON, OHIO

NOVEMBER 1ST-3RD, 2024

LOCATED AT

HILTON AKRON/FAIRLWAN

CONTACT STEPHEN OR AMY ROSS FOR DETAILS



HOTEL ROOMS COST \$139 PER NIGHT OR DRIVE TO CONFERENCE EACH DAY
 REGISTER AT WWW.WEEKENDTOREMEMBER.COM (AKRON CONFERENCE)

REGULAR PRICE IS \$175.00 PER PERSON
 (BOOK EARLY SAVE \$50 PER COUPLE)

MILITARY RATE: \$60 PER PERSON

PASTORS AND ASSOCIATE PASTORS WITH WIVES ARE FREE

DAVE RAMSEY'S **FINANCIAL Peace** UNIVERSITY
 ARE YOU READY TO LIVE DEBT FREE AND CHANGE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE
 Classes are **FREE AND STARTING SOON!**
 CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
 1250 EDISON ST NW
 HARTVILLE OH 44362
 9 WEEK SESSION STARTING SAT 7:31 PM - JAN 5TH 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Moved to the Fall
 CONTACT AMY ROSS FOR MORE INFORMATION



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

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

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

Read the Bible in a year!!

This year's **Bible Reading Plan** give us a little more flexibility. It gives us a handful of verses (Old Testament is as chronologically as possible but always put with the New Testament to bring us back to Jesus' life and teachings), for each week. Also 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 😊

Week 5:

Exodus 1-3; Galatians 5

Exodus 4-6; Galatians 6

Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Ephesians 1

Exodus 10-12; Ephesians 2

Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Ephesians 3



Bible Crossword Puzzle

Solve the clues and fill out the grid



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- 1. Poetic Bible book
- 4. Holy container in the Book of Exodus
- 7. Minor Prophet who denounced injustice
- 8. He had a vision of a golden lampstand
- 9. Wife of Adam, first affected by sin
- 10. The celebration of the tenth plague not harming the Israelites
- 11. The man who tested God with a fleece and dew
- 12. Old Testament leader in charge of city reconstruction
- 15. Old Testament figure who is a symbol of deliverance
- 17. Priestly regulations
- 20. Old Testament man who lived with his wife in Sodom
- 21. Holy men in the Old Testament
- 22. Biblical character who set up the twelve stones at Gilgal
- 25. God's chosen city in the Old Testament
- 28. Great migration led by Moses

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- 2. Biblical setting for purification and testing of faith
- 3. King who suffered leprosy for unlawful acts
- 5. Multitude fed by him with few loaves of bread
- 6. Ancestor of a prominent Israelite lineage
- 13. Characteristic of God's forgiveness
- 14. The divine event in the Old Testament that starts with "In the beginning"
- 16. Judge of Israel with great power
- 18. The quality of being wise or knowledgeable
- 19. Son born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age
- 20. Old Testament figure who mothered many tribes
- 22. He was angry when God spared Nineveh
- 23. Hardship experienced during ancient times in scripture
- 24. Biblical king who judged two women's dispute
- 26. What God provided to the Israelites in their time of need
- 27. Belief in divine promise

