



Ron's Reflections

It's February 14. Grocery and local stores contain prominent displays with bouquets of roses or all types of flowers and heart-shaped boxes of assorted chocolates and other sweets. Love is in the air, or is it? Nearly every store contains an aisle with shelves of red and pink cards filled with people frantically looking for the perfect card for their special person or persons. All because our society and culture have accepted this to be the norm on this day once a year in February. The fame of last week's Punxsutawney Phil, our groundhog buddy, has quickly faded into his hole in the ground. It seems that it is up to us! How we respond or react today can bring sunshine or shadow to others.

With this societal marketing pressure upon us, we may frantically fall into the trap and peer pressure of making a good impression for the moment. That said, we can often lose sight of the importance of the daily choice to love the Lord our God with all our hearts and to love one another as we love ourselves. The question is, do I focus on making a good impression for the moment or a positive heart felt impression that lasts. Positive lasting impressions weather the storms and challenges that relationships face and aid in creating a beautiful realm in which to relate to one another for all of life. Positive impressions require taking a good look at our emotions that may be calm or raging at any given moment.

It is true that emotion colliding with the varying levels of stress triggers in our daily lives can and does cause major ebbs and flows in the rhythms of our relationship with God and others. God given emotion is an incredible part of who we are and how we respond and act towards ourselves and others. This is why it is so important to have the intake of something as life giving and solid as the Word of God in our lives. Sometimes a few deep breaths and the words of ageless wisdom can do wonders.

On a day like today, I think 1 Corinthians 13 is a good place to turn for a beautiful reminder of what love really is. In verses 1-7 we read these familiar words: 1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. This love values others first.

No matter what we can do, if we do not choose to put the other person's value above ourselves, we will ultimately come up empty. Genuine, unselfish love to be lived out towards others each day also requires a strength far above our own. But that is where the good news of God's love comes into play. Jesus Christ has shown us the way, his love is true and perfect for you and for me. He loves you, is calling you, and invites you to imitate him in loving him and in loving others. Christ can empower you to love others in a way that leaves a positive lasting impression on them. Why not take a moment to surrender your will to Jesus today? 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, Feb 14

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

7:00 p.m.– **Woman's, Men's group AND Youth Group!**

Kids 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome.

5:00 p.m.– Food prep for the Thursday meals if you're scheduled

Thursday, Feb 15

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

6:00pm– Worship Team Practice

Friday, Feb 16

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

7:00 p.m.– **Trustee Meeting**

Sunday, Feb 18

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 and New Members Class

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.

12:30pm: Jason & Chelsea Breda's Life Group in our Fellowship Hall

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 has begun! Please see Pastor Ron if you'd like to become a member!

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Steve & Amy Ross's Small Group is meeting Feb 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

TRUSTEE MEETING: THIS FRIDAY, FEB 16TH AT 7PM!

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 (Feb 11, 2024) was 136

The total tithes & offerings given was \$2,333.00

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



GREATNESS OF OUR GOD WINTER CONCERT

03.01.24

@ 6:30 PM

**Live Music, Sing-Along,
Fellowship, Ice Cream Social**

**FEATURING: CORNERSTONE YOUTH &
CORNERSTONE AND FRIENDS WORSHIP TEAM**

**CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
(ACROSS FROM HARTVILLE HARDWARE)**

FREE ADMISSION



Thank you to all the couples that spent their Saturday evening hanging out together with other couples, fellowshiping, eating, and bowling! It was a great time together!!



Opportunities to grow in 2024

If you have any questions please contact Steve and Amy Ross.

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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



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. 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 7:

Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3

Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Philippians 4

Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1

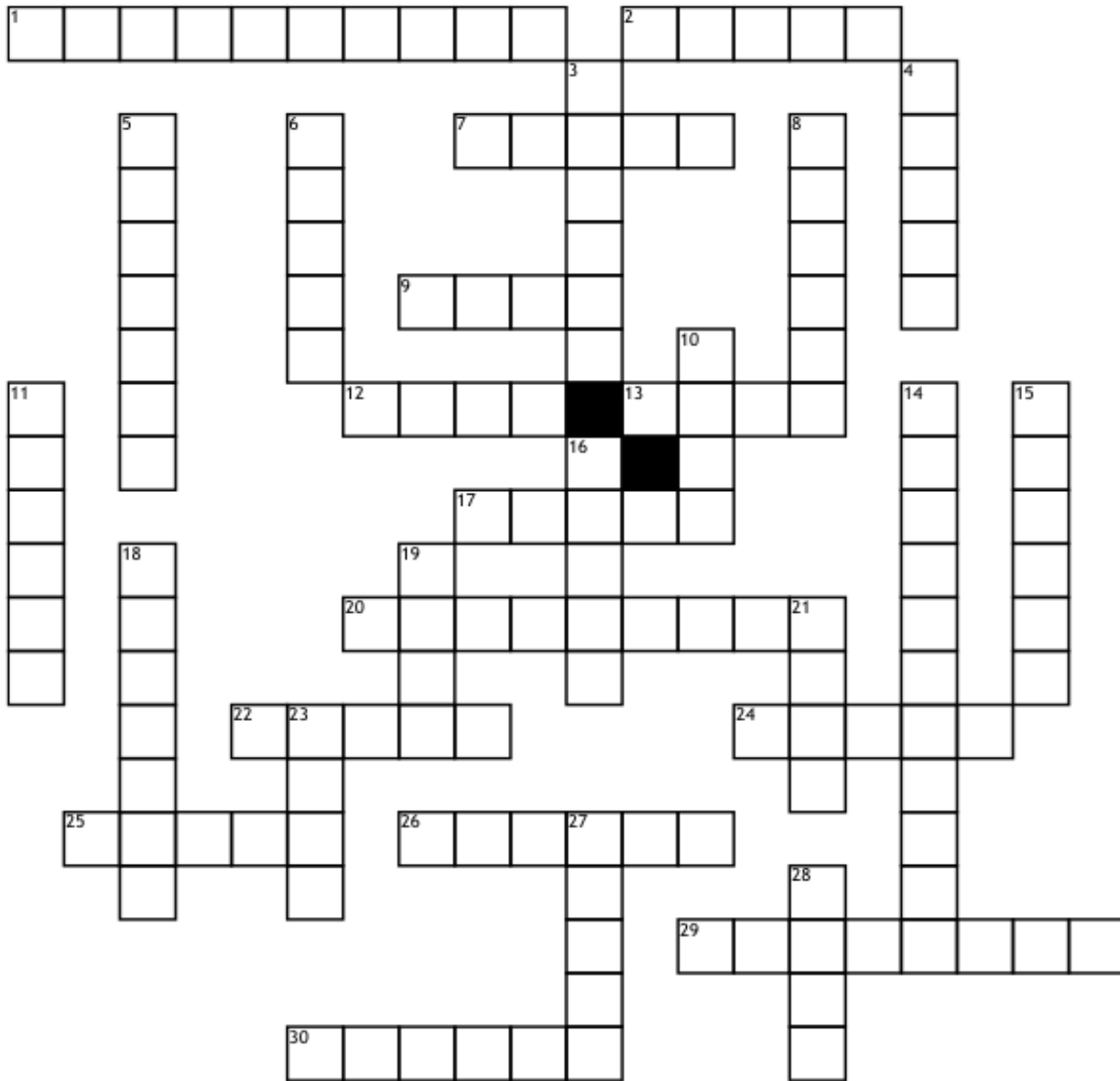
Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Hebrews 2

Leviticus 4-7; Hebrews 3





Bible Verse Crossword



Across

- 1. But God _____ his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8
- 2. Turn not aside from following the Lord, but _____ the Lord with all your heart. - 1 Samuel 2:20
- 7. Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. - Matthew 28:19
- 9. For whosoever shall call upon the _____ of the Lord shall be saved. - Romans 10:13
- 12. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my _____, then are ye my disciples indeed; - John 8:31
- 13. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy _____ may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. - Exodus 20:12
- 17. And he said unto me, My _____ is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. - 2 Corinthians 12:9
- 20. As it is written, There is none _____, no, not one. - Romans 3:10
- 22. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the _____ confession is made unto salvation. - Romans 10:10
- 24. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in _____ unto all them that call upon thee. - Psalm 86:5

- 25. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of _____, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. - Jeremiah 29:11
 - 26. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the _____ according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28
 - 29. A man that hath friends must shew himself _____; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. - Proverbs 18:24
 - 30. For all have _____, and come short of the glory of God; - Romans 3:23
- Down**
- 3. And he that sent me is with me: the _____ hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. - John 8:29
 - 4. _____ in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. - Proverbs 3:5
 - 5. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with _____. - Ephesians 6:2
 - 6. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be _____. - Acts 2:47
 - 8. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as _____; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31
 - 10. Christ also loved the church, and _____ himself for it; - Ephesians 5:25

- 11. Christ is the head of the _____: and he is the savior of the body. - Ephesians 5:23
- 14. My son, hear the _____ of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. - Proverbs 1:8
- 15. I can do all things through _____ which strengtheneth me. - Philippians 4:13
- 16. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the _____. - Ephesians 6:3
- 18. In the beginning God _____ the heaven and the earth - Genesis 1:1
- 19. For the wages of sin is death; but the _____ of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Romans 6:23
- 21. But _____ ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matthew 6:33
- 23. Children, _____ your parents in the Lord: for this is right. - Ephesians 6:1
- 27. For God so _____ the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life - John 3:16
- 28. And be ye _____ one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. - Ephesians 4:32