



Ron's Reflections

Floyd McClung, the director of All Nations, an international leadership training and church planting network, asks the question: "What is apostolic passion?" I would ask a similar question: "what do we mean when we speak of the passion of Christ?" In just over 45 days we will be experiencing passion week. This is the week of remembering Christ's suffering and death. Jesus chose to give his all, to suffer and die, to go through extreme anguish because he wanted you and I to have the opportunity to come to God through his suffering, death and resurrection to the praise of His glory.

It is safe to conclude that the meaning of passion and suffering are very similar. One definition that we give passion would include everything from romance to hunger pangs. McClung goes on to state that passion to him means "whatever a person is willing to suffer for." This brings into much more clarity what we in our culture are passionate about.

For some it is our job, we love what we do, and we are willing to suffer whatever setbacks or challenges necessary daily to continue to do what we do. For others of us it may be sports and to get in there and play our heart out at the risk of extreme injury is simply seen as the gamble we take. For others of us, it is our body or our money. We will do whatever it takes to please it or get more of it.

So, again the question, what is apostolic passion? To answer this, allow me to point you to any one of Jesus' Apostles. All of them endured extreme suffering and 11 of 12 lost their lives for what they believed in. Only John was privileged to live a long life full of suffering and die a natural death. Is apostolic passion something we see or need to see in the church today? My conclusion is: No, we do not see it in our churches and we desperately need to see it again.

Sadly, in our society today we have developed a culture that is extremely averse to any kind of suffering. We pitch a fit if we must wait for over an hour in an airport or an emergency room and God forbid if our food is 5 minutes late at a restaurant. We are also done with our marriages way too quickly because the passion of romantic attraction has morphed into the passion for our own way rather than being willing to lay down our lives for one another. We are passionate, for sure, but it has to do with our aversion to suffering rather than our willingness to suffer for what we believe in.

Apostolic passion or suffering is when we are locked in and moving towards going any distance to see God glorified and Christ worshipped among the nations. McClung says that "human enthusiasm cannot sustain apostolic passion." We must daily die to ourselves and yield our will to allow God to invest his own passion in us, thus creating a will in us to see His name glorified among all people.

Have you thought about wanting to see Christ exalted and worshipped in all nations recently? Why not ask God to revive your apostolic passion not only to see God exalted and Christ worshipped among the nations, but to see him exalted in your life, your own home and in the lives of your coworkers and friends? I must warn you, It will change your life. 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 7

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

7:00 p.m. - **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 8

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

6:00pm– Worship Team Practice

Friday, Feb 9

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 11

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



Get your tastebuds ready to attend the

Be The Love 1st Annual Love Our Community Men Who Cook Event!

Featuring local community members who whip up their favorite appetizer, side dish, main dish, or dessert in sample-size portions for you to try! Chefs will be competing for multiple awards, and YOU GET TO VOTE!

However, it is not all about the Men Who Cook! What else will be going on? Silent Auction, Live Auction, Photobooth, Music and a yearly recap from Love Our Community! Buy tickets here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/f92c0794-6b4d-4c16-bad3-51f5e873c658>

Located at the Hartville Marketplace & Flea Market

1289 Edison St NW, Hartville OH 44632



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 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, Hartville 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 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

TRUSTEE MEETING: 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 (Jan 28, 2024) was 141

The total tithes & offerings given was \$3,593.37



Opportunities to grow in 2024



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

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. 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 6:

Exodus 16-18; Ephesians 4

Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5

Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Ephesians 6

Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1

Exodus 28-31; Philippians 2



BIBLE NAME VOCABULARY

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 T G A Y C U R D Y F A O C X C S I V
 B J C M N D M A O A I T L U S J S I
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JEREMIAH

ABRAHAM

GOLIATH

SOLOMON

SAMSON

BARUCH

ISAAC

JUDAH

JACOB

JESUS

ADAM

NATHAN

JOSHUA

JOSEPH

DANIEL

ELIJAH

DAVID

