



Ron's Reflections

Have you ever considered living without bread in your diet? Some people chose to do so but most of us cannot. One day Jesus told his followers that he was the "Bread of Life." It was such a confusing saying for them that many of his followers left him because he said it. It seemed grotesque to them!

Jesus looked at his closest disciples and asked them, "do you want to go away as well?" Peter, acting as the spokesman, answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6: 68-69.

What was Jesus saying? Jesus was saying that He was and is the sustenance for what is the true and eternal life, the abundant life. Jesus was also saying that He is all we need to live. Jesus was speaking with ultimate authority to the creatures he had created. Jesus was present and active at the heart of all of creation. We see this stated in John 1:1-4. When Jesus says that he is the sustenance for all of life, Jesus is speaking the truth.

Life that really matters is much more than what is noticed and appreciated through the 5 senses. Life that really matters needs bread also, the Bread of Life. This kind of bread is not white, wheat, rye, or sourdough or even Texas toast. These may contribute to the best meal or breakfast that you've ever eaten but by the next meal you are hungry again. If we look beyond the 5 senses, we learn that there is a spiritual realm that is very real as well.

Jesus, in speaking to his followers about the "Bread of Life," was speaking with authority that not only brings shape and substance to the physical realm but is also the same authority that rules in the spiritual realm as well. The following statement bears this out: Jesus said, "Truly, Truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement but has passed from death to life."

Jesus was present and participating by his word at the creation of the physical world. The wheat from which bread is made and from which our bodies derive nourishment to live physically was made by him. And, as the verse above says, that those who believe in Jesus, the spoken words of Jesus, do "not come under judgement but "" have"" passed from death to life." By the authority of Jesus' words, we also are given eternal life. Therefore, Jesus truly is the bread of life!

You may say that you can live without bread, but you cannot truly live without the bread of life. You cannot live without Jesus. Are you consuming the Bread of Life? Are you receiving and digesting the written and living words of Christ found in the scriptures? Jesus' words contain the power and authority that gives life. Jesus also said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words, will not pass away." Mark 13:31 Jesus has the words of eternal life. Choose Jesus, the Bread of Life, and live forever! Love you!

Pastor Ron



Gatherings this week

Tues, May 7

6:00pm: Brian & Christie Johnson's Home Life Group (336 King Church Ave, Hartville), led by Pastor Ron. They are watching The Chosen and discussing the events in each episode.

Wednesday, May 8– Miles Beachy's & Andy Petersen's Birthdays!!

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 9

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

6:00pm: Worship Team Practice

Friday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 12- Mother's Day

There is no Sunday School. Instead, enjoy breakfast!

9:00am: Mother's Day Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall, prepared by some of the wonderful men at CCC.

10:30am: Join us in the sanctuary for our worship service.



Volunteer Schedules

Children's Church

Director: Nicole Miller

This week: Charlotte Riedl & Xenia Madderom

Next week: Wanda Embleton & Christie Johnson

Nursery

Director: Brenda King

This week: Erma King & Brenda King

Next week: Carolina Venegas & Chelsea Breda

Bread Ministry

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

Next week (5/12-5/18)- Jerry W. Miller

Worship Leader

This week: Austin Yoder

Next week: Jacob Coblentz

Lead Cook for our Thursday Meal

Ian Johnson will be leading the team the rest of the month. Also, starting in **June**, our **Thursday Meal Program will take a break for the summer. Love Our Community will start their Summer Meal Program the first week of June and continue through the end of August, on both Mondays and Thursdays. As a church, we plan to provide one of the meals, probably in August. Please see Katie Harsh for more information.**

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 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 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 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 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 (May 5, 2024) was 130

The total tithes & offerings given was \$6,843.21

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

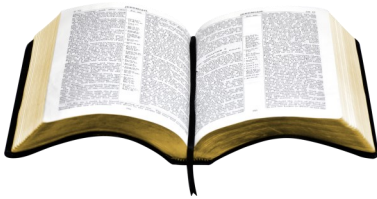
Audrey Ritter– 11750 Klinger Ave, Alliance 44601 Altercare of Alliance
Rm 406; 330-823-8263

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 18

1 Samuel 18-19; 1 Chronicles 3; Psalms 59; Acts 13

1 Samuel 20; 1 Chronicles 4; Psalms 56, 57, 142; Acts 14

1 Samuel 21-22; 1 Chronicles 5; Psalms 52; Acts 15

1 Samuel 23-24; 1 Chronicles 6; Psalms 54; Acts 16

1 Samuel 25; 1 Chronicles 7; Acts 17



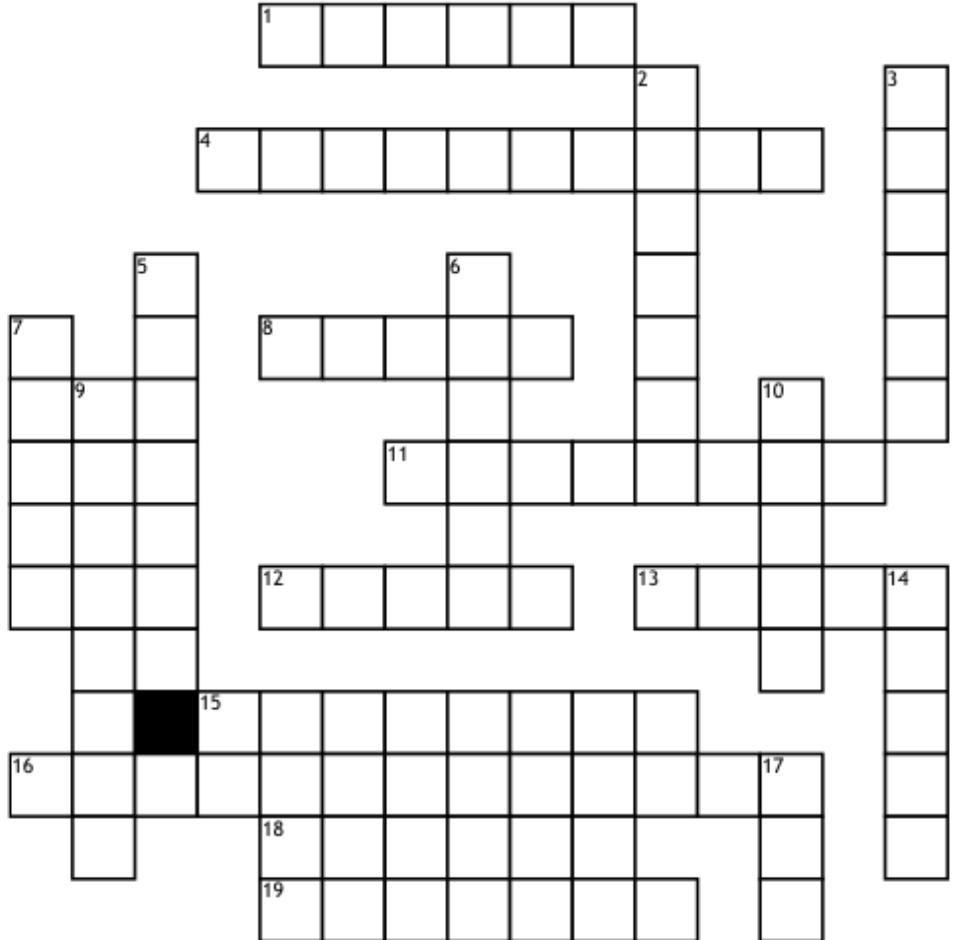
Women of the Bible Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. The woman who betrayed her husband for silver.
- 4. The woman whose beauty resulted in adultery and murder.
- 8. The woman who lost a bottle but found a well.
- 11. The woman who was a notorious muddress
- 12. The woman who was seduced by her own brother.
- 13. The woman infamous for her harlotry.
- 15. The woman who was lovely but loose.
- 16. The woman had seven devils.
- 18. The woman whose jealousy brought judgment.
- 19. The woman who fell ot with her friend.

Down

- 2. The woman who possseed a devilish spirit.
- 3. The woman who wanted more.
- 5. The woman with beauty and brains but an unwise husband.



- 6. The woman who was morepractical than spiritual.
- 7. The woman whos sightseeing had fatal results.
- 9. The woman wrongly opposed her husband.
- 10. The woman who tasted the cup of bitterness.
- 14. Thw woman God took from the dunghill
- 17. The woman of unique distinction.

