



Ron's Reflections

Isn't it funny how certain things grab our attention and hold it like a vise? For instance, suppose you are driving down a familiar local road and are in the habit of going the speed limit. And, low and behold you come up behind another driver who is driving 7 miles under the posted speed. As you begin to follow, hoping for a dotted line to pass, you observe that for as far as you can see the line is a double solid yellow! And of course, that driver seems not to have a care in the world!



Suddenly that driver just ahead of you has your full attention and you are laser focused on them, willing them to either speed up, turn off, pull over, or one way or another, just get out of the way! Why, you've got places to be, people to see, work to do, errands to run and you don't have any time for this! What ails that person, how can they be so inconsiderate of you?!! You begin to curse a little under your breath at that imbecile ahead of you.... Little do you know that these few miles an hour slower that you are now driving may spare you from an accident that is happening just a quarter mile ahead!

Now that I have your attention, please allow me to quickly analyze a story found in Acts 9. The feelings in it are quite parallel to the scenario that I've just mentioned in the first two paragraphs. You see, Followers of Jesus, known as followers of the Way, were getting in Saul's way on his path to fame as a proud Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin. These followers of the Way of Jesus, just didn't fit into the way that Saul viewed life, fame and religion!

Saul suddenly became laser focused and, in his anger, he began to plot ways to get these Jesus followers out of his way. Ultimately this took him towards a city called Damascus and an unanticipated event that would capture his full attention and become the sole purpose of his life and focus for the rest of his days. You see, on the way to Damascus, Saul had an encounter with Jesus. You might say, he went from pride and anger to awareness and humility.

The glory of Jesus, shown around Saul and brought him to a dead stop. Saul reacted by dropping to the ground. And in the following moments he asked two of the most important questions that we can ever ask. The first one, "who are you, Lord?" and the second, "what do you want me to do?" Jesus had Saul's attention. Just like he desires to have yours.

So, my question to you today is: have you ever asked these questions? Who are you Lord and what do you want me to do?" Maybe you've asked them without really trying to learn the answer to either one. I urge you to slow down and ask them with your Bible open and your ears unplugged. He has promised. If you seek me, you will find me if you seek me with all your heart. He has also said. If you love me keep my commandments.

The rest is up to you. Give Jesus your full attention: Humble yourself, seek to know who Jesus is and learn what he wants you to do. In the long run you will be much further ahead in the end.

Blessings, Pastor Ron



Gatherings this week

Tuesday, July 11

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

7:00 p.m.- Men's group in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited. Godly men talking about real issues they face every day and how the Bible says to handle them.

Wednesday, July 12

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

6:00-8:00 p.m.- Youth Group at Bill & Carrie King's house. 3864 Laubert Rd. Atwater, 44201. Kids 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome to join.

Thursday, July 13

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 14

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

Sunday, July 16

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.

6:00 p.m.- Seventh Day Slumber concert at The Chapel in Marlboro. \$10 for ages 19+

For the Record

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

General Fund Giving last Sunday (July 9) was \$3,721.28

General Fund Giving so far for the month of July is \$5,922.28



Church News

Coming in August!

We are starting a new club,

it is called Backyard Bible Club. August 9-11,

6-7:30pm in the Cornerstone Greenspace.

August 11th we have reserved a bounce house, a popcorn machine, a cotton candy machine, a snow cone machine, and a dunk tank! We need help on this special family night to run machines and make it an enjoyable night for everyone. Please see Ian Cunningham, Katie Harsh, or Ron Embleton for more information.



The Fellowship Hall has been painted and it looks wonderful! There is still more painting to do. If you have some free time and are willing to lend a helping hand give us a call and see what needs done.

This Sunday evening The Chapel in Marlboro is hosting a concert featuring Seventh Day Slumber. Tickets are \$10 for anyone over 19, 18 and under is free!

Attention ladies! Monday, July 17th we are meeting at the Kitchen at 6pm for an evening of food and fellowship! Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

Special Guest Speaker!

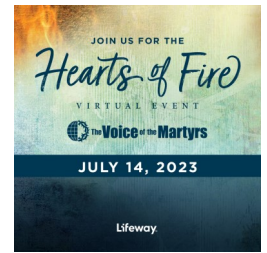
Total Living Center's (TLC) pastor Ben Kariuki will be preaching here this Sunday! There will be a table in the foyer with more information about TLC's ministry. After church those interested are invited to carpool with Pastor Ron and Ben for an outing to the property that has been donated for a church plant in Ravenna.





Church News Cont.

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



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.

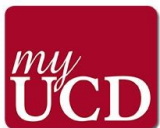
For the whole world to hear!

Dave Yoder

Perspectives Class Coordinator

Ph/text/Whatsapp: 234-300-1219

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.

FISH needs: We are in need of plastic grocery bags for our clients to use while shopping at our food pantry! Please save your bags after grocery shopping and bring them in to the food pantry during our open hours: Mondays 9-11, Tuesdays 9-11, Wednesdays: 10-12, and Thursdays:4-7 1117 Sunnyside St. Hartville





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) talk to one of us, we can help get you on board! 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!

*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



I will be the first to admit, I do not pray as often as I should. I am trying to get better at praying more often and praising God each time I do, sometimes if only to say thank you. I am also trying to teach my kids how to pray with purpose and not just something they memorized. It can be a real challenging. They like to say "God bless ___", which isn't necessarily bad but, as I tried to explain to Zoe this weekend, becomes too routine and we forget why we're even saying it.

Prayer is such an important part of our relationship with God. I think often times we forget just how powerful a prayer can be. Even more so, how powerful praying together can be.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20 ESV

Are you gathering together to pray? Every Tuesday and Thursday morning a small group of people meet here at CCC to pray together. What is stopping you from joining them? They would love to pray with you and for you. There is a prayer box in the foyer that sits empty week after week. Will you be brave enough to admit you need prayer too?

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 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

Kathleen Patterson- 1976 Gulf St. NW, Uniontown 44632

Lynn Schrock- 2995 Raymond St., Uniontown 44685

Ruth Delong- 4900 Massillon Rd Apt. 19, North Canton 44720

Deb Zaluski- 1291 Countryside Cir NE, Hartville 44632

Ian Johnson- 12305 King Church, Uniontown 44685

Andy Petersen- 1979 Andrews St NE, Hartville 44632