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A note from the editor... Living for Jesus Because He Died for You



Julie L. Schultz
New Philadelphia, OH
Publisher/Editor

Last month I wrote about preparing your heart for the Resurrection season. Some people may be reading this after Resurrection Day and that is great! This issue is filled with beautiful stories, devotions and articles that knock on the door to your heart along with so many other features. Remember the contests! Some things area about Resurrection season and some aren't. Many of you are still looking at Easter baskets filled with toys and candy laying around the house and scraggly pieces of plastic green Easter grass that is every bit as annoying as the plastic silver tinsel on Christmas trees that get caught in the sweeper! I remember those years!

As you grab a jelly bean, a piece of chocolate or a marshmallow peep from a nearby basket, let's not lose the significance of the Man on the cross and what He did to offer us eternal life. The best way of keeping Christ in our everyday lives is to study His Word, pray and to witness, right? Not preach, not Bible thump but to live and interact with a kind spirit, gentle heart and helpful nature. Do you know people who exhibit those traits? You look up to those people, don't you? If you have those characteristics, then people will understand your love for Jesus and it will be easier for them to accept what you have to say. God will work through you.

You see, God is always working in the background! Putting this magazine together requires a lot of computer time. Often the computer crashes. Thankfully I have learned over the years to do

different things to help fix it. One of the trouble-shooting methods is to see all the programs that are running in the background and delete ones that I don't need. So, what programs should we delete? Programs that we, instead of God, install. Think about your own life. Programs like dishonesty, arrogance, selfishness, laziness, unreliability and so many more.

How does this fit in with God working in the background? I pray that I planted a seed recently while talking about my faith with someone who could very well have laughed at me. She didn't. Thank you, God! I prayed that the 'soil' of her heart was finally ready to receive. I continue to pray that the soil of her heart never gets hard or rocky or thorny. This is when we pray that God *will* or already *has* prepared the soil because He is working in the background! We also need to pray that we'll have the opportunity to "water" the seed and that other Christians will water the seed as well! It's all a part of Team Jesus! Are you on the team?

¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²And those by the way side are they that have heard; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And those on the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. ¹⁵And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience. Luke 8: 11-15 ASV





Elizabeth Morris
Age 16
Uhrichsville, OH

As a teenager, I refuse to believe prayer is small. I've seen it shake my world. I've felt it shift atmospheres. When I invite the Holy Spirit into my chaos. Anxiety doesn't stand a chance. Fear starts backing up. Hope comes rushing in like a flood. Prayer isn't weak—it's warfare. It's power. It's fire.

So many people treat prayer like a last resort, like something quiet and polite. But when I open my mouth and call on God, it feels electric. It feels alive. Because I'm not talking to empty space—I'm talking to the Creator of the universe. The One who formed mountains with His voice can absolutely move the mountains in my life.

And here's the part that sets my soul on fire: we're not just begging God to move mountains for us. Through Jesus, we have the authority to speak to them. In Mark 11:23 KJV says *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this*

mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. That wasn't written just for pastors or adults who seem super spiritual. That promise is for every believer. That means it's for us.

When Jesus Christ said those words, He meant them. He wasn't exaggerating. He was revealing who we are when we walk in faith. We are not powerless. We are not helpless. We are not victims of whatever stands in front of us. Through Him, we are mountain movers.

As a teen, my mountains are real. Pressure. Insecurity. Fear about the future. Doubt that tries to creep in late at night. Situations that look impossible. But I've learned something: those mountains respond to faith. When I stop whispering timid prayers and start declaring God's promises boldly, things shift. Sometimes the situation changes instantly. Other times, God fills me with supernatural strength to stand taller than what's trying to intimidate



— TEEN TALK —

Faith in God Moves Mighty Mountains

me.

Prayer is not passive. It's a partnership. It's stepping into alignment with heaven and saying, "God, I trust You more than what I see." And when faith rises, doubt has to fall. When truth is spoken, lies have to flee. When the Holy Spirit fills the room, darkness cannot stay.

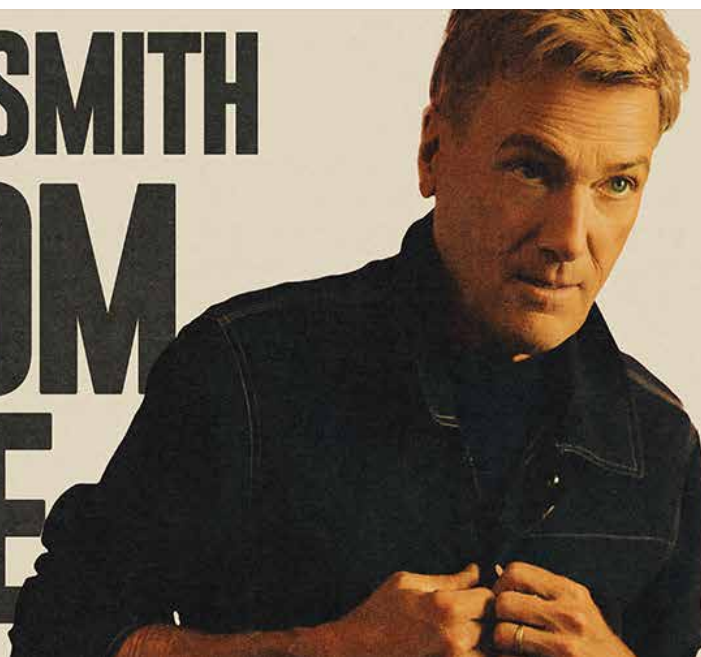
There is nothing boring about living a prayer-filled life. It's bold. It's fearless. It's alive. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of us. Think about that. The power that conquered the grave is at work in teenagers who choose to believe. That means we don't have to shrink back.

We don't have to be silent. We don't have to accept defeat.

So don't just hope things get better. Speak to your mountain. Call out fear. Command doubt to leave. Declare peace over your mind and strength over your heart. Not because you're strong on your own—but because God's power is backing you.

When teenagers pray with real faith, mountains tremble. Atmospheres shift. Lives transform. This isn't small. This isn't ordinary. This is holy fire. And when you know who you are in Christ, nothing—absolutely nothing—can stand in your way.

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Molly Pfeiffer
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As we celebrate Easter, we find a risen Savior. But the reality is, sometimes we put Him back in the Friday's tomb.

Sometimes we treat Him as if He has the power of a dead man, instead of the power of the risen Savior.

Sometimes we treat Him as if He's laying sullen and apathetic to our situation, when in reality, He is seated in the heavenly realms, battling on our behalf!

Sometimes we doubt His ability, much like the disciples did as they were hiding out in an upper room. We doubt His Word. We doubt His testimony. We doubt that His promises really are for us!

But Jesus did rise again, just as He said. We celebrate this conquering of hell, death, and the grave today!

Every word He spoke from the beginning, has reigned true

throughout all of history.

As Christians, this is a day of pure joy and celebration for all eternity!

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Matthew 28:5-10 KJV

The women, going with burial spices, believing they will see the dead body of their friend, are met

instead, with an angel. An angel declaring that the impossible has happened. An angel declaring hope and joy. An angel declaring that they will see a man who was dead, walking again, as Savior of their souls. And these women were afraid...yet filled with joy!

I think this is the dichotomy of many Christians. Afraid because we cannot logically understand it all or grasp the immensity of such love. We can't wrap our finite minds around the meaning of eternity. Yet we are filled with joy, because the One who called us by name, is alive and active!

Afraid, because we've heard the diagnosis. We've heard the earthly reports. Yet we are filled with joy because God is at work, providing strength for today and hope for tomorrow!

Friends, our Savior is not frantically pacing, worrying and fretting about the state of the world.

He isn't concerned about who holds the victory. He is not dead in

a tomb, rendered powerless!

He is at the right hand of Almighty God, going to battle for you and for me!

Love hung Him on the cross. His love for all of humanity, it's what kept Him there.

If His great love for you and for me kept Him on a cross...it's safe to say, that this kind of love knows no limitations and no boundaries...and it will always find a way to penetrate even the darkest situations! Friends, He is not here! He is risen!

Throughout life, we may face a lot of Fridays and Saturdays, where we are tormented with unimaginable loss and heartache. When we sit waiting, not knowing what is going to happen next.

But friends, Sunday came!

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Water is essential to life. It is said that a human can only do without it for three days. Water is mentioned often in the scriptures.

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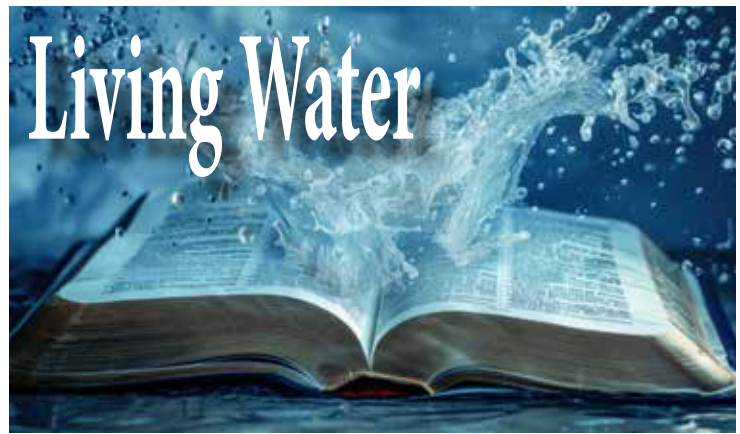
There are also many references to water that do not speak of it as an earthly liquid. They refer instead to an ethereal substance that can only be touched or consumed by faith. This is living water, that is, water that supports the spirit, rather than the body.

In Ezekiel 47 we get an image of water flowing out from under the temple. As it flows, it is measured at various locations. It is ankle deep near the temple, and as it runs downstream, it gets deeper and deeper until it becomes a river that cannot be crossed. Trees grow along its banks, which bear fruit every month. *Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for*

medicine. When this water reaches the sea, *its waters are healed.* Any waters touched by this flow become vital, full of life and health.

Revelation 22 presents this river again. *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb.* This river has in its middle, *the tree of life*, which was first presented to man at the beginning of Genesis, lost to him because of sin, and restored here for eternity. The tree of life alone bears twelve different fruits each month, and *the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*

When water is mentioned in relation to God or His heavenly realm it is generally analogous. God does not need or use water the way we do. Living water is not something that we should expect to drink literally, in this life or the next. When scriptures mention water that is connected to God rather than the earth, God Himself is the water, Jesus is the water, the Spirit within us is the water, communing with us, strengthening us, and meeting the needs of our spirits. And fortunately for us, *the river of God is full of water.* (Ps. 65.9) His river is full! No droughts, no pollution, no



harmful bacteria. And there is joy in the river of God. *There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.* (Ps. 46.4)

Jesus is recorded as saying, *If any man thirsts, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* (Jn. 7.37,38) This is a declaration from Jesus, not a maybe or a could be. If you believe in Him...rivers shall flow. Will you accept that? It's not something you manufacture. It's something you receive.

A caution from Jeremiah 2.13: *My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain*

of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. This doesn't mean that they have broken written laws. The evil is that they have replaced God with vanities, religious and secular. Instead of clinging to the Lord Who is living water, they have pursued alternatives that have no life or lasting value. This is common throughout history, and is an issue today, even among Christians. Jesus is and will ever be living water. Everything else is tap water at best. Korah the psalmist said: *All my fountains are in You.* (Ps. 87.7) Hopefully we can say that as well. Scriptures KJV



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The Game that Helped Heal My Grief, but Didn't Save My Soul



Jackie Freeman
Onsted, MI

April is National Pickleball Month, and courts across the country will be filled with the cheerful sounds of paddles striking plastic balls and players calling out the score. For many people, pickleball is simply a fun sport. For me, it became something more. During one of the hardest seasons of my life, pickleball became a lifeline, but Jesus remained my Savior.

When my husband Roy was diagnosed with glioblastoma brain cancer, our lives changed overnight. The future we had imagined together slowly slipped away as hospital visits, treatments, and difficult decisions filled our days.

After Roy passed away, I entered a season I had never known before – widowhood. Grief has a way of making the world feel very empty

and quiet. Every day routines change, and the emptiness felt overwhelming.

In those early days, I knew I needed something that would gently draw me back into life again. Something that would help me move forward, even if it was only one small step at a time.

That's when pickleball entered my story.

I didn't go looking for the sport. In many ways, it found me. Friends invited me to come play, and although I knew very little about the game, I decided to give it a try. What I discovered surprised me.

The court was filled with laughter, encouragement, and players of all ages simply enjoying the game together. Pickleball gave me a reason to move again, physically, emotionally, and socially.

I remember standing on the court one afternoon, paddle in hand, listening to the laughter of the players around me. For a brief moment, the

heaviness of grief lifted. The gentle tap of the ball moving back and forth across the net felt like a small reminder that life was still moving forward.

Little by little, the game became part of my healing.

But as much as pickleball helped me regain my footing, I knew something important: a sport can support us, but it cannot save us. Pickleball can brighten an afternoon, help you discover joy again, but it can never fill the deepest need or answer the questions our hearts carry. Only Jesus could do that.

Psalm 34:18 KJV reminds us, *The Lord is nigh to them that are a brokenhearted and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.* During my journey through loss, Christ remained my constant companion. Today, I often say that pickleball was my lifeline during a difficult season, but Jesus has always been my Savior.

What began as a simple

invitation to play eventually grew into something more. Through writing and speaking, I now share lessons learned both on and off the court. Pickleball has become a bridge for connection, encouragement, and conversations about faith.

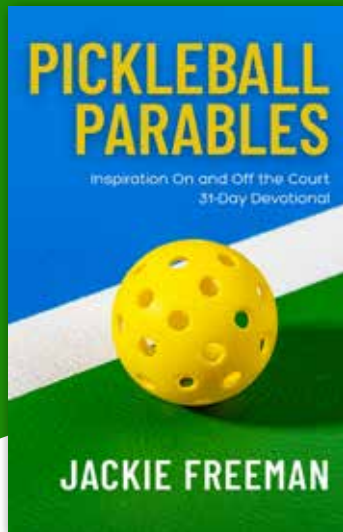
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A CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

The Way of the Wildflower

by Ruth Chou Simons



Book Review by
Marcia Bryan
Uhrichsville, OH

My love of wildflowers stems from one of my early childhood memories. The last clear memory I have of my Grandma Malster was when we took a car ride out to the country and stopped to pick some pretty wildflowers we saw growing in a field. I remember holding them in my little hands and smelling them as we talked about their colors. Only a few weeks later, she and my great-grandmother and great-aunt would be killed in a car accident. I have clung to this sweet memory of her my entire life and I cannot see a field of wildflowers without remembering how very special that moment in time was. You can probably understand now why I was drawn to this beautiful new book by Ruth Chou Simons!

Before opening its pages, you need to prepare yourself for a wonderful journey through fields

and valleys and mountaintops that features the author's delicate hand-painted, colorful wildflowers as she encourages her readers to "Consider the wildflowers ..." like Jesus did in Luke 12:27, 28. Ms. Simons divides her book into five sections as she walks us through thirty meditations about unburdening our anxious hearts. These devotions helped calm my heart as I paused to read each one while the author reminded me of how very much my heavenly Father loves and cares for me, just as He does the wildflowers.

The title of each meditation begins with "When You ..." and then goes on to name various experiences that we often encounter that might cause anxiety. A few titles are: *When You Need Someone to Care*; *When the Brokenness of This World Feels Heavy*; *When You're Overwhelmed*; and *When You're Not Sure Who You Are*. I know that many of these "whens" spoke to my heart and the author offered encouragement again and again, reminding her readers to embrace God as their Creator, their Savior, and their Provider rather than trying to navigate through life using their own strength.

Each meditation includes Bible verses, reflections on specific topics, Biblical truths, prayers, and facts about wildflowers and what we can learn from them. A specific wildflower is showcased with each devotion and that was one of my favorite things about the book. Meditation 2 is titled *When You're Afraid of the Future*. The thought shared at the beginning is "The antidote to fear isn't more confidence in myself; it's assurance in a God who holds my future safely



in His hands." (Simons, pg. 23) The author gives examples of burdens we might fear such as growing older, becoming an empty nester, or concerns over our children, and then she brings us back to that opening thought shared on page 23. Finally, Ms. Simons highlights the snowdrop.

"Snowdrops - white, bell-shaped flowers - are symbols of hope and harbingers of spring as they literally pop up through the snow or ice. How do these little flowers survive this cold? Built-in protection given to them by their Creator. Snowdrops have literal antifreeze proteins designed to protect them in extremely cold temperatures. When you feel fear creeping in, let the snowdrop remind you: Do not fear. Your Creator will provide for your strength and protection, too." (Simons, pg. 27) Doesn't this little snippet from the book make you want to read more? Then what are you waiting for?

Ruth Chou Simons is a *Wall Street Journal* bestselling and award-winning author of several books and Bible studies. She is an artist, podcaster, and the founder and CEO of *GraceLaced*, an art and lifestyle brand. Ruth and her husband, Troy, live in Western Colorado and are the parents of six boys.

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The first really big answer to prayer in my life, happened when I was about ten years old. Our church had a revival featuring a

big family whose children sang and played the special music, and one of the daughters played the violin. I was already taking piano lessons for the past four years, and thought the violin sounded beautiful and would be easy to learn (more about this in next month's article). I kept on my parents about wanting a violin so much that my mom talked to my piano teacher about it. My teacher agreed that while she herself didn't play the violin, that I had enough musical ability now to take on another instrument. There were just two problems. First, their music shop didn't carry violins. And second, even if they had, she warned mom that violins are really, REALLY expensive. We were a family of eight, six children. We were very well provided for and had so much, but a

violin was definitely not something in the family budget. My parents and great grandma watched newspaper ads for a used violin, and my dad even called different music stores in other counties trying to find a used or at least cheap option. Nothing came available.

My parents told me I should pray about it. Pray about it?! I honestly wondered if God would even care about a homely little ten year old girl who wanted a violin, when there were a lot of worse things happening in the world at the time. But I had recently read the verse in my Bible from Matthew 7:7, KJV that said, *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.* That seemed to be affirmation that my parents were on to something, but it wasn't going to happen on their end, I had to be the one asking God and just believing that somehow, He was going to provide a violin for me to play for Him. So, every night at our big house in Stone Creek, dad would pray outside the hall of all our bedrooms before we went to

The Prayed-for Violin

bed. And I would silently add my own prayer each night, "Lord, please somehow, would you give me a violin so I can learn?"

These prayers went up and up for quite a few months, and then one day, several of us kids were in the kitchen with mom, maybe finishing up lunch, and the phone rang. Mom answered and it was my dad's father. This grandfather worked for the dump, and he wanted to know if "the one who takes piano lessons (he always had trouble keeping us kids straight) would want a violin he had just found in the dump". He said it looked like it was still in pretty good shape and even had a case, but it would probably need work. If I wanted it, it was FREE. Of course my mom said YES, I would be very interested! I think I danced around the kitchen for joy and immediately called my great grandma to tell her the news!!

My grandfather brought the violin over the next day. It was missing a bridge and strings, and there was a slight crack on the underside. But it was a lovely honey color and had a case and it was FREE and it was MINE! All I could see... or maybe rather, hear in my mind... was the potential that was there once we had it repaired. Which we did, at not much cost at all locally. Once it had strings and was polished, it really was beautiful. It took a long time for me to realize that it was really mine! But I never forgot the amazing way that God had provided it for me, in the most unusual way possible, perhaps!! Years later, that violin finally gave up the ghost. And a dear lady in our church gave me another violin that I now treasure.

But I think about that incident in my life often, and how we have an AMAZING GOD who answers prayers in HIS timing and way!

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Who is Plato and Why Should I Care?



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Plato was born in the 420s BC, long before the birth of our Savior and contemporaneous with the last prophets of the Old Testament. He lived in Athens, Greece, far from Israel, yet the great philosopher influenced the Jews and had even more influence on the early Christian Church. We are still seeing his influence in our western culture today.

Plato was a student of Socrates, and it is not entirely clear how much of his thoughts came from himself and how much came from Socrates. In any case there is no doubt that Plato was a brilliant philosopher. He rejected the Greek gods and he carved out his own worldview.

He grounded his philosophy on the observation of universals and particulars. For instance, we observe that Socrates was a particular man, but he exhibits the universal concept of "Man." If we can recognize universal concepts like "Man" or "Triangle" in particular examples of men and triangles, then these universals must exist in some sort of reality.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:8 KJV

From this simple observation he deduced that there exists a sort of unconscious, non-physical, perfect, and timeless god; humans made up of a non-physical soul and a physical body; a timeless perfect reality where the forms (universals) exist and a less than perfect eternal physical world in a constant state of change; souls that pre-exist birth and survive the death of our physical bodies, and a dedication to living the life of reason contemplating the spiritual and escaping the physical world, freeing ourselves from fleshly desires and emotions. While these beliefs are not quite Biblical, it is remarkable that Plato came as close as he did to Jewish or Christian monotheism.

By the time of the early church, Plato's philosophy had evolved into something closer to a secular religion (Neo-Platonism). It was very popular and respected among intellectuals of the day. Many of the early church fathers were very receptive to Platonic ideas about

the nature of reality, and these ideas influenced their theology. In addition, in an attempt to reduce the regular persecution of the church, the church fathers argued that the Christian faith was not so different from Plato's philosophy.

This incorporation of Platonic ideas into Christian theology explains some of the oddities of the early church period. For instance, have you ever wondered why Saint Anthony (251-356) and other desert dwelling monks were considered the holiest men of their era? They did not pastor churches, they did not evangelize, or become Bishops (contrast with I Peter 5:1-3). They lived alone in the desert attempting to escape the temptations of the flesh and contemplating the divine. This is at least in part a result of the Platonic exhortation to ignore the physical world with its emotions and pleasures and focus on the perfect world of the forms (universals).

This incorporation of Platonic ideas also made it very difficult to reconcile the Neo-Platonic timeless, unchanging, aloof and static God with the passionate, active God of the Old and New Testament Scriptures. This is why great preachers of the early church such as Origen and John Chrysostom favored an allegorical interpretation of Scripture.

So why do we care? First, we need to understand what secular concepts have distorted our theology. Second, we need to resist the temptation to repeat the same mistake. All truth is God's truth, no matter where it comes from. However, we need to be careful not to blindly incorporate the intellectual fads of our present culture into our theology. I am not saying that we should ignore the wisdom of the present day, but we need to carefully sift through it to arrive at the truth.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8 KJV

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17 KJV

Denise arrived at the bus stop just in time. Her packages rustled as she walked down the aisle, hoping to find a seat. It appeared there weren't any, until she found an aisle seat at the back of the bus.

She sat quietly, looking across the aisle. A woman was reading the paper. She could see an article on the front page. It said something about a religious service being held at a church just a few blocks from her home. She couldn't see the details.

When the bus stopped to let a few folks off, the lady got off and left the paper on the seat. Denise reached over and picked it up. She leafed through until she found the article. It said, "Passion Play to be held at seven o'clock at Dunker's Church of Christ on April third. Everyone is welcome."

"I guess that includes me," she thought.

Denise hadn't attended church since she was a small child. Her grandmother had taken her on Sundays. She thought for a moment and then looked at her pocket calendar. She didn't have anything listed for that Friday night, so she wrote, 'Passion Play' at 7pm on her calendar.

During Denise's busy work week, she had forgotten the play and would have missed it if she hadn't picked up a paper on her way home from work. As she glanced through the pages, she saw the article again, "Passion Play at seven o'clock at Dunker's Church of Christ." She looked at her watch; it was now six o'clock.

She didn't know why she felt such an urge to attend, but she hurried home, changed her clothes, grabbed her purse and walked down

the street. The church was only a few blocks away. She arrived with ten minutes to spare.

When she entered the church, she felt at peace. She scanned the rows, looking for a seat. A woman motioned to her. She walked forward, and when she got to the open seat, she realized that the woman was the lady from the bus.

Denise thanked the woman. It felt strange. This woman didn't even know her, she thought. She didn't realize that the Holy Spirit was drawing her.

Soon the play started and Denise was captivated. Her body tingled. As the actor, who played Jesus, walked down the aisle carrying the cross, she began to weep. Tears streamed down her cheeks and the woman beside her reached for her hand. Denise felt comforted.

As the play was ending, a teenage girl, standing at the altar, asked, "Would you like to give Jesus your life? Would you like to ask Him into your heart?"

Denise hung her head. Her life had been lived far from Jesus. Her grandmother's kind, face flashed before her. She knew that her grandmother loved Jesus and that is why she had taken her to church on Sundays.

The woman whom she had met on the bus reached over and said, "I will walk to the altar with you."

With tears still streaming down her cheeks, hand in hand, Denise and the woman bowed at the altar. At that moment, Denise felt a love that she had never felt before. She lay her head on the wooden altar and prayed, "Jesus, please forgive my sins. I have been so far from You. Come into my heart and help me to know You."

At that moment, Denise understood the love of God. He had used her grandmother to plant a seed and then the stranger on the bus with the news article. At that moment, she realized that the love of God was for everyone.

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Jesus the Christ, the Risen Son



Angie Chapman
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Thank You for Your Crimson tree,
That became a Cross for my victory!
Jesus, my Lord, You died in my place,
For me to receive Your forgiving grace!

The agony bore upon your perfect flesh,
Was for me so I'd have a sweet soul refresh!
The penalty for my crime, I could not pay,
It had to come from a perfect Lamb from God's way.

Upon Christ's back were many stripes,
Put there by cruel, hateful stripes!
You took it all without a sound,
To carry my sin upon that mound.

Your love stood above more than I could see,
My Lord, You gave Your all for me.
To remain in suffering for so long,
To assure Your blood would sing Redemption's song!

The details of the events that day,
Were heinous what each would say.
God come in flesh to save our souls,
Pushed back the veils of fiery coals.

To stand accused of healing love,
While doing the will of Your Father above.
Remove from me Lord, the banks of debris,
Wash me to Your crystal sea.

Let Your Living water flow,
As it washes white as snow.
Train me up to be Your vessel,
To be hands and feet as I nestle.

To be a part of Your Kingdom family,
Is the best in life one can be!
To praise and serve Emmanuel,
Makes my eyes with tears that swell.

The Keeper of my soul is fierce,
He allowed a sword in His side to pierce.
To free my soul from an agony,
To give life abundantly.

Again, upon the mount of Olives He will step,
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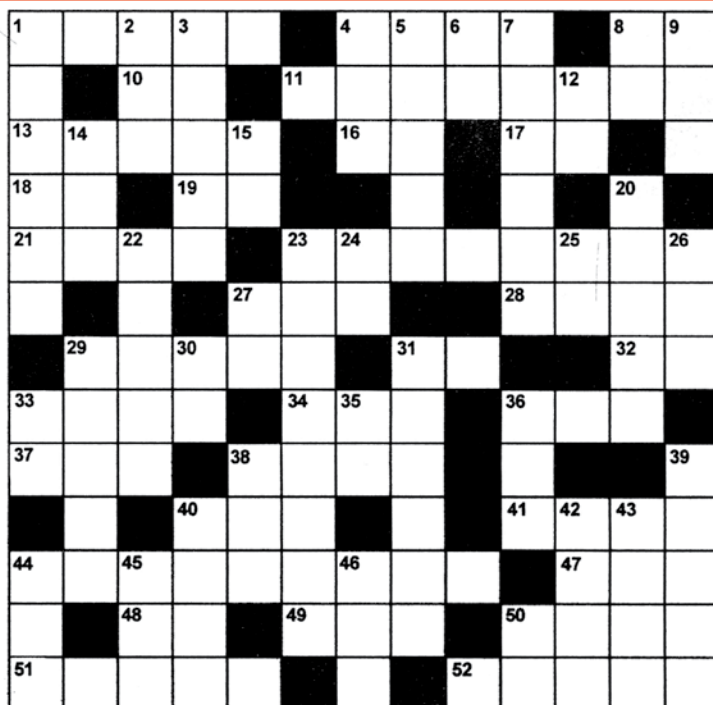
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1. He laid each _____ one against another. (Gen. 15:10)
4. _____ for the multitude of Egypt. (Ezek. 32:18)
8. _____ are of God. (1 John 4:6)
10. Bachelor of Arts (abbr.).
11. And the Jews' _____ was at hand. (John 2:13)
13. _____, when camest thou hither? (John 6:25)
16. Right (abbr.).
17. They fled before the men of _____. (Josh. 7:4)
18. Neither _____ there salvation in any other. (Acts 4:12)
19. Left Tackle (abbr.).
21. Bring him _____ unto Felix. (Acts 23:24)
23. The number of the army of the _____ were. (Rev. 9:16)
27. The hour cometh, and _____ is. (John 4:23)
28. Jesus began to be _____ amazed and heavy. (Mark 14:33)
29. _____ in their hands. (Rev. 7:9)
31. Why _____ ye that which is not lawful to do? (Luke 6:2)
32. 400 in Roman numerals.
33. The swallow hath found...a _____ for herself. (Ps. 84:3)
34. Why make ye this _____, and weep? (Mark 5:39)
36. _____ doth he yet find fault? (Rom. 9:19)
37. Let it be _____ with the dew of heaven. (Dan. 4:15)
38. Unknown author (abbr.).

40. Let us _____ with patience the race before us. (Heb. 12:1)
41. To satisfy hunger or thirst.
44. He went before, ascending up to _____. (Luke 19:28)
47. Enemies and my _____ came upon me. (Ps. 27:2)
48. 2 in Roman numerals.
49. I have many things to _____ to judge of you. (John 8:26)
50. They went their ways, one to his _____. (Matt. 22:5)
51. There shall not be left one _____ upon another. (Matt. 24:2)
52. His enemy...sowed _____ among the wheat. (Matt. 13:25)

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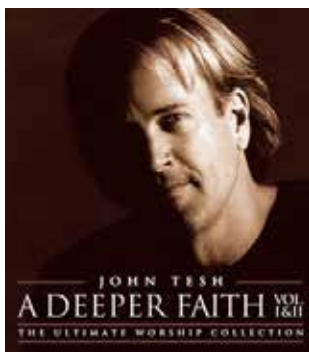
1. Lord, save us, we _____. (Matt. 8:25)
2. A type of tide.
3. Many different wires make up a _____.
4. The beast...shall make _____ against them. (Rev. 11:7)
5. Fall-blooming flower.
6. There _____ not one of them left. (2 Sam. 13:30)
7. A lad here which hath five barley _____. (John 6:9)
8. Why could not _____ cast him out? (Mark 9:28)
9. Unit of work.
12. 6 in Roman numerals.
14. _____ did what was right. (1 Kgs. 15:11)
15. Hold _____!
20. Goodness and _____. (Ps. 23:6)
22. On our solemn _____ day. (Ps. 81:3)
23. What the people yelled to the son of David. (Matt. 21:9)



24. Expression of pain.
25. Missouri (abbr.).
26. Nickname for Edward.
27. New Mexico (abbr.).
29. Pet _____.
30. Left Tackle (abbr.).
31. Animal that is called an ass in the Bible.
33. Compass direction.
35. Learn to _____ well. (Isa. 1:17)
36. There _____ a great earthquake. (Matt. 28:2)
38. Australia (abbr.).
39. Any among you _____ (singular verb form) to be religious. (Jam. 1:26)
40. They were the _____ of him. (2 Chron. 28:23)
42. Having seen the promises _____ off. (Heb. 11:13)
43. He _____ his hair out.
44. Jesse (abbr.).
45. City in Brazil.
46. Lay not thine hand upon the _____. (Gen. 22:12)
50. Name of a musical note.

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“At the end of a show, we’d have 100 people at the foot of the stage saying, ‘Can you tell me again what Mark 11:23 is?’”

set that returns a beloved catalog of worship music to listeners old and new. Available now, the collection marks the first-ever digital release of *A Deeper Faith I* (2002), paired with its 2003 sequel. The albums blend Tesh’s signature piano arrangements with heartfelt scripture narrations and soaring performances from Grammy-nominated vocalists Natalie Grant and Nicole C. Mullen. Together, they form what Tesh calls “a moving journey of reflection, encouragement, and spiritual renewal.” But for Tesh, this re-release is a return to a foundational part of his own faith story.

And though his career took him around the world—from network television to concert stages—the pull of worship never faded. When we spoke with John in the fall he was already teasing the return of *A Deeper Faith*. Tesh lit up with the enthusiasm when I brought it up. “It actually got out of print somehow. We’re going to bring it back... it’s called *A Deeper Faith*, and it’s all those old songs.”

Those songs, beloved in churches in the early 2000s, include favorites like:

- “You’re Worthy of My Praise” (feat. Nicole C. Mullen)
- “I Am Not Alone” (feat. Natalie Grant)
- “The Heart of Worship”
- “God Is My Rock”

Tesh’s hope is that this music

he shares. “It was an understanding that if I tell my story, then I’m going to be able to open doors...” Tesh has also been encouraged by the unexpected rise of worship in mainstream spaces.

“I watched the Today Show... and Elevation Worship was on doing worship songs... all of these worship songs are climbing the secular charts.” For a man who has spent his life crossing genres, mediums, and audiences, this renewed cultural openness feels both affirming and timely.

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powers of the green pastures and still waters. The resulting meditations provide a combination of candid personal experience of what it means to battle cancer and some of the spiritual resources available through this time-honored Psalm. Thirteen 8-minute segments.

Reflections on The Lord's Prayer for People with Cancer

Join Ken on this journey into the world of The Lord's Prayer from original locations important in the life of Jesus. The Lord's Prayer is not just a way of praying. It's a way of “seeing.” When the prayer is grasped and uttered from the heart, it can -- and will -- change us. We realize how we are not alone, no matter how difficult or seemingly hopeless our situation. Even in our pain, there can come a joy and a feeling of rightness about our world. Ten 8-minute segments.

Reflections on The Beatitudes for People with Cancer

For this episode, Ken visits fascinating sites in Israel, among them the location traditionally said to be where Jesus gave the Beatitudes. This brief collection of sayings about blessedness or happiness provided the opening to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Ken explores the richness and depth of the Beatitudes to challenge us to find blessedness out of our brokenness, a most difficult task for those who are confronted with cancer or any life trauma. Along the way he shares his own journey in dealing with advanced cancer, including the process of sorting through various treatment options which often went beyond the traditional methods recommended by doctors. Ten 8-minute segments.

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This series of meditations on The Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, and the Beatitudes with Dr. Ken Curtis, founder and former president of Vision Video and Christian History Institute, is based on a holistic approach to coping with cancer. When he was diagnosed with advanced cancer and given little hope for survival, he pursued a combination of traditional and alternative medicine, undergirded by a strong spiritual dimension and prayer support team. While made particularly for people facing the crisis of cancer, the reflections are relevant for any health crisis, or for anyone wanting to apply these Scripture passages to their lives. These programs are co-productions of Vision Video and EO-TV Holland, UCB-TV England and Nazareth Village. Each DVD includes optional English subtitles, a companion guide in PDF, and bonus material related to the passage of Scripture.

Reflections on Psalm 23 for People with Cancer

For this video Ken Curtis went to Israel, home of David and the Psalm, to be with the shepherds, travel “through the valley of the shadow of death,” and explore and enjoy the healing

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For many weeks Iran has been in the news. We have seen multitudes of protestors in the streets wanting freedom from a tyrannical regime. And now, war has erupted.

Perhaps we don't know enough of what the Iranians have suffered. Prior to the war, according to the February Iran Alive Newsletter 40,000 innocent civilians were killed in three weeks. We have heard from various news sources that the number was higher than 40,000.

Besides the violence in the streets, their economy has suffered: average salaries have not been sufficient to cover housing costs and daily necessities such as food. At the present with the war going on, life must have become even harder. Our country has been careful not to hit civilian targets. However, war does

cause severe consequences.

On a joyful note, the Iranian church still provides hope. In spite of persecution, house churches in Iran are the fastest growing in the world. I would like to share this inspiring story of Behnam.

This is his account of a dangerous night.

"Last night my brother and I went out into the streets to protest the current situation and to stand for freedom. Suddenly, the situation became terrifying. My brother was shot in the hand."

"Bleeding and panicked, they ran through narrow alleys, desperate to survive—until they saw an apartment door standing open. They rushed inside. What happened next changed Behnam's life forever."

Once inside they were helped by a family. Unbeknown to Behnam and his brother the family helping them were Christian. The family took great risks to help them. They were kind-so

kind that they called the young men's family to inform them that their sons were safe.

Being with this Christian family gave Behnam a new perception of Christianity. Before the internet was shut down, Behnam began a search for true faith. He eventually found Iran Alive digital outreach. He was able to connect with a counselor and share his story.

Iranians have put their lives on the line to seek freedom. They have been killed, imprisoned and even tortured. Iran Alive encourages us to stand with our brothers and sisters. They need our prayer support.

At this present time we see pictures of Iran and hear daily briefings. We don't know the ending yet but these brave people need our prayers. We hope that they can be a free people. Please make it a prayer priority to remember them.

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Back To Jerusalem, a ministry to persecuted countries reports the following:

"We are getting messages from inside Iran on a daily basis from fellow believers revealing the suffering on the ground. Iranians can no longer afford basic necessities for daily survival. Iranian Christians are desperately asking for help as the war against the current regime rages. Massive price increases and a plummet in the value of the Iranian currency has pushed many families to the brink of hunger and cast a heavy shadow over daily life."

Nagmeh Panahi, an Iranian American author, wrote, "Things are so bad in Iran under the current regime that many of them would rather see war than continue life under the leadership

of radical Islam, but that still does not make it easy."

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Why do we wave?

We wave to people, not just because we know them, we wave to say "Hi". We wave because we are happy to see others, and because: *This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Psalm 118:24 KJV. *And, Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* Hebrews 13:2 KJV

A simple wave is a great way to express love and kindness to those around you. It creates an atmosphere of joy and encouragement where everyone feels valued. In doing so, we show Christ's love for us.

We want to encourage you to wave to others. Wave, not because you have no worries about health, money or sadness, but because there is a Lord and Savior looking after you. Remember that a wave might encourage someone going through a tough time.

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12 KJV

When we wave to one another, we mirror the love and warmth that God extends to us. A simple wave can make someone's day brighter; it can connect us as members of the body of Christ. It is a way for us to not only connect with those around us, but to emulate God's kindness.

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Restless. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word as lacking or denying rest, uneasy. To be troubled, unsettled, anxious. Those words could be used to describe many of us who are chasing dream jobs, bigger houses, more prestige, and greater honor. The more we chase the next big thing, the more restless we feel. The new car gets banged up and dirty. The awards won at school or work gather dust, the words of praise fade away. Bigger, better, more. We may even call ourselves spiritual and try to adhere to a self-described religion of the Golden Rule. We try to do the right thing and try to be a good person, but something is missing. It's never enough. And if we peer over the fence drawing the lines of our own little world, we are confronted by more unrest and emptiness in everything from politics to chat groups.

All We Need is Love

The answer to our restlessness? In the divisive and turbulent decade of the 1960's, the Beatles produced a song called "All You Need is Love." It was released in 1967 during the so-called "Summer of Love." It was an anti-war anthem urging us to love rather than fight. The song was a hit, but it didn't prompt much change. The following year produced more assassinations, violence, and unrest.



But there is another kind of love that can give us the peace we seek. The message is not delivered in a rock

song, the words come from scripture. In 1 John Chapter

4: 7-11, the evangelist delivers a message of love echoing the words of Jesus Christ, a message that can settle our uneasy, anxious, and restless hearts and lead us to eternal life. John writes, *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

We are called to love one another with a love that flows from God. It is a strong and mighty love, one strong enough to prompt great sacrifice, as John continues, *Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

And what is love? Love is commonly defined as willing the good of the other. It's not a feeling or an emotion. Love is action, the giving of oneself. Jesus taught us how to act, how to love. Jesus healed. He welcomed sinners. He served others. He forgave the very people who killed him. He turned injury into compassion. Our own religion of the Golden Rule might motivate us to perform random acts of kindness and to help one another because we feel obligated to do the right thing. But Jesus acted out of love and compassion, not merely obligation. Random acts of kindness are transformed into habitual acts of love. By following Jesus' example, loving one another, sharing His love for us with others, then we find peace and rest that turns upside down our preoccupations with material things. It is preoccupation with the self that gives rise to restlessness, anxiety, and worry. To occupy ourselves with love is to find rest in God, to devote our attention and time not to money, power, prestige, and all the other stuff we chase after day after day after day, but to give ourselves to the other. It's like John Lennon wrote in the Beatles song, all we need is love. Love is all we need.

A Birthday Blessing for April Nature's Beauty

Nature shows God's glory all around the earth,
And we sense His wonder in a baby's birth;
When our spirits speak to us of wrong and right,
There we see a glimmer of His holy light.

Whether in a city or a forest glade,
God speaks to us through things He's made;
From the spirit in us to things around,
Evidence of God will there be found.

God is the One who is Creator,
Of all the beauty He is Designer;
From the image that is in His mind,
You are a creature He designed.

From before the time that you were born,
It's His own image you have worn;
So, at this point along life's day,
May you have a wonderful, blessed birthday!

*Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;
And in thy book they were all written,
Even the days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was none of them.*

PSALM 139:16 ASV



Wesley Vaughn
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1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.
To write the same things to you, to me indeed
is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the
concision.

3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God
in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no
confidence in the flesh.

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh.
If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he
might trust in the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews;
as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the
righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for
Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the
excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for
whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count
them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness,
which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of
Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,
and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable
unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the
dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already
perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for
which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this
one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and
reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of
God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and
if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even
this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk
by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them
which walk so as ye have us for an example.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now
tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of
Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and
whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we
look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned
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Ready to Go Home



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A fictional story

Leah wished they could have left earlier before the holiday rush, but there was no hurrying her grandma, who took forever to

pack a small suitcase. Silver-haired, frail Opal had two speeds: slow and stop. Just like the current line of traffic on the interstate.

Opal shifted in her seat. "Oh, dear. I hope it's not an accident."

Leah had spotted the sign a mile back. "It's just road construction, Grandma."

"On Good Friday? They should be at home with their families."

"I agree."

Leah had hoped the same for the two of them, to be at her aunt Silva's place by now, awaiting Easter Sunday's ham, and days later, the drive back to college to get on with her life. Time always came to a screeching halt when she returned home every spring break.

The line of cars inched forward only to stop again, leaving Leah's car perched on a hill and her patience on edge.

"What a beautiful cross over there in the field." Opal adjusted her glasses. "Oh, there are three crosses. I see them now."

"I think that's a cemetery, Grandma." Leah sipped her iced coffee.

Opal gazed out the window. "Can you imagine what it will be like when some of those tombstones topple over, and people rise from the dead?"

Leah started coughing.

"Are you okay, dear?"

She returned her cup to the holder. "Yeah. I just wasn't expecting that."

"You should. You should expect that day to come." Opal turned back to stare at the field of stones. "Can you just imagine how the earth shook when Jesus died on the cross? Some of the tombs even broke open, and holy people were

raised to life."

"I didn't know that happened."

"We know from the Scriptures that it did." She folded her hands in her lap. "Jesus warns us about the earth shaking in the end times. Wars. Famines. He warns us about all sorts of things so we aren't caught off guard, like that sign up ahead. See it, dear? That exit ramp is closed."

Leah leaned over to see beyond the car ahead. "I'm glad that's not our exit."

Opal's green eyes reflected the sunlight hitting the dashboard. "Our exit will be such a grand one, dear. Jesus made sure of that. Angels to carry each of us home, like Lazarus. You know that story, the rich man and the beggar named Lazarus. I've told you that one before." She patted Leah's arm. "Or we're going to be lifted up as a group, those who've died in Christ get to go first, and then those of us who are alive in Him, well, we'll be caught up with them. We all get to

meet Jesus in the air. Oh goodness, my skin trembles at the thought. It's like my spirit is pushing against my flesh, longing for that day, believing it's close."

"Grandma, people have been saying that for so long, and it hasn't happened yet."

"In the twinkling of an eye, sweet child, it will happen. We could be sitting here, watching out the window as some of those graves over there split wide open, and then it's our turn."

Suddenly, the car shook and rocked as a semi hauling an excavator thundered past them, heading in the opposite direction. Leah jumped.

Opal patted her arm again. "You don't need to be afraid, dear. Just make sure you're ready to go home. No bags to pack. Just a heart surrendered to Jesus."

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose... (Matthew 27:52 KJV)

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The whole city was in turmoil, all because of the man called Jesus.

My priestly division was on duty for the Passover. By lot, I was chosen to burn incense at the Temple that day while my friend Levi would trim the lamps. I was glad to come into the sanctuary of the Holy Place, away from the unrest outside. For weeks I had heard the rumors: miracles performed, prophecies fulfilled. Was it possible? Could this man be the Christ? But it was unthinkable, not after the night trials and, in the morning, the people shouting for crucifixion. I watched as the frenzied crowd followed the bloody, beaten man to Golgotha. Surely if this man was the Messiah, no one could have placed him on a cross. The Almighty would intervene, would He not? Surely God would not allow His Holy One to suffer so.

My spirit was sorely troubled, but I concentrated on my duties at

the golden altar while Levi filled the lamps. I breathed in the smoke of the sacred incense, taking solace from the familiar ritual as the prayers of our people rose to the heavens. The sweet scent masked the stench of blood and fear from the slaughter area in the courtyard. Inside the Holy Place, the distressing bleats of the Passover lambs and the chants of the Hallel were muffled.

The ninth hour grew near, when the second daily sacrificial lamb would be offered on the bronze altar outside. Inside the Holy Place I focused my eyes on the golden walls with their intricate carvings reflected in the glowing light of the Menorah. I turned to the veil guarding the entrance to the Holy of Holies. The majestic curtain soared above me, forty cubits high, woven of fine linen in blue, purple, and scarlet, and embroidered with cherubim. The fabric, as thick as a man's hand, was said to be so heavy that it required a hundred priests to move it. Magnificent!

Suddenly, a thunderous ripping sound rent the air and, before my

eyes, the massive veil tore in two from top to bottom. A moment of eerie silence followed. My heart pounded in my ears and my body trembled. When the earth began to shake, I barely took notice. Some priests came to check on us and they found us on our knees, gasping and weeping. We had witnessed the invisible hand of God. Nothing else could explain what we saw.

This all happened yesterday. Some of the Sanhedrin have already begun to explain away the momentous events that happened when Jesus breathed His final breath. They have even asked Pilate to secure the tomb, because Jesus indicated He would rise again after three days.

I still have fits of trembling whenever I allow my mind to ponder the moment the veil was torn. Let the others try to explain it away. I know what I saw and I will never forget.

But what does it all mean? What now? The Almighty God has removed the barrier to the Holy of Holies. I saw it myself. I can only



pray that He will reveal His plan to me in the days to come. I am ready to listen and obey.

The priest in this fictional narrative did not yet recognize Jesus as the sinless High Priest and Mediator between God and man. We know from the book of Hebrews that Jesus' atoning death on the cross made the old sacrificial system obsolete. The veil was torn, the barriers removed! All believers now have direct access to the presence of God through the blood of Jesus. See Hebrews 10:19-22.



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All Creatures Great and Small



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Exodus 3:1 - 4:17 KJV

All Creatures Great and Small was just coming to the "tellie" when I arrived in England in the seventies. It never occurred to me that I would experience a situation between an animal and a person here in Ohio, especially one in need of aid and comfort.

It happened at church and it went this way we were closing our Sunday service when a member came to me and told me that a dog had slipped into the narthex and seemed to be chewing on a stick. It was Peyton. She was our Pastor's family's blind dog. Knowing who's dog it was and that she loved to play with sticks, I was not surprised so I did not give it a second thought. I figured she would give the stick to me when the lights started to go out. Not this time.

In about twenty minutes, Peyton along with the Pastor's wife, Sharla, appeared. Peyton still had her choice stick tightly clamped in her teeth. When we looked closer, however, we realized the stick was lodged crossways in her mouth and she was not about to let any mere mortal extract it.

Her teeth were tightly clamped shut. It was then that Peyton whined, letting out a moan and

groan at the same time. She stiff-armed Sharla's attempt to open her mouth. Sharla knelt down and looked directly into Peyton's sightless eyes. She said to Peyton, "We can't help you if you don't open your mouth. We have to pray to God to open your mouth so we can remove the stick quickly." Then, Sharla prayed. So did I. At the end of the prayer, Peyton let out a whimper and opened her mouth. Sharla quickly took her finger and snatched out the stick. The small twig dropped to the carpet. And with a swipe of her tail, she went over to the Pastor (Daddy) for a treat, as usual!

So, why do I tell you this story about Peyton? Think about how we Christians frequently respond to God when He calls us to do a difficult task, like when He called Moses to go to Egypt to free the Israelites. Moses tried every excuse he could think of to talk God out of this duty. We'll call those excuses "sticks." We all have a lot of "sticks" that we put into our minds and hearts that prevent us from doing God's will...anger, bitterness, reluctance, fear, false piety, etc....all "sticks" that need to be removed from our hearts. But, if we keep ourselves closed tight and try to hide them from God, like Peyton kept her mouth closed tight, they will begin to fester, hurt and lead us away from the will of God. The solution?



Open our hearts. Let the light shine on our sin, our "sticks," so that God can remove them. Peyton opened her mouth so the stick that was hurting her could be removed.

So let me ask you this question.....what "sticks" are you holding on to in your heart? Can you open your heart and let God take them out?

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Food From the Heart

A Resting Place



Sarah Heaston
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The month of April is upon us, and brings with it the beginning flowers of spring as well as the most important celebration of our Christian year...

Easter. Christmas often gets way more attention, but Easter is the holiday in which we celebrate and acknowledge the sacrifice God made for His people, for us. Sending Christ to take our punishment, for sin that we could not escape and walk away from. Christ dying on the cross offered us the greatest gift, a way to heal a broken and separated relationship with our Creator, our heavenly Father.

Just as Jesus was put to rest in the tomb until the third day, God gives us a continual resting place, doesn't He? Psalm 91:1 ASV *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the*

Almighty. He gives us our very own resting place. I have heard it said that real love is giving the other person what they need the most when they deserve it the least. This lesson can be seen in practical ways in our lives as parents, when we offer grace to our children despite a mistake they may have made, or an attitude that makes us feel anything but grateful.

We prepare in our homes every day a resting place that is safe and welcoming to our family, and those who come into our homes. This takes planning, purpose, time, and giving of ourselves in a sacrificial way. Lara Casey, author of *Make it Happen: Surrender your fear. Take the Leap.* Live on Purpose, has said "Everyday we are given the opportunity to be made new in Christ, not by our might, but by our surrender." Surrender allows for true rest. It allows God to be in charge, to fully mold our homes, including our kitchens, into a vessel of service to Him. It is in

abiding in Him in all that we do, that we are able to find a welcome with true grace, with unconditional love and mercy. What a gift we are given when we don't deserve any of it, but God prepares a place for us, a place of rest and goodness sitting at the table with Him.

This month I have fresh and spring inspired dishes to serve at your table. Know that Christ offers you a resting place and a gift for all eternity if you surrender your heart to Him in repentance and accept that He died for you. Rejoice in the gift of Christ, and enjoy!

Turkey Meatballs

Mix 2 lbs ground turkey, 1 cup panko breadcrumbs, ¼ cup grated carrots and zucchini, ¼ cup chopped onion, 2 large eggs, 2 Tbsp Italian seasoning, 1 Tbsp sea salt and form into 2 Tbsp size meatballs. Heat 2 Tbsp olive oil in large frying pan and fry meatballs for about 7 minutes, turning to brown all sides. Add ½



cup chicken broth and cover and simmer until absorbed, then add ¼ cup of broth and cook over medium heat until absorbed. I like to serve these with ranch dressing or tzatziki sauce over rice.

Dream Easy Salad

Boil 2 packages Americana Tapioca Salad (Jello), 2 packages jello (any flavor) and 3 cups water. Remove from heat and add 1 can drained mandarin oranges, 1 can drained pineapple tidbits and 1 container cool whip (8oz). Put into a pretty bowl and refrigerate overnight. This looks really nice in a trifle dish. Orange or lime have been my favorite flavors to make.

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Why Did Jesus Come?



Pastor Nathan J. Elliott
Sun City, AZ

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we must remember that it isn't about chocolate, or eggs, or rabbits; it's about Christ the King, the Messiah, the Savior of us all! We must focus on that Truth.

Why did Jesus come? Jesus came into this earth and took on flesh with one purpose in mind: to break the power of the curse. In doing so, He tore down the barrier that separated us from God the Father.

The curse gained power through Adam's act of disobedience, thus making our flesh susceptible to the manipulation of Satan. Because of this, the only way to overcome Satan's curse was in the flesh. At Calvary, Jesus took the weight of sin and disobedience within Himself to break its power over everyone who chooses to accept Him as Savior. Why did Jesus come? To free us from the bondage of the curse and restore

our fellowship with God the Father. As believers, we must understand that our freedom and victory was obtained through Christ in the Spirit. So, we must learn to focus upon the strength of God's Holy Word and never lose sight of it.

Jesus has given unto us the chance to obtain a new life based in the Spirit and connected to Himself! I'm not talking about a church or a denomination, but a relationship! God sent His Son so that we can have a perfect example of how to live this new life. Why did Jesus come? To provide us with access to God's eternal promise. Which gives us, those who have been born-again, the blood right to live NOT as a slave to this flesh or its dictates (*Galatians 3:13*KJV)!

Through Christ's victory, we've become more than our flesh. We are at war, and Satan wants us to stay focused on our flesh and this physical world. These are the things that he can control.

Jesus is our example. He showed us how to live according

to God's promise and to reap the benefits thereof. *Galatians 5:16-17* (KJV), tells us that we're to walk and live (habitually) in the spirit, and when we do these things, we won't crave the things of the flesh.

God desires for us to know that we're not defined by our flesh or our emotions. We are so much more. Focus! Know that God desires to have a relationship with you, to break bread with you. This is why Jesus came!



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"Every dollar raised through our telethon and auction exclusively supports those requesting assistance from our organization," said Executive Director Perci Garner. "The support we receive every year is proof that Tuscarawas County is full of people who care about their neighbors."

"We've seen a substantial increase in our casework," Garner continued. "The outpouring of support from our community and their ability to dig deeper and give more year after year is overwhelming."

Garner has been hosting the Telethon and serving as the agency's Executive Director since December

2020, raising nearly \$1.9 million for the agency since then. Total donations during Garner's tenure are:

2026 - \$368,538.07
2025 - \$352,503.13
2024 - \$328,091.66
2023 - \$306,580.30
2022 - \$269,546.00
2021 - \$272,263.77

The five-hour fundraiser at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School featured many community guests and organizations.

Winners of the organization's Telethon Art Contest—Aubrey Reynolds, 4th Grade, Strasburg; Makayla Bickford, 9th grade, TCC; Jaiden Garvin, Kindergarten, Dover; and Isaiah Hart, 5th Grade, Dover. Unable to attend were grand prize winner Brisa Gonzalez-Rodriguez, TCC, 9th grade; Jordan Cheng, 9th Grade, TCC; Airabella Christner, 8th grade, Newcomerstown; Hallie Conley, 8th grade, Newcomerstown; Myla Jacobs, 2nd grade, Indian Valley; and Raul Sanchez, 7th Grade, TCC.

Rainbow Connection holds an online auction each year in tandem with their telethon. In addition to featuring more than 100 items donated

by local individuals and businesses, the auction also included five Rainbow Items.

"These items detail the work we do and let members of our community donate with a specific project in mind," Garner said. "We were happy to feature the safe sleep swaddles, emergency alert devices, long-term prescription assistance, and accessibility equipment for schools. These Rainbow Items alone raised nearly \$1,500.00"

In addition to Garner, the event was hosted by WJER's Michelle Spring; Dover Exchange Club's Shane Gunnoe and McInturf Realty's Jan McInturf; Wendy's Chris

Lane and Rainbow Connection Chairman's Circle Sponsor Matt Ritzert; and TuscoMFG's Kait Gallagher-Wilsterman and Howard Hanna Real Estate Service's Jeff Mathias. Former Executive Director Carmel Haueter closed out the show with Garner.

Rainbow Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health charity dedicated to assisting Tuscarawas County's disabled and disadvantaged and the schools and organizations that support them. If you or someone you know needs assistance with health or medical expenses, contact Rainbow Connection at 330.343.8686 or info@tuscrainbow.org.



Fundraiser for Larry Philabaum and Erin Walton

On April 11, 2026, from 11 am – 3 pm at Dundee Elementary School, the community of Dundee & Wayne Township will be hosting a Rigatoni Benefit Dinner to support Larry Philabaum & Erin Walton, who lost their home in a fire on February 2nd.

Erin served on the Wayne Township Auxiliary Department, and Larry served as a fire fighter for 15 years and was the Assistant Chief of the FD at the end of his career. Larry has consistently gone above and beyond in serving the community. In the wintertime, it was not unusual for Larry to be shoveling snow at the homes of senior citizens whom he met through EMS calls.

One time on a call, someone had a porch that was in pretty bad shape. Larry went out on his own time to fix loose spots to make sure the residents did not get hurt walking out of the house. Larry played the role of the patient for many EMS training classes, allowing EMT students to practice their skills on him.

Please join the community as we show our support to Larry and Erin, who have themselves shown support to the town through the years.

The Rigatoni Benefit Dinner will also include a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle and 50/50 Drawing.

Sponsored by
Dundee Community, Wayne Township

FUNDRAISER FOR LARRY & ERIN

On February 2nd, 2026, Larry and Erin lost their belongings and family dog to a fire that engulfed their home. Please join us to support Larry and Erin as they rebuild their lives.



Saturday, April 11th
Dundee Elementary School
8072 School Street, Dundee, OH

- Rigatoni Meal by Donation 11 am - 3 pm*
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Drawing
- Basket Raffles
- Bake Sale

*CARRYOUT AVAILABLE

Can't Attend?

Donate or Sponsor a Basket

Donate

• Venmo @DundeeChurchofGod

Sponsor Items for Silent Auction & Basket Raffle

• Text or Leave a Voicemail 330-418-1578

Winners Do Not Need to be Present to Receive Prize



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DOVER/NEW PHILA FOOD PANTRY

420 W. Third, Dover • 330-852-4132

Dover/New Phila Food Pantry helps area families in need. ***We're asking for monetary donations.*** We have the capability to get food under 5¢ a pound so your dollar goes much further ***where we shop!*** We serve roughly 700 families every week. Please send monetary donations to : Dover/New Phila Food Pantry, PO Box 95, Dover, OH 44622

Remember... what you spend on ONE can, we can buy NEARLY 20 CANS!

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME! JUST SHOW UP THURS 5-8 P & FRI 9-NOON! (Handicapped served during the first hour) Photo ID required, income based eligibility.

TWIN CITY CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER (TCCSC) FOOD PANTRY

109 N. Water St, Uhrichsville
740-922-6276

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please help the TCCSC to continue to serve families and individuals in the area with necessary food items. We're asking for monetary donations. Also volunteers to help in various areas of responsibility in the food pantry. The TCCSC is open Tues and Thurs 9:30-12:30pm and Wed 2:30-6:30pm or you can call 740-922-6276.

LIFEWAY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Serving those in need of food for over 30 years

742 Cookson Ave, SE, New Phila
330-339-9734

MONETARY DONATIONS are needed, as we are expecting to serve many more this year! Open Thursdays from 2pm-4pm. ***Prayers are always offered to anyone and everyone.*** Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck early Thursday mornings. Please consider sending your donation to the address above.

FRIENDS of the Homeless OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

The Friends of the Homeless Shelter in New Philadelphia helps to provide a safe and reliable place for Tuscarawas County residents who have no reliable shelter. We have a 36-bed capacity and waiting list of people from the community in need of our services. Our goal is to assist individuals in achieving stable, safe, and reliable housing to anyone experiencing any type of housing insecurity.

We have a volunteer program which helps our daily operations. We are currently in need of individuals, service organizations, and churches who can provide a nightly meal on a monthly basis or can volunteer their time in our offices. Anyone interested in providing a meal, or volunteering their time can contact our volunteer coordinator, Maria Rila, at 330-602-6100 for more information.

We also rely on donations from the community to help keep our shelter programs running.

Please consider donating today by visiting

www.fothtusc.org



The 3rd Tuesday monthly 530-7pm at Park Place Youth Center inside Tuscora Park. "SnackChat" enjoy a free meal, free family activities, and have access to hygiene, cleaning, and self-care items. Open to all. 330-339-2504

tuscagainsttrafficking.org



HEART OF OHIO DIAPER BANK DISTRIBUTION

TCHD has partnered with the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank to help distribute diapers to Ohio residents. Each family is eligible to receive 2 packs of diapers per child, 1 pack of wipes, and 1 tampon or pad pack each month (month is not based on number of days just on month served). Specialty diapers, such as pull-ups, swim diapers, and adult diapers, are also available. This is not an income-based program for eligibility. For more information contact Abigale Raber (araber@tchdnow.org or 330-343-5555 ext. 1110).



Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital Community Health & Wellness Events

To Register Call 330-602-0779

Appointments preferred.

Walk-ins accepted on a limited basis.

Visit

www.unionhospital.org/events for full list of UH community events.

AIC SCREENINGS

Management of blood sugar is key in reducing health complications of diabetes. This fingerstick screening test measures your average blood sugar over the past two to three months. It is a non-fasting test. Cost: \$10 cash or check only

Wednesday, Apr. 8 | 9 - 11 a.m.
Tuscarawas County Public Library
121 Fair Ave NW, New Philadelphia

Monday, Apr. 20 | 8 - 10 a.m.
Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital
Orthopaedic Surgery Office
515 Union Ave., Suite 167, Dover

Wednesday, Apr. 22 | 8 - 10 a.m.
Mako's Market & Pharmacy
240 E 3rd Street, Uhrichsville

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS

This is a five-minute instant screening for total cholesterol, good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol, as well as triglycerides and blood sugar. Most accurate results with a 12-hour fast. **Cost: \$12 cash or check only**

Monday, Apr. 13 | 9 - 11 a.m.
Warren Twp Community Center
3986 New Cumberland Rd. NE, Mineral City

Tuesday, Apr. 21 | 9 - 11 a.m.
Strasburg Senior Center
206 Second Street NW, Strasburg

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AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATE RECOVERY

201 Stonecreek Rd NW, New Phila
Tues, 630 p Dinner by donation
7pm, Lg Group/Worship & Testimony or Lesson
8pm Small Groups
For details call 330-578-4858

NEW BEGINNINGS ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

The Red Barn
Thursdays 630pm
878 Commercial Ave SW New Phila
Meal & Childcare provided
330-260-1536/740-227-0235

THE HILL HOPE CENTER

217 E. 3rd St. Uhrichsville
April 11, 10-1130am;
ABC's of Gardening
and Seed-saving by
In the Garden with Janelle.



10th Christian Women's Conference

United Dayspring Church
4955 W Main St Millersburg
• April 10 430-830pm Pizza Dinner included
• April 11 9-4pm Sloppy Joe Lunch included
COST: \$70 • Info & Tickets at:
www.voicesofhopegivers.com/springconference

NOT YET Fully Baked

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Dutch Valley Restaurant
1343 Old Rt 39 NE Sugar creek, OH
Pastor Lu Ann Youngman & Molly Pfeiffer
April 25, 9-2 pm (8:30 check-in)
\$30 non-refundable
To register: <https://tithely/event-registration/#/10958323>

RADIO PROGRAMS

DAILY DEVOTIONS
WJER 100.9 FM/1450AM
Mon-Fri 5:40PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
WJER 100.9FM, 1450AM LIVE
Pastor Kory Rowland
Worship Service-Sundays 11-1130AM

NEW PHILA CHURCH OF CHRIST
WBTC 101.9 FM and 1540 AM
Mon-Fri 550AM-Minister Caleb Conley

UHRICHSVILLE 11TH ST CHURCH OF GOD
A Moment in the Word
WBTC 945am Daily

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES
WJER 100.9FM/1450AM
Sunday 7-715 - Minister Paul Pryor
New Phila Church of Christ

IS YOUR CHURCH LISTED HERE?

Our goal is to have accurate information of churches in our community. If we are printing errors please update us by emailing theoutreacher@hotmail.com. If you don't receive a response it means that we didn't receive your email. Thank you!

BALTIC

Baltic Zion United Church of Christ
203 N. Butler St 330-897-6855
Rev. Dr. Jim Henniger
• Sunday Worship 9 am

The Branch Church at Countryside
2236 SR 93 Baltic - 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Eric Schrock
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran Church
206 S Butler St.
• Sunday Worship 8:30 am

BOLIVAR

Bible Baptist Church
11150 Glenpark Road NE 330-316-7096
Pastor Doug Kilchenman
BelieveTheBible.org
• Sunday Worship 10:15 am

Bolivar Community Church
241 Pine Street | 330-874-3104
Pastor Aaron Rae
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Bolivar United Methodist Church
256 Poplar Street | 330-874-2930
www.bolivarumc.org
Rev Gordon Furbay
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Faith Baptist Church
9481 SR 212 NE | 330-874-3014
Floyd Stanfill, Sr. Pastor
www.faithbaptistbolivar.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ
409 Park Ave SE
www.stjohnbolivar.org
Pastor Don Perks
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
156 Poplar Street S.W. | 330-874-4540
Pastor Michael Pozzuto
stpaulbolivarpastor@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am
3rd Sunday 9:30am only

DENNISON

Dennison Foursquare Gospel Church
7325 US 250 SE | 740-922-4433
Pastor Rod Phillips
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God
403 N. 3rd Street | 330-204-1511
Pastor Jim Wallick
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church
301 Grant St. | 740-922-5743
Pastor Carolyn Behrendt
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist
123 S. 7th St. | 740-922-5471
Pastor Dr. William J Blake
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Park Christian Church
236 Miller Ave. | 740-922-4118
Sr Pastor: Scot Caley
www.parkchurchonline.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Hope (Formerly Pleasant Valley)
4195 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Pastor Jerralyn A. Myers 330-987-1259
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Roxford Methodist Church
771 Roxford Church RD
www.roxfordchurch.org
330-343-5359
Pastor Bro James Manbeck
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Strait Gate
501 N. 2nd St. | 330-407-0862
Pastor Michael O'Guin
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

DOVER

Bisel Church
3108 Bisel Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Burning River Church
420 W 3rd St
www.burningriverchurch.net
Pastors Dode Overton & Hombre Liggett
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the New Hope
3735 Schneiders Crossing Rd NE
330-343-7980 | Pastor Daniel E. Legg
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Dover Alliance Church
228 E. 3rd St | 330-364-3113
Sr. Pastor Rev. Bruce Sexton
www.doveralliance.com
• Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am

Dover Baptist Temple
2896 State Route 800 | 330-364-5228
Rev. Christopher Rhodes, Sr Pastor
office@doverbaptisttemple.org
• Sunday Worship 11 am

• **Dover Bible Church**
4173 Minard Rd NW | 330-343-3413
Pastor Mark Britton
doverbiblechurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dover Faith Global Methodist Church
420 N. Wooster Ave. | 330-343-9224
Pastor Shelly Nordine
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dover First United Methodist
1725 N. Wooster | 330-343-1322
Pastor Wes George
www.doverfirst.org
• Sunday Worship 10:20 am

First Baptist Church
140 Regent Street 330-364-2010
Rev. Rasheed As-Samad, Pastor
• Sunday Worship 11 am

First Christian Church
3029 N Wooster | 330-364-3520
Pastor Josh Robinson
Doverfcc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

First Moravian Church
319 N. Walnut Street | 330-364-8831
Licensed Lay Pastor Marie Coutts
• Sunday Worship 10 am

God's Family Church
3573 Mt Pleasant Rd NW
330-934-3719
Pastor Bill Johnson
godsfamilychurch3@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Grace Bible Fellowship
310 Main St | 330-451-6878
Pastor - Dan Branch
www.gbftusc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Grace Lutheran
216 N Wooster | 330-343-6915
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi
• Sunday Worship 10 am

LifeBridge Community Church
301 N. Wooster Ave.
Pastor Eric Miller
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Life Church of God
115 South Ave. | 330-987-4032
Co-pastors Larry Gross & Brett Hughes
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NewPointe Community Church
3950 SR 39 NW | 330.602.5600
Lead Pastor Dwight Mason
www.newpointe.org
• Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am

Reformed Fellowship Church
454 E. Front St. | 330-432-0295
Pastor Michael Thomas
www.rfcdover.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Ruslin Hills Church
5839 Ruslin Hills Rd NW
330-343-7682
Pastor Bill Breon
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John's United Church of Christ
409 N. Wooster | 330-364-4458
Sr Minister Rev Dr. Cassandra Granados
www.doverstjohns.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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CHURCH EVENTS

DENNISON

Roxford Church
661 Roxford Church Rd SE
• April 4, 2pm Easter egg hunt
• April 10 and 24 6:30-8pm HIS-ability - A service for teens and adults with disabilities to come enjoy a church service that is catered to their needs.

DOVER

The Summit
302 E Slingluff Ave
• April 18 11am Widow's Lunch
Reservations by April 3 call 330-447-4425

NEW PHILADELPHIA

First United Methodist Church
201 W. High Ave
• Maundy Thursday Service Thursday April 2nd, 6:30 pm
• Easter Sunday Service 9:30 am

Presbyterian Church
217 East High
• Maundy Thursday Service April 2, 7 pm
• Good Friday Service April 3, 12 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

613 N. Tuscarawas Ave. | 330-364-6661
Fr. Jimmy Hatfield, Pastor
• Services: Sat, 4 pm,
Sun 8:30, 10:30 & 11 am

The Summit-Dover

302 E. Slingluff Avenue | 330-343-6142
Pastor Rob Coburn
www.thesummitdover.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Winfield Community Church

5247 SR 516 NW
330-343-1494 | winfieldchurch.org
Pastor Josh Davis
• Sunday Worship 9 am

DUNDEE

Dundee Church of God

8027 SR 516 | 330-852-2045
dundeeecog@outlook.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dundee United Methodist

6764 St Rt 93 | 330-852-1324
Deacon Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lakeview Baptist

10202 St Rt 93 | 330-878-7966
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

GNADENHUTTEN

Gnadenhutten United Methodist

220 N. Walnut St. | 740-552-0413
Lee Ann Dunlap
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

John Heckewelder

Memorial Moravian

133 S Walnut | 740-254-4374
Pastor Dave Geyer
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Restoration Centre

7550 Wolfes Crossing | 740-552-0413
Pastor Sandra Mann &
Pastor David Rudder
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

MIDVALE

Midvale Methodist Church

4383 E State St. | 330-339-2087
Pastor Kory Rowland
• Sunday Worship 10 am

MINERAL CITY

Atwood Lake Ministry

Nondenominational
Atwood Lake Park
Chaplain—Mike Wells
• Sunday Worship 9-10 am,
May 25–Oct 5 (Cancel if heavy rain)
Notify Park if attending church
services at entrance

Church of the Nazarene

4705 Center St. | 330-859-2724
Senior Pastor; Pastor Karma Burton
www.mcnazarene.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Mineral City Methodist Church

4821 Davis St. | 330-859-2011
Pastor Bob Smith
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul's Community Church

8733 1st St | 330-859-2337
www.stpaulsohio.com
Pastor Mark Gross
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Tabor Ridge Community Church

3398 Tabor Ridge Road NE
330-602-9765
Pastor John Dunn
jdunn19@roadrunner.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW CUMBERLAND

Lake Drive Fellowship

8168 Lake Dr. NE | 330-364-6559
Lead Pastor: Rev. Larry G. Stitt
email: larrystitt@yahoo.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am & 6 pm

New Cumberland Methodist Church

4058 New Cumberland Rd NE
330-343-0029 | Pastor Jon Campbell
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Broadway Global Methodist

120 Church Ave. SE | (330) 339-1082
Pastor Harley Wheeler
www.thebroadwaychurch.org
• Sun Traditional Worship 8:30 am
• Sun Contemporary Worship 10:45 am

Calvary Baptist

1507 Oldtown Valley Rd | 330-339-1035
Pastor Donald Snow
calvarybaptistnp.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

202 East High Ave | 330-364-7571
www.emmanuelnp.com
Email: office@emmanuelnp.com
Pastor Rob Eller
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Emmanuel Church

1434 South Broadway
Rev. Scott Lawton 205-514-3044
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 7 pm

Faith Christian Church

2012 Pleasant Valley Rd NE
330-602-6008 | www.faithchristians.org
• Sunday Worship 9 am & 10:30 am

First Baptist Church

878 Commercial Ave SW | 330-339-1141
Troy Stogsdiill | www.firstbaptist.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Christian

104 3rd St NW | 330-339-6715
Lead Pastor: Jim Borton
www.fccnewphila.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Church of the Brethren

700 Fair Ave. NW | 330-339-5998
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God

824 Tuscarawas Ave NW
330-343-3501 | www.npfccg.org
Pastors Billy and Leanna Roe
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Church of the Nazarene

233 Fair Ave. NE | 330-343-7144
www.npnaz.org
Pastor Scott Jones, Lead Pastor,
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Presbyterian Church

217 E. High | 330-343-7114
www.newphilapc.org
Rev Joseph Svancara
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First United Church of Christ

201 Fair Avenue NW, 330-339-6412
firstuccnp.com
Pastor Daniel Grimminger
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

First United Methodist Church

201 West High Avenue | 330-339-6411
Pastor Ryan Cockrill
npfirstumc.org
• Service time 930am

Fry's Valley Moravian

594 Fry's Valley Road SW
(740) 254-9373
sharedmoravianministryohio.org
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Goshen Community Church of the Nazarene

2501 David Rd SE | Ph: 330-339-3770
Pastor Lee Randolph
• Sunday Worship 1030 am

Holmes Church

Holmes Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Jerusalem Church (Evangelical)

1417 Stonecreek Rd SW | 330-339-2242
www.jcnp21.com | Rev Tom Hendershot
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lifeway

742 Cookson Ave. SE | 330-339-9734
Lead Pastors Travis & Leslie Wright
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Legacy Church

233 Front St | 330-440-2539
Pastors Tommy and Shanda Miller
www.legacychurchclm.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dennison Foursquare Church

A Place Where Hope Abounds

~ Jeremiah 29:11



SUNDAY SERVICES

9 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Morning Worship
Starting April 22: Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study,
Thrive Youth and KICKS Club

Join Us for Easter!

April 3
April 5

7pm Good Friday Service
8am Easter "Sunrise" Service
9-10am Easter Breakfast
10:30 Resurrection Celebration

Pastor Rod Phillips

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www.dennisonfoursquare.com

New Life Center Ministries

1865 Roxford St (Barnhill)
330-339-5873
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Otterbein United Methodist Church

156 Beaver Ave | 330-343-4131
Pastor John Armstrong
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Preach the Word Ministries

327 Beaver Ave. NE | 330-440-2855
Pastor Lisa M. Meese
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Revive Church

335 Union Ave NW | 330-243-8544
Pastor Thomas Cunningham, D.Min., Ph. D.
reviveohio.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Schoenbrunn Moravian

2200 E High Ave | 330-339-1940
Pastor Ben Lippert
pastor@schoenbrunnmoravian.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Peter's Church of Oldtown Valley

3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW
330-407-2835
secretarystpete@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Branch Church

140 West High Ave 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Josh Nims
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Restored Church of Jesus Christ, Dover Restoration Branch

1440 5th St NW
330-440-7066
Pastor: Tim Levensgood
• Sunday Worship 11 am

The Salvation Army

809 Emmet Ave. NW | 330-364-3811
Lt's Andrew & Amanda Allen Corps
Officers/Pastors
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Trinity Episcopal Church

122 3rd St. NW | 330-339-6439
• Sunday Worship 10 am

NEWCOMERTOWN

Calvary United Methodist

149 W State St. | 740-498-8534
www.newcomertowncalvaryum-charge.org
• Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Christ Methodist Church

648 Oak St. | 740-498-8134
www.christnct.org
Sr. Pastor: Bracken Foster
• Sunday Worship 9 and 1030am

Church of the Nazarene

363 Neighbor St. | 740-498-7588
Pastor John Kohr
nazarene.nct@sbcglobal.net
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU)

560 W. State St. | 330-827-5587
Pastor Sonny Easterday
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Baptist

135 S River St | 740-498-6589
Pastor Wayne Baker
office@firstbaptistnct.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Hartwood Community Church

14206 Hartwood Rd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Kings United Methodist

5651 Kings Ridge Rd | 740-498-8534
http://web.tusco.net/kingsumc
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

New Beginnings Church of God

309 W. Church St. | 740-492-1211
Pastor Queen E. Williams
• Sunday Worship 10 am

St. Paul Lutheran Church

121 South College St., 740-498-6682
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Victory Assembly of God

311 South College St. | 740-498-6547
www.victorynct.org
Pastor Jimmy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wesley Community Chapel (WCC)

17333 Chapel Rd | 740-610-4986
Pastor Rocky Tidd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

PORT WASHINGTON

Countryside Baptist

4283 Shoemaker Rd SW
740-498-5500
Pastor Paul Harvey
www.countrysidebc.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

114 North High St | 740-492-4158
Pastor Jim Shamel
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

West Union Church

13679 Gilmore Rd
Pastor Garry Marlatt
• Sunday Worship 10:30

SANDYVILLE

Church of the Open Door

10984 Sandyville Rd NE
330-866-4523 | Pastor: Lisa L. Elliott
e-mail: elliottray@sbcglobal.net
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sandy Valley Church of God

11281 SR 800 NE | 330-866-9014
Pastor Joel Donahue
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

STONE CREEK

Grace Community Church

229 W. Jefferson St | 330-339-5007
Pastor Bill Mallernee
www.GraceChurchStoneCreek.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Salem Evans Creek

Lutheran Church
9030 Deibel Rd. SW
Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 10 am

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204 W Jefferson St 330-339-5423
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United Methodist

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nelson.brown87@icloud.com
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Rev Randy Lewis
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