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God's Country



Julie L. Schultz
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Publisher/Editor

Yes, I love sharing time with my son and his family but the five-hour flight to the Pacific Northwest is sometimes more than I can stand. My restless legs usually get the best of me yet I'm thankful that I don't need much leg room! There are good things about being a mere five feet in stature!

The flight west started out as usual by climbing over two people and issuing two 'excuse me' and 'I'm sorry' to get to my window seat. This always prompts the question 'why don't window seat people board first?' As time progressed, I realized that sometimes we meet God in the most unusual places. I never knew the ladies who shared my row would be Christians, and how quickly it all came up in our conversation.

Mary, surprisingly, enough was from Barnesville, a town I had visited several times when I placed exchange students in that area. We laughed as I told her that I always got lost trying to make my way back home. She even knew the man who hosted the students! I know...Barnesville only has about 4000 people but still...it's such a small world! She shared about visiting so many countries and was off to Seattle to meet family.

The other lady, Belinda was from Cleveland which was where we boarded the plane. She was going to Washington state to attend a wedding and was apprehensive about seeing an estranged sister. After we left the plane, we kept running into each other in the airport. I'm usually the one seeking help from strangers but this time I helped her to baggage claim.

Throughout the flight we shared our lives and giggled how Jesus wove us together in the same row. We laughed. We offered support, it was just a beautiful experience. The five hours went so quickly. Mary said it was the best and most fun flight ever experienced. Belinda and I agreed. I handed Mary and Belinda a business card after telling them about *The Outreacher* and said that I hoped we would keep in touch and they would have a good time in Seattle.

It became crystal clear while visiting my son and his family their days are full! The two boys are involved in swimming and tennis. Then there is little one and a half year old Nora. The princess of the family. She finally decided she liked me the last day of my visit. She crawled over to me and offered a bite of her snack. During zoo day, four-year-old Henry often reached for my hand. My heart and my smile grew bigger each time. Eight-year-old Owen is simply growing too quickly! He now scooters down the street to play with neighbors. Time is passing!

May God continue to bless them beyond all their dreams!



¹² For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12 KJV



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Book Review by
Roseanne
Impellizzeri
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While I'm sure this book has ministered to many, I took this one especially personal. The timing and the significance it had for me at this most difficult time in my life lead me to receive it as a personal message from God to me. I recently lost my beloved husband of forty eight years; a pastor and a true man of God, wonderful father and my one and only soul-mate. One might ask, "What could a book about the Sabbath have to do with the passing of a loved one?" Good question. In the late Charlie Kirk's book, "Stop, In the Name of God," he gives an exhaustive illumination for the purpose, transformative benefits and meaning of the Sabbath. I'll make the connection shortly.

First of all, Charlie rightly reminds us that our lives are not our own and that God's ways are far higher than ours. Needless to say, God knows what's best for us better

than we know what is best for us. He says that "the Sabbath will not only improve your spiritual walk but will have physical benefits as well—improving your health, your mind and your sleep." You'll hear why the Sabbath is not an absence of leisure but rather of presence and consecration; sacred if you allow. It is a day of rest, to enjoy, to bless and to hallow. While Jews celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the Christian Sabbath is primarily celebrated on Sunday in honor of and after Christ had risen from the dead. In an effort to honor the sacredness of the Sunday, there were Blue Laws which commonly banned certain business and recreational activities on Sundays, and imposed restrictions on the retail sale of hard goods and consumables, particularly alcoholic beverages. These laws were adopted originally for religious reasons, specifically to promote the observance of the Christian day of worship. They had a long and varied history across the United States. Their repeal, however, has spanned the decades and are hardly in effect nationwide. Now we see society treating "Sunday as Funday," a far cry from its original intent.

Charlie makes a strong argument to the great benefit of restoring that day as a holy day, one that we can celebrate each and every week; to turn off all the distractions, put the phone away and truly sit quiet at the Lord's feet. What stood out to me at this very specific time in my life was how that the Sabbath reminds us who we *belong to* and

where our *identity* comes from. In losing my husband, those were the two things that I lost to some degree. In fact, I used those exact two words to describe my pain.

I properly celebrated my first Sabbath on the fourth week after his passing. He passed on a Sunday, so that was significant too. It started when I lit a candle at twilight Saturday evening followed by worshipping in the house of God, joining with the precious saints and hearing the Word of God on Sunday morning. That lostness was greatly and immediately lessened and I recaptured a sense of *belonging* and was satisfied to hear such a powerful reminder that my *identity* is in Christ.

I challenge you along with Charlie, to come away with Christ each and every week, whether it's a Saturday or Sunday, makes no difference which. This is not about legalism and rules, but rather about relationship, intimacy, rest and a divine gift that He has given to His beloved children if we would only take advantage of it. Will you accept this gift?

Charlie Kirk was the Founder and CEO of Turning Point USA and Turning Point Action. He hosted the Charlie Kirk Show which drew millions each month. He authored "Right Wing Revolution, The College Scam and The MAGA Doctrine." Charlie was defined by conviction, faith and a relentless love of country. He inspired millions of young people to stand boldly for truth and freedom and his legacy will endure for generations.

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CARROLLTON, OH**

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The POWER of Words



Emily Holmes
Canton, OH

After a challenging (and rewarding) season of planning, stress...and maybe a little bit of strife, I've been finding solace in people's encouragement in my life. Sometimes, it is small like noting that I had a good idea for a project or even more recently in a personal note that revealed positive things about my demeanor and work ethic.

I've experienced many circumstances where the power of another person's words was felt deeply and sometimes painfully, sowing doubt that I water in solitude or when

I'm already feeling down.

Our words really do have the ability to build or break the spirits of those around us. I am reminded of the verse in Proverbs 16:24 (KJV), which says, *Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones.*

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God's grace kept me safe and helped me endure!



Angie Chapman
Millersburg, OH

In those stumbling places I fell with pain,
But mercy fell in showers of rain.
In the dusty horizon I tried to see,
My tears were many, but grace fell upon me.

The Lord extended His hand and said, "Child, you're Mine",
I knew you then, and you're still My design.
My love doesn't waver, it's an eternal kind..
Grace is God's favor, that gives peace of mind.

When you walked those valleys, I was there,
My eyes were upon you, as was My care.
I saw where you were going, as I carved a path,
My love has redeemed you, while My grace removed wrath.

My cross took the burdens, shame and all regret,
No more to be remembered, as My grace for you, I let.
I never made you to walk alone,
My eyes have been upon you while mercy shone.

All sufficient has been My grace for you,
It's filled with favor upon you too.
I'm leading you through a promised way..
I've lifted you up from the miry clay.

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Paula Hixenbaugh
New Philadelphia, OH

*For I do not
understand what I
am doing; for I am
not practicing what
I want to do, but I
do the very thing
that I hate.*

ROMANS 7:15 ASV

John hung his head as he left the seminar. He felt defeated. During the sharing time at his table, he had spoken harshly with the leader. He was judgmental, and he knew it.

John had been invited to a men's seminar with the emphasis on positive thinking. He knew that he could benefit by going.

John grew up in a harsh environment. He was maturing in Christ and wanted to change his behavior, but he was struggling.

Gary, an older gentleman, was also at the seminar. He did not know John personally, but he could see by John's demeanor, that he could use a friend. Gary caught up with him as he was leaving the building and introduced himself.

"How about a cup of coffee? The 'Coffee Mug' is around the corner."



Victory in Jesus

John wanted to decline, but instead, nodded his head.

Gary pulled out a chair, and John sat down. "Would you like a cup of coffee or something else?" Gary asked as he reached for his wallet.

"I'll have an extra hot, hot chocolate."

Gary smiled and walked over to order the drinks. John was still regretting what he had done, clicking the pen that he used during the seminar earlier. This was a habit he had acquired when he was upset with himself.

"Here is your hot chocolate, John. I asked them to make it extra hot."

John forced a smile and took a drink.

As Gary talked with John, he discovered that they attended the same church, but at different times. He felt that John needed someone to help him with his Christian walk so he asked if he would be interested in meeting once a week for fellowship and Bible study.

"Are you sure?" John said. "I can be a real pain sometimes."

Gary chuckled, "I think we all can."

"If you're sure, I'll meet you here at noon next Sunday."

"I would be happy to," Gary said smiling.

A week later, John was waiting at

the 'Coffee Mug.' He had even ordered coffee for Gary. When Gary arrived, he sat down and took a sip. "Perfect," he said. "Just the way I like it."

John looked at Gary, not knowing what to say. Gary asked, "John, what is one thing that you struggle with?"

John hung his head. He didn't want to say, but he blurted, "I keep doing things that I regret, and I want to change. I don't like being this way."

Gary stared ahead, contemplating how to answer. "I would like to be your friend, if that would be okay with you?"

"Yes," John replied. "I don't have many." Gary reached over and shook John's hand.

Soon the two were meeting weekly. Gary's kindness began to rub off on John, and others noticed the difference.

One day, while in the park with Gary, John asked, "Why do we often do things that we don't want to do?"

Gary thought for a moment and then said, "John, I know Jesus is the answer. He has overcome the world, and He will help us to overcome, too."

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Last Month's Question & Answer

Who was the king of Israel who was known for his wisdom?
King Solomon - 1 Kings 4:29-31

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August is the month of summer when most of the home crops are coming into season. Sweet

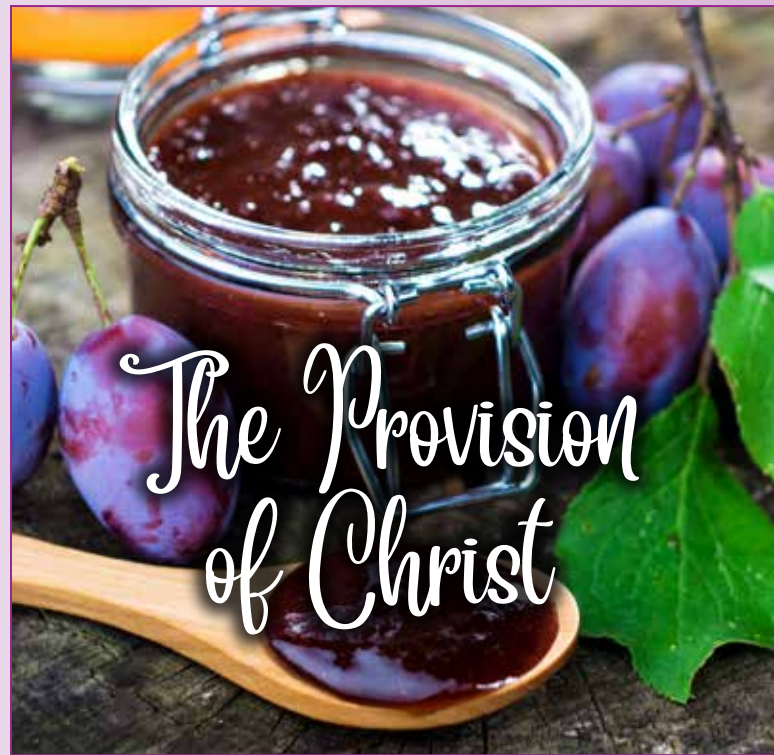
corn, tomatoes, beans, cabbage...

so many good things. The farmers markets are full of this bounty for us to enjoy at our tables. Our Creator's fingerprints are everywhere; even on the beautiful fruits and vegetables from our gardens. Just like we prepared our gardens at the beginning of the season, the Lord prepares our hearts and minds for the things He will be teaching us in the days ahead. We water the garden, weed it, and make sure pests stay out of it.

The Lord does the same for us. He waters our hearts and minds with His Word, He refines us by removing the things that are harming our growth, and He keeps the devil from attacking us. God promises us in Psalm 18:17-19 *He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from them that*

hated me; for they were too mighty for me. They came upon me in my day of calamity; But Jehovah was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because he delighted in me. ASV. This is one of my favorite verses, as it shows how much the Lord loves us and desires what is good for us in the midst of trouble.

I always have high hopes at the beginning of the summer as to what produce I will grow or gather so I can "put up" the food for my family to have in the winter. It is hard work sometimes, long days in a hot kitchen, standing on my feet as we do batch after batch of whatever fruit or vegetable is ready, and I am not guaranteed the amount I might get out of the garden or from a market. But I love it! And it's one of my favorite seasons because of slowing down it takes to accomplish it, and the provision it provides in the dark months of winter when there isn't anything growing outside. This year I have an especially tender heart towards this season and all



that it means under the surface about God's great provision, and how we can be good stewards of the things He provides, whether that be peaches to put in jars, or a person He puts in front of us to comfort us or for us to comfort during a deep valley. Charles Spurgeon says "God's grace and mercy last through all your necessities, and you shall never know a real lack." May we all know the beautiful provision of the Lord in all the seasons of our lives.

One of my newest canning recipes that uses up the provision of a bounty of plums, and it is a heritage recipe that makes you slow down and see the beautiful transformation of purple plums with yellow inside turn into the most gorgeous jewel toned jam on your shelf. Enjoy!

Plum Preserves

2.5 lbs purple plums pitted and sliced, 4 cups sugar, 1 cup water. Chop plums into medium size chunks, combine all ingredients in a large pot. Slowly bring to boil, stirring constantly. Once sugar is dissolved, cook plums rapidly until just before gelling point (approximately 20-30 minutes). Stir constantly to prevent sticking. Remove from heat, spoon into hot, sterilized jars, leaving ¼ inch headspace, add lid and band to jar. Process in boiling water bath for 15 minutes, remove and let cool for 24 hours, making sure lid is sealed and does not pop. Yields 6 half pints.

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Cyprian, a Voice of Reason



Doug Frautschy
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Cyprian was born to a pagan family in Carthage (in northern Africa) in the early 200s AD. He received a secular education in rhetoric and was likely a lawyer and/or politician. He became a Christian in his 30s under the influence of a local priest. He studied the writings of his Carthaginian predecessor, Tertullian, whom he came to admire. He apparently was a very sincere convert as he gave away most of his wealth to help the poor. He was quickly appointed as a deacon and soon after, a priest. In late 248 or early 249 he was elected Bishop of Carthage. It was a stunningly quick transition from conversion to his election as Bishop, roughly two years, and many of his contemporaries in the ministry resented his rapid promotions.

Nevertheless, Cyprian's intellect, skills, and humility served him and the Carthaginian Church well. He would be tested quickly as in 250 AD the Roman Emperor Decius came to power and began persecuting Christians. The persecution in Carthage was severe, and the Christians' responses to the persecution ran the gamut from willingly sacrificing, buying a forged certificate, running away, refusing to sacrifice and being tortured, and refusing to sacrifice and dying as a martyr. When Decius died in June of 251, his successors stopped the

brutal 18-month persecution. Most of the Christians that had avoided torture or who gave in after torture (the "Lapsed") came back to the Church expecting to be restored to good standing in the Church.

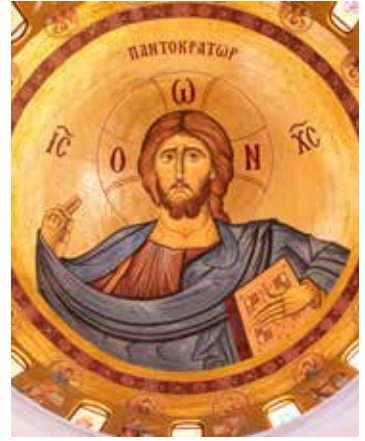
As you might expect, this caused a great debate within the Church. Some thought that the Lapsed had in effect committed the unpardonable sin. Novatian, held this position. On the other end of the spectrum, Novatus of Carthage welcomed the Lapsed back with little or no judgment or penance. To make things more difficult, some of the "Confessors" who did not give in under torture, and who were greatly respected for their faithfulness, were not consistent. Some were very strict with the Lapsed, and some were sympathetic to them.

Cyprian chose a middle ground. He affirmed God's forgiving grace, however, he reasoned that the Lapsed Christians should demonstrate their repentance through penance under the supervision of the leaders in the Church. The believers who gave in easily had to do more penance than those who gave in under torture. When the repentant believer satisfied the local church leaders, they were then admitted back into the Church and were allowed to participate in the Eucharist. Cyprian's reasonable approach eventually became the position of the Church. Many of his ideas led to many of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church in use today.

Several years ago, I had the

privilege of meeting a Cuban pastor who was jailed for his faith. Some of his contemporary Cuban Christian leaders renounced their faith to avoid jail. I asked him how the Church handled the situation when the persecution ended and they came back to the Church. He said they watched them for a while to see if their repentance was real. Without knowing what Cyprian taught, and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, they did the same thing.

So how does this apply to us? In the USA and other culturally western countries, life or death persecution of Christians is relatively rare. However, we do have believers with moral failings of other types. How many times have we heard of pastors or priests committing sexual sins or misusing money? What do we do with them if they repent? There is no question that they can be saved (Romans 5:20-21). Can they be restored? Cyprian would say we should watch them for a period



of time to see if their repentance is real. It also makes a difference from what height they fell (Luke 12:48). A new Christian is not held to the same standard as a mature Christian or minister. A leader who falls from a high place may never be fully restored to their previous position. The good news is that thanks to God's mercy and grace, forgiveness is always available, but there are always consequences for sin (Romans 6:21).

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black and white, or should I say, black or red, numbers in front of my face. I want to know exactly where I stand and how all my funds vanished into nowhere.

As I began to do my accelerated mathematics lesson, and was coming up not balanced, I remembered that I didn't write in a deposit and a large withdrawal.

When I forget to record these pluses and minuses, my balance is off...which is extremely frustrating and time consuming to figure out. Not to mention, one could overdraw from their account if the balance gets too low and they are unaware.

This is where God found me, lovingly reminding me how important it is to keep life balanced.

You see, sometimes - a lot of times - I can be found scrolling and

wasting hours at a time on this phone of mine. Filling my mind with the nonsense and chaos of the world - not even just the trouble in my own neck of the woods - but the whole world. It robs my peace. Yet, I spend far less time with the Peace-Giver. The balance is in the red.

Sometimes, I can discuss the things lacking on a Sunday morning at church, for a large part of the ride

home. Things that went wrong for the kids in Sunday School, choice of songs, the sermon points, the friendliness, or lack thereof, of the congregation, how communion was served, etc. Yet, I forget that this is the beautiful bride of Christ - so imperfect, yet so deeply cherished by her Bridegroom. The balance is in the red.

Other times, I let Satan's lies pour over my mind and heart and convince me that at least a little part might be true. And I forget to measure these words up against the word of God. The balance is in the red.

There are books I love reading for my escape from reality at times. I enjoy historical fiction set in WWII and Christian romance novels. Most of which have these strong male characters who woo their ladies in a variety of ways to win their hearts. And I begin to compare my own 15-year marriage to a man who works hard, loves us fully, and is loyal, with the "pitter-patter, in-love" dating era. And if I'm not careful, the balance can seem in the red, even though it isn't.

How about my down time? When I sometimes just allow my kids to sit in front of the TV watching a movie so that I can talk to a friend on the phone or fold the laundry or read a book. This is fine, and I believe healthy, but not when I'm enticed to let it go on from 7am to noon. I could be reading to them, teaching them about God's word, teaching them to throw away their own trash, but I take the easy way out more times than I should. Am I spending the

quality time and demonstrating my need for a Savior to the disciples I cherish most? What's the balance?

There are many more transactions that we make each day. Interactions with coworkers and our boss. Interactions with our children. Interactions with other drivers. Interactions with the cashier, librarian, pastor, teacher, drive-thru worker, healthcare employee who is running behind, those waiting in the same line, etc.

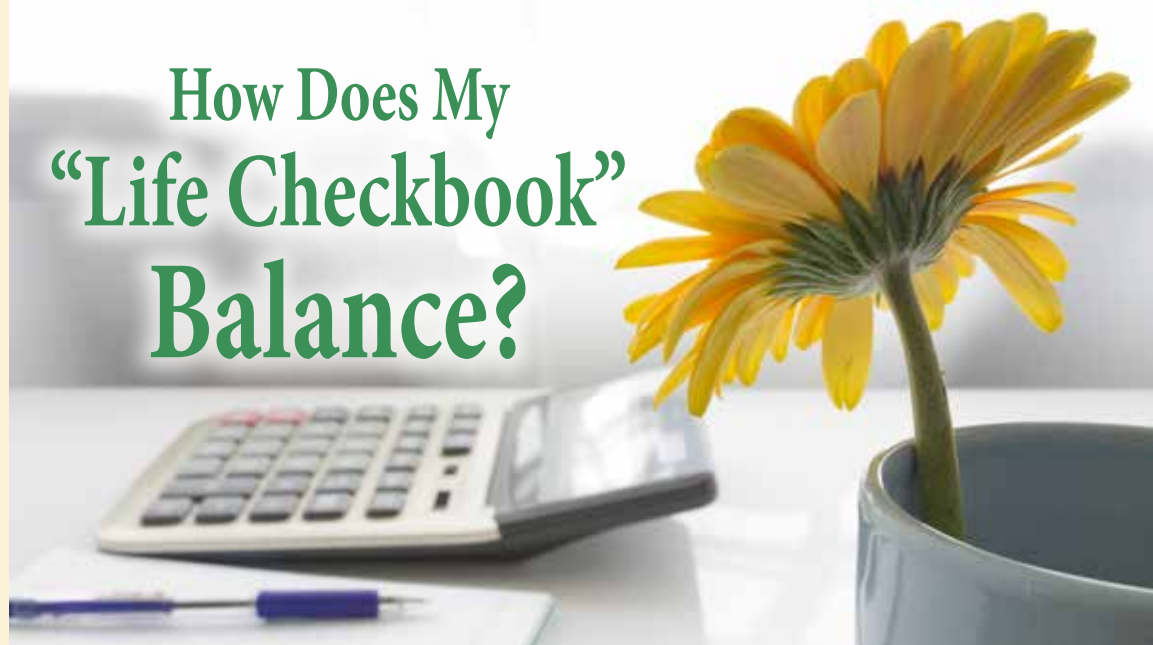
We have verbal and written transactions. Out of all the words we choose to speak - do we speak more graciously and life-giving words? Or do we spew division, ungratefulness, and stir up trouble or cast judgement?

Whew! This gave me thoughts to ponder. How would my "life checkbook" balance out? And how would yours?

The good news is - Jesus is always waiting for the deposit. More time spent with Him. More prayers going up. More worship being sung. More time in His word. More peace given out. More joy to overflowing. More hope, love, and grace to extend. More of Him. And when we check the balance at the end of this life - more of Him is what puts us in the black.

His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. ~Matthew 25:21 KJV

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"Sometimes good things fall apart
so better things can fall together."

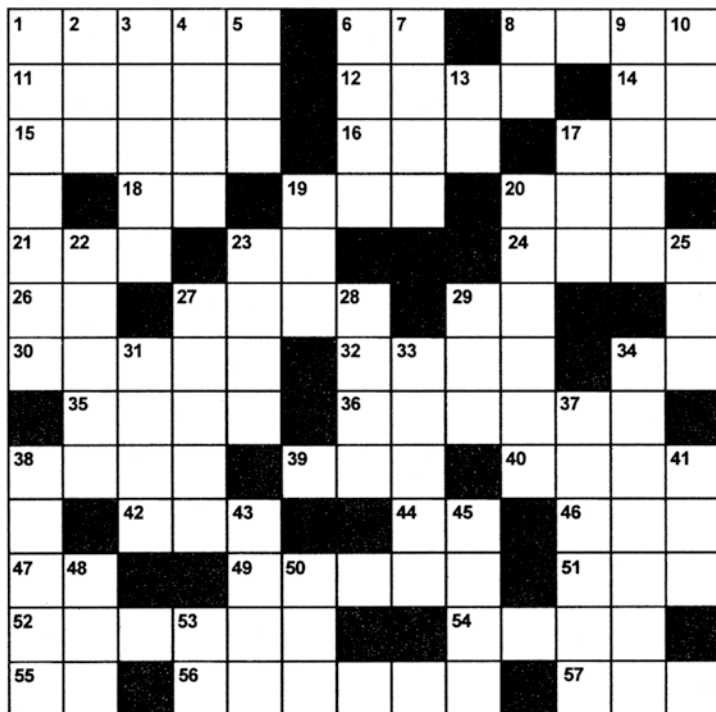
Romans 8:28 – "And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him..."

ACROSS CLUES

1. What the children of Israel ate for forty years. (Ex. 16:35)
6. There hath _____ temptation taken you. (1 Cor. 10:13)
8. The firstborn of Isaac's twin sons. (Gen. 25:25)
11. Joel and Jehu's great-grandfather. (1 Chron. 4:35)
12. Shuah's second son. (Gen. 38:4)
14. Southern state (abbr.).
15. _____ and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)
16. We were comforted over you in _____ our affliction. (1 Thes. 3:7)
17. The voice of _____ crying in the wilderness. (Matt. 3:3)
18. _____ for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Josh. 24:15)
19. _____ kingdom come. (Matt. 6:10)
20. Herod slew the children... _____ years old and under. (Matt. 2:16)
21. Even as a _____ gathereth her chickens under her wings. (Matt. 23:37)
23. The fourth tone of the diatonic scale.
24. A prophetess, the daughter of Panuel. (Luke 2:36)
26. A suffix forming the comparative degree.
27. God _____ forth his Son. (Gal. 4:4)
29. Mister (abbr.).
30. Moses _____ all the words of the Lord. (Ex. 24:4)
32. King of the Amalekites. (1 Sam. 15:8)
34. Street (abbr.).
35. One of the children of Shobal. (Gen. 36:23)
36. The well, Beer-lahai-roi, is between _____ and Bered. (Gen. 16:14)
38. And Zebadiah, and Arad, and _____. (1 Chron. 8:15)
39. I will punish _____ in Babylon. (Jer. 51:44)
40. At _____ time. (Matt. 12:1)
42. _____ though I walk through the valley. (Ps. 23:4)
44. Stingeth like _____ adder. (Prov. 23:32)
46. Nickname for Isaac.
47. _____, I am with you always. (Matt. 28:20)
49. Abihail was Mordecai's _____. (Es. 2:15)
51. To blend together.
52. These things I will that thou _____ constantly. (Titus 3:8)
54. From everlasting, and to everlasting. _____. (Ps. 41:13)
55. _____ ye then be risen with Christ. (Col. 3:1)
56. Ye call me _____ and Lord. (John 13:13)
57. Abraham...died in a good old _____. (Gen. 25:8)

DOWN CLUES

1. The apostle who was a tax collector. (Matt. 10:3)
2. Abijam's son. (1 Kgs. 15:8)
3. The first month. (Es. 3:7)
4. The fishermen...were washing their _____. (Luke 5:2)
5. A fermented drink.
6. _____ found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Gen. 6:8)
7. The _____ wise God, be honour. (1 Tim. 1:17)
8. There is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at _____-dor. (1 Sam. 28:7)
9. David's firstborn. (2 Sam. 3:2)
10. _____ hospitality one to another. (1 Pet. 4:9)
13. Nickname for Albert.
17. He came unto his _____. (John 1:11)
19. A yellowish-brown color.
20. Six hundred shekels of gold went to one _____. (1 Kgs. 10:16)
22. They have _____ from the faith. (1 Tim. 6:10)
23. Suffer me that I may _____ the pillars. (Judg. 16:26)
25. The _____ of violence is in their hands. (Isa. 59:6)
27. They look and _____ upon me. (Ps. 22:17)
28. _____ up thy bed, and walk. (Matt. 9:6)
29. Thou art _____. (Acts. 12:15)
31. Children _____ your parents in the Lord. (Eph. 6:1)
33. Abda's grandfather. (Neh. 11:17)
34. There shall be as the _____ of an olive tree. (Isa. 24:13)
37. One of David's sons. (1 Chron. 3:5)
38. Shaphat's father. (1 Chron. 27:29)
41. Short for Texas.
43. A particular quality surrounding a person or thing.
45. He drew _____ to behold it. (Acts. 7:31)
48. Put _____ the old man with his deeds. (Col. 3:9)
50. Names (abbr.).
53. I am (contraction).





Dr. Lyman O.
Baier, Sr
Walnut Creek, OH

No matter where one turns, we can find someone searching for meaningful life after death. Do you have a story? Have you searched the web? Have you found a positive response? Christians believe in eternal life. There are many scripture references that tell us all about its existence, two of them in John come to mind: John 3:16 and John 5:24. We also know that God talks through angels that sometimes even look like humans as referenced in Genesis 18:1-3 and Hebrews 13:2.

During the past three months, I have watched a mother give way to the loss of a son. As the family gathered, they chose another ending, leaving mother lost by the wayside. In her lonely home she awoke to a baby dove tapping frantically on her window pane. Was it saying, "Mom, it's ok! I'm home!"?

This is not the first time I have witnessed a response from the other side. My sister tried three times

to place a long-distance call from Maryland to Saudi Arabia the day our Dad passed away.

On the same evening, about 4am in Switzerland, I saw my Dad's Spirit pass through my hotel room. Joyce's letter arrived three days after we returned to Saudi Arabia from our vacation. By no means can I say that I have a lock on life after death.

My sister held that unhappy card of five unruly boys and a husband who found any item ownerless or a front door unlocked, free for the taking or a gift to enjoy. Try as we may, it was impossible to break Albert's behavior. But the Holy Spirit found a weak spot. Albert became a father for a sixth time. It was a girl. Suddenly Albert had to toe the line. His boys no longer gathered any spoils. A time of joy settled on to the family. Short-lived, his favorite son faced another court appearance. Three times in prison and he was called to serve time once again.

Albert Jr. couldn't face it, so he hung himself in his father's favorite Pine tree. Joyce was my sister, Albert



Believing in the After Life

Jr. was a confidant. I was living in New Hampshire at the time when two Canadian geese settled into my back yard for about a week. My sister and Albert lived in my Dad's home on the eastern shore of Maryland where there are abundant Canadian geese. Was this a message from Dad and Albert, Jr.? Or just wishful thinking?

Many believe houses and structures are haunted and are collective gatherings from all sides.

Who else could have rolled the stone away from the tomb of Jesus but an angel? Are these events touches from God about eternal life after death? I don't know. But I will say, saying one's prayers have some heavenly dividends. Remember... "Because He lives, We can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives!"

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Sonya Paul
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My sister-in-law, Stacy, grows the most beautiful flowers in her yard: bluebells, peonies, roses. You get the idea, everything she touches has blossomed. My neighbor, Andie, has red-ripe tomatoes, green peppers, corn stalks, and children growing right beside it all.

My father, Frederick, was a master gardener too, and he'd take me out on hot summer days to pull weeds and hoe, pulling up carrots and beets much to my dismay. In Kentucky, my grandfather always had my cousins and me digging up red and white potatoes. This gardening thing, it didn't take with me. Believe me, I've tried. I greatly admire those who have these lush

beautiful bounties.

My plant issues are varied; not the right pH balanced soil, not enough rain, likely not the patience to get things to grow or maybe even the knowledge. Still, I'd like to think that even if my outdoor plants won't bloom well, that my reflective garden will grow.

God says in Isaiah 58:11-13 that He will make us like a well-watered garden. Specifically, and the Lord will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shall be like a well-watered garden, and like a spring of water, which does not run dry.

I love these verses. So, it's okay if my thumb isn't a green one, as long as my heart is blooming and growing in Christ, who waters me and helps me to be a small flower in this garden called life.

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Ever felt lonely? Of course you have. People feel lonely when they are left out, when they are overlooked for companionship, even when they are in a group, and not physically alone at all. Most of us have had that experience of feeling that we are

alone in a crowd, not fitting in for some reason or feeling distressed when others are having a good time. Often, lonely feelings pass and we begin to feel normal again, for a while at least.

There is a song from the early 2000's that depicts the yearning of a lonely man for a woman who was out of reach for him, because of differences they had with each other, or maybe because she was seen as being above his pay grade. Maybe he just didn't understand how to make a good connection with her. There are probably a thousand songs from that time fitting that description, but in this one, the man begins to believe that the lady isn't really that far away.

*"And I was waiting over here for life to begin,
Was looking for a new thing,
You were the sunshine heading my frontline,
I was alone, and you were just around the corner from me."*

Pete Yorn, "Life on a Chain"

I can't hear these lines without thinking of Jesus. I was raised among church goers and educated for twelve years in parochial schools where every classroom had a cross or crucifix hanging on the wall. Yet, it was just religion to me, a subject like History, English, or Science. I knew classmates who seemed to appreciate the religious instruction that we received. I was always bored with it. Those who did appreciate our training were, in general, kinder, more secure, and better students. It seemed like the sun shone where they were more than where I was. I wanted to be like them, but for some reason(s), that seemed to be out of reach. Having something with God that would satisfy the loneliness in my soul and spirit did not seem to be available to me. In this respect, I felt alone among my peers.

In Ro.12.3, it is said that *God has dealt to each man a measure of faith*. I realized this was true one Sunday night when I was 23 years old. At that age, I was still waiting for life to begin, waiting for some new thing, for some sunshine to come into my territory. I had an epiphany in an evening church service, very simple but very profound. I became aware that I had a measure of faith, and that I could believe in God. I had gone to this service to see my sister get baptized. I had no expectations for myself. I did not know that the Son would shine His light on me there. I would never have guessed that ninety minutes

after entering the building I would leave, *a new creation*. 2Cor. 5.17. I had been alone, and the Lord Jesus had been just around the corner from me all along. In a moment He revealed that to me and in the next moment I accepted it as fact.

Friend, are you waiting for life to begin? You too have been given a measure of faith. There is sun shining on you today so that you can see and believe what Christ has done to forgive you of your sins and to reconcile you to His Father. Jesus is just around the corner from you. Actually, He is closer than that.

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I am a simple Christian. I attend church on Sundays and Bible study at my church on Wednesday evenings. Nothing flashy. My heart is in the right place.

In the summer of 2025, out of nowhere, I developed an incredible and nagging urge to write a screenplay for a faith-based movie. I actually laughed it off out loud. How in the world would a 73-year-old, retired street cop sit down and

create a movie script? The thought persisted like a severe itch that just had to be scratched. Just couldn't let it go. I researched all the necessary criteria and formatting for creating scripts. It became time to actually type up the story. I had no real idea where to begin or end the story.

I stopped at the end of the fourth scene and read it back to myself. I cannot describe the feeling I had when I suddenly knew these were not my words and thoughts. Believe me, I am not that good.

I came to realize as I typed further scenes that God and the Holy Spirit were behind this whole thing. Of all the talented writers out there, why would I be chosen? The story and plot poured out of me like water from a faucet. I was putting events together and the words came to me without effort. Many times, I would complete a paragraph, read it back and ask out loud, "Where in the heck did that come from? I don't even think like that." Even the name, Sandy's Orphan was given to me. I had no idea what to name it and I had no

idea why I used the name, Sandy!

When I completed the screenplay, I was very pleased with it. I thought it would make a really nice Christian based movie. Well, the bottom fell out when I discovered that movie producers don't accept unsolicited screenplays from unknown authors. Sandy's Orphan was dropped and just laid there taking up space on my lap top hard drive. I was done with the whole thing. I told the Holy Spirit, "Well, you go tell God, sorry it didn't work out."

Well, God is no quitter and was not done with Sandy's Orphan. I was not going to get off the hook. That darn itch came back with a vengeance! I could not get it out of my mind. Sandy's Orphan actually began to haunt me. (We) and not me alone, were going to do this one way or another. I had no burning bush in the woods around my home to tell me what to do.

Short of going door to door in Hollywood, my thoughts went to a book. No way! To me, that was ridiculous. I just shook off

the thought of me actually writing a novel and having it published. I wrote police reports for 30-years and I could not even imagine me doing such a thing. It was out of the question. Oh well, I gave in and started scratching that severe itch on a keyboard. The conversion from screenplay to novel was no easy task. (We) and not me alone, worked on Sandy's Orphan for two weeks while I watched TV. Suddenly, it was done. I was actually quite pleased with it. My wife, sister and a dear friend agreed. Well, it was now time to find a publisher. I was convinced that if I could get someone to read it, they would want to publish it.

Undeterred from learning that first time authors have a 1% to 2% chance of getting a book published, I found an Internet site dedicated to finding a publisher. I filled out and submitted a very simple form. My wife, Jane told me it was now in God's hands. She was sure right...

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Continue in My Word



Suzanne Bower
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Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed on Him, "If you continue in my Word, then are you my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
JOHN 8:31-32

Many believers go to church regularly, even pray regularly, but hardly read the Word, or if they do, it is only a verse here and there. What Jesus said was, "If you continue in my Word", THEN you are His disciple, and THEN you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

There are numerous admonishments in Scripture saying that studying Scripture is essential to, not only knowing the Lord, but receiv-

ing all the benefits of being in the Kingdom of God.

Here are some of them: *Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, who surrounds you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who fills your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.* Psalms 103:2-5 *According as His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness* 2 Peter 1:3 These are only a few, but they cover everything you will ever need. But the only way to receive them is to CONTINUE in the Word.

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, and on it shall you meditated day and night, then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. Joshua 1: 8.

You see, it is up to you! The Lord says, "Then YOU shall make your way prosperous." not , "Then I shall make your way prosperous." He also tells us how to do it: "Whosoever

says to that mountain, be cast into the sea, and doubts not in his heart, but believes in His heart that the thing he says shall come to pass, shall have whatsoever he says." Mark 11:23

Then He goes on to say: "Therefore I say to you, whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them." Mark 11:24

There you have it. It isn't hard. Speak to your mountain. Tell it to do what you need it to do. Believe in your heart what God's Word has said about it is true, and do not doubt in your heart that it shall come to pass, and it **shall** come to pass.

But the faith to believe in your heart only comes from meditating on the Word, Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8 It also enables us to keep our mind on the Lord, and walk in His peace, knowing He has it all in control.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

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¹⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and instead, the Lord had sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear. ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Some of Saul's aides suggested a cure.

"We'll find a good harpist to play for you whenever the tormenting spirit is bothering you," they said. "The harp music will quiet you and you'll soon be well again."

¹⁷ "All right," Saul said. "Find me a harpist."

¹⁸ One of them said he knew a young fellow in Bethlehem, the son of a man named Jesse, who was not only a talented harp player, but was handsome, brave, and strong, and had good, solid judgment. "What's more," he added, "the Lord is with him."

¹⁹ So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, asking that he send his son David the shepherd. ²⁰ Jesse responded by sending not only David but a young goat and a donkey carrying a load of food and wine. ²¹ From the instant he saw David, Saul admired and loved him; and David became his bodyguard.

²² Then Saul wrote to Jesse, "Please let David join my staff, for I am very fond of him."

²³ And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp and Saul would feel better, and the evil spirit would go away.

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Darkness is a word with many meanings. However, none more profound than the loss of a loved one.

I compare this emotion to what Thomas experienced after witnessing the crucifixion.

Thomas, ever the inquisitor was the one asking the Lord where shall we go? Or, most profoundly that I will not believe! After the crucifixion we don't see Thomas again until he joins the disciples huddled in the upper room. In that wondering bathed in shattered beliefs and not knowing where to go and what to do Thomas was separated from God. However, there in the darkness of the crowded room Thomas returns to his fellow followers and, it was here that light over powered the darkness. Our Lord appeared amongst them showing his scars directly to Thomas who then proclaims my Lord and my God. To those of us who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ that proclamation,

that acknowledgement of who He is, sheds a fearsome beam of light through our darkest days, and darkest nights lighting our paths as we follow Him.

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." JOHN 20:24-29 KJV

When Darkness Turns to Light

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I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



Pastor Cathy
Hawkins
Dover, OH

Joint effort, means to work together for a common goal.

Recently I attended a painting class. Everyone in this class was given a blank canvas board and our paints and brushes for us to use on our project. We were instructed to turn the blank canvas into whatever our creative minds desired.

I asked God to give me an idea and chose to paint God's rainbow. God wants to be included in every area of our lives. Working with my hands was a great stress reducer and fun. Jesus and you equal a joint effort.

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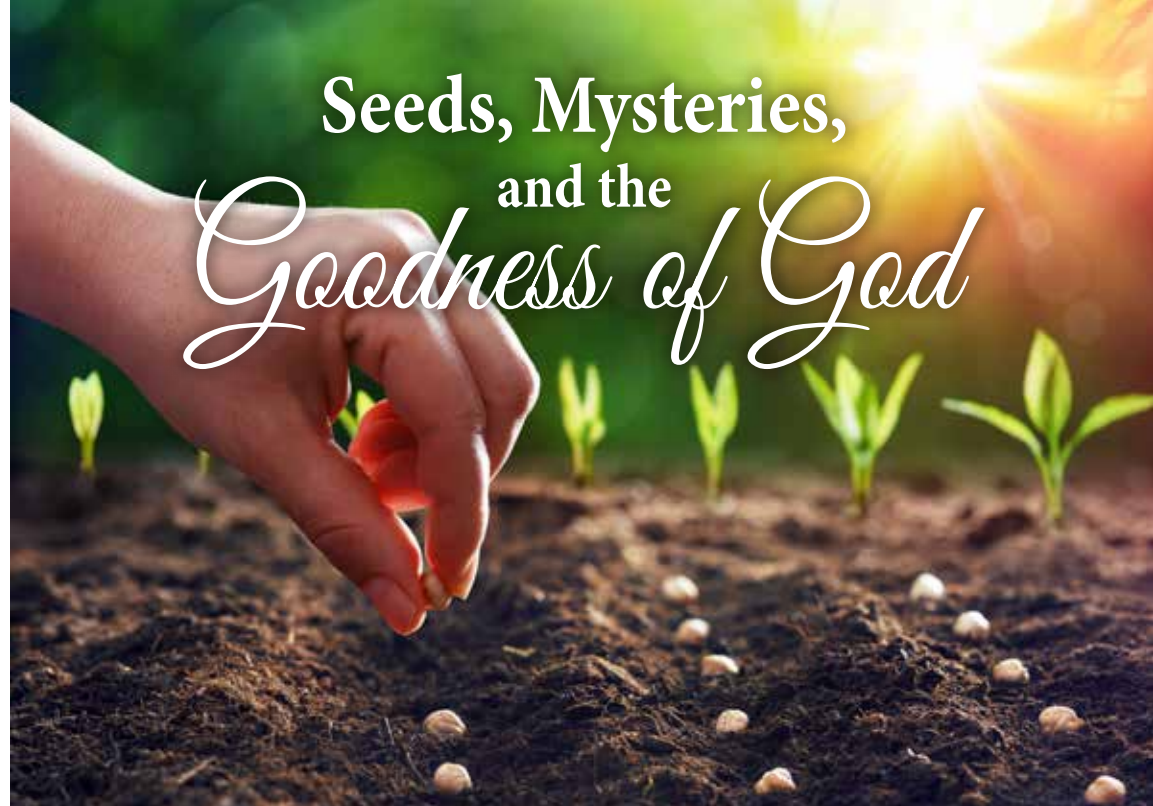
See-sawing temperatures, sporadic rainfall, and an abundance of critters made for a frustrating gardening season. The basil and beet seeds I planted grew barely big enough to distinguish from weeds before they disappeared, thanks to a combination of insects and rabbits. The zucchinis and cucumbers had to be planted three times before they finally germinated. In fifty years of gardening, I've never figured out the mystery: One year you have an abundance, and the next year the same crop might be a total failure.

Early in the spring, I sowed my favorite lettuce seeds, as usual, beside the house. Squirrels immediately started digging holes, presumably looking for the acorns, they had buried last fall. Eventually, in the undisturbed spaces, some tiny lettuces poked their feeble heads out of the ground.

Yet a couple of hundred feet away, a patch of lettuce had unexpectedly popped up right where the vegetable garden and lawn meet. These volunteer lettuces were vigorous and tender, each leafy bunch growing to soccer ball-size weeks ahead of the others. Go figure. Those delicious greens were greatly appreciated, although I have no idea how the seeds got there.

The Bible has a lot to say about seeds. They're part of the plan God uses to renew His creation. In Jesus' parable about the sower, He likens seeds to the word of God. As Christians, we're called to use our gifts and talents to sow seeds, to spread the good news of the gospel to the world.

Back in the 1990s, my favorite comic strip was Johnny Hart's creation, *B.C.* Hart's conversion to Christ in 1984 had come about because of a satellite dish installation, of all things. The father-son team who did the multiple-day job were born-again Christians who tuned in to a Christian television station to test the satellite strength. After thoughtful interactions with this friendly duo, Hart's lukewarm



Seeds, Mysteries, and the Goodness of God

childhood faith started to blossom.

He began delivering insightful Christian messages in his widely syndicated comic strips, particularly during the Christmas and Easter seasons. The evangelical strips were considered too controversial, and he faced intense pushback. Several prominent newspapers either pulled the specifically Christian strips or canceled *B.C.* entirely.

But he didn't let the controversy stop him. He defended integrating his conservative Christian viewpoints into his work until he died in 2007. He believed that God had specifically placed him in the cartooning profession to spread the gospel. With his work in over 1,300 daily newspapers across the globe, Johnny Hart was able to cast seeds to an immense audience.

Who could imagine that God would use a couple of satellite dish installers to bring one of His sheep back into the fold? Or that he would use some goofy caveman cartoon characters to proclaim His message of love to the world?

I'll keep on casting my good news seeds wherever I can, wondering where and when God will choose to make them grow. It might be somewhere I least expect it, but I'm counting on a bumper crop.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

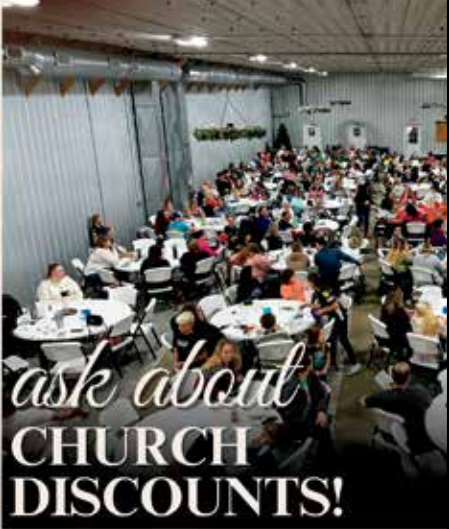
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PHILIPPIANS 3:14, KJV



Dr. Sandra Mann, DoD
Gnadenhutzen, OH

In sports, people celebrate the highlight reel — the victories, the comeback moments, and the championships. But what often goes unseen is the grind behind the scenes: the setbacks, discipline, pain, and perseverance it takes to keep moving forward. That is where true strength is built.

In a small rural town in Ohio, something different is happening at Restoration Centre in Gnadenhutzen. This is not a traditional church built around appearances or polished performances. It is a place where people gather around tables instead of sitting in rows. Conversations are real. Worship is passionate. Lives are challenged to change.

Men today are under enormous pressure. Many carry silent battles involving addiction, anger,

depression, broken families, fear, or failure. Society often teaches men to hide weakness and suffer quietly. But God never intended men to fight alone.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13, KJV

At Restoration Centre, men are challenged to become spiritually strong leaders in their homes and communities. Faith is not treated like a weekly routine. It is approached like training for life itself.

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Just like an athlete trains even on difficult days, spiritual growth requires consistency and perseverance. Real faith is lived out daily, especially when life becomes difficult.

My own story taught me that.

I grew up poor in a large family with a disabled military father and a praying mother who faithfully read the Bible to her nine children. Life was not easy. I endured trauma, abuse, rejection, and deep personal



Pressing Toward the Mark: The Fight Most Men Never Talk About

pain that could have destroyed my future. There were seasons when quitting would have been easier than continuing forward. But God had another plan.

Instead of allowing bitterness to define my life, I chose to press forward. Out of those painful experiences, I later helped found a rape crisis center because I understood the importance of helping wounded people find hope again.

That same spirit of restoration is now part of the heartbeat of this ministry. This church is not built on perfect people. It is built on perseverance, accountability, and the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9, KJV

Many men know how to work hard physically, but spiritual leadership requires strength too. It takes courage to lead a family, remain faithful during hardship, and continue standing when life hits hard. At Restoration Centre, men are encouraged to rise higher, grow deeper in God, and become leaders who live with purpose, integrity, and faith.

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Most mornings, the world does not knock politely. It buzzes. It lights up. It waits beside the bed with headlines, messages, reminders, weather, work, and a hundred small invitations to hurry. Before our feet touch the floor, the phone can begin telling us what matters.

For a follower of Jesus, the first voice of the day matters.

This is not because phones are evil. They can help us communicate, work, learn, and serve. But they are very good at training our attention. If the first habit of the morning is to scroll, react, compare, or worry, then the soul begins the day in response mode. We become available to everything before we have made ourselves available to God.

Scripture gives us a better beginning:

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Stillness is not laziness. It is a declaration of trust. Before the feed speaks, before the calendar crowds in, before the news becomes heavy, the Christian can pause and remember: God is already Lord of this day.

A simple practice can help. Before touching the phone in the morning, pray one honest prayer. It does not need to be long: Lord Jesus, this day belongs to You. Teach me to love You and my neighbor with my attention. Then read a few verses of Scripture, or sit quietly for one minute and offer the day to Him.

This small act will not fix every distraction. It will not make technology disappear. But it reorders the heart. It reminds us that we are disciples before we are consumers, servants before we are spectators, and beloved children before we are busy people.

The world will still have plenty to say. Some of it may be important. Some of it may be noise. But when God gets the first word, the rest of the day can be received with more wisdom.

Tomorrow morning, let the phone wait. Begin with the Lord. Let your first attention become a small act of worship.

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Can You Answer a Few Questions?



Matt Ritzert
Dover, OH

For more than twenty years, I worked as a news reporter. Even in high school, I knew that's what I wanted to do. I think I was born with an innate desire to be in the know, to have the inside information. As a news reporter, I was trained to ask why, where, when, who, what, and how. These are the basic questions every journalist is trained to ask. My mission was to find the answers, know the whole story, and share the news with others. Whether it was a routine city council meeting, a sensational murder trial, or a local appearance by a sports celebrity, I liked being where the action was. Seeking out the answers to those basic journalism questions served me well in the secular world of news reporting. I have found that those skills are far less important in my spiritual life.

My faith and my relationship with God cannot be captured in a news report. My challenge is to

recognize and accept that some of those questions have no definitive answers. Who is God? Why am I here? What does He want me to do? How can I best follow Him? What is the best way to pray? Where is God when bad things happen? When will I die? Those questions may or may not be pertinent. Some of the answers may help me in my spiritual growth and my relationship with God. Then again, maybe not. Regardless of how I or anyone else may try to unravel the mystery of God and His plan for our lives, I must remember that God's love for me is unconditional and to trust that He and He alone knows what is best. If I shove all my questions aside, if I accept God's love, if I trust God, then I can accept that I will not have all the answers. I can put my relationship with God in perspective. We read in the 55th chapter of Isaiah, *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

When we open our hearts, God gifts to us the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. And with these virtues come trust and surrender. Knowledge is secondary. Knowledge can increase my understanding. Knowledge can help me discover the depth and breadth of God's relationship with all that He has created. Knowledge can help me better grasp the teaching of Jesus Christ. But, when there are no answers, I need to rely on faith. I need to trust. I need to trust that the God who was, the God who is, and the God who is to come is beyond my comprehension, beyond my meager attempts to chase down answers like a cub reporter eager to get the big story.

I will put down my pencil and notepad. I will never know all the answers. I will never be in control. I can and will continue to ask questions, seek answers, and listen. I will read. I will pray. I will listen for the voice of God. With faith, hope and love, I will understand that Jesus Christ is the only answer I need.

PROJECT HOPE



THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE STARTS AUGUST 29, 2026

“Project Hope” Marks Overdose Awareness Day and the Start of National Recovery Month



Photos depict silhouettes
used in 2023

Empower Tusc Coalition, the Tuscarawas County Health Department, and the Tuscarawas County Addiction Task Force have joined forces to help our community better understand addiction, reduce stigma, connect individuals with treatment services, and ensure access to overdose reversal medications. This countywide initiative encourages those battling addiction, along with their families and loved ones, that treatment works....and recovery happens! Throughout September, residents will see silhouettes in 9 communities across Tuscarawas County to highlight addiction and overdoses, serving as a memorial for those lost.

The silhouettes and yard signs will display 2025 statistics

- Black silhouettes: 7 overdose deaths
- Gray silhouettes: 117 non-fatal overdoses
- Yellow silhouettes: “There is Always Hope”

For more information about Project Hope please call 330-440-7320

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Balloon Artists for the kids

4:30-6:30 Liberated Band

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God's Promise and God's Process



Elizabeth Morris
Age 17
Uhrichsville, OH

The rainbow has always been more than a beautiful display of colors in the sky. In the Bible, it is a reminder of God's covenant—a promise that even after the storm, His faithfulness remains.

What I love most is that the rainbow didn't appear before the flood. It appeared after. It reminds us that storms are real, but they don't last forever. More importantly, they don't change who God is. That makes me think about a vase.

Most people admire a finished vase sitting on a shelf, but they rarely think about what it took to create it. It began as ordinary clay. It had to be pressed, shaped, stretched, and placed in intense heat before it became strong enough to hold anything of value. Our lives often look the same.

There are seasons when we feel pressed by life's challenges, shaped by disappointment, or tested by circumstances we never expected. In those moments, it's easy to believe we're falling apart. But what if God is actually putting us together?

The world often notices our cracks, our

failures, and our scars. God sees something different. He sees people He is still shaping. He sees purpose where others see pain. He sees a vessel that is still in the Potter's hands.

The rainbow reminds us of God's promise. The vase reminds us of God's process.

The storm doesn't mean God has abandoned you, and the fire doesn't mean He has forgotten you. Sometimes the very things that seem to be breaking us are the things God is using to strengthen us.

If you're in a difficult season, don't lose heart. Trust the Potter while you're being shaped, and remember the rainbow when the skies are dark. God's promises are still true, and His work in your life isn't finished yet.



Wesley Vaughn
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• 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
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
611 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 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

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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
dundeecog@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.
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
• Sunday Worship 10 am & 4 pm

MIDVALE

Midvale Methodist Church

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

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Atwood Lake Ministry

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Church of the Nazarene

4705 Center St. | 330-859-2724
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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
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Pastor Mark Gross
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Tabor Ridge Community Church

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

NEW CUMBERLAND

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

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4058 New Cumberland Rd NE
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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Pastor Harley Wheeler
www.thebroadwaychurch.org
• Sun Traditional Worship 8:30 am
• Sun Contemporary Worship 10:45 am

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• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

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• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Faith Christian Church

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

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878 Commercial Ave SW | 330-339-1141
Troy Stogsdill | 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
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New Life Center Ministries

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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

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330-440-7066
Pastor: Tim Levensgood
• Sunday Worship 11 am

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• Sunday Worship 11 am

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• Sunday Worship 10 am

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Calvary Methodist Church

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
www.nctnaz.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU)

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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 Community Church

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

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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: elliott.ray@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
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Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Zion Lutheran Church

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www.firstlutheranstrasburg.com
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stjohnuccstrasburg@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

United Methodist

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• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

SUGARCREEK

Alpine Bible Church

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Pastor Byron Stewart
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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Barrs Mill Church of God

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Pastor Josh Wilson
www.barrsmillchurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the Brethren

144 Yoder Ave | 614-507-4435
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nelson.brown87@icloud.com
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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Shanesville Lutheran Church

SR 39 & 93 intersection | 330-852-2820
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sugarcreek United Methodist Church

212 North Broadway | 330-852-2885
Rev Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Union Hill of Sugarcreek

7877 Union Hill Rd NW | 330-852-4449
Pastor: Jeff Calkins | unionhillumc.com
email: uhcofsugarcreek@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

TUSCARAWAS

Emmaus Chapel, IPCC

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www.emmausipcc.org
Pastor: Sam Brown
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Sharon Moravian Church

4776 Moravian Church Rd SE
740-922-5507

www.sharonmoravian.org

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office@sharedmoravianministryohio.org
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First Presbyterian

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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Baptist Church

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1943 N Water St Ext | 740-922-1564
www.ucfoursquarechurch.org
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• Sunday Worship 10 am

Pleasant Grove Church

8560 Edie Hill Rd
Jon Kinsey, minister
• Sunday Worship 9 am

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• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Pastor Henry L. McNeil
www.sjwpc.info
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Uhrichville Christian Fellowship

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Pastor Jimmy Stull, Sr Pastor
www.ucfclm.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

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225 N Dawson St.
740-922-3881 | Pastor Kory Rowland
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