



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TO OUR GUEST: We hope your time with us today is a blessing and an encouragement. Enough so, you will return over and over again. We are glad you are here.

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We exist to TAKE THE GOSPEL to all people, to TRANSFORM HEARTS to be like Jesus, and TRAIN DISCIPLES to make more disciples.

GOD IS WORKING ON ME

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GOD HAS BIG PLANS FOR MY LIFE

COMMUNION: We serve the Lord's Super each Sunday as was the pattern of the New Testament Church. Immersed believers are encouraged to partake to remember what Jesus did for them on the cross.

INVITATION: If you desire to make a decision for Christ today, come forward during the closing. Someone will greet you and lead you each step of the way. Call Faron if you want to set up an appointment to talk.

YOUTH CHURCH – Grades 1-6 may go over to the Youth Center for a lesson geared toward them. Lara Franks will be there to greet you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7 PM in the Social Hall with Jim Thomas

MISSION HOSTED WORK DAY- On Saturday, May 15th our Mission Committee is hosting a workday at Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp. This is a great way to get involved on our mission program. See Coleen Glozzer for more info.

CHURCH CAMP – It is that time of year again for Church Camp. Restoration offers two choices: Elkhorn Valley and Camp Christian. There are discounts for early registrations. Remember the church pays half of a camper's tuition. If you have questions see Colleen Glozzer or Jessica Wallace. Kids make commitments at Church Camp that change their entire future.

GRADUATION – If you have a child that is graduating this year, please let Faron know as soon as possible. College or High School.

WORSHIP TEAM – If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to help our Worship Team each week lead us in worship to God, please talk with Lynn Wix ASAP.

SECURITY TEAM – If you are interested in helping with church security, please see Jerry Keller ASAP.

THIS PAST SUNDAY
In-House Attendance: 59
Offering: \$2,489.00

EGGS FOR MISSIONS – Kathy Hanze has fresh country eggs in the foyer each week. All money donated goes to Ryan Franklin and Team Expansion Missions. Ryan is leaving for the UK in September. Thanks Kathy and those that donate!

YOUTH CHURCH ASSISTANT: We are looking for an assistant teacher for youth church when Lara can't be here. Talk with Faron if you can help us out with this ministry need.

RESTORATION is blessed to currently have Joe Croft, President of Northeast Ohio Bible College teaching our Sunday Morning Bible School class on the Thessalonian books. Join us each Sunday at 10 AM in the social hall.

There are three important things to understand when you study the Bible:

1. Context
2. Context
3. Context

 Joe Croft

CARRY-IN DINNER – We will have dinner after church on May 23 with CORNHOLE set up for afternoon enjoyment.

	05/02/21	5/9/21	5/16/21	5/23/21	5/30/21
Front Door Greeters	Ty Miley	Marci Wix	Sierra Erkkila	Susan Toal	Ty Miley
Worship Center Greeters	Barb Shultz	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard	Ashley Toal	Marci Wix
Youth Church	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks
PowerPoint	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze
Video Recording	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace
Communion Preparation	Hannah & Leah Wallace	Hannah & Leah Wallace			
Communion Meditation	Bob Wix	Robert Albright	Dustin Wallace	Randy Priddy	Jerry Keller
Cleaning Team This Week	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark	Barb Shultz	Margaret & Laci Pounds	Karen Cox
Nursery	Jessica Wallace	Sierra Erkkila	Rebecca Lisotto	Jessica Wallace	Sierra Erkkila

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



Do your parents ever tell you what you are doing is wrong? You want to disagree with them because you have seen them do the same thing.

For example, do your parents ever get mad at someone for driving down the road over the speed limit, then tell you to never to speed? Then, they realize that they are running late and you soon realize they are now going 60 in a 50-speed zone.

Even though this is something that most of us see all the time, it is hypocritical. Oftentimes, we have to look in the mirror and see we are hypocritical too. A good example of this is found in **Mathew 5:7**. In this passage, from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, *"Hypocrite! First, remove the plank from your own eye, then you will be able to see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."* On a normal day, we are able to recognize when someone else is doing something wrong/sinful. However, we never look at what we are doing as wrong/sinful. We generally pay more attention to other people's sin than our own sin.

Focus on you. Jesus even says himself in **John 8:7**, *"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone."* Focus on your life and when you have taken the "plank" out of your own eye, then you can "throw the first stone", but only then. Then you will understand how to judge people.

God is the only one that has nothing in His eye. That is why He is the only lawgiver and judge. Oftentimes we are blinded of our own sin. We are quick to ridicule the small flaws of others, yet let big matters slip into our own life; even bigger than the ones of other people of which you are critical.

I heard a story once of a police officer who pulled over a man and asked for the man's license and vehicle registration. The man told the officer that he knew he wasn't speeding. The officer says, "That's right, but I did notice that you shook your hand out the window at the sedan that cut you off, and you also

slammed your head into the dash when traffic was at a stand-still by the bridge."

The man then asked, "That is not illegal, is it?" The officer says, "No, but your bumper sticker says, 'I love you and God does too', so I figured this car had been stolen."

This story is funny, but provides a good example of recognizing when our actions are hypocritical.

Focusing on yourself means realizing that you have the same, or even larger issue, in your own eye than the person you are criticizing. You cannot help someone fix their problem if you are struggling with the same issue.

In Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary, he says, "We must judge ourselves and our own acts, and not make what we say laws for other people to follow." He adds, "If we focus too much on other people's flaws, or the specks in their eyes, then we will allow larger problems to make their way into our own lives, like the log, and not even notice it."

Well, how? How can we get our eyes off the wrong doings of others?

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FOCUS ON YOURSELF AND WHAT YOU NEED TO CHANGE

Focus on changes you should make in your own life. Think about this. Have you said any of these things in the last week or so? It is their fault! Or, I want revenge! How about this one--they started it. One of the first things we should do is pray for God to open our eyes to our own sin. **Acts 26:18** says, *"To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and the power of Satan to God so that you may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."*

It is also a good idea to ask yourself this: Did I contribute to the problem? Admitting that is not easy. Actually, it is quite difficult to say that you were wrong, but it will help you to

open your eyes to see what you did and how to fix it.

Once there was a lawyer who loved criticizing his opponents in the newspaper. One day he messed with the wrong man; his name was James Shields. He tracked down the lawyer who had publicly embarrassed him and challenged the man to a duel. On the allotted day, they met at a sandbar on the Mississippi River, but before the duel started, the friends of both men convinced them to call off the duel.

The lawyer returned to his practice, but never again publicly criticize another man. In fact, later when he heard his wife criticizing the southern people in the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln said, "Don't criticize them. They are just what we would be under different circumstances."

So, before you get angry, become hypocritical, or start an argument with someone, take some time to think: Did I do anything to contribute to this, or would I be doing something similar if I were in their shoes? As you can see many people generally pay more attention to others' sin than their own. To fix this first, focus on ourselves, focus on getting the log out of your eye then you will be able to see clearly.

PRAY FOR OPEN EYES

Secondly, we should pray for God to open our eyes to our own sin. We have to come to the realization that we might do the same thing, or something worse, that the people we quickly criticize do. Often, without even comprehending it. Pray for open eyes

-Nathan Wallace

Nathan is 14 years old and attends 8th grade at Eden Christian Academy. His parents are Dustin & Jessica Wallace.

NEEDED SUPPLIES

These following supplies are needed for the church. If you can help us supply these things it would be deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance. You help with these donations does help us keep expenses down.

- Invisible Glass[®] (Glass Cleaner)
- Paper Towels
- Kitchen Pot Holders
- REGULAR Coffee only
- Trash Bags (55 Gallon)