

A Fishy Tale



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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.

YOU CAN NEVER RUN FROM GOD

JULY 11, 2021

GOD'S CONCERN IS PEOPLE

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 – Youth Center
- SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Begins at 10 AM – Social Hall
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – 7 PM – Social Hall



MISSION SPEAKER – Next Sunday, July 18th



Ryan Franklin will be here to share updates on his work with Team Expansion. In mid-September Ryan will be leaving for England for his mission endeavors. A special offering will be taken to help with his work.

VACATION – Bring back a bulletin from the church you attend while on vacation. We love hearing what other churches are doing.

JEREMIAH'S BIRTHDAY PARTY– Jordan and Jessica Welbourne are hosting a Birthday Party for Jeremiah today. **It is a carry-in lunch**, bring some food to join us. The Welbourne's will provide the drinks and dessert as we celebrate the BIG TWO for Jeremiah.



TODDLER TEACHERS ARE NEEDED – We are preparing to start Toddler's Church. Will you help in this ministry? If you are interested at all, please see Jessica Wallace today; She can answer any questions.

SAFETY/SECURITY MEETING – At 8:30 AM on July 17 we will begin a meeting that will last about noon. There will be coffee and donuts when you arrive. Bring a notepad to take notes. There will be a quiz at the end for you to take home and go over if you wish. This meeting is for all security team members and anyone who makes contact with people as they enter the building on Sunday mornings.



MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – There are a group of men that meet in the youth center each Monday night. We would love to have you join us. John Taormina is leading this group. Please contact him if you have any questions: 724-472-7788 or jtptpkmba@gmailcom.

THANK YOU! We want to give a shout out to our Ground Crew that mow the yard each week. The grounds always look wonderful because of the efforts of these precious servants. This is a powerful ministry because this is the first impression that visitors have of us. Thank you for your faithfulness.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED? If you are thinking about taking the next step in your faith or have any questions, please speak with Faron today. He would love to help you along your journey.



Romans 6:4, KJV: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." ... And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

	7/11/2021	7/18/2021	7/25/2021	8/1/2021	8/8/2021
Front Door Greeters	Susan & Ashley Toal	Gloria Leonard	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas	Susan Toal
Worship Center Greeters	Lynda Wiseman	Sierra Erkkila	Becky Lisotto	Marci Wix	Ashley Toal
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	Mindy Gordon	Mindy Gordon	Mindy Gordon	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo
Communion Meditation	Bob Wix	Robert Albright	Dustin Wallace	Randy Priddy	Jerry Keller
Cleaning Team This Week	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark	Margaret & Laci Pounds	Colleen Glozzer
Nursery	Rebecca Lisotto	Jessica Wallace	Sierra Erkkila	Jessica Wallace	Rebecca Lisotto

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



TEACH ME TO PRAY!

As you read the book of Psalms, you easily discover in this book there are scores of prayers---especially from David. So much can be learned about praying from this godly man. As you dig deeper into the Scriptures, you also learn there are far more prayers of David that are recorded than that of Jesus.

We find Jesus prayed a lot. It is even documented that Jesus prayed all night. However, those prayers were not revealed to us like David's prayers. Jesus prayed so differently that when His disciples heard Him pray, they said to Him, "Lord, teach us how to pray" (**Luke 11:1**). He responded by giving them the "Lord's Prayer," which begins, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." (**Luke 11:2**).

Because David was a man after God's own heart, we can learn so much from looking at his prayers in the psalms. Learn to use the words of this godly man in your prayers; rest assured that God will hear us when we pray.

Psalms 143 illustrates this concept so clearly. David opens his heart before us and we can immediately identify the situations in David's life with those which happen in ours. It is at times like this, we can learn from David about how we should never waver in petitioning our Father in the sacred act of prayer.

The Setting for Psalm 143

The beginning of this psalm identifies David as the author. Read the psalm to see that there was an enemy of David who had created serious problems for him. David recalls this enemy has persecuted his soul, crushed his life to the ground, and created a world of darkness around him (v. 3). His soul was

heavy and overwhelmed. This "man after God's own heart" was conscious of his sins, but prayed to God on the basis of "Your faithfulness. . . and Your righteousness."

Wow. That is not how I often pray. I often concentrate on my sin rather than the faithfulness and the forgiveness of my Heavenly Father. This is a valuable lesson I can learn from David's prayer life that I need to apply to my own time in prayer with God each day.

Keep On Asking

Jesus taught us to keep asking, seeking, and knocking on the doors of heaven when we pray. Notice in the last half of Psalm 143 that is what David did.

"I spread out my hand to you... answer me speedily, O Lord... cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning for in You I do trust... I lift up my soul to You... Deliver me, O Lord from my enemies; in You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake. For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble."

God never tires of us asking Him and acknowledging our dependency on Him. Jesus prayed the exact same prayer three times in one hour when in Gethsemane.

When trials overwhelm you and it appears the enemy is winning, remember this psalm. This not a prayer indicating David's doubt of God's nature. It is his soul repeatedly crying out to God again and again. As trials come, read this psalm and keep on praying! -FF

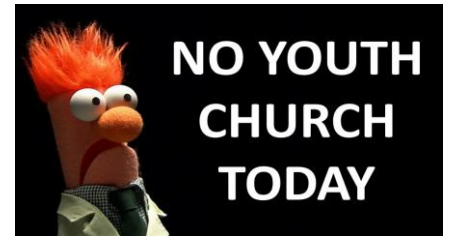
TOTALS FROM LAST WEEK

Attendance: 82 (In Person)
Offering: \$3,611.64

SATURDAY, JULY 17th @ 7 PM



You are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair because we will be watching the movie outside if weather permits. Rain will cause us to move inside. There will be games, popcorn, and s'mores around the fire. Bring your friends and we will have a great time. This event is for the whole family---young and old. Movie will not be revealed until that evening. **HINT: It will be GREATER than you EXPECT!**



**We Will Resume Next Sunday
Worship With Family Today**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missionary Ryan Franklin

July 18 Worship Service

Hillsboro Family Camp

July 26 - 29

Camp Wallace

August 18-21

Homecoming (8 Years)

September 19

Barnabas Week

October 31 - November 3

Online Resources Available

- Services are broadcast live:
www.facebook.com/RestorationChurchOfChrist
- Our website:
www.restorationchurchofchrist.org



CLEANING TEAMS – Please make sure you



look for the week you are to clean. If unable to clean your designated week it is your responsibility to find someone to cover for you. Thank you for serving.

FOOD PANTRY - If you know someone that can use food from our **FOOD PANTRY**, please see Mike or Rebecca Lisotto. Donations to any family are kept in the strictest of confidences.

PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS – Make sure you are praying for the leaders of Restoration. Pray also for laborers for the harvest. We need strong leaders and preachers in the church and there is **POWER** in prayer.