



LIVING IN SODOM

RESTORATION
CHURCH of CHRIST

JULY 25, 2021 - SIX SINS OF SODOM: PRIDE; GLUTTONY; LAZINESS; NEGLECT OF POOR/NEEDY; HAUGHTINESS; AND AN "ABOMINATION"

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

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – A group of men 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 with questions: 724-472-7788 or jtptpkmba@gmail.com.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – Our new directory is online through our website at www.restorationchurchofchrist.org---then go to the directory tab. It is password protected. See Faron or one of the Elders to get the password for viewing. You can print off a personal copy of the directory from the website. Thank you, Jessica Welbourne, for your hard work in putting this together and Deirdre Cogley for getting it on the website.

TEACHERS NEEDED – Nursery (0-2) and Pre-School (3-5) needs teachers. We are preparing to start KidMin soon. Will you help in this ministry? If you are interested at all, please see Jessica Wallace today. She can answer any questions. **We Need Your Help!**

CHURCH CALENDAR – If you or a group in the church are planning an event make sure you check the church calendar to make sure the date is not taken. The first to get it on the calendar gets the date.

PRAYER LIST – If you would like a prayer list from our Wednesday Night Bible Study, you can pick those up on the first table in the social hall.

HILLSBORO FAMILY CAMP – Several of our people will be attending the annual Hillsboro Family Camp Meeting in Hillsboro, Ohio July 26-29. Please keep them in prayer for safe travels and a spiritually uplifting week.

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.

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE AT RESTORATION?

	7/25/2021	8/1/2021	8/8/2021	8/15/2021	7/22/2021
Front Door Greeters	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas	Susan Toal	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard
Worship Center Greeters	Becky Lisotto	Marci Wix	Ashley Toal	Lynda Wiseman	Joan Black
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	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo
Communion Meditation	Dustin Wallace	Randy Priddy	Jerry Keller	Rich Moore	Josh Freeman
Cleaning Team This Week	Trinity Kutchmark	Margaret & Laci Pounds	Colleen Glozzer	Barb Shultz	Karen Cox
Nursery	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto	Sierra Erkila	Jessica Wallace	Lynda Wiseman

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



The Subject We Do Not Like To Talk About

Jesus spoke of hell. Luke writes about a rich man and Lazarus (**Luke 16:19-31**). In this narrative, the rich man lived a very different life than the beggar Lazarus. As all things go, they both die. The rich man goes into torment and Lazarus to the "bosom of Abraham." The rich man wanted reprieve, but he would not find any. *"And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony'"* (**Luke 16:24-25**). The rich man asked for Lazarus to return and speak to his family *"so that they will not also come to this place of torment"* (**Luke 16:28**). *"But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them'"* (**Luke 16:29**). There is a place called "hell." People are there, and others are on their way to a place of endless torment. This subject should be taught to save souls.

We must all understand that there is a hell. Not believing in a thing does not mean it doesn't exist. If it were true, then everyone should stop believing in death, famine, sickness, and poverty. The fact that many do not believe in hell is a good reason to talk about it. The fool that has said in his heart, *"There is no God" is a cousin to him that says, "There is no hell"* (**Psalms 14:1**).

We must understand that hell is a place. In talking about the death of Judas, this was the Biblical commentary, *"Judas turned aside to go to his own place"* (**Acts 1:25**). Jesus said this concerning heaven. *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it*

were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (**John 14:2-3**). If heaven is a place, hell must also be a place.

We must understand that hell is a place of eternal torment. *"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name"* (**Revelation 14:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:9**). This should be a motivator toward heaven.

Finally, we must understand that many will go to hell. *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it"* (**Matthew 7:13**). Our obedience is paramount to keep us on the straight and narrow. This is not a popular theme especially as we are again in a time when everyone does what is right in their own eyes. But, Jesus spoke of hell---we should too! -FF



One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well.

The animal cried piteously for hours (or whatever donkeys do when they fall into an old well) as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the donkey, but decided that the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer looked down the well, and was astonished at what he saw.

As every shovel of dirt hit his back, the donkey did something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on the top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed, as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

This ol' life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of a hole is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest holes just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

TOTALS FROM LAST WEEK

Attendance: 68 (In Person)
Offering: \$5,694.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SHAKE IT OFF AND TAKE A STEP UP!