

TO OUR GUESTS: 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.

RESTORATION

CHURCH of CHRIST

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Welcome

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

August 1, 2021

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.

GO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS!

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.

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.



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.

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.

PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS OF THE HARVEST

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.

GOD IS SO GOOD!



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.

	8/1/2021	8/8/2021	8/15/2021	8/22/2021	8/29/2021
Front Door Greeters	Lynn Thomas	Susan Toal	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard	Sierra Erklila
Worship Center Greeters	Marci Wix	Ashley Toal	Lynda Wiseman	Joan Black	Ty Miley
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	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Mindy Gordon
Communion Meditation	Randy Priddy	Jerry Keller	Rich Moore	Josh Freeman	TBA
Cleaning Team This Week	Margaret & Laci Pounds	Colleen Glozzer	Barb Shultz	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas
Nursery	Rebecca Lisotto	Sierra Erklila	Jessica Wallace	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto

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



What Do I Do When I Am Down And Out?

Life is so hard—harder for some than for others. Sometimes there are “ups” and then we get hit with “downs.” When those “downs” come, what can we do? Better asked, “What should we do?”

In the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah experienced “ups” and “downs.” As a prophet of God, he did great miracles to point people to the power and the Word of God. Can you imagine any greater “up” than God sending ravens to feed you while there was a drought in the land (**1 Kings 17:1-7**), or providing endless food for a widow and her son (**17:8-16**), or raising the widow’s son from the dead (**17:17-24**), or calling down fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice (**18:20-39**)? We may wonder how such a man could ever experience any “downs” after having “ups” like these. But he did.

Elijah got so down that *“he prayed that he might die and said, ‘It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life!’”* (**19:4**). Through the strength of the Lord, he journeyed forty days to a cave (**19:8-9**). When you’re down, isn’t that where you’d like to be? In a dark cave and by yourself? When the Lord called to him there, Elijah was depressed. *“I alone am left; and they seek to take my life”* (**19:10**). Even after God spoke to him and revealed Himself to him, Elijah again said, *“I alone am left; and they seek to take my life”* (**19:14**). Elijah was down and hurting. What could he do? Better yet, what should he do?

The Lord did not tell Elijah to just stay in the cave. He did not tell Elijah to close off from others. The Lord did not tell Elijah to scold others for not coming to his side. Look carefully at three things the Lord told Elijah to do:

First, “go” (19:15). He did not tell him to “stay.” God told Elijah to come

out of the cave and “go.” Are there any of us who need to hear that?

Second, “return” (19:15). He did not just tell him to come out of the cave and go, but He told him to go back and retrace his steps. In retracing his steps, he would need to “do again” those good things that he had been doing before (cf. **Revelation 2:5**).

Third, “anoint... anoint... anoint...” (19:15-16). In other words, the third thing that God told Elijah to do was “work.” And the “work” that He gave him to do was “work” for the good of “others.” Do any of us need to hear that?

Life is hard. It has “ups” (which we like) and “downs” (which are sometimes devastating). What can we do? What should we do? Three things: (1) Get up and go. (2) Return to doing good things. (3) Work for the benefit of others. As we serve, God will strengthen us and help us to see others (**19:18**) whom we may help to have an “up” themselves. -FF



CAMP WALLACE

Due to some scheduling conflicts, we must cancel Camp Wallace for 2021. We are in the process of working on dates for 2022. We will miss this time of great fellowship and fun. If you like camping and fishing you have something to look forward to next year. Here are some pictures from previous years. May this whet your appetite for 2022. 😊

