



JESUS

DO YOU KNOW HIM?



Philippians 3:13-14

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DO YOU WANT TO KNOW JESUS?

OCTOBER 24, 2021

FORGETTING...REACHING...PRESSING

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.

	10/24/21	BARANABAS WEEK	11/7/21	11/14/21	11/21/21
Front Door Greeters	Susan Toal	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas
Worship Center Greeters	Ashley Toal	Lynda Wiseman	Sierra Erkillia	Rebecca Lisotto	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	Brandon Wolfe	Nathan Wallace	Brandon Wolfe	Nathan Wallace	Brandon Wolfe
Communion Preparation	Leah & Hannah Wallace	Leah and Hannah Wallace	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze
Communion Homebound and Meditation	Josh Freeman	Isaac Erkillia	Jim Donaldson	Jim Thomas	Joe Hadden
Cleaning Team This Week	Colleen Glozzer	Barb Schultz	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark
Nursery	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto	Jessica Wallace	Cindy Freeman	Lynda Wiseman

If you are unable to complete your assigned task on your given week it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

- Sunday School.....10 AM
- Sunday Worship.....11 AM
- Wednesday Adult Bible Study.....7 PM
- Wednesday Youth Group.....7 PM
- Thursday Craft Nights.....6:30 PM
- Saturday Public Speaking Class.....9 AM

COMMUNION MEDITATION/HOMEBOUND
Men who give communion meditation on Sunday should also deliver communion to the homebound as well. Please see Faron for who needs the homebound communion.



WINGS INFORMATION

All ladies are welcome to join this group of servants as they minister to each other and our church family. Mark these dates:

- 11/14** – WINGS Monthly Meeting
- 12/02** – WINGS Ladies Christmas Dinner
- 01/09** – WINGS Soup Lunch

GREAT IDEA – Why not pick one night of our BARNABAS WEEK and have your family make a commitment to fill a pew with family and friends. Are you in?

RESTORATION
CHURCH of CHRIST
1040 East Windhaven Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Friday, October 29th @ 6-8 PM

Food Campfire Hot Dogs Candy
Christian Appropriate Costumes Appreciated.

HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE - Get the word out that our Trunk or Treat outing is on the 29th. Everyone is invited to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. This will all take place out back of our property where we will have a campfire and other activities. Adults and children are all encouraged to dress up in Christian appropriate costumes for the evening. This is a great outreach opportunity and we hope you will encourage your neighbors and family to join us as we fellowship together and celebrate the fall season. See Laurie Priddy if you have any questions or would like to help at this event.

BARNABAS WEEK BEGINS

RESTORATION CHURCH of CHRIST
1040 East Windhaven Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
October 31 - November 3
@ 7 PM
Each Evening

NEXT SUNDAY!

NEEDED NURSERY WORKERS – If you can help us in the nursery, please see Jessica Wallace today. We are always looking for willing volunteers. This is an important ministry!

NORTHEAST OHIO BIBLE COLLEGE – This is a worthy ministry of your mission dollars. NEOBC is looking for families that will give \$25 a month to help financially support the school. This educational institution reaches around the globe with over 600 foreign students alone.



"I Really Do Not Need The Church."

There are some Christians who have discovered something that some others as of yet have not figured out. Their flash of enlightenment has led them to believe and boldly claim out loud, "I do not really need the church. I feel closer to God when I am away from the church. I have found my own way to really focus on me and God, and I found that the church was just dragging me down and keeping me from truly finding this inner peace." This is not an exact quote from anyone, but it is the sentiment that I have heard many times from individuals who explain the new direction that they have chosen for their lives.

When I hear a comment like this, I always ask myself, "What do they see that some others do not?" There was a time when some of these Christians used to be at every Bible class and worship service of the church. They were active in Sunday School and the Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings and Bible Study. They once were regularly encouraging their brothers and sisters in Christ. Some were not only participating in the activities of the church, but they were leading them. But now, the church is no longer at the center of their lives. They might come to worship on a Sunday morning from time to time, but to see them at any other time is rare. They have filled that part of their lives, once occupied with the church, with trips to the park, walking through nature, or fishing trips to the lake.

"Concluding that one does not need the Lord's Church could not be further from the truth."

So, the question must be asked—can someone be "closer to God" when they have distanced themselves from the church?

A Christian cannot be "closer to God without the church" because the fact is that the church is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18). One cannot distance themselves from Christ's body and be closer to God!

A Christian cannot be "closer to God without the church" because the church is bought by Christ's blood (Acts 20:28). One cannot distance themselves from Christ's blood and be closer to God!

A Christian cannot be "closer to God without the church" because the church was/is Jesus' highest priority (Colossians 1:19-23). One cannot distance themselves from Christ's #1 priority and be closer to God!

A Christian cannot be "closer to God without the church" because the church draws nigh unto God's very throne in its worship assemblies (Ephesians 2:21-22). One cannot distance themselves from the throne of God and be closer to God!

A Christian cannot be "closer to God without the church" because Christ assembles with the church (Hebrews 2:12; Matthew 18:20). One cannot distance themselves from Christ's presence and be closer to God!

Some naive Christians have convinced themselves that they don't need the church or to assemble with the church in order to be close to God. Such conclusions could not be further from the truth! When one does not abide where God calls for him to abide, he does not have God (**2 John 9**)! Please consider this. -FF



NEOBC PRESIDENT
JOE CROFT

Today we are privileged to have the President of Northeast Ohio Bible College speaking to us today while our evangelist is preaching a revival in West Virginia. Joe is no stranger to those of us here at Restoration. It was not long ago that Joe and his wife Estrella was members of our church and Joe served as an Elder. However, there was a calling on his heart to work with NEOBC in East Liverpool, Ohio. Because of his travels and commitments with the school he departed from Restoration to obey God's call for his life.

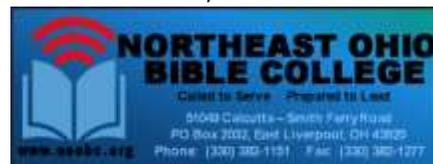
Since Joe has become the President, the college has seen an increase in financial support and there has been a stronger emphasis on getting churches to promote the school in their giving and on encouraging members of area churches to take classes to deepen their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Joe has a heart for the Word of God and people who want to grow in their faith. His enthusiasm for the Lord is contagious and it is evident in his teaching and preaching.

If you have questions about the college or would like to receive mailings from the school, we encourage you to speak with Joe at the end of today's service. He would love for you to partner with NEOBC to grow your own personal Bible knowledge and/or help others access the teachings of God.

NEOBC offers on site or online classes at a fraction of the costs of other colleges. Students can also audit classes without taking exams for the purpose of understanding the Bible and deepening their faith. NEOBC operates through the generous financial gifts of individuals and churches. Your gifts are tax deductible and appreciated deeply by all students and staff.

Joe, it is good to have you back with us, and NEOBC is on our weekly prayer



list. May God bless your work and ministry for many years to come.