



BARNABAS WEEK

REUIVAL MEETING

RESTORATION CHURCH of CHRIST

"Some of the greatest singing and preaching this side of Heaven."

The Dave Melton Family Singers

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PSALM 96:2

OCTOBER 31, 2021

ROMANS 15:4

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.

	BARANABAS WEEK	11/7/21	11/14/21	11/21/21	11/28/2021
Front Door Greeters	Bert Wingertsahn	Gloria Leonard	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas	Lynda Wiseman
Worship Center Greeters	Lynda Wiseman	Sierra Erkillla	Rebecca Lisotto	Joan Black	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	Brandon Wolfe	Nathan Wallace	Brandon Wolfe	Nathan Wallace
Communion Preparation	Leah/Hannah Wallace	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze
Communion Homebound and Meditation	Isaac Erkillla	Jim Donaldson	Jim Thomas	Joe Hadden	Bob Wix
Cleaning Team This Week	Barb Schultz	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark	Margaret/Laci Pounds
Nursery	Rebecca Lisotto	Jessica Wallace	Cindy Freeman	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto

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/HOUBOUND
 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? This this be a great encouragement to the church and those leading us!

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



NORTHEAST OHIO BIBLE COLLEGE

We Major in Ministry

This is a ministry worthy 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. If you are interested see Faron today and he will get you more information.

PARKING LOT – Have you noticed our parking lot has been sealed and repainted? This was supposed to happen last year, but was delayed---shut-downs due to COVID-19. We are happy this task is completed. **We are grateful for those of you who gave donations that made this project possible.**



RESTORATION THANKSGIVING MEAL – We will be having our annual **SOUP, SALAD, AND SANDWICH SUPPER** on Wednesday, **November 25th at 6:30 PM.** We would love you to join us. Bring some friends and some soup, salad or sandwiches to share and we will offer thanksgiving to the Lord for His many blessings. Do not forget to bring your muffin tin (If you do not understand that last statement---ask someone---they will fill you in 😊).

A giant **THANK YOU** to Laurie Priddy and her gang of helpers that made our **TRUNK OR TREAT** such a success. Your labor of love paid off. We are also grateful for all those who came out to enjoy the event.



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



During this time of year hundreds of people fill the stands of football stadiums on cool evenings to be a spectator and cheer their favorite team to victory. That works in football but in Christianity, Christ does not want us to be a spectator; He desires for us to be a participant. We can watch from the sidelines for a while, but eventually you know the Spirit of God is nudging you to be more than a spectator.

This week we will be hosting our **BARNABUS WEEK**. We want this week to be a time of encouragement for the church. These past few months have been hard on us as a church. It is easy for us to be discouraged by the mandates the world is pressuring us into as we struggle each day to live for Christ.

We all need this week. This is why for the next four days you are going to experience the best of the best. Leading us will be The Dave Melton Family Singers and David Keith Jones.

THE DAVE MELTON FAMILY SINGERS are known all over the country for their powerful singing and uplifting message. David and his wife, Krista, sang for many years with David's mom and dad (George and Nedra) as the MELTON FAMILY SINGERS. For the past several years David and Krista, along with their children, have been encouraging worshipers with great singing and a joyful spirit. Krista is also an accomplished songwriter. You will be blessed this week with some incredible ministry through singing.

DAVID JONES just retired from 43 years in local Christian ministry and now serves as a traveling evangelist. He loves the Word of God and God's people. He will preach it with love this week.

Many have been praying for this revival for many months. Church, it is time to wake up and step up and make up our minds to do something powerful for God!

Do you have a decision to make? Do you need to repent of your sins and be baptized? Do you need to make a public commitment to put Christ in the first place of your life? Do you need to make a commitment to stand with the Restoration Church of Christ and work faithfully to bring other people to Christ? Folks, it is up to you to determine

how powerful this week will be in your life. You can choose to be a spectator or a participant. Christ has done His part on the cross. Will you do yours this week and decide to be a participant in the gospel?

If you want to talk about your decision this week, please do not hesitate to call or text Faron (412) 788-8818.



THE SINNER'S PRAYER

For decades, crusades have been conducted around the world. Christian musicians pause at the end of their concerts. TVs sizzle with the message of the televangelist speaking across the airwaves. At these events, thousands have responded to give their lives to Jesus. Conscious of their sins, they are told to simply say "the sinner's prayer." Preachers,

musicians and televangelists tell those who are lost that, if they will just say this *sinner's prayer*, God will immediately forgive them of all their sins.

Now, there are slight variations in the wording of this prayer, but they all go something like this... "Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your name. Amen." Many well-meaning seekers of God have mouthed that prayer and many, I am sure, have changed their lives in many respects as a result. However, a vital question must be answered. "Does the saying of this prayer bring salvation?" And more importantly, "what does the Bible say?"

When did this *sinner's prayer* originate? Some confirm it evolved, in some form or another, during the early days of the Protestant Reformation. Others believe it originated as late as the eighteenth-century revival movement. One study even provides strong evidence that the sinner's prayer did not originate until the early twentieth century.

I want you to think for a moment of the implications of the preceding paragraph. It implies that the sinner's prayer was

unknown by the church in the first century. The church, directed by the apostles, told millions how to be saved, but never ONCE told them to pray this kind of prayer for salvation. It is not found even one time in the Bible! Does that concern you? It does me!

Each of us will one day stand before Almighty God and will be judged against the Word of God. When we are being directed to act in a way with something as important as our salvation, potential misdirection should bring *great* concern to our hearts. The alarm should sound and we should do as the Bible instructs.

Did you know also that the *sinner's prayer* is not found in the writings of church leaders of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, etc. centuries?! It was not used for fifteen hundred years after the church began! Clearly, it is not from the mind of

God, but rather, from the imagination of mere mortals.

If the sinner's prayer is *truth*—if it is truly *God's answer* to the question of

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"what must one do in order to be saved?", then it means not one single person was saved from the beginning of the death of Christ until the sixteenth century. Surely something must be wrong with positioning this prayer as God's plan to save mankind.

Allow me to suggest the path every man should follow in finding salvation. Please—simply read the book of Acts. It is the history of the church from its beginning until near the end of Paul's life. Read about the spread of the church around the world. Read the Divine record of people asking what they must do about their sins. Specifically notice that never was *any* man told to pray any type of sinner's prayer. The answer to what God requires for salvation is plainly given and was always the same.

Honestly—each of us must seek to find the God's answer to life's most important question—"what must I do to be saved?" Read through the book of Acts. Discover for yourself; then go and simply do what they did!

It's not always about doing what is easy—it's about doing what is right. -FF

