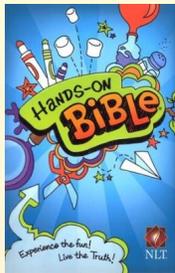


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MISSION OUTREACH TO OHIO

Renew Church located in Washington Courthouse, Ohio has a need that we have been asked to help with while on our VBS Mission Trip this summer. During Renew VBS, they would like to reach out to the children of their community and give each child that attends VBS a children's Bible. We currently have a goal of at least 100 Bibles. If you would like to donate to this Mission goal, please see Rachel or Marcie. We will be ordering the Bibles in bulk to help save on costs.

GIDDY UP JUNCTION VBS 2019

Join us as we explore God's Love on a new frontier! June 24th - 27th with Family Closing Night on the 28th! For ages/grades 4yrs, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th! Watch for the link to preregister your child!!



SUMMER CAMP 2019

Lake Sallateeska camp forms are in! If you are in grades 3-6 or 7-12, and would like to attend, please pick up your camp form this Sunday from the Church office.

Church Events

- April 5 - Ladies of Grace 6 pm
Men's Meeting 6:30 pm
at Wayne Robertson's
- April 14 - Elder's Leadership 4pm
- April 19 - Good Friday
- April 21 - Easter Sunrise 6 am
Church of God

Birthdays

- April 3 - Heath Desch
- April 22 - Ferrell Barnard
- April 24 - Barb Lewis

“IF MY PEOPLE, ...”

God’s promises are clear. God’s promises are true. God’s promises are sure. God’s promises are conditional. God’s promise never fail. God hears us when we talk to Him.

In II Chronicles 7:14, God said: ...”If my people who call My name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

What four steps did God ask His people to take?

Humble themselves

Pray

Seek His face

Turn from their wicked ways

And God says, “I will do three things.”

Hear from heaven

Forgive their sin

Heal their land

The first step or condition is to humble ourselves. Don’t ask God to make you humble- you have to humble yourself. It is a decision you must make. Being humble before God is so important for us to understand and practice. It’s a prerequisite!

God also says in His Word, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under His mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.” But He doesn’t stop there. He says, “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (I Peter 5:6-7)



The new church sign has been installed and is up and running . It was installed on Friday April 5th and has the town already watching it! Make sure you drive by and check it out!! You can catch Pastor Steve talking about it on our Facebook page on a live video shot by Stephen Buxton!

From the Pastor's Desk

As we enjoy the Easter Season and the coming of spring, I ran across a passage of scripture that is my thoughts for our church this year!

Jesus is speaking to Peter before he denies Jesus three times. We need to be reminded that obstacles and failures will come but Jesus has special plans for us!



In Luke chapter 22 verses 31-32 we find these powerful words from Jesus....
“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon that your faith will not fail.”

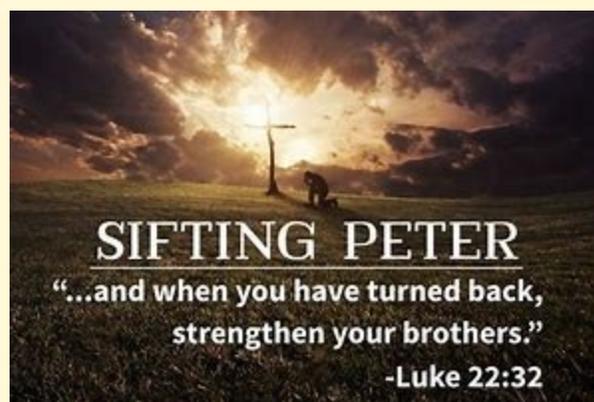
We think first that Jesus was only speaking about Simon. But if we look closer Jesus was praying and pleading for each of the disciples.

As we enjoy God's blessings on our church and our families, always remember that Jesus pleads in prayer that we will not fail!

Pray for each other! Trust in God's plans! Be obedient and faithful! Expect big blessings! Give all the honor and glory to God!

Counting on God and counting on you,

Pastor Steve



A man named Simon from Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was coming from the fields to the city. The soldiers forced Simon to carry the cross for Jesus” (Mark 15:21)

Simon grumbles beneath his breath. His patience is as scarce as space on the Jerusalem streets. He'd hoped for a peaceful Passover. The city is anything but quiet. Simon prefers his open fields. And now, to top it off, the Roman guards are clearing the path for some who-knows-which-dignitary who'll march his soldiers and strut his stallion past the people.

“There he is!”

Simon's head and dozens of others turn. In an instant they know. This is no dignitary.

“It's a crucifixion,” he hears someone whisper. Four soldiers. One criminal. Four spears. One cross. The inside corner of the cross saddles the convict's shoulders. Its base drags in the dirt. Its top teeters in the air. The condemned man steadies the cross the best he can, but stumbles beneath its weight. He pushes himself to his feet and lurches forward before falling again. Simon can't see the man's face, only a head wreathed with thorny branches.

The sour-faced centurion grows more agitated with each diminishing step. He curses the criminal and the crowd.

“Hurry up!”

“Little hope of that,” Simon says to himself.

The cross-bearer stops in front of Simon and heaves for air. Simon winces at what he sees. The beam rubbing against an already raw back. Rivulets of crimson streaking the man's face. His mouth hangs open, both out of pain and out of breath.

“His name is Jesus,” someone speaks softly.

“Move on!” commands the executioner.

But Jesus can't. His body leans and feet try, but he can't move. The beam begins to sway. Jesus tries to steady it, but can't. Like a just-cut tree, the cross begins to topple toward the crowd. Everyone steps back, except the farmer. Simon instinctively extends his strong hands and catches the cross.

Jesus falls face-first in the dirt and stays there. Simon pushes the cross back on its side. The centurion looks at the exhausted Christ and the bulky bystander and needs only an instant to make the decision. He presses the flat of his spear on Simon's shoulders.

“You! Take the cross!”

Simon dares to object, “Sir, I don't even know the man!”

“I don't care. Take up the cross.”

Simon growls, balances the timber against his shoulder, and steps out of the crowd onto the street, out of anonymity into history, and becomes the first in a line of millions who will take up the cross and follow Christ.

He did literally what God calls us to do figuratively: take up the cross and follow Jesus.

“If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me” (Luke. 9:23 CEV).

by Max Lucado