



# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Each of us at Brookville desires a growing relationship with God. Every Sunday we gather hoping to encounter God in worship. Going home our focus remains to love and serve God. But how can we build this desire into everyday life?

As we revisit the New Testament, and Paul in particular, we see a method of disciple building we can use as a "Blueprint" in our own lives in this day and age. For the last several years we have been taking time to answer two issues- what does it mean to be a Christian, as well as what are we to do as a Christian. Small groups formed around this theme, which we continue to this day.

However, what can get lost is the purpose of the study and worship focus. At times the enthusiasm can wane as we wonder what in the world are we doing? During this small break I have been considering ways to enliven our disciple making through worship and small groups. So you will notice a significant change in the back page. Instead of attempting a verse by verse study, I will be taking the passage and seeking to use reflective activities that can be used in personal as well as group environments.

In the New Testament, there was no such thing as the individualized Christianity we see today, where we do what we want, when we want, how we want, etc. Discipleship and its growth, happened through relationships. So I encourage one and all to consider who do I relate with that can be a companion on my journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus? Find that person(s) and begin a time of interaction. The weekly reflection has the role of preparing us for Sunday morning worship. So here are the first activities of "blueprints" for personal spiritual growth;

**Blueprint #1-** Read Acts 18: 23- 21:26 to get an overall feel of Paul's third missionary journey. What do you see as particularly interesting in this journey? In anything new and unique?

**Blueprint #2-** Focus on Acts 18: 23-28 as we encounter the first case study on something that is missing in a person's faith walk.

Who is the primary character being discussed? Have we ever read about him in other places, if so where?

Can you name the four things that make him who he was as a human being?

What seems to be missing from his life, who intervened, what did they do and did it work?

Have you ever encountered a really gifted Christian that was "missing something"? How did you respond, or others to their deficiency?

**Blueprint #3-** In your personal life how open are you to the loving correction of another Christian?

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We welcome you today to enter into the fellowship we have with one another through Jesus Christ. During the worship service opening time of praise there is an opportunity to bring your tithes and offerings forward as an expression of worship and place them in the offering plates provided. We invite everyone to complete the communication card and place it in the offering plate also. In the narthex there is an offering plate for those who prefer to place their offering and communication card there.



January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

**Entering His Courts with Praise ...Be Grateful**

Special Music "Bethlehem's Treasure"

Offering "We Three Kings" **Mt. 21**

Children's Story

Karen Chronister

**Celebrating the Work of Christ ...Be Repentant**

Call To Worship

Hymnal 678

Singing "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **Lk.2:20**

Hymnal 210

**Seeking the Healing of Our Hearts ...Be Cleansed**

Kid's Own Church

Singing "Give Thanks" **Is.53:5**

**Empowering of the Word and Spirit ...Be Spirit Filled**

Scripture Matthew 5: 1-16

Adam Adkins

Message Challenge For The Church To Be The Church:

8 Principles To Live By

Pastor Jim

**Sharing in the Body of Christ ...Be Committed**

Communion

**Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful**

Special Music "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"

Joyful Noise

Prayer

**Connecting with the Heart of God ...Be Worshipful**

Singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **Lk.2:15**

Hymnal 212

"As With Gladness" **Mt.2:11**

Hymnal 218

Pastoral Blessing

**Small Groups  
resume:**

**Tuesday**

Study Group  
(Jeff Barnhart)  
at church, 7:00 P.M.

**Wednesday**

Study Group  
(Aaron Osswald)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday**

Study Group  
(Carolyn Studebaker)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.

**Friday**

Study Group  
(Chris Sievers and  
Walter Alexander)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Pastor: Jim Chronister

Ministers: Every member of the Church

Our Mission: We believe that we exist to glorify God – in worship, by nurturing, through service, joining in His fellowship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus in the world.  
Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20

# Community News

Childcare is provided in the nursery located behind the sanctuary.



## Prayer Points

### Prayer requests received for this week:

John Alsop, Gregg, Mindy, Lauren & Hannah Pigg; Ruth Chronister; Dennis Hoover; Bev Gaines; Virginia Jenkins; Belinda Harrison; Becky Osswald; Chris Sievers' co-worker, Cathy; Montgomerys' granddaughter, Samantha Gardner; Larry Inman; Gail, friend of Adam's; Marilyn Medley; Karen Hoover

### Continue to pray for:

Andrew Barnhart; Carolyn Hartley; Carolyn Iwanusa; Deliverance for those with addictions; Elaine Baker; Families mourning loss of loved ones; Jim & Betty Locker; Mike Schreck; Our Nation – for people to repent and turn from wicked ways - II Chron 7:14; Salvation for unsaved family & friends; Our young people in the midst of spiritual attacks; Shannon Collins; Sheila Sievers; Susan Waymire & family; Sylvia Rice (Bonnie's sister); Terry Shafer; Todd Davis

### Praying for Churches of the District:

Lower Miami

### Birthday Prayer List:

Peter Dull, January 1  
Betty Staats, January 1  
Robin Dull, January 1  
Cheyenne Shields, January 4  
Megan Herbert, January 5  
Ellijay Sue Dull, January 5  
Isaiah Waymire, January 7

Attendance last Sunday, SS 37, Worship 95		
<u>Offering Last Week</u>		
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Special</u>
Regular	3093.70	
Weekly Need	2882.00	
Year to Date	2600.00	

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today!** Prayer Service, 9:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.  
Worship, 10:35 A.M.
- Mon.** Office closed
- Tues.** Worship Team Meeting, 10:00 A.M.  
Prison Ministry  
Study Group (Jeff Barnhart)  
at church, 7:00 P.M.
- Wed.** Office closed  
Study Group (Aaron Osswald)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.
- Thurs.** **Joyful Noise, 7:30 P.M.**  
Study Group (Carolyn Studebaker)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.
- Fri.** Study Group (Chris Sievers and Walter Alexander)  
various places, 6:30 P.M.
- Sat.** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 A.M.
- Sun.**

## THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leader  
Becky Osswald

Childcare this week  
To be announced

Childcare next week  
To be announced

Greeter for January 1  
Jack Lloyd

Greeter for January 8  
Linda Durst and Carolyn Studebaker

# Announcements and Activities



The **2017 Church Directory** will be coming out soon! If you have any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mails etc., please contact Charlene Foster with the changes. Please let her know by January 31st. We want to have the directory as correct as possible.

**Thank you** to everybody who helped out at the Gospel Mission yesterday.

*I want to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, cards and visits after my accident. Also to our youth group, who brought their smiling faces and food (especially those cookies—gone in no time). And the Christmas Carolers who braved the icy conditions. You are all wonderful!*

*Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.*

*Terry*

## **12 Days of Christmas** (continued)

The last few days on this period of time are as follows;

**January 1-** Celebrate the "eight maids a milking." Review what Jesus taught His disciples as the eight principles that guide everyday living as a Christian in the Sermon on the Mount's beatitudes. Mt 5: 1-16

**January 2-** Celebrate the "nine ladies dancing." This is the heavenly order of angels, archangels, 24 thrones, four living creatures in Revelation. Rev. 4

**January 3-** Celebrate the "ten Lords a leaping." These are the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20. Reflect on what happens when society rejects, or ignores these as "lords of life."

**January 4-** Celebrate the "eleven piper's piping." The eleven faithful apostles formed the leadership group for Christianity. Can you name the 11 who remained with Jesus?

**January 5-** Celebrate the "12 drummers drumming." These are the twelve articles of the Apostles Creed so get a copy and read this important historical document.