

# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**Read Acts 20:1-12 several times.** Luke the historian summarizes the very start of a travel plan which will ultimately take Paul to Jerusalem. Estimates of this section is of over a year to complete; at least 8 different modes of travel; rigorous activity like hiking, meeting key leaders, giving multiple talks, helping resolve struggles in the churches, etc. It would be good to review this section of his journey by googling *Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey*. What comes up is a series of images, click on them to see the entire missionary activity. Paul has spent three years in Ephesus, which will be his longest stay anywhere. Acts 20 begins with the uproar of his challenge to the economy of Ephesus necessitating his departure. So in review of Acts 20: 1-5;

**Blueprint-** The development and well-being of any disciple or church requires oversight. Paul the seasoned evangelist/apostle is taking time to revisit key locations. It simply says he was giving much "exhortation" what does that involve? In your life what do you need to be encouraged in your walk of faith?

**Blueprint-** In the ongoing work of the church it requires cooperation and teamwork. Look at Acts 20:1, 4-5 we see Paul's team. Who are these men? Why have they come together on this trip, as we have not seen a team this large before? From where have they come and who do they represent? Billy Graham Ministries when seeking to make an impact in a region invites every pastor in the area to come together to advance the Church. Popes travel around the world at specific times to empower the Catholic Church in that country. How should Brookville Church link up with other leadership to strengthen the church in our region?

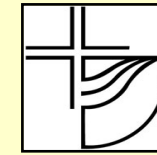
Luke makes no mention of what happened in these locations except at Troas- Acts 20:6-12. Could it be that this short story described the typical "exhortation" in that location?

**Blueprint-** the description of Troas starts with regular worship which is the primary task of every believer. When did they meet and what did they always do as Luke describes in this text? How often should Christians worship? Identify the three activities they did as a community in this text and are they what constitutes worship? Why is the "breaking of bread" so crucial (see Acts 2: 42-47)? How long should a "sermon" take? Does the day we meet to worship matter?

**Blueprint-** remaining spiritually vital and awake requires intentionality. Why does Luke spend so much time on the fact of someone falling asleep? Could he be calling attention to a condition in the church, or is it to highlight the miraculous power of God through Paul? Have you ever fallen asleep in church, or tuned out a speaker? What distracts your attention or causes a "sleepy condition"?

In conclusion, what at first appeared as a mundane text, say like reading Leviticus, has lots of hidden treasures. How can we avoid passing over details, details, details so that we pay attention to truths within such texts? I recall my spiritual director Donna Steffan opening a weekend retreat by sharing how at a recent event they assigned the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17 check it out) as the text given upon which to meditate. Donna shared one participant reflected it was one of their most significant experiences ever. God's Word is inspired to generate faith. Name how this study stimulated your faith.

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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 22, 2017*



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

Singing "In The Beauty Of Holiness"  
Offering "Better Is One Day"  
Children's Story

Karen Chronister

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

Call To Worship  
Singing "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

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

Kid's Own Church  
Singing "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

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

Scripture Acts 19: 11-20 Carolyn Studebaker  
Message God's Miraculous Power Confronts A Pagan World  
Pastor Jim

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

Singing "Worthy Is The Lamb"

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

Special Music "Break Every Chain"  
Prayer

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

Singing "Our God Reigns"  
"Ancient Of Days"  
Pastoral Blessing

*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

# Announcements and Activities

Childcare is provided in the nursery located behind the sanctuary.



## Prayer Points

### Prayer requests received for this week:

Kevin Tomlin; Carolyn Hartley; Marilyn Montgomery; Carolyn Iwanusa; Terry Shafer; Dale Locke; Carol Alfiero; Bev's friend, Kelsey Duley; Bev's friend, Jennifer Dennis' parents; Bev's co-worker, Kim Shumard's family; "Baby" Judah; Hillary Sievers; Mark Bowyer; Chris Sievers' co-worker, Cathy; Adam's friend, Gail; Adam's friend and mentor, Dennis; Adam & Becky's classmate, Laura Wasson

### Continue to pray for:

Deliverance for those with addictions; Dennis Hoover; Families mourning loss of loved ones; Jim & Betty Locker; Karen Hoover; Kay McGraw; Larry Inman; LaVerna Bang; Our Nation – for people to repent and turn from wicked ways - II Chron. 7:14; Ruth Chronister; Salvation for unsaved family & friends; Samantha Gardner (Montgomery's granddaughter); Our young people in the midst of spiritual attacks; Shannon Collins; Sheila Sievers; Susan Waymire & family; Todd Davis

### Praying for Churches of the District:

Trinity

### Birthday Prayer List:

Brent Janeway, January 25  
 Marilyn Montgomery, January 26  
 Susan Waymire, January 26  
 Mark Shields, January 27  
 Mary Ann Leedy, January 28

Attendance last Sunday, SS 50, Worship 92

### Offering Last Week

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Special</u>	
Regular	2923.00	Scholarship Fund	175.00
Weekly Need	2849.00	Men's Prayer Brkfst.	19.00
Year to Date	3214.00		

## 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.

Worship Team Meeting, 10:00 A.M.

### Tues.

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

### Wed.

**Deacon Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**  
 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.

### Sun.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leaders  
 Aaron and Rachel Osswald

Childcare this week  
 To be announced  
Childcare next week  
 To be announced

Greeters for January 22  
 Floyd and Virginia Brock  
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I am starting a new class on

**February 12 at 6:30.**

It is 9 weeks.

The cost is \$93 for a lifetime membership.

Membership kits can be ordered online.

For more information, please go to this link

<https://www.daveramsey.com/FPU/classes/1036120>

If Sunday is bad, I noticed The Ridge is offering a class on Thursday starting February 2 at 7:00.

Brian Watt

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. We want to have the directory as correct as possible.

### **Mark your calendar:**

Due to the Men's Retreat at the beginning of February the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** is moved to **February 11, 2017.**

**From the Treasurer:** The church ended the year 2016 in very good financial condition. We ended the year with a spendable balance of \$5,737.04 with all bills and commitments paid. Copies of the 2016 final Treasurers Report are on the Narthex Table for anyone who would like one. Please direct questions to Jim Locker.