

Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

A.W. Tozer was called to be a Christian while living in Akron, Ohio. A long-standing member of the Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) he served as a pastor for over 44 years. (Most notably the 30 years spent at the Southside Alliance Church in Chicago.) A prolific writer of over 60 books he wrote one of his most remembered works *The Pursuit of God*. I will never forget one of the pages contained this challenge "Is it possible to lose Christ while serving His Church? Is it possible to lose Christ in the midst of reading His Word?" Tozer, known for his constant encouragement for a deeper relationship with God, saw the threat of being becoming complacent in our walk with the Lord.

The holy calling of Jesus to deny self, take up our cross daily, and follow Him calls each and every Christian to satisfy their hunger for more. This week our topic will be "Hunger and the disappointed Christian."

Blueprint: disciples exercise their hunger for God in the answer of the daily call to deny self and follow Jesus.

Read Genesis 3: 8-21 Moses recorded the very day when the human relationship with God was broken. Could it be that it was a regular event for Adam and Eve to "walk with God in the cool of the day?" Who sought who?

Name some of the impact of a daily exercise of walking with God?

What became the barrier for humans seeking to walk with God?

Read Genesis 5: 21-24 Enoch had a radically different relationship with God than others mentioned in this section of the book. Hebrews 11: 5 recalls this experience as most notable as Enoch is included in the *Hall of faith*.

What is so special about this man seeking to walk with God for 300 years?

Read Exodus 33: 12-23 Moses in the process of the Exodus asked God a very peculiar thing-show me your glory.

Why would this great leader pressure God to show him His face?

Is there a hunger in Moses for more of God? Why?

Read 1st Sam. 13: 13-14 David gets singled out as the new king of Israel replacing Saul. What was the one characteristic Samuel was given for the new king?

In reading about David and especially his love of worship seen in the Psalms was he a man after God's own heart?

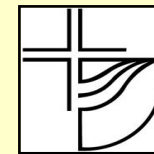
Read other Biblical texts about "seeking God".

Read Matthew 5: 6 What does it mean to hunger after righteousness?

Read Matthew 6: 25-34 Jesus in His *Sermon on the Mount* calls His disciples to remedy their anxious, divided hearts by doing what? Why? How?

Read John 4. As Jesus addressed a distressed and isolated woman at the well what was His solution for her predicament? How can Jesus satisfy human thirst and change life?

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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.



February 18, 2018

Entering His Courts with Praise ...Be Grateful

Special Music	"Into His Presence"	Quartet
Offering	"We Praise Thee, O God" Ps.85:6	Hymnal 99
	"Great Is The Lord" Ps.145:3	Hymnal 87
Children's Story		Karen Chronister

Celebrating the Finished Work of Christ ...Be Repentant

Singing	"There Is Power In The Blood" Rev.12:11
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Seeking the Healing of Our Hearts ...Be Cleansed

Singing	"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" 2Ti.1:12	Hymnal 338
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Empowering of the Word and Spirit ...Be Spirit Filled

Scripture	2 Timothy 1: 1-12
Message	God's Purpose Before The Foundation Of The World
	Pastor Jim

Sharing in the Body of Christ ...Be Committed

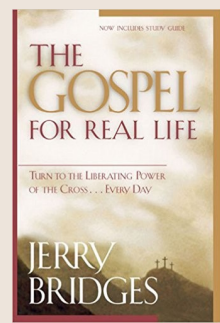
Special Music	"The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference"	Quartet
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Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful

Prayer		
Singing	"Lord Listen To Your Children" 1Ki.8:45	Hymnal 353

Connecting with the Heart of God ...Be Worshipful

Special Music	"Moving Up To Gloryland"	Quartet
Singing	"Jesus Messiah"	
Pastoral Blessing		



"For salvation, for our day-today walk with God, for our eternal life with God, we must learn to rely on the gospel everyday. Jerry Bridges makes a compelling case that the riches we seek are in Jesus Christ crucified and the tells us how to receive those riches by faith. If you are weary in your life with God, this is your refresher course- and the refreshment- that you need.

Credit to the review of the book.—Chuck Colson

Pastor: Jim Chronister

Ministers: Every member of the Church

Our Vision: Glorifying God through faithful Discipleship.

Community News

Childcare is provided in the nursery located behind the sanctuary.



Prayer Points

Prayer requests received for this week:

Karen C's sister, Nellie Parker; John Locker; Kirt Chronister; Kohl Shafer; Daphne Laux; Teresa Jones; Maya Iwanusa; Kathy Wissinger family; Cassidy Adkins; Shelby's grandfather, Curt; Jessi Green; Steve Watern Family; Marilyn Montgomery; Belinda Harrison; Family and Friends of James Harrison

Recovery

Alexis Becker; Ben Chronister; Charity O'Diam; Dave Tomlin; Justin Boose; Randy Herr; Roger Janeway; Those with illnesses – cold, flu, bronchitis, sinus infections, etc.

Continue to pray for:

Families mourning the loss of loved ones
Individuals living permanently in care centers
Our Nation – repent & turn to God – seek His will in all things
People facing spiritual battles/satanic attacks-for deliverance from addictions
Pres. Trump, VP Pence, political leaders & judges – for protection & wise decisions
Salvation for unsaved family and friends

Praying for Churches of the District:

West Charleston

Birthday Prayer List:

Mike Sievers, February 20
Shannon Collins, February 22

Attendance last Sunday, SS 42, Worship 77

Offering Last Week

	Regular	Special	
Regular	1642.25	Scholarship Fund	200.00
Weekly Need	2859.00	Copier	21.05
Year to Date	3749.00	Men's Prayer Brkfst.	17.00

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.
Church Carry-In

Mon.

Tues.

Wed. Ad Body Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Thurs. Joyful Noise

Fri.

Sat. Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

Sun.

Starting immediately any verbal announcements you wish to share with the congregation is to be handed to the worship leader prior to the service. Pastor Jim will announce them just prior to benediction. This allows for a smoother finish to our worship of God.

Small Groups

Every week folks gather to grow in their relationships with God, self and others. Below is a list of the leaders and meetings. Please feel free to consult with any one of them. The topic each week is found on page 4 with a Blueprint for growth as a follower of Jesus.



Tues. Study Group (Jeff Barnhart), at church, 7:00 PM

Wed. Study Group (Aaron Osswald); various places, 6:30 PM

Fri. Study Group (Chris Sievers); various places, 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leader

Jack Jenkins

Greeters for February 18

Mark Smoot and Ted Foster

Greeters for February 25

Terry Shafer and Brooke Denlinger

Announcements and Activities

The **FISH pantry** is beginning to run low on several items. If you would like to donate, please bring the items to the church:

Jello
Pudding
Cakes Mixes & Frosting
Saltine Crackers
Spaghetti & Sauce
Corn Muffin Mix
Spaghetti O's
Canned Vegetables – do not need corn
Canned Manwich or Sloppy Joe
Canned Chicken or Beef Broth
Canned Tomatoes & Sauce
Canned Soup – vegetable, chicken & noodle and tomato
Canned fruit – peaches, pears, fruit cocktail

Bake Sale

Brethren Retirement Community

has its Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm in the Brick Room

From the Treasurer: The church ended the year 2017 in very good fiscal condition. With all bills paid and money set aside for January 2018 utility bills we had a spendable balance of \$2,835.

Offerings for the year were very consistent and spending was controlled very well. Good job by everyone!!

Copies of the final report are on the narthex table for anyone who would like a copy. Please direct all questions to Jim Locker.

BUS TRIP – You are invited to join us on **May 9-11 to travel to Lancaster, PA**, to see the production of "Jesus" at Sight n Sound, visit Hershey's Chocolate World, eat dinner in a real Amish home, etc. If interested, please ask Carolyn Studebaker for a flyer.



The new "Church Directory 2018" is available on the table in the narthex.

Special District Meeting - The District Board and the Program and Arrangements Committee, including the District conference Officers, are calling a special all District meeting this spring. The date for this event is **Saturday, March 17, 1:30-4:00 PM at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren**. David Steele, General Secretary for the Church of the Brethren will be our guest. The purpose of this gathering is to engage one another about some of the deep divisions that are becoming more prominent and are a distraction to our common witness of Jesus. The General Secretary's presence will be to share basic information from polity regarding the withdrawal process if congregations choose to begin those conversations. Denominational leadership and the council for District Executives are currently working on clarifying this process, but there is no specific timeline when this work will be completed. All members of the district are invited to attend this event. We also ask that all members hold their congregation, the district, and the denomination in prayer as we face an uncertain future and the deep divisions of our fellowship.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** The purpose of this gathering is NOT to encourage congregations to leave. Unfortunately, however, we have heard that some congregations in our district have already begun conversations about leaving the Church of the Brethren. Again, this is not our desire. We emphasize--congregations are NOT being encouraged to leave. In the current climate, we feel it is in the best interests of all to explain the process of withdrawal as well as the consequences of such an action. It is our sincere desire that we stay together and share in "continuing the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, TOGETHER", but if there are those who feel they can no longer do this, we wish to explain the process of withdrawal. We do not desire a process utilizing legal action, but rather a process of discernment and prayer filled with grace, love, and care for one another.