

# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

We are about to enter the Lenten Season for 2017. In the Christian year, this meant a special time to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. To some of us we will follow our traditions which have helped us to meditate on Jesus who died on the Cross for our sins. Historically, Christian discipleship called for fasting, attending special worship services, following daily Bible readings, going to a family get together, maybe even taking a spiritual retreat. Take time and reflect on ways you prepared for Easter. Either in small group or personal alone time ask yourself how have I sought to make Easter more significant than business as usual?

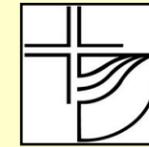
**Blueprint:** the Early Church made up of primarily Jews, moved their weekly worship from Sabbath Saturday to Sunday in commemoration of the death of Jesus. This would have meant they celebrated Jesus' death more than their Jewish rules! From this unique restructuring of their weekly lives, Christians went to worship the One who hung on a Cross and then was raised from the dead. In our congregation how do we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus? Do we observe any special mention of Jesus' death? How many songs have we sung this year about either the Cross or resurrection? All through history it was the responsibility of the Christian Church to keep Christ at the center of the Holidays. Do you see America floundering about the truth of Easter?

**Blueprint:** for the First Century Church the main method of keeping Christ at the center was a special rhyme to memorize. Read 1st Corinthians 15: 1-11. What place did the last week of Jesus' life have in their community, vs 3? First place, second place, or lower? From your experiences in church, where would you say modern churches place the Cross?

**Blueprint:** to start this year's Easter we will concentrate on the "centrality of the Cross." For the next several weeks our study highlights aspects of the Cross. This week is its primacy. List reasons why you feel our American culture is growing in its rejection of Jesus. Is the symbol of the Cross losing its meaning? In your personal spiritual life take time to read the Gospel of Mark 13-15. From your reading, why a Roman Cross? Who plotted to kill Jesus? What reasons were given for His death sentence? How did Jesus respond to the situation? Mark invited you to the event...what is your reaction? If someone were to ask you how important this fateful day was to you, how would you answer?

Next week we will explore the meaning of the Cross....

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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 19, 2017*



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

Singing "Come Into His Presence"  
Offering "Freely, Freely"  
Children's Story

Karen Chronister

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

Call To Worship  
Singing "Before The Throne Of God Above"

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

Kid's Own Church  
Singing "As The Deer"  
"By His Wounds"

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

Scripture Acts 21: 15-26 Adam Adkins  
Message How Far Will You Go To See The Gospel Advanced? Pastor Jim

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

Special Music "Amen"

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

Prayer  
Singing "I Love You, Lord"

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

Singing "10,000 Reasons"  
"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"  
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

Childcare is provided in the nursery located behind the sanctuary.



## Prayer Points

### Prayer requests received for this week:

“Baby” Judah; Family of Harold Flory; Pastor Jim; Lee Behnken; Peters Family; Virginia Jenkins, Becky Osswald, and everybody who is sick; Larry Inman; Betty and Jim Locker; James Harrison and his brother

### Praises for the week:

Bill Iwanusa and Maya; Carolyn Iwanusa; Terry Shafer

### Continue to pray for:

Carol Alfiero; Cathy, co-worker of Chris Sievers; Dale Locke; Deliverance for those with addictions; Dennis Hoover; Families mourning loss of loved ones; Gail, Adam Adkins’ friend; Jim & Betty Locker; Karen Hoover; Larry Inman; Mark Bowyer; Our Nation – for people to repent and turn from wicked ways - II Chron. 7:14; President Trump and all the government leaders to see God’s wisdom for our nation; Ruth Chronister; Salvation for unsaved family & friends; Our young people in the midst of spiritual attacks; Sheila Sievers; Susan Waymire & family

### Praying for Churches of the District:

Living Peace

### Birthday Prayer List:

Mike Sievers, February 20  
Shannon Collins, February 22  
Anne Montgomery, February 25

Attendance last Sunday, SS 33, Worship 76			
<u>Offering Last Week</u>			
	<u>Regular</u>		<u>Special</u>
Regular	3469.00	Copier	22.37
Weekly Need	2849.00		
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.  
**Family Game Day and Youth Soup Lunch**

### Mon.

Worship Team Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

### Tues.

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

### Wed.

Deacon Body 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.

# Announcements and Activities

## Youth Soup Luncheon & Game Day: **TODAY**

Immediately following worship, the youth will be hosting a soup luncheon followed by our annual afternoon of games and fellowship. All donations will benefit the youth service project this summer at the Gospel Mission. This would be a great event to invite friends and neighbors to attend! Hope to see you all there!

Carolyn Studebaker will not be able to send out **prayer requests** during the period **January 30 - February 25**. If you have a prayer request, e-mail or text Randy Tomlin. If it is after 5 pm during the week or on the weekend, text him on his cell phone (the number is listed in the directory). Make sure you tell him who is texting. He can get emails at work during the week. Dianne Tomlin also has the list and can email the request if you cannot get ahold of Randy.

**Easter Flowers:** Seems we just ordered flowers for Christmas, but already the time has come for ordering Easter Flowers for the sanctuary. If you'd like to do so, please indicate your choice on your offering envelope as special offering.

Single Stem lily	5-7 bloom	\$ 7.55
Double Stem lily	6-10 bloom	\$10.80
Triple Stem lily	12-18 bloom	\$15.25
Hydrangea		\$10.25

**CWS Buckets/School Kits** - S. Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministry received a call this week from Church World Service (CWS) representative, Matt Stevens, of the Columbus office. He notified us of the immediate need for Clean up Buckets and School Kits. There are only 900 buckets left in the warehouse from a stock of 14,000. Many buckets were sent to West Virginia, Louisiana, and areas affected by Hurricane Matthew. CWS has received a request for 25,000 School Kits, and they only have 13,000 in stock. S. Ohio BDM has set a goal of providing 200 Cleanup Buckets and 200 School Kits, with a projected assembly date in April. Supplies need to be purchased, so donations are being sought to help cover the expense. The CWS website states a cleanup bucket costs about \$75 and a school kit is about \$15. All donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to S. Ohio District COB, with a footnote "CWS Buckets/Kits".

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Harold Flory. Harold passed away on Monday, February 6, 2017.



## THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leaders  
Aaron and Rachel Osswald

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

Greeters for February 19  
Carole Adkins and Adam Adkins  
Greeters for February 26  
Carole Adkins and Adam Adkins

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE Delegate needed:** The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will be held June 28—July 2, 2017, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Are you interested in representing the Brookville Church of the Brethren? Your registration and hotel will be paid. Contact Charlene Foster if you would be willing to be our delegate.