



# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The second part of our study on the **Centrality of the Cross** finds us considering it's necessity. Have you ever wondered Why the Cross? Let's face it the Cross is unique among world religions. No other world religion revealed its leader as dying on behalf of their followers, let alone in the most excruciating manner ever devised. So what possibly could be the problem that prompted such a heavenly response? Could not God find another way to solve the problem?

**Blueprint:** it is important to understand the nature of our spiritual condition to appreciate God's remedy.

To begin our consideration upon the necessity of the Cross review the basic human dilemma by reading Genesis 3 and Romans 3.

What does it mean that every human being is a "sinner"?

How did sin affect Adam and Eve?

Name ways sin impacts our present life.

Look specifically at how God remedied the sin problem in Adam and Eve first in Genesis 3 and then in Romans 3:21-31.

**Blueprint:** in order to appreciate the Cross we must see it in light of the centuries of the Old Testament.

Read Luke 24:13-35 paying attention to verses 26-27. Notice the confusion in the hearts of these two men on the Road to Emmaus as they pondered Why the Cross and Jesus death. Jesus to calm their troubled hearts pointed to the Old Testament to see it was God's way all along, not some last minute idea.

What texts do you think Jesus used to show the necessity of His death?

How about the goats in Garden of Eden in Genesis? Or the Passover lamb in Exodus? Or the entire sacrificial system instituted for bot tabernacle and Temple? Maybe prophecies about a dying messiah as in Isaiah 53-55?

**Blueprint:** realize Jesus saw this as an absolute necessity to His mission on Earth. He made at least three predictions about its necessity as He journeyed to Jerusalem. So read Matthew 16: 21-28; 17:22-23; 20:17-28.

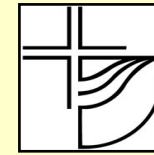
What did Jesus say specifically would take place?

How did the disciples respond to the news?

Especially how did Jesus respond to Peter's objection to the news?

In conclusion, how necessary is Jesus Cross to your personal faith walk?

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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 26, 2017**

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

Special Music	"I'll Meet You In Church Sunday Morning"	Quartet
Offering	"There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest" <b>Ps.73:28</b>	Hymnal 5
	"Wonderful Grace Of Jesus" <b>2Cor.8:9</b>	Hymnal 150
Children's Story		Karen Chronister

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

Call To Worship		
Singing	"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" <b>Jn.19:37</b>	Hymnal 259

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

Kid's Own Church		
Special Music	"The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference"	Quartet

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

Scripture	1 Cor 15: 1-11	
Message	The Centrality Of The Cross	Pastor Jim

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

Special Music	"Moving Up To Gloryland"	Quartet
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***Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful***

Prayer		
Singing	"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" <b>1Jn.5:14</b>	

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

Singing	"Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" <b>Col.1:20</b>	Hymnal 617
	"Jesus Messiah"	
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:

Bev Gaines; Brenna Denlinger; Janice and Roger Hoover and families; Family of Dale Lock; Larry Inman; Jim and Betty Locker; Dennis Hoover; Carolyn Studebaker and Linda Durst; Katrina Weinheimer, Ellianne W.; Linda Mohler; Cathy; Pete Dull;

### Continue to pray for:

Carol Alfiero; Cathy, co-worker of Chris Sievers; Dale Locke; Deliverance for those with addictions; 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:

Brookville

### Birthday Prayer List:

Linda Durst, February 27  
Luke Dull, February 27

Attendance last Sunday, SS 39, Worship 92			
<u>Offering Last Week</u>			
	<u>Regular</u>		<u>Special</u>
Regular	2707.00	Flowers	10.25
Weekly Need	2849.00	Love Gift	1,000.00
Year to Date	3214.00	Scholarship	175.00
		Men's Prayer Brkfst.	24.00

## 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, 9:00 A.M.
- Tues.**
- Wed.** Study Group (Jeff Barnhart) at church, 7:00 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.  
Fellowship Hall in use, 3:00-10:00 PM
- Sun.**

**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

**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.

**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".

## THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leader  
Jack Jenkins

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

Greeters for February 26  
Carole Adkins and Adam Adkins  
Greeters for March 5  
Jennifer Tomlin

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Dennis Hoover. Dennis passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

