



# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

So, what did the Cross mean to the Early Church? Did it have any impact on their lifestyles or how they related to the Greco-Roman world? The explosive growth of this new faith called Christianity is well-documented in history. How did the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth create such a movement?

These among other questions will become clear as we study the First Letter to the Corinthians. In preparation, we will do some reflection on what inspired the "Apostles", especially Paul the founder of the church in Corinth.

**BLUEPRINT:** to be a Christian is to follow Jesus Christ in such a way that we look and act like Jesus.

Read the three usages of this term which has now become commonplace. Acts 11: 26; 26: 28; and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4: 15-16. The meaning of the word "Christian" as used in these texts meant a follower of Christ. Some authorities have said it meant "little Christs" as others examined their daily living.

Could you say from all you know about Paul that he was a good representative of Christ? Explain your answer.

In America, 80% say they are Christians. Would you say that 80% of the citizens of this nation are good representatives of Jesus Christ? What does this title mean today?

How well do I show myself to be a "little Christ" to my culture?

**BLUEPRINT:** to be a Christian is to continue the work of Jesus Christ by being sent into the world.

Read John 3: 16-17; and John 17 and pay close attention to the word "send, or sent."

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

Did Jesus see himself as a "sent one"? For what purpose?

For what did Jesus pray for his followers (Christians)?

In modeling their life in this world after Jesus, what does it mean to be "sent"?

**BLUEPRINT:** the early Apostles show us what it meant to be sent as their title indicated.

The word "Apostle" as used in New Testament means "a messenger that has been sent." According to Merriam-Webster, its more modern usage means "one sent on a mission; a person who initiates a great moral reform or who advocates an important belief or system."

Did the early disciples see themselves as Apostles? See Acts 1: 6-8; 2: 37; 5: 29; 6: 6-7; 15: 1-2, et al

Did Paul see himself as an Apostle? See Romans 1: 1; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1: 1; 4: 9; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 1: 1; Galatians 1: 1; Ephesians 1: 1; Colossians 1: 1; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1: 1; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 1; Titus 1: 1

As you compare these introductions, how does Paul describe himself?

Look at some maps that show the 3 or 4 missionary journeys of Paul. Is he a good representative of what it meant to be "sent"? Explain your answer.

Am I a "sent one" today? How am I to relate to the unbelieving world?

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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.



*April 23, 2017*

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

Special Music	"Sing Amen"		Quartet
Offering	"Glorify Thy Name"	Ps.86:12	
	"I Will Praise Him"	Rev.1:5	

Children's Story			Karen Chronister
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***Celebrating the Work of Christ ...Be Repentant***

Call To Worship			
Singing	"There Is Power In The Blood"	Rev.12:11	

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

Kid's Own Church			
Singing	"Thou Art Worthy"	Rev.4:11-5:9	Songbook 24

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

Scripture	1 Peter 2: 4-8; Revelation 1: 4-8	Jack Jenkins
Message	The Day The Revolution Began	Pastor Jim

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

Special Music	"The Plan Of Salvation"	Quartet
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***Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful***

Prayer		
Special Music	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	Quartet

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

Singing	"They Crucified My Savior"	Hymnal 266
	"Jesus Messiah"	
Pastoral Blessing		

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:

Rachel Cummings, Roger Janeway, Marilyn Montgomery, Pastor Jim, Kendra (Hartley granddaughter), Dale Williamson, Sherry Sease, Tim Osswald, Martin Miller (Ingrid's uncle), Theresa Herr

### Praises for the week:

Ted Foster; Linda Durst; Susan Waymire and family

### Continue to pray for:

Carol Alfiero; Deliverance for those with addictions; Families mourning the loss of loved ones; James Harrison's friends & relatives; James Oswald; Jim & Betty Locker, Karen Hoover, Kathy (Becky), Our Nation – repent & turn to God – seek His will in all things, President Trump, Vice-president Pence, all political leaders – wisdom for decisions, Salvation for unsaved family and friends, Young people who face spiritual battles/satanic attacks

### Praying for Churches of the District:

West Alexandria

### Birthday Prayer List:

Jack Ferguson, April 23  
Ruthann Janeway, April 23  
Brenna Denlinger, April 29

Attendance last Sunday, SS 54, Worship 103		
<u>Offering Last Week</u>		
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Special</u>
Regular	1532.00	
Weekly Need	2849.00	
Year to Date	2682.00	

## 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.

Deacon Body Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

### Thurs.

Joyful Noise, 7:30 P.M.

### Fri.

### Sat.

Gospel Mission Workday, 8:45 A.M.

### Sun.

**Pastor Jim will be starting his vacation right after worship until May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Adam Adkins will be preaching on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

## 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

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

Greeter for April 23  
To be announced  
Greeter for April 30  
To be announced

# Announcements and Activities



## Gospel Mission Ministry

Update March 2017

Your prayers for this mission field and the people are so very much appreciated. Our goal every day of the week is the preaching of the Gospel of Christ; what a privilege! We are thankful for the tools He has given us to labor here and we are so thankful for your support that keeps the Gospel going out. Pray for a great moving of the Holy Spirit to His honor and glory may our folk be saved!

Much prayer is needed for the lost. The message "Jesus Saves" is our daily delight. The Bible is the final authority for eternity where else could one really turn? Many rely on empty philosophies to have a hope for the day of death. Pray that they might see the futility in all except Christ.

Please continue in prayer for our enclosed exterior wheel chair lift. We thank the Lord for those who have already started the fund (Now about \$37,500 of \$70,000). We would like to start work in early summer.

This year is our 105<sup>th</sup> year of operation praise the Lord! We are working to really put the polish on all of our buildings. Some buildings are about as old as the mission. Many laborers will be needed this summer for the work. Please email to see how you or your group can be part of the work here your mission field in Dayton, Ohio.

Camp Jabez is now taking registrations on line. Check with us for any questions. Pray for another great summer with our youth and the Lord.

Your prayers for our overall operation are very much appreciated. Pray for a Holy Spirit effective presentation of the Gospel each day. All are welcome to enjoy the benefits the Lord has given us and we freely share this bounty. We pray that God would use this miraculous place that others will see Christ.

By His grace,  
Ken Clarkston  
Chaplain, Director

Brightly doth His Spirit shine,  
Into this poor heart of mine;  
While He leads I cannot fall  
Trusting Jesus that is all.  
Edgar Page Stites, 1876

### FISH PANTRY is in need of the following items:

Saltine Crackers, Soups, Jell-O, Cake Mixes & Icing, Pancake Mixes & Syrup, Manwich, Toilet Paper, Chicken in 5 oz. or 14 oz. cans.

### Camp brochures are on the table in the narthex.

Camps for Adult/Child, Family Camp, Intergenerational Service Camp, Creative Arts Camp, Quilting Camp and Camp Safari (Special Needs Students) are opportunities for the summer. Contact Charlene Foster for any questions you may have.

### The 2017 BCoB Scholarship Applications are available on the Narthex table.

The applications are due June 4, 2017. Please return completed applications to any scholarship committee member (Jack Lloyd, Amy Watt or Portia Hammond).

### The next Gospel Mission Workday will be on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

We will leave the church at 8:45 a.m. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the narthex window.

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK—May 7, 2017 will be the annual worship service at Golden Gate Park, in shelter #4.

Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to share, and also games to play after the meal. This is always a wonderful time of worship and fellowship!

### The next Highway Clean Up will be on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

### The Upper Room Devotionals for May/June 2017 are on the table in the narthex.