

# Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

We take a one-week break from our journey through 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians to consider how one approaches the Love of God for healing and restoration. Who of us can deny we have needed restoration? Consider the following Biblical examples; Adam and Eve after their sin; Moses after he killed the Egyptian; Naomi after she lost her family in the Book of Ruth; King David after he sinned with another man's wife then plotted to have that husband killed; Jonah after refusing to follow God's directive; Prophet Elijah after doing battle with false prophets of Baal; et al.

The example I have chosen to meditate upon would be the Apostle Peter after denying his relationship with Jesus. At our worship service in the park we considered how John used the experience of Peter to summarize the salvation offered through Jesus. Just as Adam and Eve were naked and tried to cover up their sin, so too Peter was naked in the boat and tried to cover up his vulnerability with a cloak. But instead of running away from God in the Garden, Peter jumps into Sea of Galilee and rushed to Jesus.

In the Garden God took a goat and offered it in sacrifice to heal Adam and Eve, but by the Sea of Galilee Jesus had already died for Peter's sin now he carefully restored Peter to his rightful place. God's love was on full display for the reader to comfort their troubled hearts. So, let's take the journey of Peter through a guided meditation.

**Read through John 21 several times.**

Place yourself in the boat as Peter. Imagine yourself as Peter. Live it through Peter.

Have you ever experienced this situation of needing forgiveness and restoration?

What are you experiencing in your mind, body and soul from this event.

**Consider the following steps of restoration;**

First, Jesus calls out to the disciples just like God asked Adam and Eve "where are you" in the Garden? When and where has God called out to you?

Second, once Peter knew it was Jesus he covers up. How have I sought to hide portions of my life from Jesus' view?

Third, eating a meal together was the highest Jewish expression of fellowship, and there Jesus was cooking and serving the meal! What does this say to me about Jesus desire to intimately fellowship with me?

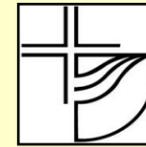
Fourth, Jesus lovingly, directly addressed Peter, not about his sin, but questioned Peter's love for Jesus. We know Peter denied three times as predicted, and Jesus asked three times removing every act of betrayal. How does Jesus lovingly remove our acts of sin?

Fifth, Jesus then restores Peter to the group by each time emphasizing he now is a shepherd! (Remember John heard Jesus declare "I am the Good Shepherd") In what way does that suggest restoration? Has Jesus restored me to His Body and mission?

Finally, Jesus affirmed Peter would complete his life task as a shepherd in ministry. What comfort would that bring him? Why then was Peter concerned about John?

How can I apply this text to my life? Spend time in prayer responding to this meditation.

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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.



**May 20, 2018**

Church in the Park

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

Special Music	"Glory To The Lord Our God"	
Offering	"Garment Of Praise/ I Will Enter His Gates/ We give You Praise"	
Children's Story		Karen Chronister

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

Singing	"Before The Throne Of God Above"
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**Seeking the Healing of Our Hearts ...Be Cleansed**

Singing	"Refiner's Fire"
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**Empowering of the Word and Spirit ...Be Spirit Filled**

Scripture	John 21: 1-14; 15-25	Dianne Tomlin
Message	Restoration Via Love Of God	Pastor Jim

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

Singing	"Here In This Place"
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**Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful**

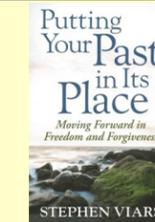
Prayer	
Singing	"Come, Holy Spirit"

**Resting in the Presence of God ...Be Transformed**

Singing	"In The Beauty Of Holiness"
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**Sent Out as Light and Salt**

Pastoral Blessing	
Singing	"You Shall Go Out With Joy"



**STILL TROUBLED BY UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM YOUR PAST?**

Many of us believe either "our past is nothing" and suppress the brokenness we've experienced, or we believe "our past is everything" and allow it to control our present and future. Neither approach moves us toward healing or hope.

Pastor and biblical counselor Stephen Viars introduces a third way to view your personal history-by exploring the role of the past as God intended. Using Scripture as his guide, Viars provides effective measures to

- replace guilt and despair over past failures with forgiveness and hope
- resolve past conflicts and broken relationships
- turn struggles from the past into stepping stones for growth

If you're ready to release the past so that God can transform you, your relationships, and your ability to hope, this motivating, compassionate resource will guide you along the path toward freedom and forgiveness.

*Pastor: Jim Chronister*

*Ministers: Every member of the Church*

*Our Vision: Glorifying God through faithful Discipleship.*

Brookville Church of the Brethren is a place where children are valued and safe. We provide classes and childcare for all ages. All persons who work with our children and youth are trained in our **Child Protection Policy** and must pass a background check. We ask that parents help by signing their children in and out at the **Welcome Center** whenever they attend. If you have questions or would like to see our written policy, please ask anyone in the children's department.



## Prayer Points

### Prayer requests received for this week:

Pastor Chuck Eagle; Dwight Elifritz's mom & dad; Elaine Baker; Matt & Megan Ferguson; Bruce & Ching Behnken

### Recovery & Ongoing issues:

Alexis Becker; Carolyn & Ron Puterbaugh; Justin Boose; Kirt Chronister; Nellie Parks; Paul Cullers; Randy Herr; Roger Janeway; Ruth Chronister; Woody Locker

### Continue to pray for:

Difficult relationships with family members, friends, co-workers, etc.

Families mourning loss of loved ones

Individuals permanently living in care centers

Mass shootings in schools & elsewhere – wisdom re: guns – prayer back in schools

Our nation – repent & turn to God – seek His will

People facing spiritual battles/satanic attacks – deliverance from addictions

President and his cabinet, VP, other political leaders and judges – wise decisions

Salvation for unsaved family members and friends

### Praying for Churches of the District:

Prince of Peace

### Birthday Prayer List:

Caleb Dull, May 26

Derrick Barnhart, May 26

### Today!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Prayer Service, 9:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M.

Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.

Worship, 10:35 A.M.

### Mon.

**Journeying with Jesus, 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

### Tues.

*GS Troop, 6:00-7:30 P.M.*

### Wed.

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

### Thurs.

### Fri.

### Sat.

### Sun.

### 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  
Aaron & Rachel Osswald

Greeters for May 20  
*Church in the Park*  
Greeters for May 27  
Carolyn Studebaker & Terry Shafer

Attendance last Sunday, SS 25, Worship 82

### Offering Last Week

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Special</u>	
Regular	2940.00	Blankets	60.00
Weekly Need	2859.00		
Year to Date	3330.00		

# Announcements and Activities

**Brookville Church of the Brethren Scholarship Applications for 2018** are on the table in the narthex. Deadline for the application is June 10, 2018.

**Camp flyers** for the 2018 season are on the window. Registration forms are on the table. If you have questions, see Charlene Foster.

**Following items are needed for the FISH Pantry:** Macaroni & Cheese – 6 oz. box; Saltine Crackers; Pineapple in can; Peanut Butter; Ramen Noodles; Cake Mix; Frosting; Pork & Beans; Spaghetti – box; Spaghetti Sauce; Hamburger Helper; Jelly; Canned potatoes; Pancake Mix and Syrup

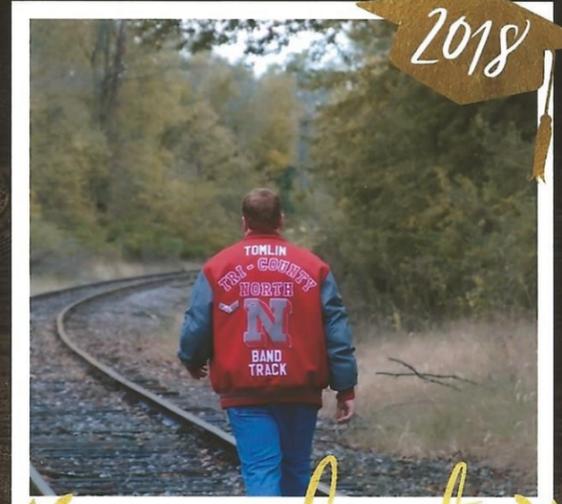
**Cabin by the creek for rent** – Lee Behnken's family is looking for a Christian young man to rent the cabin on their farm just off Airhill Road south of Brookville. It's rustic and secluded in the woods... sitting by the Wolf Creek. Lee lived there for 20 years and is presently house sitting his mother's house next door. Please call Lee if interested at (937) 609-1950.

**The Property Meeting has been changed to May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm due to conflicts on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **BDM/CRM Golf Scramble**

Saturday, August 11, 2018

at the Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville. Information and Registration brochures are on the table in the narthex.



## Graduate

Kevin's  
Graduation Party

Friday, May 25, 2018  
5:00-9:00 PM

7427 Jordan Road  
Lewisburg, OH

