



OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Hope For Renewal seeks to serve, build relationships and to share the love of Christ for those living in the Glenwood Corridor in Youngstown, Ohio.

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Gone Fishin'

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 4:18-20

At the moment that Jesus found Peter and Andrew they were fishers of fish. A few moments later they were on the journey to become fishers of men. The call was simple yet powerful, "Follow Me"! The process was also simple yet powerful, Jesus would make them fishers of men! Jesus said follow Me as a disciple and I will teach you, equip you, show you, give you hands-on experience and fill you with My power and authority to serve, build relationships and share the love of Christ which would later include sharing the awesome Gospel message. So here is the question for all of us to answer! Does Jesus still call His followers to be fishers of men? The answer for you and me is simple yet powerful!

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Lord, may we all immediately drop all that we humanly pursue in our own strength and answer Gods call to be fishers of men.

Our Worshipping Community

At present our church consists of twenty regular attenders, which maxes out our living room. It will be a great blessing to move worship to the ministry center in the near future. Since January we have been challenging our church to put into practice what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Prayer, time in God's Word, forgiveness, resisting temptation, fruits of the Spirit, doublemindedness - being servants to one another and in the world that we live in have all been areas that we have been pursuing together.

Also since January we have been walking with our congregation through everyday challenges and struggles.



One of the joys has been to walk hand in hand in the process of finding employment with five of our twenty-something group that attend Sunday worship. That translates into help filling out applications, giving rides to interviews and providing transportation to and from work and lots of prayer and encouragement and sometimes providing a few meals until paychecks become a regular event.



A few months ago we gave an open invitation to our church family to just drop by our house for a cup of coffee any time during the week. We have been amazed at how many have responded to the invitation and we have been blessed to share the love of Christ as we share the joys and struggles of life over coffee and a honey bun.



Coffee Hour!

Along with the everyday struggles, major crisis sometimes is a reality for our church individuals.

In December one of our young men was involved in a shooting inside his car. For over a month we lost contact with him. On January 24th he walked through our doors once again for Sunday worship. Lots of bad choices placed him in the car that night. It was a miracle that he was alive. In the weeks that followed our leadership team cared for him and shared with him that God loves him and has a plan for his life and that God's hand protected him that night and that he needed some major changes in his life. I have heard it stated many times that what the enemy meant for harm God will use it for good. On March 21st during worship this precious young man came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Early in March one of our families was in major crisis when the husband/father was arrested and is now in prison as he awaits trial. If convicted he will face life in prison. Since then our leadership team has been caring for and sharing with the wife through visits and phone calls and care at Sunday worship. It is with great joy to proclaim that on March 21st she came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

As you can imagine we have great joy as salvation has come to several of our precious sheep and yet there is the heaviness that comes with such severe struggle in life. We have come to an understanding of how to describe the ministry that God has given us. "Ministry On The Go!" On any given day or moment we are called to serve, evangelize, disciple, give care and comfort all at the same time and sometimes in a car, on a front porch, at a playground, a prison or even over a cup of coffee in our kitchen or in our soon to be café at the ministry center. We thank God every day for the honor of letting us be so close to the brokenhearted.



Glenwood Grounds!

Ministry Center

We are pleased to announce that our ministry center has a new name, "Glenwood Grounds". The name describes our mission to this community. Of course, the "Grounds" refers to the café ministry, but it also refers to a gathering "Ground" for community outreach ministry and for our worshipping community. The transformation of the building has been incredible to witness. Soon we will be extending an invitation to all of you to come for a celebration visit to see what God has accomplished.



New Kitchen – almost complete!



Beautiful Bathrooms!



Main Meeting Room / Café

Playground Community Picnic

We are waiting to hear from the Youngstown Parks Department about the future of the weekly picnics for the summer and fall of 2021. Please pray that the picnic is possible this year. Many in the community are already asking when we will be back.

Anticipating God's Provision

Since the beginning of Hope For Renewal it has been amazing to see God's provision for our ministry. As we prepare to open Glenwood Grounds Ministry Center we would ask that you would consider a one-time gift; or commit to monthly or quarterly support for 2021. We have substantial financial needs to supply the start-up costs of the Café Ministry and the ongoing Outreach Ministries and Worshipping Community.

A huge praise and thanks for those who have supported Hope For Renewal in the past. May God bless all of you meet you right where you are at this time.

Donations to Hope for Renewal may be sent to the address below. Please make checks payable to "Hope For Renewal"

In Christ's love,
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