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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.

GLENNWOODS GROUNDS CAFE

REVEREND GARY KOERTH

“Stay Low”

Just a week ago I finally found some time to get my hair cut. The barber shop that I go to is just across the street from Glenwood Grounds. It is always an awesome time to share life with friends and meet new people. You just never know what will be discussed and whom will be there. It is always the highlight of my week.

This time our conversation led to the daily two minute morning devotional the brother of Ryan, the owner of the shop, gives on Instagram every morning. The one that we looked at on their TV while I got my hair cut was called “Stay Low”. It started by him talking about if you want to be a successful athlete you need to learn how to stay low. A wrestler, offensive lineman, and many other sports, requires you to stay low to be successful.

He quickly changed the conversation to our walk with Jesus. In order to be an effective follower of Jesus, the Christian who wins many of the

battles, will need to learn how to “Stay Low”. He continued... We need to be humble, Stay Low! We need to be in prayer, on our knees, Stay Low! We need to be servants, Stay Low! Be last, Stay Low! Bow before the Lord, Stay Low! As soon as it was finished, I said to Ryan, that’ll preach! I left Ryan’s Chair with a new song and challenge in my heart, Stay Low!

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
James 4:10*

Valentines Day!

I really struggle with Valentine’s Day! I could easily just do nothing with the whole idea of the world’s view of love. But I was left with thoughts about missing an opportunity with all of the people that came in our café on February 14th! Especially since I just preached from *Romans 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*

So how do we serve the Lord at times like this? Easy! Just overwhelm the world with the true love of Christ. Serve them as special guests. Honor them with special care and attention! Just “Stay Low”. We put roses on the tables, cards that said how much we care and provide some awesome “special” foods like cheesecake, decorate your own homemade cookies, heart shaped brownies with homemade icing, homemade wedding soup! Fifteen brownies, twenty-four pieces of cheesecake, sixteen cookies and the amount of soup that we usually serve in a week later! We thanked God that we did not yield to the “do nothing” thoughts!



Please Pray!

Please continue to pray for our Hope For Renewal Church body. God is doing some amazing work in our congregation. He is sending us more and more gifted workers to serve our congregation and to reach out to the community, God is also sending us more and more of those who need a miraculous touch from God in their lives. Grief in the loss of a young life. Struggles of a eighteen year old expecting a baby in July without a family surrounding her. Addiction in lives that will not loosen its grip.



Please pray for our Easter Meal Outreach. Pray that God would do amazing things in our parking lot as we greet and supply food and pray over the 150 families that will drive through our parking lot. That God would use this meal distribution to draw people to a relationship with Jesus.

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Easter **MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

Wednesday, April 5



FOOD ITEMS PROVIDED:

**WHOLE ROASTING CHICKEN, FRESH SALAD MIX,
FRESH POTATOES & PRODUCE, CANNED GOODS,
FRESH FRUIT, FRESH EGGS, DINNER ROLLS,
DESSERT**

Thanks!!

Once again we wanted to take this opportunity to express our overwhelming thankfulness for each church, business, organization and individual that faithfully comes along side us to help build the church that God has called us to build.

Blessings,
Gary and Cindy

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