



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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### “DO NOT GROW WEARY”

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

*Hebrews 12: 1-3*

I love this Scripture! It has always given encouragement and a message to keep before us every day! Throw off every that hinders running! Fix our eyes on Jesus as we run across the waves and storms that come our way in life and ministry. But then verse 3 comes with a caution and a plan. There will be opposition. And it will come in many kinds of packages. It will try to make us weary and lose heart and passion for ministry. The plan is to avoid weary by always

considering and remembering that Jesus walked through all that we are facing. He has promised to never leave us and His peace will be upon us! Don't let your guard down and run the race set before you!

### Please Pray for our Playground Ministry

For the last three summers we have endured Covid restrictions and the fear of violence on the Southside of Youngstown and have stayed the course in our ministry at the playground. This summer we added Christian music at each picnic. Songs that speak life. We purchased a banner that is on the basketball court fence that invites the neighborhood to the picnic and Sunday Worship. We have put into action a bolder approach to offering prayer and attending worship with us on Sunday. God has been faithful! Numbers have tripled at the picnic since last year. Many more parents are bringing their families to the playground. Many are invited to attend Sunday Worship. Some will need to be invited many times before it turns into attending on Sunday. Continue to pray that God would use the playground ministry in a powerful way during the month of August.





### **Please Pray For Our Sunday Worship!**

We are praising God for the recent and steady growth in numbers but more exciting is the opportunity to preach the Gospel each week at worship. Just one week ago one of the families, a mom and four children that we met at the playgorund the past Wednesday attended Sunday worship. At the end of the message during our prayer time she came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We are expereincing life changing times in Gods Word and care for one another. Please continue to pray!

### **Please Pray For Our Café Ministry!**

God has also been blessing our cafe ministry this summer. Muffins and soup and coffee fly out of the café everyday. It is a struggle to bake enough to keep up. But more exciting

are the converatins about Jesus and about our mission. I will share more next month about the café. Please continue to pray!



### **Come and visit us!**

Please know that you are always welcome to come for a visit individually or as a group. Come and have a great cup of coffee or come for a work day as we are in the process of finishng the rehag of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Glenwood Grounds, our ministry center. Just give us a call!

### **Thanks!!**

Thank you to all of those who faithfully support us in prayers and finances year round. You are an incredible blessing! We also wanted to thank all of the churches and individuals that came to minister with us this summer or had a mission month that informed their congregations about Hope For Renewal. New Albany, Bakerstown, Bethany, Covenant, Harmony, Bethel. Thanks!

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