



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.

HOPE FOR RENEWAL MINISTRY CENTER SEPTEMBER 2017

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“PURE JOY”

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1: 2-4

Since July of 1988 Cindy and I have had many awesome years of ministry in Youngstown. Twenty-eight years at Tabernacle E.P.C. was a gift from God. But I can honestly say that I have never felt more spiritually alive than when we moved to our new city neighborhood. Watching God call our neighbors to a relationship with Jesus through our church plant gives me pure joy! But I believe it goes without saying that there have also been many trials and struggles along the way. Sometimes it is very hard to say in my heart that these times are times of pure joy! But the trails have caused me to know the God who sees me. To trust in the God who provides for me. To seek the God who will use

the trials for His Glory. All of this to produce perseverance and maturity. From this day forward I will strive to consider the trials as pure joy.

Facility Improvements!

It has been awesome to watch God provide us with an amazing ministry center. Six years ago, this month we purchased a shell of a building for \$1,500. This building is now used for our Worshiping Community, Café Ministry and Outreach Ministries. Recently God blessed us with a grant from the City of Youngstown to provide a newly paved parking lot and a soon to be reconstructed back deck. We are also making progress on the 2nd floor rehab. that will add 2,000 sq ft of ministry space.



Newly Paved Parking Lot



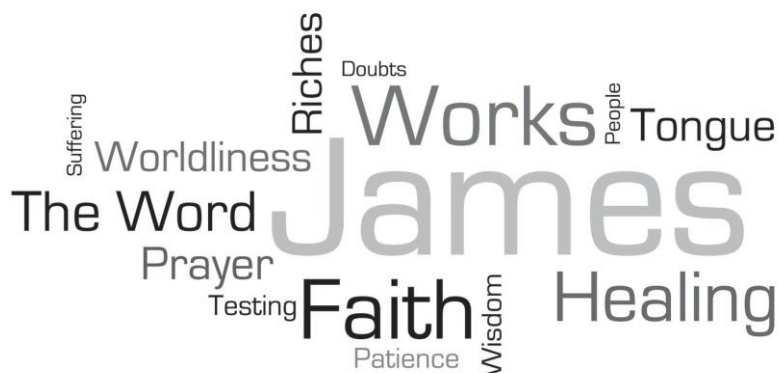
Please Pray For Our Café Ministry!

God continues to bless our café ministry. The quality of the food and coffee continues to be awesome. But even more awesome is that the relationships continue to grow. It has become so easy to speak of our relationship with Jesus and our mission to the neighborhood and worship service on Sunday morning. We have added a simple invitation card to invite people to Sunday worship. I can't believe how many take one and say, "I need to get back to church" or "you have church here in the café". Please continue to pray that God would draw people to a relationship with Jesus!



Please Pray For Our Worshiping Community!

Please continue to pray that God would continue to add to our numbers. How many is not important but many more coming to hear and experience the Gospel message is. We are experiencing spiritual growth and the church community is learning how to care for each other and serving in the ministries of the church. Our Playground ministry is finished for the summer so now we will start up our Wednesday Night Bible Study. We have just started a sermon series in the Book of James. Please pray for our Thanksgiving Outreach as we will provide a meal for 150 families.



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 finishing the rehab of the 2nd 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! Please consider supporting our church plant in the future as God leads you.

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