



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.

GLENWOOD GROUNDS MINISTRY CENTER CHRISTMAS 2023

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God is a God of second chances

"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time ... Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh."
 - Jonah 3:1+3; NIV

Worshipping Community

During the month of January we have been challenged as we preach through the book of Jonah. The first time around God said Go and Jonah said No! God rescues Jonah from his disobedience through a great storm and a great fish. Jonah experienced fresh and new the grace of God in his life while in the belly of a fish. With a

renewed call and a renewed focus of mind and heart. Jonah obeys and goes to Nineveh. He is faithful to God's call and through his proclamation of Gods message to the Ninevites. And through that obedience an entire city is drawn into true repentance and a humble relationship with God and then throwing themselves upon God's grace. "Who knows, God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

Two challenges. First, God gives us 2nd chances when confess and repent and cling to His loving grace and mercy in the midst of our disobedience. No one is too far away from God. Ask yourself today, where is my heart focused right now!

Second, God is looking for ordinary obedient people to proclaim His Name to the lost and hurting of the world that we are a part of, that we are called to go to!
 Is God calling you to Go? Nineveh maybe closer than you think!

Please pray for HFR Church as we continue to grow in number and in our walk with God. We are looking forward to a great year as we learn to care, pray and boldly and with dignity and love share the Gospel message to many around us that desperately need to experience to love of Christ in their lives.

Glenwood Grounds Christmas Open House 2023.

On December 16th we hosted our 2nd annual Christmas Open House for our neighborhood. We grilled hotdog, hot chocolate, coffee, chips, and fruit. We offered cookie decorating, children's craft and a story telling of the birth of Jesus. We presented each family a Bible, an invitation to attend church and children's Christmas story coloring book. Many of our church families and families from the neighborhood attended. An awesome day!



Glenwood Grounds Cafe

On January 8th we celebrated the two-year anniversary of the opening of the Café Ministry. Each week we continue to see more and more people from the neighborhood stop by. We are experiencing the joy of this newfound family who come to enjoy the peace of God's presence, prayer, hope, great food, coffee and fellowship. .



Prayer Request from Gary and Cindy!

About two months ago Cindy started to struggle with pain in her shoulder. Her chiropractor did an x-ray and discovered she has two bone spurs that have caused some damage. We are waiting for a surgeon appointment on Jan. 24th to see what is happening. Then on December 18th she developed a pain in her knee that caused her enough pain that for about a week she couldn't walk on the leg. After an MRI and a visit to the surgeon we discovered that she has a small meniscus tear and osteoarthritis. The praise is that no surgery is needed, just physical therapy. She is now walking without assistance. As some of you noticed on facebook and instagram, we closed the café for two days as we cared for Cindy. Recently she has returned to the café but "trying" to limit her activity in lifting and walking. Our church family, volunteers and HFR Board have been amazing! Please pray for a complete healing and recovery from both of these physical struggles.

Thanks!

On behalf of Hope For Renewal Cindy and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry that God has called us to. Your partnership with us has been awesome! *Your recent gifts in January and December were a true blessing!*

We would love to have you come and visit us to experience what God is doing here in Youngstown or even come for a workday! We love having visitors!

Thank you Bakerstown EPC for coming in to bake, decorate, clean, paint and organize the HFR Ministry Center

We would love to have you as prayer partners. We believe that nothing significant will happen through our ministry without prayer.

May God bless you this new year!

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