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Newsletter

To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
Ephesians 1:6-7

The Least of These

As I sit here ready to write this letter, it is sunny and 52 degrees. The forecast for this week sounds like warmer weather is on the way! I don't know about you, but that gets me excited! I love every season that God blessed us with, but about mid February, after about four months or so of cold weather, I am ready for warmer weather! Its kind of the same way in our personal lives as well isn't it? After rough seasons in our lives, we are ready for some warm, comforting sunshine in our lives aren't we? So what season of life are you in right now? God cares in every season! The Christian life doesn't mean everything will always be smooth sailing, but we like our comfort zone don't we? But if we just walk in faith, God will be faithful and walk with us through the trials, and one day we can be in that beautiful place called Heaven! No more sorrow, no more trials, God will wipe the tears from our eyes! Recently I went on a mission trip to New York City to help with city relief. They have several outreaches that they do in the city. They have a mobile soup kitchen that they use to feed the less fortunate. They also have other resources to offer the least of these on the streets. I came back from that week with a totally different view, and outlook on life. My mind went to the parable that Jesus gave us in Luke 10:25-37. A lawyer asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life? Before Jesus answered him, He asked him what was written in the law. The lawyer said, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus told him he answered correctly; "do this, and you will live." The lawyer trying to justify himself asked Jesus, "who is my neighbor?" Jesus then told him of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among some thieves who stripped him, beat him, and left him half dead. You probably know the story, and know what happened next, but it says a priest and a Levite walked right past him on the other side, two very respected people in their time, but they didn't give the poor man the time of day. But then we know that a lowly Samaritan came along and had compassion on

that poor man. He cared for the physical needs that he had. At the end of that parable Jesus asks the question, "which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "the one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said, "go, and do likewise." How well are we doing this? How do we see the least of these? We are so fortunate. I just had to ask myself, why did God allow me to be born where I was? I could very easily be right where they are. In the past I used to be able to walk right past the less fortunate, but I don't think I can do that anymore. Not after hearing their stories, and looking into their eyes and seeing the hurt, the hopelessness, and fear that was there. Being there and serving was so good for me. I came back with a new appreciation for what I have, and what I so often take for granted. Some of the little things I face in life, pale in comparison to what these people face daily. It was cold that week, they had to figure out a warm place to sleep that night, and here the thermostat at our Airbnb wasn't working right, and it was 65 degrees that night when we got back. And we grumble and complain. James 1:22 says, "but be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Lets show mercy to those who are struggling. Maybe we feel we don't have much to give, it's not always how much we give, but "what" we give. Is it a word of encouragement, is it praying with them, maybe God is asking us to physically help the man that fell among the robbers. Lets see these people through the eyes of Jesus, a human being like us, that God created in His image, and we are all fearfully and wonderfully made! And maybe you will be looking into the eyes of Jesus! Matt. 25:40 says, "verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." If we read further in that chapter we also see what happens if we don't do these things. Lord give us the compassion that we need to love the least of these!

God bless you on your journey!!

Harlan Miller



Upcoming Events

Heart Encounter

Tue. Wed. Thurs. May 20 - 22, 2025
at Freedom Hills Ministries

Run For Freedom

Saturday, September 20, 2025
at Freedom Hills Ministries

Auction and Dinner

Friday, June 13, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

Heart Encounter

Tue. Wed. Thurs. Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2025
at Freedom Hills Ministries

Billy Molls Inspiration and Dinner

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

Celebration Banquet

Tue. & Wed. October 21 & 22, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

The Ministry
has a current
need of a
Laundry Washer

Thank you!

To sign up for an event at Freedom Hills please call the office at 330-893-3857

If you are in need of lodging for any of the events listed, Comfort Suites in Berlin will give discounted rates when you mention you are coming for a Freedom Hills event. Their phone number is 330.893.7400

HEART ENCOUNTER

For Married Couples

MAY 20 - 22, 2025

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US, AS WE LOOK AT MARRIAGE, WITH A BIBLICAL VIEW OF CONNECTING WITH OUR SPOUSE. LISTEN TO THE TEACHING, JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION AND ENJOY THE HUMOR, AS WE LOOK AT LIFE IN THE CONTEXT OF MARRIAGE. INVEST THREE DAYS INTO THE CLOSEST HUMAN RELATIONSHIP ON EARTH, KNOWING THAT THE RETURNS ARE LIMITLESS. LUNCH, SNACKS, AND ALL MATERIAL ARE PROVIDED. IT WILL BE HELD AT FREEDOM HILLS MINISTRIES 9:00AM - 4:00PM EACH DAY.

JUDGE ME WHEN YOU ARE PERFECT.

AN
INVESTMENT
IN
MARRIAGE

CALL 330-893-3857 FOR RESERVATIONS

A Path Less Traveled

What does 'a path less traveled' bring to mind? Probably different ideas come to each one of us. If you will allow me to, I would like to share what it means to me.

I remember while hiking, there were some very beautiful waterfalls and other sights that were not on the hiking trail. The only way to see them was to get off the normal trail and go on a path that was less traveled. This experience opened my eyes to other possibilities of less traveled paths and what that could mean in my life.

Are we willing to go on paths that are kind of narrow and winding round and round. Maybe we see low hanging branches and thorns blocking the path. Maybe a wild animal is blocking our way. There might be a person with a broken leg, or a tear-stained face ahead of us on the path. Could someone you see on the path just want to share a bit of their life with you?

We as Christians have been given a unique responsibility. God places people in our paths daily who we can help in some way. Mission trips are a wonderful way to walk on less traveled paths. When I have been in the Dominican, going on some paths that I couldn't believe led to someone's house, my eyes were opened. Seeing those families; some with disabled children, and some with only the mother in the home, made it easier for me to share myself with them.

Believe it or not, we don't have to travel far from our comfortable homes to find a path to someone who needs to see and feel Jesus. I have found that walking those less traveled paths, has strengthened my walk with Jesus. By walking those paths that not many see, I have been so blessed. God has reminded me that He does care about me too!

I was reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan. There was a certain man who traveled a path from Jerusalem to Jericho. Thieves stripped him, robbed him, and wounded him. Maybe this was a less traveled path? As the parable continues, a priest and a Levite walked that same path and chose to ignore the dying man. Then a Samaritan journeyed on that same path. He saw the same dying man and had compassion for him. He stopped to help. Now, these 3 men were on the same path. What was different? There was no law in the Samaritan. There was only compassion and love. He put 'me, myself and I' aside and did what Jesus asks of us. Could this be how He wants us to walk our paths?

Jesus, our greatest example, walked some paths less traveled during His ministry. He took the path to Samaria to meet a woman at a well. He walked a path in His home town, where He was rejected by His own. He walked a path on water to comfort some very scared disciples in a boat. He walked the path to Gethsemane to pray. Then, Jesus walked that lonely, less traveled path to Calvary.

Each one of our paths looks a bit different. When we are ok with and understand our path, then lookout! Jesus will radiate from us and His will can be accomplished. Don't forget the blessing we will receive, because we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our paths.

What path are you on? What does your less traveled path look like? Praying you will receive many blessings as you walk your path!

Walking My Path,

Carolyn



Unknown to each other Harlan & Carolyn both chose the "Good Samaritan" story for examples.



Annual Auction & Dinner

June 13, 2025



Heritage Community Center
3558 US 62 // Millersburg, OH

Auction begins at 5:30PM

Support a good cause & bring an item to sell
Suggested Items but not limited to:
- Meals - Baked Goods - Tools - Crafts - Trips - Specialty Items - Talents -



**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AND AT THE AUCTION,
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**
General Raffle Tickets \$10 each or 6/\$50



#1
Kamado
Joe



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Espresso
Machine



#3 \$250.00 Cash

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An assortment of 8 Guns

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Your Sponsorship is greatly appreciated!!

Pledge to match the dollar amount raised at the Auction by the following amount

☐\$0.03 ☐\$0.05 ☐\$0.10 ☐\$0.15 ☐\$0.25 ☐Other amount \$ _____ or make a one time donation of: _____

Respond by calling the office 330-893-3857 or Jason at 330-600-8521 with questions or commitments.

Big Game Hunting Adventures

-with Billy Molls

Tuesday August 19, 2025 // Heritage Community Center

BILLY'S ULTIMATE PASSION IS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WOVEN INTO HIS PROFESSIONAL HUNTING GUIDE EXPERIENCES!

SIGN UP YOUR GROUP OF 8 FOR \$800 TODAY! // DINNER INCLUDED. // 330-893-3857



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**EVERYONE ATTENDING IS ELIGIBLE FOR
DOOR PRIZES.**

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RUN FOR FREEDOM

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

On the Trails of Freedom Hills Ministries!

12 Hours 7:00AM - 7:00PM // One 5K every hour, a total of 37.2 Miles.

Enjoy our beautiful trails and test your endurance as we host you for 12 hours of 5k's! A new 5k will start the beginning of every hour with stage prizes as well as total cumulative time prizes being awarded. The race will be officially timed by Mid Ohio Race Management.

There is no registration fee. We are asking for each runner to find a minimum of \$15.00 per mile sponsorship. Sponsors can donate as much or little as they wish. The runner with the highest amount sponsored over \$15.00 per mile will receive a \$500.00 gift card!

Each registered runner will receive a Race Packet which will include; an official *Run For Freedom Shirt*, and a beautiful *Run For Freedom Belt Buckle*.

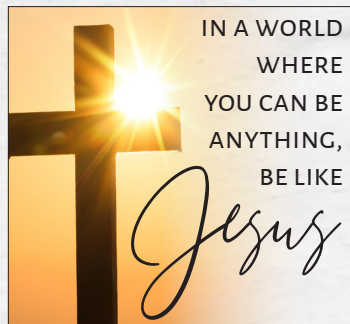
We will provide snack, drinks and a large tent. Runners are welcome to bring their own snacks, drinks and shelters if they wish to do so.

At the completion of the last 5K, a meal of "*Mashed Potatoes and Chicken*" will be served at approximately 8:00 pm. Registration will be available on line in the near future or you may call the office 330-893-3857.

- Final details to be determined and more info in our June Newsletter. -



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Freedom Hills Ministries is a non profit organization and exists as an arm of the church of Jesus Christ to glorify God in all things through Him. Our purpose is to equip believers through biblically based counseling and training so they might stand firm in the faith in the midst of the spiritual battles of life.

We offer short term intense Christ centered counseling for marriages and individuals who are seeking freedom and emotional healing from God. If you would like to apply please fill out an application found on our website or you may call the office at 330.893.3857. Following is an outline for couples and individuals: Married Couples 5 days, includes a fully furnished cabin, (*married couples only*) Premarital Couples for 3 days, Dating Couples for 1 day, Single Boys for 3 days, and Single Girls for 3 days.

We encourage each one of you to come back for a follow up, for Married Couples we offer a Heart Encounter twice a year and a Marriage Retreat bi-annually for anyone who has gone through a Caring For the Heart program.

20 minute phone slots are available for anyone who desires to speak with a counselor.

We are located at 5510 T R 419 Sugarcreek, OH 44681

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