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Newsletter

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! Luke 2:14

The Greatest Gift

Gray clouds tinged in darkening hues were gathering as we drove the 20 miles to our son's new house on Christmas Eve. A few scattered snowflakes blew across the road seemingly in a hurry to get somewhere. Carolyn riding beside me smiled and said, "it looks like we are having a white Christmas." The feeling in her voice tugged at my heart. We are both sentimental about Christmas; it is our favorite time of the year. The forecast of a white Christmas had both of us excited. A white Christmas would add to the joy of getting to spend Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day with our family. As far as we were concerned, once everyone was safely together, let it snow! The lights from our son's house welcomed us as we pulled in his driveway. We hurried to unload, the brisk wind and falling temperatures pushing us into the safety and warmth of the indoors. The wonderful smells of food being prepared and the sound of Christmas music warmed my heart, and brought thankfulness to my spirit. Before long we were all there, safe and sound, with no intention of leaving anytime soon. Our collective thought was, Let it snow! We watched, amazed, as all afternoon and night those beautiful white flakes drifted down as temperatures continued to drop. As I sat, coffee in hand, surrounded by family watching it snow, I was grateful for the gift of this special Christmas. Lots of gifts were opened that night. I only remember one, the gift of family together on a white Christmas.

There have been many Christmas memories filled with the smells, sounds and sights of Christmas. I trust that you also have those wonderful memories and are continuing to make more with special Christmas moments.

Part of our Christmas tradition is giving gifts to family and friends. As we give gifts we remember and honor the greatest gift of all on the very first Christmas. No gift will ever match Baby Jesus in a manger. The very first Christmas gift was from God to us. He gave us the gift of a Redeemer, from His heart to ours the gift of love. Today thousands of years later we remember that gift. We have the memory of Redemption, of Salvation, of Forgiveness, of Sacrifice. It is because of this memory that we celebrate Christmas today.

On that first Christmas night God intentionally reached down

and gave us a gift. A gift we will remember forever. What gifts are we giving this year? I know that at our house there will be many gifts. We love to give our family gifts. Each child, each grandchild will get gifts carefully wrapped, hoping that somehow in that gift our love will be translated to the one who opens it.

I wonder how many of us remember the gifts we received last year? Probably many have been forgotten. Yet the gift of God, given thousands of years ago will never be forgotten. Can we give that kind of gift? A gift whose memory will never fade. What is it about God's gift that keeps the memory so alive, so vibrant? Can we give the same thing? What did Jesus give us with His birth?

Luke 4:18 tells us. Jesus came to give (hope) He came to heal us, He came to set us free, He came to restore our sight, He came to take away our oppression, He came to give us new life. Those gifts, those memories, for those that have accepted them will never fade away.

Can we emulate those gifts? Can we bring hope to the hopeless? Can we help someone find healing? Will we be instrumental in a person experiencing freedom? Are we willing through our actions and sacrifice to help someone see clearly, will we stand with someone as they rebuke the oppression in their life? Are we willing to open our hearts and give to their hearts a gift of love?

God was intentional in giving us the greatest gift of all. Can we be intentional this Christmas and give a memory that will not only be remembered, but will help change a life. Lets give as we have been given The greatest gift of all!

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Remember the Best Christmas Ever!

Merry Christmas,

Kevin Troyer





Upcoming Events

Relationship Conference
January 29 - 31, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

Indiana Marriage Retreat
March 14 & 15, 2025
at Davis County, IN

Missouri Marriage Retreat
February 13 - 15, 2025
at Fortuna, MO

Heart Encounter
May 20 - 22, 2025
at Freedom Hills Ministries

Annual Fundraiser Breakfast
Saturday March 8, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

Auction and Dinner
Friday June 14, 2025
at Heritage Community Center

To sign up for an event at Freedom Hills please call the office at 330.893.3857

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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

January 29 - 31, 2025

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Heritage Community Center 3558 US 62 Millersburg, OH

WE WELCOME YOU TO ATTEND

Understanding the Heart Relationship Conference

AS WE FOCUS ON LIVING LIFE INTENTIONALLY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS.

MARK 10:21 THEN JESUS, LOOKING AT HIM LOVED HIM...

What would our world be like if we were intentional in walking as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? We would love for you to join us as we look at the word of God, not as an interesting philosophical narrative, but rather as a living breathing guide to living intentionally from our hearts.

Schedule & topics

Wednesday January 29

- 6:30 Music begins
- 7:00 Opening
- 7:15 An Intentional God
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 The Perfect Example
- 9:00 Close

Thursday January 30

- 6:30 Music begins
- 7:00 Opening
- 7:15 Maintenance Is Not An Option
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 Right On Schedule
- 9:00 Close

Friday January 31

- 6:30 Music begins
- 7:00 Opening
- 7:15 Finding The Root
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 When We All Get To Heaven
- 9:00 Close

Live Broadcast and Recordings available, call the office for more details 330.893.3857

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE GIVES OTHERS THE RIGHT TO HURT US. JOHN BEVERE

The One Who Sees Me

SHOUT TO JESUS LIKE BLIND BARTIMAEUS! MARK 10:46-52

A little girl and her mom were on the subway in New York City amongst a crowd of other people. Suddenly, the little girl discovered that she had lost sight of her mom. In a panicked voice, she called out, "Mom, I can't see you! Are you still here?" The mom answered immediately and confidently, "I know you can't see me right now, sweetheart, but I can still see you. I promise, I won't let you out of my sight." The little girl then relaxed because she was reassured that the one she trusted the most in this world had her safely in her sight.

This story gives us a picture of how our patient and loving Father God offers us reassurance through His word that we are never out of His sight and He will always hear our cries for help. God is called by various names throughout scripture. People in the Bible gave some of those names while others are names He first called Himself. Each name describes a part of His character. In Genesis 16, we read about a woman named Hagar who was in distress and running from her masters. And God saw her! And when God met her in her distress, she said, You are the God who sees me, I have now seen the one who sees me (Genesis 16:13) The phrase "The God who sees me" is translated as El Roi in Hebrew.

El Roi is the God who numbers the hairs on our heads. He counts our every tear. He knows every detail of our circumstances. Even the most attentive parent must sleep, but our Heavenly Father never closes his eyes to us. He never misses a detail of what is happening. He sees everything and knows what is to come.

So friends, how can we not trust such a God? How can we doubt Him if we know Him as El Roi? Can we have that deep trust that the one who loves us the most sees us all the time? We may be in situations where we want to panic because we feel like God's not seeing or hearing us, yet we can read in many different verses that He always sees and hears so let's cling to the truth that He sees us and let's be reassured by His Presence. When we trust Christ as our Savior and our eyes are opened in faith, we can clearly see God. Like Hagar, we can call out "I have now seen the one who sees me!"

Trusting that He's seeing me...

Mandy Miller



THE PERFECT MARRIAGE IS TWO
imperfect people
WHO REFUSE TO GIVE UP THEIR
marriage vows

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING
Marriage Retreats

Fortuna, MO

February 13 - 15, 2025

Location

Fortuna Baptist Church
72233 HWY W
Fortuna, Mo 65034

Contact Personnel

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Teaching by Freedom Hills Ministries

Davis County, IN
March 14 - 15, 2025

MORE INFO IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER



Annual Breakfast Fundraiser

March 8, 2025

Heritage
Community
Center



WHEN WE FILTER EVERYTHING THROUGH PAST HURTS, REJECTIONS, AND EXPERIENCES, WE FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE GOD. JOHN BEVERE

BILLY MOLLS RESCHEDULED
AUGUST 19, 2025

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to be able to provide our services at no charge. This is only possible through God's provision and the generosity of His children. Thank you for your support over the years, and may God Bless you for the many hearts and relationships that have been touched by your giving!

PRAYING THAT GOD GRANTS YOU A

Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kevin & Carolyn Troyer · Harlan & Mandy Miller · Mary Herschberger · Nelson & Betty Yoder · Joanna Schlabach





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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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