

**Our Mission**  
“To rejoice in, and share  
the good news of Jesus Christ “  
with all people”

## Rejoice Voice

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Newsletter**

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**Sunday Worship**

10:30am

*(In-person, Face Book Live,  
or posted later on our  
website)*

**Adult Formation Class**

9:30am on Sunday

**Bible Studies**

Tuesdays at 1:00PM  
at Rejoice

Wednesdays  
8:00pm  
on zoom

Thursday  
7:00pm  
on zoom

Resurrection life

*Acts 4:32-35*

I'll never forget the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. I'm sure none of us will. Covid touched just about every area of our lives and left an indelible mark on us.

The first and most specific image burned into my brain isn't of people wearing masks or of faces in Brady Bunch squares on my laptop suddenly replacing all of my meetings at coffee shops and cafes. It's going into the grocery store and seeing the shelves bare in the toilet paper aisle. People were so scared by the possibility of supply-chain interruptions that they panic-bought toilet paper.

It's just what happens when we allow fear and scarcity to dictate our decision making, isn't it? We end up gathering and holding more than we need while others struggle to even find enough.

The book of Acts paints a drastically different picture of the early community of Jesus followers. The resurrection of Jesus had such a dramatic and profound impact on them that it caused them to think differently about everything—even their possessions. Their newfound faith in the risen Jesus cultivated a spirit of generosity and compassion so great that it became unacceptable for anyone in the community to go without their needs being met.

I find it fascinating that, when describing the earliest Jesus followers and what bound them together in community, Luke doesn't list the doctrinal positions they held in common. He doesn't describe them as gathering in a room to argue the finer points of theology so that, once they all agreed, they could really belong together. Instead, he says the testimony of the apostles to Jesus' resurrection led to real, practical, life-changing action in the world, as evidenced by the fact that “there was not a needy person among them.”

Perhaps this is what Easter is actually all about, not theory but practice. It's the bursting into this world of a new creation that plays by different rules, where love calls us to work for the flourishing of every single person and of the whole creation.

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I don't think our response to Acts ought to be to idealize the early church. It had its own set of issues and challenges. Instead, I think we are invited, even called, to join in and continue the work the early church began. To be an Easter people is not just to hold some specific theological convictions and defend them at all costs. To be an Easter people is to join in the work of stewarding a new creation that is already emerging, right here and now.

Josh Scott is pastor of GracePointe Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and author of *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*.

*Brian*

### Adult Formation – Sundays at 9:30 am

April 7 - New Series – *From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity*

The Christian movement did not start out as a culturally significant phenomenon; it began in a remote part of the Roman Empire as a small, lower-class group of followers of a Jewish apocalyptic preacher, crucified as an enemy of the state. How did Christianity grow into such an enormously influential institution from such humble beginnings? Come and see.

April 14 – The Religious World of Early Christianity

April 21 – The Historical Jesus

April 28 – The Apostle Paul

May 5 – The Beginnings of Jewish-Christian Relations

May 12 -The Rise of Christian Anti-Judaism

May 19 - The Early Christian Mission

May 26 – The Christianization of the Roman Empire

### Training Meetings for Lectors and Tech Helpers

We're looking to work toward consistency at the sound booth, on Facebook Live and for Readers/Lectors and Worship Assts. If you help with these, or would like to, please plan to attend!

All Lectors/Readers/Worship Assts. please plan to attend one of the following meetings: Sat., Apr 6, 9-10:30am, Sun. Apr 7, 12-1:30 or Sat., Apr. 13, 9-10:30am.

There is a meeting scheduled for all Video and Sound booth techs on Sunday, April 14 immediately after church.

Hope you can all come.

## Women's Bible Study *—Via Zoom*



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying —  
 "The Coming King"  
 No pressure, no homework!  
 Just fellowship time  
 with Christian friends studying God's  
 Word.

**Join us *Wednesdays at 8:00pm on Zoom***

<https://johncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

Contact Lisa Ramsey with questions/problems at  
[lisaruns1969@gmail.com](mailto:lisaruns1969@gmail.com) or 234.380.2090



## April Birthdays

5	Chris Wisbar
11	Elizabeth Schafer
15	Juliet Jaeger
15	Mike Procop
19	April Yanda
24	Michael McLelland

## Brian's Zoom Bible Study will continue to be on Thursday evenings until further notice

**Everyone is invited.**

Here's the zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
 j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NlB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NlB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299 Pass code: COSJ2020



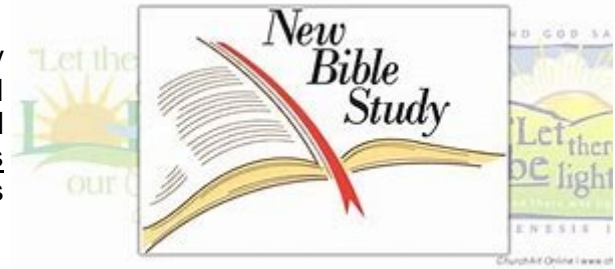
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## Financial Report - February 2024

2024	Feb Actual	Feb Budget	Feb Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2024 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>							
General Revenue	\$13,779	\$12,833	\$946	\$33,874	\$25,667	\$8,207	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$3,040	\$2,917	\$123	\$7,450	\$5,833	\$1,617	\$35,000
Other	\$1,294	\$358	\$936	\$2,701	\$717	\$1,984	\$4,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,113</b>	<b>\$16,108</b>	<b>\$2,005</b>	<b>\$44,025</b>	<b>\$32,217</b>	<b>\$11,808</b>	<b>\$193,300</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
General Expense	\$10,478	\$9,194	(\$1,284)	\$21,293	\$18,391	(\$2,902)	\$117,340
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,667	\$121	\$11,092	\$11,333	\$241	\$68,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,024</b>	<b>\$14,861</b>	<b>(\$1,163)</b>	<b>\$32,385</b>	<b>\$29,724</b>	<b>(\$2,661)</b>	<b>\$185,340</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$2,089</b>	<b>\$1,247</b>		<b>\$11,640</b>	<b>\$2,493</b>		<b>\$7,960</b>
<b>Benevolence Giving</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>(\$1,250)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>(\$2,500)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

## Daytime Bible Study—Simply Good News

Every Sunday we hear the Gospel read – dutifully responding with praise. Why? What makes the Gospel “good news” anyway? So, on Tuesdays at 1:00pm we’ll be reading and discussing the book Simply Good News by N.T. Wright. Led by Dave Denes, we will tackle this central message of Christianity. Please join us.



## Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 3, 7-9PM

**Grace Baptist Church, Laurel Road, Brunswick, OH, USA**  
3480 Laurel Road Brunswick, OH 44212

Featuring Nicole Nordeman. Hosted by Sara Carnes from 95.5 the Fish. With special guest, Robin Swoboda. General Admission tickets are \$30 (+\$3.85 fee). Doors open at 6:30PM

Join us for a fabulous evening of music and inspiration with the incredible **Nicole Nordeman!** This in-person event will be held at **Grace Baptist Church** on Laurel Road in Brunswick, OH, USA. Get ready to be uplifted and encouraged as Nicole shares her heartfelt songs and stories. This is a night you won't want to miss! Grab your girlfriends and mark your calendars for a night of laughter, tears, and unforgettable moments. Come as you are and let's celebrate the power of sisterhood together!

[Anyone interested in getting a group together to go?](#)  
[See Carla](#)



FRIDAY, MAY 3 GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

# LADIES NIGHT OUT

AN EVENING WITH NICOLE NORDEMAN



SPECIAL GUEST  
ROBIN SWOBODA



HOSTED BY SARA CARNES

## Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John

To be Announced soon!



## Helping Hands at Our Church, Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

Thanks to **Tom Freborg** for the fabric donation and **Sandy Molnar** for the sheet donation for the quilting mission.

Many thanks to **Kathy Jacobson** for organizing a wonderful Maundy Thursday meal and the Easter morning breakfast. Thanks, too, for all who helped with set-up, clean-up making donations of food or money. Both provided excellent opportunities for Christian fellowship time.

Thank you to **Kate and Jay Hartland** for our beautiful Easter flowers. Kate has taken the leadership of ordering and organizing flowers and Jay and Kate both delivered 50 plants to Rejoice on the rainy Saturday before Easter. Thanks to all who ordered and sponsored the plants.

*Please let the church office know if we missed anyone's good deeds, because we want to recognize all helping hands!*

### Fellowship Time Hospitality

#### **Enjoy Coffee and Snacks After Worship?**

Looking for volunteers to bring a snack, make coffee and clean up after. Since everyone likes a snack now and then, weekly volunteers are needed to make Sunday morning coffee, put out the snacks and stay to clean up afterwards. Sign up sheet is at the coffee bar window.



### Clear Bags Recycled into Park Benches - St. Stephens Collection

The local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter is collecting clear plastic bags. The DAR chapter meets at St. Stephen on Saturdays. The clear plastic bags are collected and taken to the Kent Lions Club, who then delivers them to Terex. Terex takes the bags and recycles them into park benches. (see photo) The following clear plastic items are accepted for recycle:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Ice bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Case overwrap (drinks)

If you have clear plastic to donate, please place it in the bag in the entryway. It is ok if there is print on the plastic.



**We now have a collection basket in the entryway at Rejoice**



# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b> 	2 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice 6:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting	3 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	4 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	5	6
7 9:30 Adult Formation 10:30 <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11:30 Altar Guild Meeting	8 6:30 PM <b>Quilting Group</b> 7 PM AA Women's Group 3:14 PM Total Solar Eclipse (1:59-4:39PM)	9 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice 6:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting	10 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	11 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	12	13
14 9:30 Adult Formation 10:30 <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>	15 7 pm <b>Church Council Meeting</b> 7 PM AA Women's Group	16 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice 6:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting <b>Flute concert 7:30PM</b>	17 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	18 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	19	20
21 9:30 Adult Formation 10:30 <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>	22 7 PM AA Women's Group	23 <b>Passover</b> 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice 6:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting	24 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	25 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	26	27 12 - 2 PM <b>Hudson Food Pantry February Distribution</b>
28 9:30 Adult Formation 10:30 <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>	29 7 PM AA Women's Group 7 PM <b>Worship Committee</b>	30 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice 6:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting				

## ~ ~ ~ April Worship Helpers ~ ~ ~

10:30am SERVICE	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Marisa McLelland	Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Dave Denes	Russ Ackerman	George Arnold	Marisa McLelland	Becky Hogue
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Sue Holman	Bill Holman	Angie Hagan	Janet Juliano	Bethany Bryant
GREETER / USHER	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott
COUNTERS	B Bryant/ W Klukow	N Fasnacht/ C Maurer	Carla Maurer / Bethany Bryant	W Klukow / N Fasnacht	C Maurer / W Klukow
POWER POINT PREP	Bethany Bryant	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel	Nancy Fasnacht	Bethany Bryant
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar or TBA	Tim Boebel	Wisbar or TBA	D Jacobsen	Dan Jacobsen
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes or D Jacobsen	AJ Stokes or D Jacobsen	D Jacobsen	AJ Stokes	AJ Stokes or D Jacobsen
FELLOWSHIP	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

**Lay Reader** – read the Scripture for the day. Readings can be emailed in advance for you to preview.

**Communion Assistant** – help with distribution of the Sacrament holding the wine and juice “The blood of Christ shed for you!”

**Communion Set-up** – cube bread and place in cups/basket, Pour wine into cups using sanitized hands and minimize touch of the communion elements.

**Usher** – make sure everyone has a bulletin, a chair, or any other assistance. Light the candles prior to the worship and extinguish them after worship.

**Offering Counter** – count the Sunday offering and prepare it for deposit.

**Altar Guild** members take care all things concerning the altar, including communion preparation (bread & wine), altar linens, candles, paraments, banners, and flowers. They make sure that the altar is set up appropriately for the times and seasons of the church year.

**Power Point Prep** – using the weekly bulletin as a guide, copy/paste the Order of Worship into a Power Point presentation (can be done at home in advance and emailed to the soundbooth).

**Videographer** – each week we live-stream the worship service. A new system is in place that is user friendly and training is available.

**Sound booth tech and PowerPoint** – sit at the sound booth, advance the power point slides when appropriate, and run the equipment.

**Fellowship**—ensure that someone is signed up to bring a snack, make coffee and clean-up

**Help is needed in all Worship Help areas. Please see Carla to volunteer!**

If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please make every effort to find a replacement and contact the church office no later than Wednesday, prior to the date you are scheduled. 330-653-5980

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## HCSA Food Pantry News—April 2024

The Food Pantry had a successful distribution March 23<sup>rd</sup>; thanks to a large donation of hams from one of our regular donors. This was in addition to our regular supply from the Akron Canton Food Bank.

Hudson League for Service put together (HLFS) has assembled nearly 70 Easter baskets to be handed out March 29 and 30 for family members of Food Pantry neighbors. HLFS collected donations from members and the Friends of the Library. Very fun for our neighbors' kids and grandkids!



## Flute Concert

Gayle Getts has planned a Spring Solstice flute concert at Rejoice Lutheran on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30pm. The concert is free and open to all!



***He is Risen! Risen Indeed, Alleluia!***