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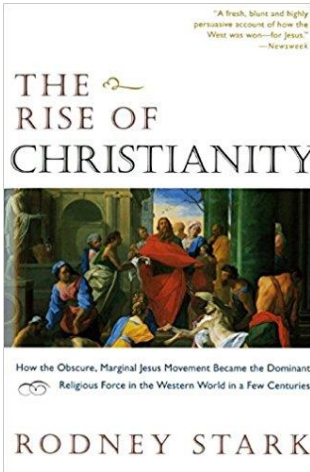
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A Better Way



“There has got to be a better way.”

How many of us have ever had that thought? I know I have. Most of the time it is in reference to some way of going about a task or accomplishing a goal. Now stop and ask yourself, “Have I ever thought there has got to be a better way to live?” Maybe you haven’t, but I venture that many people have. There is a better way to live. This is the exact conclusion that Rodney Stark draws in his book *The Rise of Christianity*.

Throughout the book Stark gives plausible evidence to the idea that

Christianity was a better way to live and that way of life is what propelled Christianity from an obscure Jewish sect into the dominating force of Western civilization. Stark states, “I believe that it was the religion’s particular doctrine that permitted Christianity to be among the most sweeping and successful revitalization movements in history. And it was the way these doctrines took on actual flesh, the way they directed organizational actions and individual behavior, that led to the rise of Christianity” (Stark 211). **This is most fascinating because Rodney Stark is NOT a Christian.**

Stark covers several of the ways that Christianity took on flesh and infiltrated the known Roman world regardless of class, religion, ethnicity, epidemics, the role of women, living conditions and even the threat of martyrdom. Stark believes, “It was only as Christian texts and teachings were acted out in daily life that Christianity was able to transform the human experience so as to mitigate misery” (Stark 213). We see this at work throughout the book of Acts and the following

New Testament writings, but often what we don't think of is how it was carried on through the first century to the fourth centuries and beyond. Sometimes we don't even realize that this opportunity belongs to us!

We have the opportunity to live in such a way, not just individually but **together**, that the world around us takes notice and seeks to live like we are living. However, this takes careful consideration of the scriptures. This requires that we live our lives in humility and servanthood. Maybe even more difficult, this demands our commitment to God and His Church (other believers).

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

There has got to be a better way. The good news is that there is. May we, as believers in Jesus Christ, all begin to see that if we hold to his teachings it will prove to be a better way of life, in this life and the next. —Harold



Your life as a Christian should make non believers question their disbelief in God.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer —

AZ QUOTES

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, October 10

- 9:45 a.m., Seniors Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5:45 p.m., Wednesday Evening Meal. Hot Dog Bar, Macaroni Salad, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Broccoli Soup and Dessert will be served.
- 7:00 p.m., Nursery is available for **1-3 yrs. old** and will meet in the toddler nurseries.
- 7:00 p.m., Classes for children in the Children's Ministry Wing.
- 7:00 p.m., YEC meets in the Fireside Room.
- 7:00 p.m., Ambassador's Bible Study meets at the church.
- 7:00 p.m., Seventy4 Bible Study meets at the church.
- 7:00 p.m., Connect groups meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00 p.m., College & Career Bible Study at Seth Slabaugh's home.

Saturday, October 13

- 7:00 a.m., Men's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room.

Sunday, October 14

- 8:30-10:00 a.m., Library will be open.
- 8:30 a.m., Coffee and Fellowship time.
- 8:30 a.m., Bible Memory Ministries meets in the Sunday School Wing.
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages.
- 10:00 a.m., Kings Kids meets in the upstairs Sunday School wing.
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service with Ross Miller.

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:30 a.m., GriefShare meets in the Fireside Room.

FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE:

- Cass Nisly with health concerns.
- Caroline Reinhart with health concerns.

PRAY FOR THE BROADER CHURCH & THE WORLD

- **The extended ministry of our church:** Wooster Church Plant; Paige Sommers with REACH in Columbus; Eric & Briana & Family with Pioneers in SE Asia; Kyle & Dani Troyer family in Haiti; Galen & Bonnie Stutzman with Wycliffe.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Phil Miller (brother to James) who is recovering from hip surgery.
- Denise Hardie (friend of Bob Miller) who is recovering from brain surgery. She is battling cancer.
- Martha Raber (sister-in-law to Laura Sommers) who has stage 4 cancer and is starting chemo.
- Jack & Barb Dalton (parents to Jayme Troyer) with health issues.
- Norm Schrock (brother to Marilyn Wagler and Dale) with stage 4 lung cancer and receiving chemo.
- Dorothy Briggs (mother of Steve Briggs) who is on hospice care.

FOR THE RECORD - FIRST FRUIT TITHES & OFFERINGS

October 1-7, 2018

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| Ministry (General) Fund | \$17,377.25 |
| Property Development Fund | 2,650.00 |
| Special Designations | 3,140.00 |
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Attendance Sunday, 10/7:

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| Worship Service | 524 |
| Sunday School | 263 |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 8th – Psalm 19
- 9th – Ecclesiastics 12:9-14
- 10th – Psalm 119:97-101
- 11th – James 1:2-8
- 12th – I Corinthians 1:18-30

MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be on November 4 & 11th. If you would like to become a member of Evermore, sign up at the information center or let the church office know.

MATCHING FUNDS OFFERING on October 21st. A special building fund offering will be taken to help raise the remaining matching funds needed. See the handout in your mailbox.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew & Stephanie Yoder on the birth of a son, Jacob Andrew on Sunday, October 7th. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 22" long. May God Bless your family! Proud grandparents are Denny & Donna Yoder.

SINGLES EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Small Group meets Fridays - Oct. 12 & 26
Social Gathering at Kerry Shidel's on Saturday, October 20
Monthly Luncheon at Samantha's Frontier Restaurant on Sunday, October 21
For additional information on any of these events contact Chris Jurovcik (330) 206-2930.

*guess who's
coming to dinner*

Saturday, Oct. 20

MEET AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6:00

BE A HOST

HOW MANY GUESTS WILL YOU HOST?
PROVIDE MAIN DISH FOR ALL
GUESTS ARRIVE AT 6:00

BE A GUEST

HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY?
PROVIDE SALAD & ROLLS OR
DESSERT FOR ALL
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:30

**SIGN UP BY SUNDAY,
OCT. 14 AT THE
INFORMATION CENTER**

FISH NEWS!

FISH Brown Bags are due back by Sunday, October 28th. Place your bags in the FISH collection box by the Information Center.



Amazon Smile Program

Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your purchases to Lake Township FISH just by logging on to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0253590>. Use this for all holiday buying and support FISH!

Shopping at ACME: ACME Cashback Program

Earning money for FISH is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

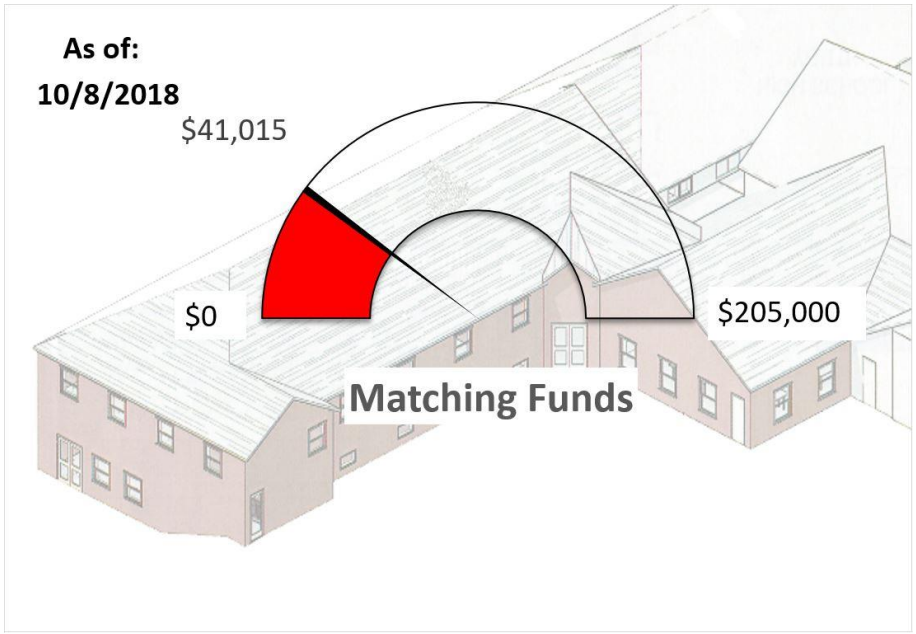
1. Beginning August 9, 2018 and ending December 18, 2018, purchase products at the Acme Grocery Stores designated for this program. (See Acme ads in newspapers or on line for eligible products).
2. Save your cash register receipts from Acme for this time period.
3. Place them in Charlene Yoder's mailbox.

COOKIES FOR MISSIONS are going to sell Turkey Cookies, 13 (large) cookies for \$20.00 proceeds going to Evermore Building Fund. Pick up date will be Wednesday, November 14th at the Hartville Kitchen.

LADIES MINISTRY EVENTS

Pinterest Night- Come join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 3rd at 6pm for a fun evening of fellowship and learning how to make a variety of gifts/products. Soups and salads will be provided. Please sign up at the welcome center if you plan to attend. Optional: please bring an appetizer or dessert from Pinterest to share. Hope to see you there!

Bunco Night- Join us November 30th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a night of fun and fellowship as we play Bunco! Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend! Optional: Bring a dessert or appetizer to share.



Donate through the offering by October 31st and mark your donation Matching Funds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe for setting up and cleaning up for their annual Christmas Sale. The sale is on Friday & Saturday October 19 & 20. We are looking for help to set up Monday – Thursday during the day or evening. We are also looking for help on Friday and Saturday to put out product and help customers. And we will need some extra hands to clean up on Saturday between 2 & 5 pm. Please call or e-mail the Hartville Thrift Shoppe at 330-877-2769, manager@hartvillethriftshoppe.org. Let us know what day and time you can help.

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT – A night of Laughter and Music on Saturday, October 27 at First Friends Church at 6:00 p.m. with comedian's Amberly Neese and Leland Klassen and music by Jonny Diaz. Information and advance tickets available at ExtremeFaithProductions.com or by calling 480-812-1100.

Mennonite Disaster Service House Project – Clendenin, WV

Below is the upcoming schedule of work dates for completing the house project with Evermore in Clendenin. Please contact Perry Miller if you have any questions at 330-815-5700.

- Oct. 11-13 - Trim/cabinets/countertops & Outside porch railing and wrap-up

PARENTING CONFERENCE

This is a FREE 2-day conference on 10/19-10/20 at Bethany Mennonite Church. The first session is Friday night from 6:30-9pm and the second session is Saturday from 9-11:30am. Please register ahead of time: <https://bmc-parentingconference.eventbrite.com>

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Nothing is more important in your life than being one of God's tools to form a human soul. But in the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything "right" and raise up "good" children, it's easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents in the quest for practical tips and guaranteed formulas. Based on his award-winning and bestselling parenting book, Dr. Paul David Tripp will be streaming a four-session, perspective changing event to moms and dads around the world. With encouraging and refreshing teaching, Tripp will offer much more than a to-do list. Instead, he will present us with a big picture view of God's plan for us as parents. But this event is not solely for parents – grandparents, youth ministry leaders, and anyone who knows and loves a parent should attend to be equipped with this life changing gospel message!

GOSPEL EXPRESS MINISTRIES FALL BANQUET on Wednesday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. at Brookside Farm in Louisville. Reservations required. Pick up your complimentary tickets at Millstone Farm & Garden or to order by phone call, 330-429-5961.

“The heaviest thing a person can carry is a grudge.”

GRIEFSHARE

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

We will be having a Surviving the Holidays session on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact Cheryl Phipps 330-806-1873.

COMING EVENTS

October 10-November 7, 2018 – Connect Groups & Meals

October 20, 2018 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

November 3, 2018 – Ladies Ministry Pinterest Night in the Fellowship Hall.

November 6, 2018 – Lifetouch Photo Session Day for Church Directory.

November 18, 2018 – Roller Skating at North Canton Skate Center.

November 30, 2018 – Ladies Ministry Bunco Night in the Fellowship Hall.

December 2, 2018 – Evermore Christmas Dinner

December 9, 2018 – Ladies Ministry Night at the Movies at Tinseltown.

December 16, 2018 – Children's Christmas Program

March 9-10, 2019 – Men's Retreat at Camp Luz

USHER TEAMS

October 21

Gold Team

October 14 & 28

Gray Team

KING'S KIDS SCHEDULE

Room #12 (Younger)

October 14 -Megan & Joel Schlabach

October 21 – Josh & Janelle McCutcheon

Room #4 (Older)

October 14 – Chris & Heather Calabretta

October 21 – Zach & Mary Kooker

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Toddler Nursery (S.S.): James & Norma Miller

Infant Nursery (10:00 service): Esther Castello & Mae Diller

Toddler Nursery (10:00 service): Sam & Mindy Blough

Helpers: Lilly, Kassy & Jesse Yoder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Toddler Nursery (S.S.): Kim Miller & Cheryl Phipps

Infant Nursery (10:00 service): Jonathan & Melody McGaha

Toddler Nursery (10:00 service): Brittani & Bella Harris

Helpers: Addison Schrock & Abby Coblentz

Note: If you cannot serve in the nursery when you are scheduled, please switch with someone then contact Ashlee Hershberger at 330-805-023

Library Hours: Sunday - 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Note: If you cannot serve in the library on the day you are scheduled, contact Marilyn Miller 330-877-3832.

October 14 – Anna Hershberger

October 21 – Marilyn Wittmer

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

