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News from the Pastor's Desk....Note from Pastor Haley Akers

"Sunday's coming" ...I love that phrase. There is an Easter video that reflects the days leading up to Resurrection Sunday and after each gloomy scene of Jesus journey to the cross and the retelling of the journey to the cross the narrator says "But Sunday's coming". Hebrews 12:1-2 says "Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

For the joy that lay before him, as we journeyed with Jesus to the cross this Lent season it's inconceivable to think about all the rejection, suffering and his ultimate death as joyful. The indescribable pain he experienced on the cross, such physical pain we are unlikely to ever face. The torture and abandonment He experienced. Nevertheless, Hebrews tells us the joy lay before him. It was joy because Jesus looked past his circumstances of his pain and suffering and saw the resurrection, He saw that "Sunday's coming". He could endure all the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday because He knew "Sunday's coming".

The Bible tells us in Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you." What a powerful truth. When we are hurting, when we are suffering, depressed, and enduring the hard times of life, remember "Sunday's coming". The same Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit, dwells within you. The same power that rose Jesus from the grave, lives in you. It may look like Good Friday right now in your life...but O'Happy Day, Sunday's Coming! That is our faith, our hope and our joy. Look what love does- Pastor Haley

Hello All! Easter is March 31, 2024!! We are taking up a Lenten/Easter offering again this year. The offering will be divided between the Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Champions Network. Thank you to everyone who is able to give!
Your Finance Chair, Cheryl

Celebrate Recovery Note - I do not know if you listen to the River or not but if you do you might hear a commercial for the Celebrate Recovery that meets at Newark Faith Church. I had the opportunity to go and shoot a radio ad that will air in March, April, and May. We are continuing to impact the Newark/Licking County Area. We have the privilege of taking the message of recovery through Christ into the probation department and the jail every week, along with partnering with many of the different programs and treatment centers in the area. God has Blessed us with the opportunity to minister to many people through these avenues. Also, we have a large number of people who are working the program for other issues that are not drug or alcohol related.
-Trey Freeman

Turning Point Note - God is moving in Turning Point; we have seen an uptick in attendance since the last newsletter and we have seen eleven people receive Christ in the first 3 weeks of March! We are excited about the warmer months and the different outreach opportunities that come with it. We are in the planning stages for a few now which you will hear about in future newsletters. I am so appreciative of the leadership of Faith Church and your willingness to partner in the redeeming of lives, may God continue to bless our partnership!
-Trey Freeman

Licking County Champions Network Note - The Champions Network officially opened Vesper Hills Daybreak Community Recovery Center in February. We already have 5 events scheduled for the next 2 months and more calls coming in. Call today to schedule your event for this year!

2 individuals went into treatment and as of the first of March 67% of the men and 70% of the Champions women that we work with are sustaining their sobriety and learning more how to lean on the Holy Spirit when we struggle.

The Workforce Development component of the Champions Network in February was super busy. 4 individuals worked for 9 days totalling 144 man hours.

In January we served over 220 meals and delivered 600 lbs of produce to 15 families in need, handed out several hats, gloves, thermal socks and undergarments.

We want to send out a special shout out to Bill Streicher. Bill's teaching abilities have become a key source for bible knowledge for the group. Bill discipled Jon Maouri for several years and was a big key in Jon becoming the great street minister that he was. The Champions Network has awarded Bill the first Service Award for the group.