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> will save them by the LORD their God; 9 will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen. Hosea 1.7

Ministers: The Congregation Worship & Christian Education Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Pastors:

Dan Toot Jay Carroll www.b-r-c.org

BRC - Where th love of Jesus is transforming lives,...

Welcome to Brunswick Reformed Church's worship celebrations. To make our mutual experience more enjoyable today please:

1. Relax - At BRC you can rest assured that you will not be embarrassed, singled out, or put on the spot.

2. Fill Out a Welcome Card - These can be dropped in the offering plate later. The information won't be misused, and will help us know who's been here. It's also a great way to drop a note to, or request a contact from, a staff member.

3. Ask for Prayer - If you have a prayer concern to share, pick up a prayer request form from the cart in back. Give completed forms to an usher or the pastor before the service begins.

4. Know There Are Options for Children -

- The small room in the right rear corner has rocking chairs where little ones can be rocked, quieted or nursed.

- We have an excellent nursery for ages 0-3 at the far end of our education wing.

5. Join Us for Fellowship - Coffee and juice are served in the fellowship area after each service. Join us and get acquainted. We do ask that you not take drinks into worship with you.

6. Do Not Feel Obligated to Give - If you are a first-time guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is a time when members and regular attendees honor God by giving to his work through this church. Let today be our gift to you.

7. Give by Text is available. Simply send a text to 330-239-8652 with the amount you would like to contribute.

8. Stop by our Welcome Center for more information about Brunswick Reformed Church!

9. BRC is on the web <u>www.b-r-c.org</u>

#### Who Is BRC?

We are a member of the Reformed Church in America, a Protestant denomination that goes back to the Reformation period in Europe when the Church was "reformed" according to the Word of God.

We are a mixture of Christians from many denominational backgrounds, all seeking to grow in our spiritual maturity as we live by faith with Jesus as our forgiver and leader.

### April 2, 2017

Welcome to worship. Today we welcome David Morgan, Youth Directory, as he leads us in worship.

Thank you to the worship team for leading us in worship through music.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship service

9:00 a.m.: "Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask." Meeting in Room 8

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

10:45 a.m.: Sunday School classes for Pre-K through 5th Grade

**REACT Student Ministries.....** For Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m.: Middle School & High School Sunday school class meets in Room 10.

6:00-8:00 p.m.: REACT Youth Group meets.

## Want to go to summer church camp.

BRC's offer of \$150 towards that still applies.



To register go to <u>www.cranhillranch.com</u> Our week is July 16-21, for ages 13-17

For the discounts....amount: \$150. Use code: BRC-150D The previous \$25 discount from Cran-Hill also still applies: Use code: Brunswick-25D

We know that all discounts help, and we especially know the wonderful benefits kids get from a week at church camp.

Read about the options for 13-17 year olds, http://www.cranhillranch.com/13-17-year-olds

If campers age 10-13 want to try something a little more rustic, Cran-Hill Ranch is offering Adventure Camp that week. Read about it at <u>http://www.cranhillranch.com/10-13-year-olds</u>



# THIS WEEK:

Monday: Campus Life, 6:30 p.m.

Monday: Grief Share Meets from 7-9 pm in Room 8.

Monday: Elders meet at 7:30 p.m., Room 1.

Tuesday: Potter's Workshop resumes - back at church!

This week, April 4, Potter's Workshop, a bible study group for women, will begin a study of the book of *Ruth*, now meeting in Room 5-6, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All women are invited! Contact Carol Rounds if you have questions.

Wednesday: Passion Pursuit meets 9:15-11:15 am in Room 5-6

Wednesday: Women of Wisdom & Men's Bible study, "Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask." 10 am-noon, Room 8,.

## Wednesday: Praise Night & Soup Fellowship!

5:30-6:45 pm Soup! 6:45-7:30 Praise! 6:45-7:30 Kids Club! Sign-up on your welcome card.

Wednesday: *Passion Pursuit* meets 6:30-8 pm in Room 5-6

Thursday: God's Friends Forever, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday: Worship Team rehearsal, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Friday: Shining Stars meet at 1:30 p.m., studying Job

Saturday: Refit® from 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Area.

You are invited to an afternoon featuring the music of JUDY GARLAND! Voice students of Annette Palmer present a free concert on Saturday, April 8 at 3 pm at BRC with reception following. Join us!



The annual Easter Egg Hunt is next Sunday, April 9, at noon, for kids PreK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please rsvp on your welcome cards.

Each year at Easter the worship area is beautifully decorated with Easter lilies

provided by the congregation. If you wish to provide a plant, sign-up on your welcome card. Cost is \$5.00 ea; make checks payable to BRC. Please put the check in an envelope and then in the "lilies" mail slot in the communication area or note the amount on the "other" line on your offering envelope... *Both the order and payment are due today!* 



# On Good Friday, April 14th, at 6:00 pm we will be having

**a Seder Meal.** This is not like one of our regular potluck meals, you do not need to bring anything, We will provide all of the food for this event, enough for you and your whole family. This is the traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, but it will not be exactly like a traditional Jewish Seder. The hope in doing this is good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity to be transported back 2000 years to experience something like the Disciples would have experienced on the night that Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will be celebrating communion at this service. *Please sign up on your welcome card if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone.* 

Because this is not our ordinary Good Friday service, if you cannot make it but still want to financially support Operation Christmas Child (the offering on Good Friday goes toward that ministry) you are more than welcome to make that donation ahead of time or on Easter Sunday. Please indicate on your envelope if it is a general offering or for OCC.

# What REALLY is important to me?

Hosea 1:2-11

Hosea is living in a time where God's people (the Israelites) are living among \_\_\_\_\_.

God's people, in an attempt to adapt to the society they lived in, decided to cover their bases and \_\_\_\_\_\_ their God, but also the false gods of the pagans

Our God is a personal God that desires a relationship with us!

The word, "worship" itself come from the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_

Example of football player... He's going to \_\_\_\_\_!

Does your time with God stand out as a main priority or is it \_\_\_\_\_\_against many other players?

There are real \_\_\_\_\_\_ to this betrayal.

Jezreel represents that God will eventually bring \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Northern kingdom of Israel.

Lo-Ruhamah, means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

It's important to see that God emphasizes this it is not of their own power that they will be spared, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Lo-ammi, which means \_\_\_\_\_

God is now emphatically emphasizing how great the disconnect is between the Israelites and Himself because of \_\_\_\_\_.

The ideals of being a Christian has dissipated into what our society tells you should be important.

Romans 12:2 tells us to not be conformed by the patterns of this world, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ by the renewing of our minds.

However, the good news is that there is hope!

This prophecy of destruction and judgment suddenly turns to prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Gomer's character.....only takes the responsibility of responding with loyalty.

We know that God paid \_\_\_\_\_ than Hosea did to bring us back.

There are other places you are able to free up and make time for spiritual development and growth.

We have plenty of opportunities to make that time honoring to God and beneficial to His kingdom.

Please, do not let a busy schedule cause you to forget and stray away from what should be the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of your schedule.



Main points:

What I want to remember or apply to my life:

**Women:** The discernment for the next co-spiritual leader for the women's renewal team will be held on Sunday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. All women who have previously been renewal team members are encouraged to come, pray for the process, and be open to what the Holy Spirit might discern.

Cleveland Leadership Prayer Breakfast is May 5, 7-9 am. Cost is \$30. See Kathy Rounds if you're interested in attending.

The Heidelberg Catechism Question 95. What is idolatry? Answer. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of, or alongside of, the only true God, who is revealed himself in his Word.

Our offering last Sunday totaled \$4113.11 (\$8452.04 needed for budget).

To get a cd of any of our sermons, simply write "cd" and the requested date on your Welcome Card. The sermon audio files, sermon outlines, study questions, verses and bulletins are available on the church website <u>www.b-r-c.org.</u>

We extend our love and sympathy to Candice Lenart and her family in the passing of her father, Theodore LaFramboise. Visitation will be at Corrigan Funeral Home, 20820 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH, next Thursday, April 6, from 2-8 p.m. The funeral mass will be on Friday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m. at St Bernadette Church, 2256 Clague Rd, Westlake, OH 44145, followed by a dinner.

**Prayer Concerns:** Continue faithful in prayer for those with ongoing health concerns: Wendell Blauser, Marie Buser, Rick Demeter, Sue Exoo, Jeanette Fagan, Nancy & Bob Hanwell, Zak Harbaugh, Flora Kostyak, Rose & Bob Murray, Eileen Raich, Gini Reinke, Dick Read, Gene Shuster, Milly Sutherland, Nancy Sutton, Ted Szenger, Mary Trzop and Dave Toom. Continue to pray for our military personnel.

#### Sermon-Based Transformation Questions Hosea 1:2-11

1. This is a very deep and difficult passage to hear for me. Do you agree? Why?

2. When you picture your time and energy like a football field where each priority and obligation is battling for your attention, who is winning? Is that a good thing or not? Is spiritual development and your relationship with God in competition?

3. Imagine this context that Hosea is giving this prophecy to. Many God-followers having adapted to the ways of their society because they see more good than harm in it. Do you think this relates to the Church as a whole today?

4. Approximately 75% of Americans say they are Christians, do you think that Christian ideals and virtues are represented in 75% of the population?

5. How do we reverse or even stop this epidemic of Christians adapting to societies voice rather than living devoted lives to God?

6. Go back and read Genesis 17:1-14. Recognizing that circumcision represents the setting apart of oneself to belong to God, do you think that God was just in undoing the covenant to Israel that He had made with Abraham?

7. When the Scripture was first read, did you notice that dramatic change from prophecy of destruction to that of hope in verse 10? How does reading this chapter as a whole really help to understand God's character of being both just and loving at the same time?

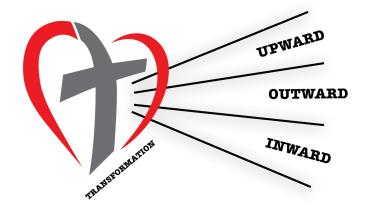
Verses of the Week	1 Samuel 12:24
Genesis 17:7-8	Deuteronomy 6:4-6
Hosea 1:10-11	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Romans 12:1-2	

#### Serving at BRC

Sunday, April 2 Greeters (9) - Mike & Arleen Pasko (10:30) - Jim & Eileen Smalley Nursery (9) - Steph Beck or Krista Caruth (10:30) - Renee Garapic, Savannah Dickens Ushers (9) - Bob Jacobs, Dennis Parker Assisting - Eric Raich, Earl Holzheimer (10:30) - Bob Besida, Eric Kramer Assisting - Kenny Wright, Mark Herbert Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton - Betty Shuster, Cindy Toom Elder - Rick Meyer, Deacon - Pete Nixon

Sunday, April 9 Greeters (9) - Gina Koch (10:30) - Ilze Fultz Nursery (9) - Steph Beck or Krista Caruth (10:30) - Sandy Goots, Sami Coyne Ushers (9) - Eric Raich, Earl Holzheimer Assisting - Rick Meyer, Paul Morgan (10:30) - Kenny Wright, Mark Herbert Assisting - Carol Rounds, Bonnie Ansel Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton -Andrea Nixon, LuAnn Sweet Elder - Earl Gentile, Deacon - Cindy Toom

Sunday, April 16 Greeters (9) - Jim & Donna Gates (10:30) - Patty Walker Nursery (9) - Steph Beck or Krista Caruth (10:30) - Kelly Rhue, Ellie Carlisle Ushers (9) - Rick Meyer, Paul Morgan Assisting - Nick Virzi, Mel Wilk (10:30) - Carol Rounds, Bonnie Ansel Assisting - Gary Brualdi, Scott Epperson Hospitality Team - Bill & Nancy Sutton -Sheryl Feeney, Patty Walker, K Reichenbach Elder - Kathy Rounds, Deacon - Brian Coyne



We at BRC believe the love of Jesus brings transformation:

**INWARD** - As we experience the love of Jesus together in worship!

**UPWARD** - As we grow in grace and truth through small groups & Bible studies!

**OUTWARD** - As we participate together in the mission of Jesus by serving others and sharing our faith!