

*TrailNotes* speaks to forward movement, paying attention to the "landscape" we are passing through in this trail-laced wooded hillside and valley, not to mention the world beyond. *TrailNotes* is an unfolding, ongoing journal of the people who share the trail with us and the things we're learning and doing.

## ElderTalk

## How Is Your Serve?

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As a parent, I am often seeking to teach my children how to do chores around the house. While their help is appreciated, I could probably get the same chores done better and faster by myself. One of the reasons I am teaching them to work around the house is to prepare them for adulthood. Everyone should know how to do laundry, mow the lawn, put away dishes, and vacuum a floor. While I can show them how to do a task, teaching them to do a task with a good attitude and actually find joy in the service, is sometimes a challenge. That is something that is caught more than taught.

As part of this year's focus on the theme of service, we are going through the book of Philippians. While I had known that a key word in Philippians is joy, I had never seen the nearly constant connection the book makes between joy and service. Paul shows the example of Christ in chapter 2:5-11 and then the example of Timothy and Epaphroditus in 2:19-30.

In the same way that I could tell my kids to serve with a joyful heart but negate that by not having a joyful heart myself, Paul has given them the instruction and is now pointing to examples of those the Philippians could imitate. So, this then begs the question, "What attitude of service is being caught by those around me?"

***"Obey the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. Remember the great things He has done for you." 1 Sam.12:24***

If we want others to serve joyfully, are we modeling that in our serving? Perhaps we have been looking to the wrong examples of service and catching *that* wrong attitude. We can always look to the example of Christ, but God has also put people in this world who model joyful service well and whom we can imitate.



*Eric Byrom*

So, do you know people who serve with a joyful heart? Seek to focus on what they do and even ask them how they do it. Put your focus on those who become a model, a good example of service, so that you will "catch" their attitude and become an example of joyful service yourself. This year let's all seek to "improve our serve" and to unlearn any bad habits or attitudes we have carried from our past, both for our sake and for the sake of those who are imitating us.



*Elders Andy Heining, Robert Key, and Jon Vega serving us at the 2018 GFC Community Celebration*



# TABLE FELLOWSHIP

2019 Annual Conference - April 12 & 13  
This is the final announcement

**The Workmanship of Risk**

*Learning, growing, risking with Christ*

We are called to be disciples. And we are called to make disciples. It is not difficult to do either of these things poorly. Nor is it difficult to have short-term success in these endeavors. But to do these things well ... and to see lasting results ... that's something different altogether.

Jesus is, obviously, an expert at making disciples. But He calls us to join Him in this work. And because of this, we are always involved in the Workmanship of Risk. So is He. This, the risk filled business of being disciples and of making disciples, is what we'll be considering at Table Fellowship's annual conference.

This conference is not *just* for leaders. *Everyone* is called to be and to make disciples. Please invite your friends to attend.

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If you have any difficulty with registration or other question about the conference or Table Fellowship, please feel free to contact us.

### When:

Friday, April 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM EDT

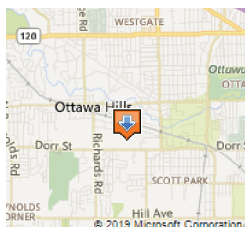
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Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM EDT

Mark your Calendar!

### Where:

Grace Church  
3700 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607



*Let the Lord do His workmanship in your life!*

## APRIL 2019

**6** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 am at McDonald's on Hanley Road.

Women's Retreat at Mission Point. Formerly Cook Rd. Baptist. All day.

Family Game Night, 6:30-9:00 pm downstairs. Bring a snack to share!

**7** Presiding Elder Eric Byrom preaching. Phil. 3:12-16. Members' Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm

**12-13** Table Fellowship annual conference, Toledo's Grace Church. (see article )

**14** **PALM SUNDAY:** Eric Byrom preaching. Phil. 3:17-21. Circle Leaders' meeting, 7:00-8:00 pm at the church.

**18** **MAUNDY THURSDAY** at 6:00 pm Mitch Schwartz leading a Seder. Foot washing. Potluck dinner. Upper Room

**21** **RESURRECTION DAY!** Eric Byrom preaching.

**28** Jay Shifley, preaching. Missions. Set up for Mansfield Christian play (afternoon. April 29 to May 1 rehearsals May 2-3 evening performances)

### Save these Dates:

**Aug. 3-4: Family Campout and Celebration of GFC's 50th year!**

**Sat. Sep. 7: Community Celebration**

# The Resurrection in Church Architecture

## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Carmel, IN



The new church with bare walls in 2012 at Fr. Peter Gillquist's funeral  
(Photo by John Kurtz showing beams of light coming through the dome on the coffin)



The church today exhibits icons of the Resurrection (to the left below)



“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

-Paschal Troparion  
(The characteristic hymn for the celebration of Easter in Orthodox churches)

# It's off to Japan: 日本にはオフです。

the “class” of 2019  
2019年の「クラス」



New English teachers: Andy Brubaker, Tessa and Garrett Gibson (at a dinner hosted by Donna and John Kurtz in Bucyrus on March 29)



Andy, Tessa, and Garrett lead GFC in worship on March 31



Prayer and blessing for the new teachers during worship at GFC on March 31  
新しい先生のための祈りと祝福



Awaiting each new Sensei: Funehiki and Mt. Katasono with cherry trees in bloom  
新しい先生を待っています桜、フネヒキ、そしてカタソン山

## Have you heard? NOAH's coming!

Sight and Sound, which produces Biblical musicals in Lancaster, PA and Branson, MO is coming to the nation's movie theaters three days this month: **April 9, 11 and 13**. Tickets are on sale now at the theaters,

NOAH, with four-story high sets, is a filmed live performance and tour of the original facility, which will be offered in the Mansfield area at the Cinemark 14 Theater. The April 9th date here has showings at 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Check out the Fathom Events' online ad where you can put in a zip code anywhere in the country and find several suggestions of theaters in that area along with show times. A great outing for the family!



## “Good to see you Sunday, Jerry and Linda!”

Jerry and Linda Matthias have been gone recently while Jerry “fills the pulpit” for six months at First Baptist Church in Fredericktown. “*They don't seem in a hurry to replace Jerry,*” laughed Linda, “*but he's made it clear he'll be there only until the middle of June.*”

Linda said she “played hooky” Sunday. Then Jerry joined us for the potluck. They would love to hear from us: Jerry: 419-560-2734 and 2math24@gmail.com Linda can be reached at lblackburn@yahoo.com and 419-566-3706.

## Steve and Deb McKee are in Utah...



after time in a Mexican Mission where they helped the staff with the care of those who live there. They will tell us all about it next month, but we have heard, “*We fell in love with them!*”

### April churches - March of Prayer

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| 2-Avenue Church                          | 3-Storyside Church      |
| 4-Salvation Army                         | 5-Clay Memorial         |
| 6-Grace E-V Free                         | 7-Church of the Cross   |
| 8-Community Bible                        | 9-Grace Point Sanctuary |
| 10-Grace Brethren                        | 11-Grace Episcopal      |
| 12-Camp Mowana                           | 13-Revival Hub          |
| 14-Ontario Christian                     | 15-St.John's UCC        |
| 16-Recovery Road at Point of Grace       |                         |
| 17-New Beginnings, 91 Marion Ave.        |                         |
| 18-South Park Pavilion, Concluding Rally |                         |
| 19-Good Friday services throughout town  |                         |
| 20-Attend an Easter Vigil Service        |                         |
| 21                                       | <b>EASTER!</b>          |

You can see pictures of each church's night plus short videos of the worship on Paul Lintern's Facebook pages. Take a look!

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Eric Byrom	Presiding Elder/ Pastor
Jadaé Fox	Elder
Andy Heining	Elder
Robert Key	Elder
Jon Vega	Elder

(A complete list of church functionaries will return next month)