

COMMON GROUNDS CAFÉ AND MINISTRY CENTER



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"One Smooth Stone!"

I am sure most of us remember the account of David and Goliath. In 1 Samuel 17 we are presented in detail of the conflict between the armies of Israel and the Philistines. And more specifically between the Philistine, Goliath, and David because all the soldiers were greatly afraid. The climax of the battle is verse 48-49.

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

How many times do we hear about how brave David was, and how amazing that he struck Goliath down with only one stone?

The truth of this passage is that David's bravery and the one smooth stone had nothing to do with the victory over an unbeatable champion. It was where David's trust and confidence came from.

In verses 45-46 we see the heart and mindset of David.

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands."

Question? What would happen if each one of us and the church would live each day in this truth! Living each day and each moment in the truth of Gods power and authority against the giants of this dark world.

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for so many things. But one prayer of thankfulness that I will pray in a new way is to thank God for His Son Jesus. That He suffered and died and rose from the grave in all power and authority so that we may live in victory over sin and the giant that try to destroy us. Lord teach me to live as a warrior in the army of the living God.

Time To Celebrate!

We are beyond excited to announce that we have completed our renovations of Glenwood Grounds and will be opening for ministry in December. We are truly blessed by this facility and look forward in great anticipation to what God will do here. We would appreciate your continued prayers.



Glenwood Ground Café is having a soft opening during December, specifically inviting those in our local community to come and experience a great cup of coffee and a pastry.



We will be having our public grand opening on January 8, 2022. Starting in January we will be open Tuesday – Saturday 7a.m. – 1p.m.

We want to express our sincere thanks for all who have supported us through this preparation time of the ministry center.



If you or your group would like to come for a tour, an update of the ministry and a great cup of coffee just give Gary and Cindy a call and we can schedule a date and time for your visit.

Our Worshipping Community

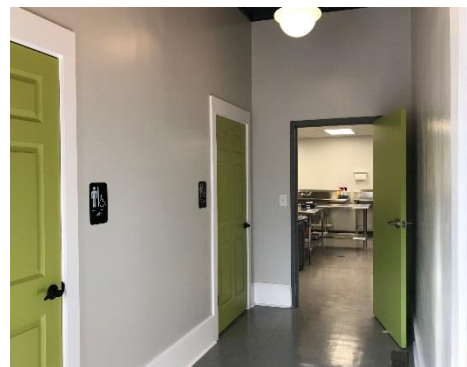
On November 7th we celebrated the two-year anniversary that our worshipping community has been together for worship. What an incredible blessing it will be as we move to worship at Glenwood Grounds ministry center in December. This year has been a year of growth in our church family's relationships with Jesus. We have been blessed to celebrate four baptisms and three adults coming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior; and to celebrate the birth of a precious little girl on Nov. 21st. For several months now we have been looking at "The marks of a believer and follower of Christ" and what that means in our everyday life. It has been awesome to see the changes and growth in so many of our church family members. But this year we have also experienced some struggles in the lives of our church family. Giants stand before our community every day to taunt, tempt and to destroy lives. We have had the honor to walk side by side and present God's power and authority to be present in the lives of our precious sheep.



Praying For Gods Provision

As Thanksgiving nears, we thank you for your faithful partnership with Hope For Renewal. As we prepare to open Glenwood Grounds Ministry Center, we would ask that you would consider a one-time year end gift or commit to monthly or

quarterly support for 2022. Although the rehab of the first floor of Glenwood Grounds is complete, there are substantial financial needs to supply the expenses of continuing the Café and Outreach Ministries and the Worshipping Community and the rehab of the 2nd floor. These gifts enable us to serve and build relationship so that we may share the love of Christ to those in our precious neighborhood. Donations may be sent to the address below. Please make checks payable to "Hope For Renewal."



We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving, and all the joys of Christmas.

*In Christ's love,
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