



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Ephesians 1:3



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NEWSLETTER

What Will You Say?

This space above was intentionally left blank. It was left for you to share your journey; your story. Wow, what an opportunity for each one of us! Guess what? You don't have to wait for an opportunity like this. None of us has to wait for a space on paper to share. What if, every morning we wake up and, look for opportunities to share what Jesus did for us?

In the Bible, God chose people for different tasks. Esther became queen to save the Jews from sure death. Moses thought he was not a good enough speaker, yet he stood before Pharaoh to free the Israelites. Gideon trusted God when his army became smaller and was still able to defeat a much larger Midianite army. When God chose these people, maybe they thought, "Why me?"

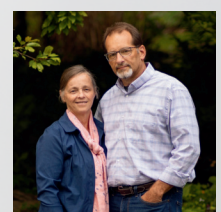
Have you ever asked God, "Why me?" Probably we all have. Question: If not you, then who? Who will be the one to show Jesus to the hurting and lost? We most likely won't be asked to become a queen or lead an army, but we are asked to share Jesus with others. Someone is waiting to hear what you went through. Waiting to hear how Jesus brought you out of bondage. And you are now living in freedom!

As we celebrate and reflect during this beautiful season we call Easter, we are reminded of God's plan of salvation and redemption. We have so many reminders in nature, showing us new life: green grass, baby birds, buds on trees, tulips, and daffodils popping up. You get the picture.

The new life we see in springtime, pales in comparison to the new life we as believers have experienced because of Jesus, our Savior. I heard recently, Saviors the most significant name given to Jesus. So, if Jesus is your Savior, you will want to share your redemption story with others. You were born for such a time as This! What will you say when you have an opportunity?

Filling My Space

Carolyn & Kevin



BBQ DINNER

& Auction

Serving Supper at 4:00pm
Auction Begins at 5:30

June 12th 2026 // Heritage Center

3558 US 62 Millersburg OH, 44654

Raffle Giveaways

Raffle Tickets Available now
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Need To Be Present To Win!**

Kubota//Cash Tickets are \$50 each or 5//\$200

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Or A Choice Of
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Florida Vacation Giveaway

Sign up for a buyers # and enter to win!

Drawing at end of Auction.
Need to be present to win!

This is a bring and sell Auction.

Meals - Baked Goods - Tools - Crafts -
Trips - Specialty items - Furniture - Ect

Kids Activities

- Jump house
- Face Painting
- Games ect

Supervised



Up Coming Events

Sing Fest
Ben & Rose, Conrad Fisher, Liberated
May 16, 2026

at Harvest Ridge \ Fairgrounds

Heart Encounter

May 19, 20, & 21, 2026

at Freedom Hills Ministries

Dinner & Auction

Friday June 12, 2026

at Heritage Community Center

Run For Freedom Trail Run

September 25th and 26th

at Freedom Hills Ministries

If you are in need of lodging for any of the events listed, Comfort Suites in Berlin will give discounted rates when you mention you are coming to Freedom Hills event. Their phone number is 330-893-7400

To sign up for an event at Freedom Hills, please call the office at 330-893-3857

You Are Invited To Join Us For The *Heart Encounter*

Three days of teaching, interaction and opportunities to draw closer to each other.

- **We may laugh**
- **We may cry**
- **We most certainly will enjoy amazing food and conversation**

For couples who have gone through A Caring For The Heart Program.

Join us as together we seek our spouses heart.

May 19-21, 2026, 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Noon meals and snacks provided - call the office to RSVP

What Do I Really Want?

As I write this, my heart is full! Full of joy and gratitude. We just had baptismal services for Katelyn, our oldest daughter and what a day! So many blessings and emotions. A new experience for us as a family and a public confession of faith for Katelyn. As we heard in the sermon yesterday, the most important decision we can ever make is to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and follow his Commandments as Lord of our life. The decision between life and death.

What fuels our decisions? What do I really want? What do I feel? Do I even know? I was asked a question by a very close friend of mine recently... what do you really want? It stopped me and caused me to think and I realized that sometimes what I think I want and what my heart is feeling, and causing me to do are different things. The Bible says out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. I believe when the Bible talks about the heart it's talking about our inner control center, the source of our words and actions, behavior and thoughts.

A story in the Bible that came to mind as I was thinking about this, is the story of David and Bathsheba. When Nathan, the prophet, told David the story in II Samuel 12 about the poor man and the rich man, and how the rich man took the poor man's only sheep, David's anger was greatly kindled, and he said the man that had done that thing shall surely die. At that point, I believe he was in his mind, his intellect. He knew in his mind that was wrong. But when Nathan said you are the man, I believe it moved to his heart and he realized what he had done. He said I have sinned against the Lord. I admire David for his confession instead of defending his actions. I believe that the deep desires of David's heart caused him to do what he did in the story of Uriah and Bathsheba, but in his mind, he still knew what was right and just, because of his response to Nathan.

The Bible tells us to guard our hearts for out of it are the issues of life. One translation says everything you do flows from it. If David would have guarded his heart, what kind of issues would that have prevented? What about me? What kind of issues could be prevented in my marriage and close relationships, if I would guard my heart? What does it even mean to guard my heart? I believe Solomon was telling us that our hearts -(our feelings of love and desire) dictate to a great extent how we live. Making sure that our desires and affections are taking us in the right direction. Not going after everything we see, but keeping our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. The one who can heal and restore our hearts, help us to have a pure heart and walk in newness of life.

What does that look like practically and day to day? I really want to follow Jesus and stay connected, but inside, my heart is discouraged and burdened, and causes me to act in ways that I don't like. I'm still learning to navigate the journey of my heart, but I believe God our creator understands us intimately. He created us for relationships where we can share together and be encouraged by those around us that understand. I also believe as we seek to understand the hearts of those around us, God reveals things to us about our own journey as well. In 2 Chronicles 16: 7-9, Hanani the seer, tells king Asa that because he put his trust in an earthly king he missed his chance to win the battle. He then reminded him that the time before when he relied on the Lord and put his trust in him, he gave him the victory. Verse nine says the eyes of the Lord search the whole Earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Praying that we can all seek to fully commit our heart to God, receive the strength that he promises and feel the peace that comes from knowing he is faithful.

Rest in Jesus

Arlyn & Carrie



Ging Fest

Featuring:

Ben & Rose

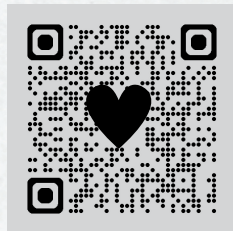
Liberated - Conrad Fisher



Tickets

May 16, 2026
Doors open at 4:30
Music starts at 6:00

Location:
Harvest Ridge Fair Grounds
8880 SR-39 Millersburg, OH 44654



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(simple tix.com Ben
& Rose)



Food Trucks On Site

Blue Moon Bistro
Smokin Chippers
Daily Double (desert coffee)
Sugar and Spice Smash Burgers
Twisted Dough (pretzals)
Brewed Bliss
Rafters C Chuckwagon

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We encourage each one of you to come back for a follow up, for Married Couples we offer a Heart Encounter twice a year and a Marriage Retreat bi annually for anyone who has gone through a Caring For the Heart program. 20 minute phone slots are available for anyone who desires to speak with a counselor. We are located at 5510 Township Road 419 Sugar Creek, OH 44681

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