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NEWSLETTER

Hospitality

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Definition: Hospitality is the friendly, generous, and welcoming reception of guests, visitors, or strangers. It goes beyond simple service by anticipating needs and intentionally making people feel comfortable, valued.

Miriam - Webster says in everyday life hospitality refers to a warm generous disposition towards other. It focuses heavily on empathy and creating a positive emotional connection.

We were the recipients of that recently when we traveled to the Atlanta Area to visit a former employee?"

The Family we visited was a young Hispanic family, one child, living in a small house with extended family. There was a language barrier Spanish/English but the preparation, smiles, hugs, food, serving, giving, spoke so loudly. They were so happy to have us there. They wanted to serve us and please us to the max. He said numerous times I hope you are happy.

They had a pop-up canopy set up in the back yard under the shade tree because the house was too small. Would we have said we don't have room? His wife prepared the meal on a really small charcoal grill. Steak, rice, chorizo, onions, pico de gallo followed by watermelon and grapes. After we had sat a while she brought out a chocolate flan cake for dessert. I'm guessing I would've brought it out a lot sooner thinking that everybody was ready for dessert. I believe they value not being rushed and taking time to just be together.

As we were talking about different foods they asked if we liked pupusas. Arlyn - Katelyn had been introduced to those in El Salvador - so rightaway Arlyn was like, I love pupusas! They said well we'd like for you to stay or come back for supper - we will make, pupusas for you. So we ended up going back for supper and they served us again. They had gifts for all the adults and a water park set up for the children. Lots of hugs, pictures and thank you's as we wrapped up,

We came away so inspired by the level of hospitality and kindness. We could look at different Bible verses that talk about hospitality. I believe it really starts with an attitude of the heart.. I Peter 4: 9, says show hospitality to one another with out grumbling. Vs. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. It's saying that we all have received a gift, they might differ but we can all use what God has given us to faithfully serve others as stewards of God's grace.

Romans 12:13 also doesn't just suggest but commands us as Christians to contribute to the needs of the Saints and seek to show hospitality. The Greek word for seek implies an active energetic pursuit rather than waiting around for people to ask for help. This I believe would indicate being hospitable to fellow believers. But in Hebrew 13: 2 it tells us to not neglect to show hospitality to strangers as well for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Again as I reflected on our experience and looked at what the Bible says I was inspired, challenged and encouraged to grow in practicing hospitality and pray that this might encourage you as well.

Let's continue serving

Carrie & Arlyn and Family

2nd
Annual

Run For Freedom

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 // 5:30PM

FUN NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1 Mile Fun Run

ages 10 & under and ages 11-14

\$ \$20 Entry Fee
per participant till July 31st

\$ \$25 Per Participant
Beginning August 1st till race day

ENTRY FEES 5K - 10K

5K

\$40 till July 31st

\$45 beginning August 1st till race day

10K

\$60 till July 31st

\$65 beginning August 1st till race day.

5K & 10K

For all ages

 Registration: 4:30 - 6:00PM

 Race Starts 6:15PM

 Awards for Top Male & Female
in each race and age group

 Officially Timed by
Mid Ohio Race Management

 Food and Drinks Available

Register Today!



5K - 10K

Registration for race will be
available on our website, QR
Code and
Mid Ohio Race Management

www.freedomhillsministriesohio.com
or call the office 330-893-3857

TO BE GUARANTEED A SHIRT SIGN UP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR BOTH RACES

ULTIMATE CHALLENGER RACE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

ONE 5K EVERY HOUR FOR 12 HOURS

37.2 Miles // 7 AM-7 PM



Challenger

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website, QR Code and
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Race Details

- ✓ Race day check in:
6:00AM - 6:45AM
- ✓ Race begins:
7:00AM
- ✓ Officially timed by
Mid Ohio Race
Management

Sponsorships

- ✓ No registration fee
 - ✓ Raise a minimum
of \$15.00 per mile
in sponsorships,
sponsors may donate
as much or as little
as they please.
- The Runner with the highest
amount sponsored over
\$15.00 per mile will receive a
- \$500.00**
Gift Card!

Runner Packet

Each registered
runner will receive:

- ✓ Official race shirt
- ✓ Run for freedom
Belt Buckle
- ✓ Snacks & Drinks
- ✓ Large Tent for
Shelter

Rules & timing

Each 5K must be
completed within
1 hour to be
officially timed.

Miss the one-hour
cutoff??

You may continue
running, but your
remaining races
will not be
officially timed.

Stage Prizes

4TH Hour 5K

Top Female Finisher

6th Hour 5K

Top Male & Female
Finisher Over 40 Years Old

9th Hour 5K

Top Male Finisher

12th Hour 5K

Overall Combined
Fastest Time, Top 3 Male & Female
Finishers

Up Coming Events

Run for Freedom Trail Run

September 25th and 26th at Freedom Hills Ministries

Celebration Banquet

October 20-21, 2026 at Heritage Community Center

Marriage Retreat

November 19-21, 2026 at Wallhouse Hotel

Understanding the Heart Relationship Conference

January 27th - 29th 2027 at Heritage Community Center

If you require accommodation for any of the events mentioned, Comfort Suites in Berlin offers discounted rates when you indicate that you are attending the Freedom Hills event. You can reach them at 330-893-7400.

To register for an event at Freedom Hills, please reach out to the office by calling 330-893-3857.

OUR ANNUAL FALL

Celebration Banquet

October 20th – 21st

Heritage Community Center

Doors open at 5:30pm // Dinner 6:15

Reserve your complimentary seats
by calling 330-893-3857
or sponsor a table of 8 for \$225.

Music Brought to you by



The Krabill Family

Let Freedom Reign

As I am writing this, July 4th has just passed. The 250th celebration of the greatest country on earth. Maybe we as citizens of The United States of America, are a little biased in our opinion about the country we live in. After all, we are only 250 years old. Compare that to some of the Asian or European countries, and we are very young indeed. Maybe it is not age that dictates greatness. What makes the United States worth celebrating? Is it wealth, influence, power or any of the secular things we attribute to success and status? Maybe we can narrow it down and say it is Freedom that makes this country great. It is indeed a country with great freedom for its citizens. Comparatively, there are a few countries that come anywhere close to allowing its citizens the liberty we enjoy.

Where does that freedom come from? What was the cost? Freedom is never free. There is always a price paid. The question is, who pays that price?

Our 4th of July celebrations helps us understand and remember the price that was and is paid for our freedoms in the United States. Parades, speeches and different celebrations, including fireworks displays are designed to remember and celebrate military victories that helped bring us freedom. Every year we try to take in a fireworks display in one of the towns around us. Truthfully, I could do without the large crowds, the difficult parking, the muggy & hot weather along with mosquitoes. Yet, a 4th of July without fireworks does not seem quite right. This year was no exception. As we settled in, sweat dripping and mosquitoes buzzing, I wondered if this was really worth it? Darkness fell and the fireworks began. Our spot, we discovered, was much closer to the launch point than we had anticipated. The brilliant colors, and the loud explosions were right on top of us. Debris from the exploding displays drifted down on us, making the experience very real indeed. As I watched and listened, my mind drifted off as I began to imagine another time and place. April 19, 1775. The battles of Lexington and Concord. Some of the first conflicts of the Revolutionary War. 700 British soldiers confronting 77 locals. A shot is fired and moments later, 8 of the local militia lay on the ground, dead. Can we imagine the feelings of facing the trained British Army, hearing the gunfire and seeing those around you drop to the ground? The Revolutionary War brought freedom; the many conflicts after it, maintained it. All came at a great cost, and again, think of the feelings of those involved. The fear, the dread of the unknown. The violence of the Civil War, World War I and World War II and others. All brought moments where great bravery was needed and sacrifice was given. Valley Forge, the Crossing of the Delaware, Gettysburg, Day and many others took exceptional bravery and sacrifice. All that bravery and sacrifice add up to the freedoms we enjoy today.

What does freedom look like? Is it the ability to do what I want? The right to live where I please? Working the job that I want? Have the friends that I choose? Or is freedom more than that? Maybe freedom is being able to forgive, to heal, to relate even in different situations. To love and accept unconditionally, and most of all, live with the hope and assurance of eternal life. That sounds like the freedom in life we would all like to experience. Maybe we would even be willing to fight for freedom like that. I have good news! That battle has been fought and won! You and I do not need to fight it. We are welcome to enjoy the freedom that comes with that victory.

Over 2000 years ago, a man named Jesus stood at the bottom of a hill called Calvary. On his back was a burden that was not His own. He faced a battle He did not need to fight. A death He could avoid. I wonder how He felt and what He was thinking. Maybe, like the young men at Lexington and Concord, He felt fear and uncertainty. We call Him God, Savior, Redeemer and Emanuel, yet the Bible says He was human. Humans feel hurt, fear and are uncomfortable. Yet this man, Jesus, walked to a cross that should not have been His. He died a death that He did not deserve so that you and I could experience a freedom we did not earn. There have been many that died, but only one who defeated death and rose again. That is our King, Jesus. He is the Author of Salvation, The Giver of Eternal Life. On July 4th, we celebrate and remember the great war for Independence. Every day we should honor the plan and sacrifice that brought us true liberty. There is only one King. His name is Jesus! I pray that together we all choose to serve Him!!

Honored to be in The Kingdom,
Kevin & Carolyn

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR
BI-ANNUAL MARRIAGE RETREAT NOV, 19-21

Marriage Retreat

- At The Wallhouse Hotel in Walnut Creek, OH
- 2 Night Hotel stay and meals included
- An opportunity to Relax, Grow and Connect with your Spouse as we focus on living from the Heart

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER AND FOR
MORE INFORMATION @ (330) 893-3857



A huge *Thank-you* to everyone who made this Auction possible!

We are so grateful for our staff who gave their time, worked behind the scenes, and helped everything come together. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed.

Thank you as well to everyone who came out to support us, participated, and purchased items. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much, and we truly couldn't have done it without you.

We are incredibly blessed by such a wonderful community. Thank you for helping make this event such a success!





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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 Sugarcreek, OH 44681

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