

# Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

50 McCrea Road  
Newville, PA 17241  
717-776-6092  
www.doublinggap.org



## Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

### FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

#### “Spring has Sprung... I think”

As I write this article for this month's Beacon, I just finished shoveling some of the 12++ inches of snow from the walkways around the Church. And here it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Spring! Welcome to the oddities of Pennsylvania weather! However, I do think it is safe to say that this month we will begin to see the reality that spring is really here; flowers blooming, trees budding (I know a few have already begun to do so), grass growing (and in need of mowing), and no snow, I hope and pray! This newness of life in nature reminds me of the newness of life we have in Christ. And that leads me to the focus scripture for this article, **II Corinthians 5:17-21**. In this part of Paul's

letter to the Church at Corinth, he writes about the reality of this new life that all have who believe in and trust in Jesus. With this new life there comes a new 'mission'. This is not an optional mission or only one that a select few have as their calling. This mission is for **EVERY** believer. It is the call to be a minister of the Gospel of reconciliation! **All believers are called to be Ambassadors for Christ!** We are called to be the representative, in this 'foreign' land, of our heavenly home country. We are to be the ones who will show and tell others about the glorious riches that are available for all who come to know Christ and become part of His kingdom, His country, as though God Himself were making His appeal through us! (**verse 20**) And I know that not

everyone is an outgoing 'talker'. But everyone who is in Christ has a gift(s). Discovering your gift(s) will help you understand just how it is you can best fill this role as a minister of the Gospel. There are many ways to show others the love of Christ. There are many ways in which we can share the Gospel, the Good News! And some of those ways even involve using our words! For all who are in Christ are compelled by His love to do the ministry, carry out the mission, He has commissioned us to do!

#### (II Corinthians 5:14)

Join me in this ministry as part of the chosen people, the royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, declaring His praises! (I Peter 2:9)

**Pastor Don**

#### Elders

Charlie Clouse  
Shannon Kane-Vice Chairman  
Shane Reed-Secretary



#### Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman  
Dawn Agar  
Sam Clouse

Volume 18, Issue 4

#### Inside this Issue:

Pastor Don's Info 1-2

Pastor Brian's Info 3

Schedules 4-5

Women's Ministries 6

Financial News 7

Attendance 7

Meetings 8

Camp News 9

April Calendar 10

#### Special points of interest:

Pastor Snyder will have office hours as shown on page 2. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will return your call.

In case of an emergency, you may call Pastor Snyder at home or on his cell. Numbers are found on page 2.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR APRIL

### Pastor Don

- Pray for our conference sessions April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- Pray for our Mission Celebration for Cumberland Valley April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Pray for boldness for all to share the Good News!

### Pastor Brian

- Praise for an amazing weekend at camp last month! So blessed to be have been part of it!
- For wisdom to identify and help encourage & develop leaders in our church
- For clarity and vision, as this new staff position develops – and I grow into it

Pastor's email address is:

doublinggap@embarqmail.com

OR

feedmandcs@yahoo.com

In case of an emergency you may contact Pastor Don at home or on his cell phone at:

Home: 776-1191

Cell: 278-7904

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

#### FOR APRIL

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

**12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 30**



### SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

## Hello from the Doubling Gap COG Youth Group aka. FORGED

Youth continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am and Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. Wednesday nights they have been working through an Andy Stanley video series call Twisting the Truth. Youth attended The Breakaway Youth Conference in Ocean City MD. We were blessed to have four youth and three leaders go. The weekend was filled with worship, comedians, artists, musicians, and speakers. We spent time walking on beach (COLD), attended a bon fire, and just spent quality time together. Gracie was our best option during ice lid frisbee in the hotel room. The youth also helped serve meals at the Finkenbinder Memorial Dinner.

Upcoming events for the youth include RSM Spring Retreat at Camp YoliJwa April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. So far, we have 8 youth going. There is still time to sign up. See me for the forms if you want to attend. The youth will be leading worship April 29<sup>th</sup> for Youth Sunday. Even if you do not attend youth group regularly you may be asked to help. This is a wonderful time to step out of that comfort zone and see what plans God may have for you. You will truly be blessed.

Thank you  
Shane

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

### What's Your Story?": When Your Story Connects with God's Story

Last month, I was invited to speak at a youth retreat at Camp Yoliwja one weekend. We talked a lot over the weekend about how "our story" intersects with God's story and with others' stories. The truth is, none of us has a story that is exclusively ours. Our story is, in one way or another, part of the story of another. We are part of the story of our parents, of our spouse, and of our children. Part of our story is shared by co-workers, by high school and college friends, or even by random strangers we've encountered. Story is the medium through which we share the account of our lives with others.

In Matthew 1:1-16, we find a long list of people who are in some way connected to Jesus' story (at least the part of His story here on Earth!) It's interesting to me that Matthew begins and ends his account with Jesus. Less than 10 words into the New Testament, and we encounter Jesus Christ. Matthew concludes his long list of names with "Jesus, who is called Christ." Matthew then goes on to focus on Jesus, his birth, his life, and his ministry.

Take a glance at that list of names, though, and you'll find that even Jesus was connected to some people who were questionable at best, and in some cases downright deplorable. Abraham was married to his half-sister (and then later lied about it to save his life.) His grandson's name was Jacob, which meant literally "heal-grabber" (which was a gentle way of saying "liar." How would you like to have that as a nickname?!) Jacob's son Judah mistook his daughter-in-law Tamar for a prostitute, and when she became pregnant Judah tried to put her to death (and you thought your family has issues!)

A few generations later, Boaz (a good Jewish boy) marries Ruth (a not-so-good Moabite foreigner). Their grandson David would become king, but only after being picked 8<sup>th</sup>. (Yes, 8<sup>th</sup>. Read about it in 1 Samuel 16.) David had an affair with the wife of one of his soldiers, which led to a pregnancy, and ended with murder. His son Solomon had so many wives and \*other\* women that they eventually turned his heart away from God. Solomon's son Rehoboam was so arrogant, it led to a civil war which ended up dividing the kingdom. Jehoram was psychotic and killed off all of his brothers so they didn't steal his throne (Yep, that's in the bible, too. 2 Chronicles 24.) Hezekiah was so stupid that he showed a group of foreign ambassadors literally every treasure in his palace, and where he kept them – and then a few years later the Babylonians came back and plundered the city.

Jesus knew what it was like to have your story connected to people we'd rather not admit to. Yet he came, lived, died, rose again, and ascended back to heaven for each of them – just as he did for each of us. All of us have stories in our past that we hope will never be known. Jesus doesn't care. The amazing thing about His grace is that it covers all of our sins. *All of them*. All the bad decisions, the willful disobedience, the arrogant and selfish words and actions. Jesus' blood covers all of my sin, and all of yours too. This Easter season, let the truth of who Jesus is and the reality of what he accomplished on the cross cover all the ugliness of your past, as you reach forward to embrace the future he has planned for you. GRACE: God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

Serving the Risen Savior,

-Pastor Brian

### Women's Bible Study

We have 10 – 12 women attending the "Twelve Women of the Bible" Bible Study. We enjoy fellowship, praying for each other, and then reading in the Bible about the women of the Bible. If you would like to come check us out please do. We are located at the end of the hallway on the left side. You will not feel like you missed anything because each week is about a different woman. Most of us feel like it is a great way to unwind in the middle of the week by fellowshiping with other women. We hope to see you!

### Worship Team Ministry

Psalm 150 night will be **April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm**. Please come and share your talent with us. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex starting 4/8/18. We will enjoy ice cream and brownies afterwards. Look forward to seeing you there! Youth Sunday will be April 29.

### Men's Bible Study

The Courageous Bible Study is being held on Sundays at 6:30pm. We have had 12 – 13 men at the Bible Study each night. We have been enjoying reading the Bible, discussing a different topic each Sunday night, and praying for each other.

**APRIL'S GREETERS**

- 1-Paul & Joan Stouffer
- 8-Richard & Joyce Hokensmith
- 15-Carl & Royetta Baughman
- 22-Sue Jardine & Bev Agar
- 29-Randy & Diane Shade



Please be on duty at least 20 minutes prior to service and remain at the doors until 10:05 for any latecomers.

**APRIL'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

- 1- No Nursery
- 8-Lori & Gracie Chronister
- 15-Angie & Mikayla Lowery
- 22-Tammy Snyder & Meagan Smith
- 29-Sue Jardine & Kelly Beir



**\*\*If you are unable to fulfill your duties as a GREETER or NURSERY attendant, PLEASE contact someone else on the schedule to change with you.**



**ONGOING COLLECTION REMINDER:** Keep bringing in those aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. ARKK will be collecting these items indefinitely. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melisa Lucas at 717-713-4244 (cell) or email at [actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com](mailto:actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com).

People often forget that  
kindness  
is free.

**JUNIOR CHURCH 1 (AGES 3-5) TEACHERS & HELPERS**

**\*Meet in Room #4 in the CE Wing at 10:00 am**

- 1-Sharon Hostetter & Ayden Reed
- 8-Sharon Hostetter & Maycey Davis
- 15-Sharon Hostetter & Malia Lucas
- 22-Sharon Hostetter & Michael Chronister
- 29-Children's Chat & ARKK

**JUNIOR CHURCH 2 (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade) TEACHERS & HELPERS**

**\*Meet in Room #2 in the CE Wing at 10:00 AM**

- 1-Donald Agar & Camryn Mountz
- 8-Donald Agar & Gracie Chronister
- 15-Donald Agar & Mikayla Lowery
- 22-Donald Agar & Ian Reed
- 29-Children's Chat & ARKK

**JUNIOR CHURCH 3 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade) TEACHERS & HELPERS**

- 1-John Kimmich & Gail Wolfe
- 8-John Kimmich & Sharon Barrick
- 15-John Kimmich & Wendy Stuber
- 22-John Kimmich & Carrie Kimmich
- 29-Children's Chat & ARKK

**\*\*When you are assigned to be a helper, PLEASE be in the Junior Church room by 9:50. If you cannot be a helper on the Sunday you have been assigned, PLEASE let Carrie Kimmich know (658-6339) so a replacement can be obtained if necessary.**

**Cumberland Valley Mission Celebration**

**Sunday, April 15**

**Carlisle First Church of God**

**5:00 PM Light Supper**

**6:00 PM Celebration of Worship**

**6:15 PM Celebration Service**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Caleb & Christina Acosta, Latino Mission Field,  
Rich Thornton, ERC Church Planting Update,  
Travis Helm, Bangladesh Mission Field.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**July 8-12, 2018**

Women's Ministries News

**CHURCH OF GOD HOME**

**GREATEST NEEDS**

**Nail Care**-nail polish remover-regular strength, emery boards, cuticle/orange sticks, fast drying nail top coat polish, cotton balls

**Deodorant**-Secret, Suave, Speedstick, Gillette or Mennen

**Toothpaste**-Colgate, crest (travel size)

**Mouthwash**-Scope, Listerine

**Denture Adhesive**-Fixodent, Fasteeth, Poligrip, Effergrip

**Denture Cleanser**-Polident, Efferdent

**Lotion**-Lubriderm or Vaseline Intensive Care (6 or 8 oz)

**Dove Bar Soap**



**Next meeting is April 9, at 7:00 PM**

**Thank Offering Sunday**

**May 6 at 10:00 AM**

**\*Remember to bring your thank offering barrels**



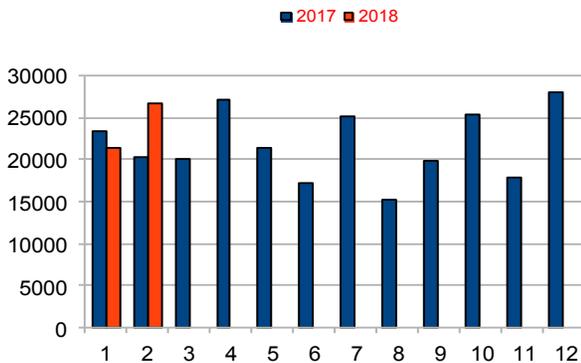
**May 1 at Hoss' Steak & Sea House**

**6:00 PM**

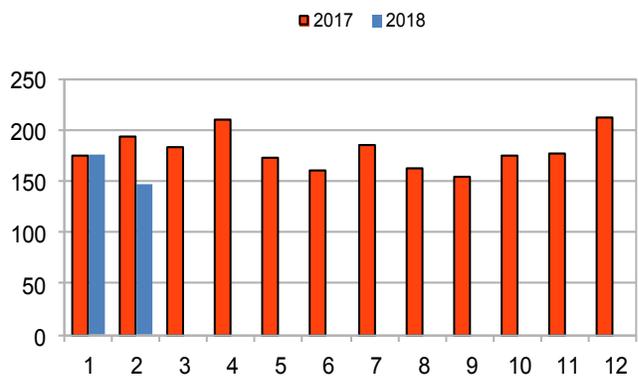
**We will be revealing our secret sisters and picking new ones.**

**FEBRUARY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS**

**INCOME**



**ATTENDANCE**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance February 1, 2018</b>	\$49,024.98	Right Now Media (Monthly service)	\$129.99
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$26,705.35</b>	Mirelle Associates (Jan P/R&tax svc./1099 prep)	\$101.41
Donald C. Snyder (Feb Salary)	\$1,916.20	Sherry Koppenhaver (Feb Custodial Svcs)	\$400.00
Donald C. Snyder (Feb Housing)	\$1,121.44	Oriental Trading (tablecloths)	\$167.88
Donald C. Snyder (Feb. Travel)	\$162.00	Reinford Landscapes (Snow Removal 2/4 & 2/7)	\$300.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/Feb)	\$385.98	Paul Stouffer (Mesh files)	\$22.98
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/Feb)	\$790.16	Undisclosed Recipient (Jan Benv Tithe)	\$400.00
The Board of Pensions (March)	\$459.21	Bender Hardware (bulbs, batts,bolts,reflectors)	\$112.90
Eastern Regional Conf (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Dollar General (trash bags)	\$17.70
Eastern Regional Conf (Feb. Tithe)	\$1,439.00	Camino Global (Yinglings-Feb)	\$120.00
ERC (reg. to Evang. Summit)	\$100.00	Entrust (Ginters-Feb)	\$120.00
Winebrenner Theological Sem (Student Aid/1st qtr)	\$60.00		
Transfer to Mission Trip Fd (Jan. Benv. Tithe)	\$300.00	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,268.60</b>
Pastor John Thumma (Jan. Benv. Tithe)	\$300.00		
Newville First CoG (Jan Ben Tithe-PAW Packs)	\$160.00	<b>Balance February 28, 2018</b>	<b>\$55,461.73</b>
Coalition for Christian Outreach (A.Hodill/1st qtr)	\$60.00		
Pleasantville CoG (Jan Ben Tithe)	\$300.00		
Transfer to Building Fund (Feb Transfer)	\$3,000.00		
Transfer to Building Fund (rec. in gen. offering)	\$3,085.00		
Adams Electric Cooperative (Jan)	\$254.00		
Century Link (Jan)	\$121.26		
Waste Connections of PA (Feb Trash)	\$98.08		
Timmons Oil Inc	\$1,328.38		
Dice Equipment (copier contract)	\$393.36		
Internal Revenue Service (Jan FIT,SS,Medi)	\$817.54		
PA Dept of Revenue (Jan SIT)	\$155.61		
Blue Mountain Small Engine (lawn mower repair)	\$722.19		
City on a Hill Studio, LLC (SS Curriculum)	\$44.16		
Corner Store (Spring SS Curriculum)	\$248.11		
Turning Point (SS curriculum)	\$43.50		
Life Way (Jr Church curriculum)	\$430.56		

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$196,394.64</b>
<b>(CD \$102,465.77 &amp; Checking \$93,928.87)</b>	
<b>The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:</b>	
<b>Live Nativity Fund</b>	<b>\$3,636.57</b>
<b>Mission Fund</b>	<b>\$5,299.23</b>
<b>Mission Trip Fund</b>	<b>\$7,964.78</b>



**Mission Board Update**

**Mission Moments**

- 1-Vacation Bible School**
- 8-Mission Celebration**
- 15-Needs in the Mission Field**
- 22-Fruitbelt Workers**
- 29-Testimony & Praise**

**Faith Promise 2018**

Steve and Amy Piper will be receiving January's Faith Promise. **Total collected for January was \$860.00.**

**Paw Pack Program**

**We (as a church, here at Doubling Gap are committing to give \$160 per month to the paw pack program and to collect the following items:**

**Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)**

**Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)**

Next packing date for our church is **May 17** at Newville First Church of God.

Look for upcoming information about summer food program.

**Upcoming Mission Events**

**April 6-8**

Churches of God Cross-Cultural Ministries Mission Conference at Newburg First Church of God. For additional information see Carl Baughman or pick up a brochure at the mailboxes.

**April 15**

Cumberland Valley Mission Celebration at Carlisle First Church of God.

**Next Meeting:**

**April 5 at 7:00 pm**



