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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

Rescued! Jude 1:20-23



Shipwrecked!

That is this year's theme for VBS. The focus for the week will be on how Jesus rescues us in times of need. The verses I listed from Jude are in keeping with this theme, especially the 23rd verse; "snatch others from the fire and save them." It brought to mind the old hymn 'Rescue The Perishing' by Fanny Crosby. The theme for that hymn is the role we have in carrying out God's

plan of salvation for a lost and fallen world. As followers of Jesus, our responsibility is to be available to the Holy Spirit's working as a partner with Him in the transforming power of Christ! What a blessing we have when we are used by God to bring about this life changing, destiny altering event! And this month's VBS is such an opportunity!

Promise yourself you will do two things:

1. **Pray for the VBS staff and kiddos that the Gospel would be presented in a clear and understandable way so that decisions can be made to join the family of God!**

2. Invite others to come and see!

We have the opportunity through our VBS program to reach out to the unchurched community and our own family members in an easy and non-intrusive way. A simple invitation to join in on a week of fun and adventure is hard to turn down. **Be bold!** Invite the neighbor's children. Offer to take them to and from the Church. Be a co-laborer with the Lord and reap the blessing! May this year's VBS week be a week of Kingdom growth!

Blessings! Pastor Don

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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.

Elders

Charlie Clouse
Shannon Kane-Vice Chairman
Shane Reed-Secretary



Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman
Dawn Agar
Sam Clouse

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JULY

Pastor Don

- For a great VBS week!
- A time for reflection and re-energization this summer.

Pastor Brian

- 7th grade camp, July 8 – 14. Emily and I will be there for the week, as team leaders.
- 5th grade camp, July 22 – 28. I will be bible teacher for the week.
- Some new family-oriented ministries planned for the fall

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR JULY

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

July 11, 12, 23, 30



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

Starting September 6, 2018

Thursdays at 6:30 pm for 5 consecutive weeks

FamilyLife's The Art of Parenting: Group Study offers a great opportunity to circle up your friends with kids, or new parents you don't know well yet, or a group of moms or dads. It's an awesome excuse to get together several times and load up on encouragement and the bible's wisdom for this challenge of a lifetime.



FamilyLife's Art of Parenting will help parents find new ways to integrate faith into everyday parenting moments. It can help parents make faith the core of their parenting with intentional, biblical teaching, and Christ-centered plans. Parents will end sessions with renewed confidence, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifting. Study is based on Psalm 127:4.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

A Prayer of Blessing

“...and he blessed Abram, saying ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.’” (Gen. 14:19-20)

In my devotional time lately, I’ve been searching through the scriptures and looking for prayers that are recorded there. If you think about it... for a bible writer to interrupt their story by recording a prayer word-for-word, it must be a pretty important prayer. Maybe there are some things we can learn from these recorded prayers – things that will help us get to know the One we pray to better. One of the first recorded prayers in the bible is in Genesis 14. Abram (he’s not yet “Abraham”!) has returned from rescuing Lot, and he is met by two kings. One is the called Melchizedek, king of Salem (many bible scholars believe this to be Jerusalem.) This king prays a simple blessing over Abram, but there are some things we can learn about prayer from his words.

It acknowledges God’s position. “God most high”, or “God is the highest”. There is none other like him! And, we get to call him “friend” (see John 16:14-15).

It acknowledges God’s ownership over creation. This is a subtle reminder that all we have really belongs to God, and we’ve just been put in charge of managing it for a short time. It helps me keep perspective, especially with material things.

It acknowledges God’s goodness and generosity to His people. “Blessed... by God.” What did Abram do, to receive the blessings of the most-high Creator? Nothing! God chooses to bless us because He is generous. God likes to give! And when we are generous with our time, with our praise, with our service, with our resources, and with our talents, we are reflecting God’s generous nature.

It acknowledges victory came through God. God was the source of Abram’s victory, and the source of his blessing. It’s a reminder that God is in complete control of every situation that we face.

I once heard a statement that goes something like “Work as though it all depends on you; pray as though it all depends on God.” I believe the bible teaches that concept, as you can see it modeled in the characters we find there. Abram faced incredible odds when he went to rescue Lot, yet he did all he could and trusted God to do the rest. So did David, as he faced Goliath. In my spiritual walk, I’m learning to trust God with the details. If you’re having some struggles with this in your own walk, get in touch with me and we’ll pray together, work together, and learn to trust more together.

~ Pastor Brian

JULY'S GREETERS



1-George & Dawn Agar

8-Pastor Brian & Emily Ramsey

15-Paul & Joan Stouffer

22-Tim & Leilani Reeder

29-Jake & Eileen Bear

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

JULY'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS

1-Joyce & April Smith

8-Outdoor Service-No Nursery

15-Angie & Mikayla Lowery

22-Lori & Gracie Chronister

29-Tammy Cornman & Eli Reeder



****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.

ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS KIDS (ARKK)



"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

THANK YOU to everyone who donated old towels, sheets and blankets for Molly's Place Rescue. I delivered all the donations on Friday, June 22, 2018. They were in great need of these items and I want to thank our church family for having such a giving hearts!

The Prayer Cross has been delivered! The idea for the Prayer Cross is to have campers or staffers hammer nails into it whenever they have a prayer that they want to offer at the foot of the cross. Check it out when you are up at camp this summer! The Prayer Cross is located in the Gym Lobby, on the right hand side near the "Touching Lives" display board.

If you have any questions about ARKK, please feel free to contact Melisa Lucas at 717-713-4244 (cell) or email at actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com.



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-Church Picnic 15-VBS Closing

22-Sharon Hostetter & Maycey Davis

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-Katie Kane & Shannon Kane

8-Church Picnic 15-VBS Closing

22-Katie Kane & Shannon Kane

29-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

1-Shane Reed & Gail Wolfe

8-Church Picnic 15 VBS Closing

22-John Kimmich & Sharon Barrick

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.**

Sunday, July 8

Outdoor Service at Lake Hanrietta

10:00 AM



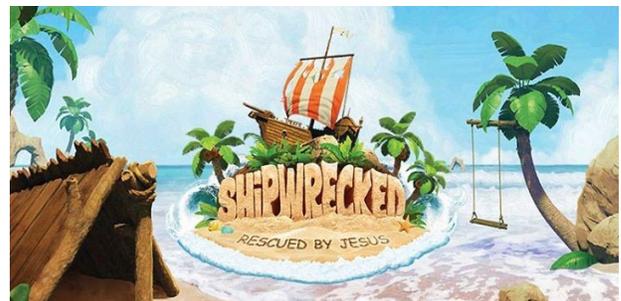
Church Picnic

Please bring lawn chairs and a hot and cold dish to share. Chicken and place settings will be provided by the church.

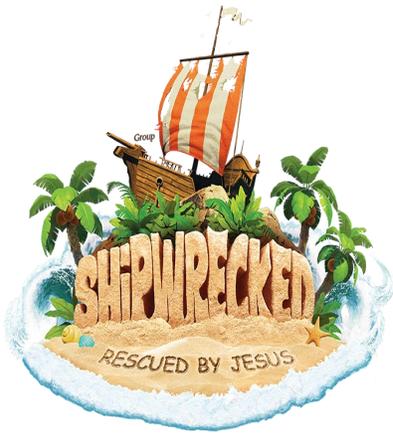
Sunday, July 16

10:00 AM

VBS Closing Program



****Light Lunch following program**



Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 2018

Any questions, see Katie Kane or Jeannine Reed

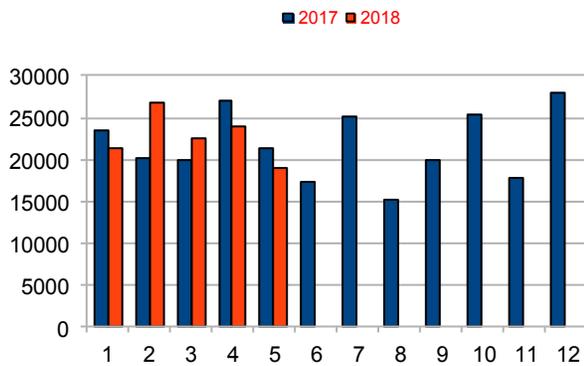


Church of God Home Needs

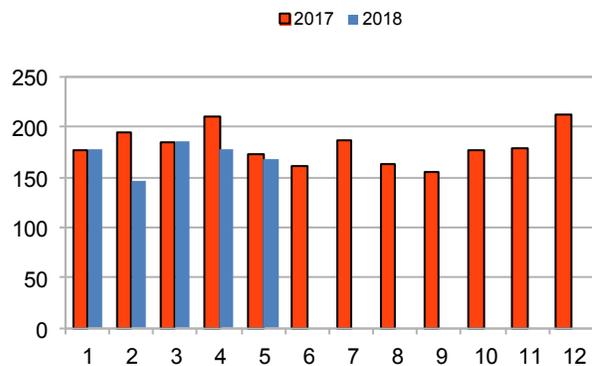
- Lubriderm or Vaseline Intensive Care (6 or 8 oz)
- Ladies Deodorants-Secret or Suave
- Men's Deodorant-Mennen or Speedstick or Gillette
- Tissues-Kleenex or Scottie or Puffs (tall boxes)
- Nail Polish-speed drying
- Light/medium pinks, corals or peaches, clear
- Emery boards
- Cuticle/orange sticks (disposable)
- Cotton balls
- Toothpaste-Colgate or Crest (2.8 or 2.5 oz or travel)
- Denture Adhesive
Fixodent, Fasteeth, Poligrip, Effergrip
- Denture Cleaner Tablets-Polident or Efferdent
- Dove Bar Soap

MAY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 1, 2018	\$58,141.03	Century Link (April)	\$161.49
		Saylor's (Water, Coffee)	\$20.96
DEPOSITS	\$18,849.89	Dice Office Equipment (Contract Cover Charge)	\$370.96
		Saylor's (8-\$25 Gift Cards - Benevolent Fund)	\$200.00
EXPENSES		Justin Kaufman (Sound Upgrades/Mic Batteries)	\$202.44
Donald C. Snyder (May Salary)	\$2,880.30	Brian Ramsey (SS Teacher Appreciation Meal)	\$35.94
Donald C. Snyder (May Housing)	\$1,682.16	Waste Connections of PA (April Trash)	\$103.93
Donald C. Snyder (May Travel)	\$98.00	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/May)	\$623.37	Mirelle Associates (April P/R & Tax Svc)	\$75.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/May)	\$1,185.25	IRS (April FIT,SS,Medi)	\$797.86
The Board of Pensions (June)	\$459.21	PA Dept of Revenue (April SIT)	\$156.14
Eastern Regional Conf (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (May Custodial Svcs)	\$400.00
Eastern Regional Conf (April Tithe)	\$1,954.00	Bender Hardware (Misc Maintenance)	\$13.48
ERC (Church Planting- Benv)	\$1,200.00	Camino Global (Yinglings-May)	\$145.00
Transfer to Mission Trip Fd (April Ben Tithe)	\$300.00	Entrust (Ginters-May)	\$120.00
Newville First COG (April Ben Tithe-PAW Packs)	\$160.00	Send International (Books-May)	\$70.00
ERC (Theological Study Day - 2 Registrations)	\$80.00		
Corner Store (Fall SS Curr/Grad Gifts/Supplies)	\$504.02	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,349.84
Pleasantville Church of God (April Ben Tithe)	\$300.00		
Transfer to Building Fund (April Transfer)	\$3,000.00	Balance May 31, 2018	\$58,641.08
Doubling Gap Center (Most Wanted List)	\$300.00		
Blue Mountain Blooms (Get Well)	\$50.00		
Winebrenner Seminary (Student Aid)	\$60.00		
Coalition for Christian Outreach (Alycia Hodel)	\$60.00		
Harbor Freight (Hoze/Nozz, Batt. Float Chargers)	\$52.53		
Sheetz (Gas for Mowers)	\$104.31		
Deluxe Checks (Deposit Slips)	\$4.50		
Adams Electric Cooperative (April)	\$209.00		

Building Fund **\$206,541.03**
(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$104,075.26)

The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:

Live Nativity Fund	\$4,191.57
Mission Fund	\$3,840.23
Mission Trip Fund	\$9,164.78

Disciple Group Bulletin Board

July, 2018

“Shipwrecked” VBS, July 8-12th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.



Sunday Morning Adult Groups

All *adult* classes, and *youth classes* grades 6-12, will be suspended for the summer, in lieu of our weekly missionary speakers. Nursery and children's classes through 5th grade will still meet as scheduled.

July 1 Richie Lewis, Capital Area Dream Center

July 8 Outdoor Service at Lake Henrietta, Camp Yolijwa **(No Sunday School)**

July 15 VBS Closing Service **(No Sunday School)**

July 22 Kelly Fahnstock, Worldrace

July 29 Cure International

Wednesday Evening Adult Groups

****Note: No Wednesday evening services on July 4 or 11!**

“Book of Acts”. The adult bible study in the sanctuary is currently learning about the adventures of the apostles in Acts. Acts is a very exciting book to learn about, and because it's written in story-form, it's very easy to read. If you've never joined a bible study, this is a great time to be part of one!

Ladies bible study will not meet over the summer. New study, starting August 15, **“Believing in Jesus”** by Lisa Harper.

Mission Board Update

July's Mission Moments

- 1-Richie Lewis-Dream Center
- 8-Outdoor Service
- 15-VBS Closing
- 22- Kelly Fahnestock-Worldrace
- 29-Testimony & Praise

Faith Promise 2018

Acostas-Latino Ministry will be receiving April's Faith Promise. **Total collected for April was \$1,300.00.**

Paw Pack Program

We (as a church), here at Doubling Gap are committed to collect the following items:

Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)

Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)

Home Mission Trip



July 30-August 3, 2018

Next Meeting

August 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm



Parents' Corner



Parent's Corner, July 2018

“How to See Others in a Selfie World”

(Edited for space. Read the full article at www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting)

Using electronic devices creates a communication bubble around a child, rendering the outside world meaningless. If your son is engrossed in a video game, it's nearly impossible for him to listen to Grandpa's stories. Likewise, your daughter won't have capacity to sit down and chat when she has texts to respond to and social media sites to update. Over time, these habits dramatically alter their social skills and interest in relating to other people. How can we help our children value face-to-face relationships in our obsessively self-centered digital culture? Here are some ideas to start with:

Build a “people-first” culture. Since screen time erodes relationship skills, a big first step is to nurture a family culture that values people and face-to-face relationships over screen time. As a family, commit to some sensible guidelines for screens in the home and when you're out in public. One of the best decisions you can make is to have mealtimes without screens at the table or on in the background. If it's one of those meals where someone wants to photograph the food, do it quickly, but then put away the cellphone. Enjoy the company of each other without needless interruptions. After mealtime, don't rush to pick up the screen. In addition, commit to the habit of leaving all family phones outside bedrooms for the night. If you're thinking you can't possibly go to sleep without your phone nearby, tell yourself you can do it — and then commit to it! Try this experiment for a week: Charge your phone in another room, and don't check it as the last act of the day. Instead, read from the Bible, pray or jot down some memories from the day, things you're thankful for. There are more important matters of the heart to mull over before bedtime than what updates you may be missing from screenland.

Be on the lookout. I think many kids today have a different type of shyness that keeps them fixed on a screen when real people are around. It's almost as if they're intimidated by real conversations, cultivating their relationships and sense of identity entirely through a phone. Many kids are good at talking about themselves, but it's hard to find a child who is good at listening to others. To encourage this, teach your children to ask questions and show genuine interest in others. They can ask kids things like, "Do you have a pet?" or "What do you like to do on the weekend?" When they meet adults, they can say, "Tell me about your job," or ask, "Do you have any hobbies?" A listening, inquiring spirit is an invaluable relational skill.

Practice “the pivot”. As parents, we may talk about real relationships with our kids, but if we are too busy texting and emailing to look into our children's eyes, we aren't really living it out. We cannot expect our children to be engaged with others if we are preoccupied by our screens. When I sense someone approaching, I turn my chair away from the screen and “pivot” toward my loved one. (If I'm on my phone, I look up.) I smile and look the person in the eyes. This body language says, "I'm listening." It says to my family member, "You are more valuable to me than a piece of hardware." Can you imagine how different our world would be if more parents and teens practiced the pivot? Teach them to place a priority on the person in front of them. If they're texting while someone approaches, encourage them to stop texting for a few moments — even if they just look up and say, "Let me finish this sentence, and then I'll be right with you." Ideally, they'd stop and give the other person their full attention, but even if they ask for a delay, that's better than simply ignoring someone.

No family can completely avoid technology. But we can be wiser about its use. Here are three ideas to help keep our kids from disappearing into a tech bubble:

Limit the hits. Social media and video games are addictive. Researchers have determined that a time of screen detox can be very healthy. When they head back to social media, encourage your kids to use it for building connections with a handful of friends rather than scrolling through news feeds to check in on the masses. When they use social media to stay in touch with just a few people, it can enhance relationships.

Go online with a purpose. Teach your kids to ask this question before picking up their phone or computer: "What am I here to do?" Make sure there's a concrete answer before proceeding: "I'm going to text my friend about the band concert" or "I'm finishing my book report."

Embrace single-tasking. Multitasking gives the illusion of working smart, but research suggests it's not all it's cracked up to be. Stanford professor Clifford Nass says that multitasking also interferes with memory skills needed in real-world relationships. If a teen is talking with a friend and texting at the same time, it's often difficult to recall the information shared in person. Teach your kids to concentrate on one task at a time — engaging in conversation, finishing homework, completing chores — instead of continually switching from task to task.