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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

We Are Family Romans 8:12-17

Born Again! New Life! Free from sin's penalty! God's Children! All true for those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Another 'truism' is that those who have made that profession of faith are now part of the Holy Family, co-heirs with Jesus in the riches of God's kingdom! We get to call God, 'Abba', Daddy. This is a very intimate term used in the Aramaic language. I am sure you have heard people say that 'we are all God's children'. But that is not a true statement. Paul explains it here in this section of Romans (as John does in John 1:12-13) that only those who have the Spirit of sonship, the Holy Spirit, the deposit that secures our salvation (II Corinthians 1:21-22,) are truly children of God. All mankind is a creation of God, created by Him for relationship with Him. But not

all are 'born' into the family. Only those who come to God the Father through Jesus His Son (John 14:6) can claim that title. So as His children, as members of the Holy family, what is our responsibility? Paul emphasizes it as an 'obligation' to live not according to the flesh, the sinful nature. We are to live according to the Spirit, following His leading into a life that continually looks more and more like Jesus. Now that is a tall order! An impossible task! And if it would be in our own strength, yes, it would be impossible to live that way. But we do not work out our salvation in our own strength. Scripture tells us in fact, that in our weakness, God's strength is manifested, just like He told Paul in II Corinthians 12. To the Church at Philippi Paul wrote that He could do all things through Christ who strengthens him, looking at his ability to endure trials and tribulations, sufferings, growing pains. Jesus promised

His disciples that He would not leave them alone to walk this path of discipleship, this path of growth, but would send another counselor, a comforter, a teacher who would guide them in this process of maturation. And that promise is for all disciples throughout the ages (Matthew 28:20). Which brings me to the question for us for this month. **Are we living controlled by the Holy Spirit?** As a follower of Jesus, one of His disciples, a born again believer, washed by His blood, redeemed from the penalty of sin, joint heirs with Him, are we living a life that looks more and more like Jesus? Is there evidence in our lives that we are conforming to His pattern, His image, rather than the pattern of this world? If so, HALELUJAH! If not, why not?

Let's focus this month on growing to be more like Jesus!

Pastor Don

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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 JUNE

Pastor Don

- For a summer of rejuvenation!
- For direction in planning a fall series in finding Jesus in the Old Testament.

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 JUNE

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

Vacation June 12-22



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

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Hello from the Doubling Gap CoG Youth Group (aka. FORGED)

April was a busy month for the youth. Wednesdays nights were spent preparing for Youth Sunday on the 29th. Thank you to everyone who gave words of encouragement to the youth. This means so much. Thank you to the youth for stepping out of comfort zones and Dylan for putting it all together. **GREAT JOB!** Ten youth participated in the RSM Retreat at Camp Yoliwja. Newburg COG coordinates this event. The youth learned about the spiritual warfare going on all around us and the tools God gives us to deal with it. Thank you to Dylan and Leilani for helping led the youth for the weekend. May 6th the youth hosted a spaghetti dinner for all the teachers. Around 50 people participated in the dinner. A special thank you to Pastor Brian Ramsey for leading devotions at the dinner. The youth also helped with Weston's Carnival on May 12th.

Upcoming events include serving dinner for Camp Hope June 6th. Year end party will be June 13th. During the summer the youth will have a devotional time on Wednesday nights followed by games. This is a great time to come and check out the youth group as well as invite as many friends as you can. If you are in 6th through 12th grade come out on Wednesday nights. If you need a ride or have any questions, please let Dylan or I know. We are so blessed to have great youth and would love for more to join, just ask Uncle Ayden and Detective Connors.

Thanks to all – Shane



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

“Congratulations – you made it to the starting line.”

“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

My daughter, Addy, will graduate this year... from kindergarten! I've already seen pictures of her in a little white cap and gown, and by the time you read this article, she will have taken her first walk across the stage. *Congratulations, daughter – you are now ready to begin school!* Over the next 12 years, you will learn more than you even know is out there to learn. And when you get done, you'll be ready to start. Again. (Only this time, you'll have some choices about where and what you start!) A week after her “graduation”, I will say good-bye to the seniors who have sat in my math classes for the past 4 years. I know some of these kids quite well. I've enjoyed conversations with them about sports, work, hunting, cars, future plans, parents, and church-related things. They will be graduating – and when they do, they will be ready start again. Congratulations, seniors – you've made it to the starting line. Some of them are going on to college (I've enjoyed making a bulletin board, putting up their pictures and where they're going as they get accepted.) At least one is going to the military (U.S. Marines), and several are going to work at least part time. 4 years and 5 years from now, many of them will be graduating college, getting out of the service, and beginning jobs. Congratulations, young adults – you'll be ready to start again. They'll start jobs, move into apartments or houses, buy cars, and move on with life. And by then, some will get married – and they'll start again.

I've had the privilege of pouring into these kids' lives the last 4 years, both academically and spiritually. Sometimes I wonder if it was enough; I wonder how well I've prepared them. As a parent, I sometimes wonder the same things about my own kids. Am I doing a good enough job raising them? Are they going to be prepared enough to complete an education, find a rewarding job, and be independent and productive? Will they maintain their faith, and spend the rest of their lives loving and serving God, and teaching others to do the same? It's times like this, when I start to wonder about their future, that I cling to the promise of Philippians 1:6. The Apostle Paul had a very unique relationship to the Philipian church, and he was very thankful for the times he had with them. But when he wasn't with them, he was confident that God would continue to work out what Paul had planted in them. So it is with my students, and with my own children. I pray for them, and as I do I realize two things: first, I am powerless to control their futures. I can only take advantage of the time I have with them now, to pour into them, to teach and model Christ to them. And second, that I must trust God to do with them that which He has planned. After all – be it my students or my own children – they are not mine to possess or control. They belong to God; I have been given the chance to oversee them for a little while. And when my time with them is over, I have to give them back to God and trust Him to take care of them.

Meanwhile, there are other students, and other children, coming along behind them that need nurtured, and taught, and disciplined. God still has work for me to do, even while he's preparing them for their own unique ministry opportunities. How about you? Are you ready to trust God with your own kids, or those people who are in your influence? Will you be confident that He will finish what He started? And between now and then, are you doing your part with what He's entrusted to you? If you're struggling with either part of that, get in touch with me, and we'll walk the path together.

~ Pastor Brian

JUNE'S GREETERS



3-Shay & Karter Kane, Elayna Reed

10-Ned & Jill Kerstetter

17-Mel & Kallie Kauffman

24-Chad & Sarah Baughman

JUNE'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS

3-Joyce & April Smith

10-AJ & Jessica Barrick

17-Amy Howell & Cindy Clouse

24-Sue Oiler & Ian Reed



****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



ARKK has created a cross that we are donating to Camp YoliJwa for the summer. The idea for the cross is to have campers or staffers hammer nails into it whenever they have a prayer or confession that they want to offer at the foot of the cross. Check it out when you are up at camp this summer!

In May we took up a collection for Molly's Place Rescue (animal shelter) in Mechanicsburg of the following items:

- old towels
- old sheets
- old pillow cases
- old blankets
- old comforters

We are going to extend that for two more weeks. Please have your donations to the church no later than June 10, 2018. There will be a collection bin placed by our bulletin board (near the kitchen) for your donations.

If you have any questions about ARKK and what we do, 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
- 3-Children's Day-No Junior Church
- 10-Lori & Nathan Chronister
- 17-Lori & Nathan Chronister
- 24-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
- 3-Children's Day-No Junior Church
- 10-Sarah Baughman & Chad Baughman
- 17-Sarah Baughman & Chad Baughman
- 24-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

- 3-Children's Day-No Junior Church
- 10-Shane Reed & Sharon Barrick
- 17-Shane Reed & Wendy Stuber
- 24-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.

Doubling Gap Mountain Riders

are sponsoring a Motorcycle Ride

Saturday, June 16th

Registration at 8:30 am/Ride at 9:00 am

Meet at Doubling Gap Church of God

Cost:\$15 per bike & driver-\$5 for passenger

Cars are welcome too!

BBQ Chicken dinner after ride

Chicken halves available with advance order for \$5.00
(Please text or call Marvette 717-773-3575 for advance reservations, so we accurately buy chicken).

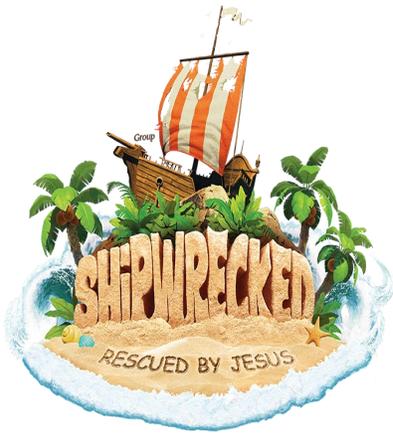
Saturday, June 23 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast

at Doubling Gap Church of God in the CE Wing
(honoring all men-father, sons, grandsons)



* more details in the bulletin



Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 2018

Any questions, see Katie Kane or Jeannine Reed

Worship Ministry Team



This summer we want to celebrate God's musical gifts to the Doubling Gap Church. What that means is we are looking for folks to share their musical gifts with the body here at the Gap! If you would like to share as part of a Sunday morning service, vocally or instrumentally, let Emily Ramsey, Pastor Don, or Denise Agar know. We would love to make arrangements for you to share!

Even though summer is just beginning, we want you to be thinking about the Christmas cantata. We will soon begin the process of looking for materials for this year's service. Which means shortly after that we will begin looking for singers!!

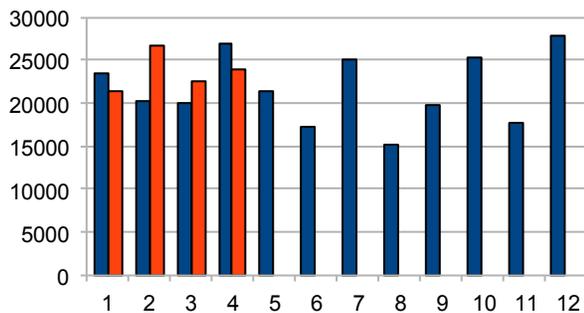
One last item. Due to some increasing ministry opportunities, Lynn Hochstetler has stepped down from the WMT Chair position. He will continue to be part of the song leader ministry here but felt he needed to turn over the Chair responsibilities. Emily Ramsey has agreed to assume those responsibilities for the balance of this year and into the next. A special thank you to Lynn for leading the WMT this past year! And a thank you to Emily for agreeing to step in!

As always, we are looking for people who would like to join us in singing and leading worship. And if there are any musicians who would like to be a part of the Sunday morning (or Wednesday night) services, let Emily know.

APRIL'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

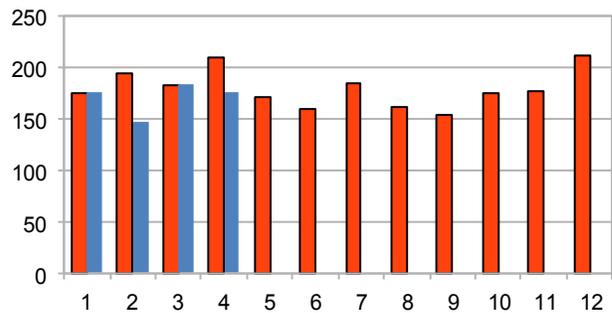
INCOME

■ 2017 ■ 2018



ATTENDANCE

■ 2017 ■ 2018



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance April 1, 2018	\$57,190.84	Adventures in Missions (Faith Promise)	\$1,385.00
		Waste Connections of PA (Mar Trash)	\$103.16
DEPOSITS	\$23,924.22	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
		Keystone Collection Group (Local Taxes)	\$204.93
EXPENSES		Mirelle Associates (March P/R & Tax Svc)	\$75.00
Donald C. Snyder (April Salary)	\$1,920.20	Internal Revenue Service (Mar FIT,SS,Medi)	\$793.70
Donald C. Snyder (April Housing)	\$1,121.44	PA Dept of Revenue (Mar SIT)	\$155.31
Donald C. Snyder (March Travel)	\$147.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (April Custodial Svcs)	\$400.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/April)	\$333.12	Bender Hardware (Misc Maintenance)	\$132.23
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/April)	\$790.16	Camino Global (Yinglings-April)	\$145.00
The Board of Pensions (May)	\$459.21	Entrust (Ginters-April)	\$75.00
Eastern Regional Conf (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Send International (Books-April)	\$70.00
Eastern Regional Conf (April Tithe)	\$1,703.00		
Transfer to Mission Trip Fd (Mar Ben Tithe)	\$300.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,974.03
Newville First COG (Mar Ben Tithe-PAW)	\$160.00	Balance April 30, 2018	\$58,141.03
ERC (Conference-Dylan Smith)	\$110.00		
ERC (Mission Rally)	\$2,863.00		
Lynn Hochstetler (Conference)	\$168.00		
Lynn Hochstetler (Check Voided)	\$211.00		
Pleasantville Church of God (Mar Ben Tithe)	\$300.00		
Doubling Gap Youth Group (2nd Qtr Support)	\$500.00		
Churches of God Publications (Gems/	\$169.00		
Transfer to Building Fund (April Transfer)	\$3,000.00		
Bill Fulton (Sportsman's Dinner 3/23/18)	\$1,454.71		
Katie Kane (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$283.38		
ATA Alarm & Comm (Yearly Alarm Monitor-	\$190.00		
Hartman Fire Equip. (Extinguishers Serviced)	\$103.00		
USPS (Postage Stamps)	\$100.00		
Blue Mountain Blooms (Easter Lillies)	\$52.00		
Erie Insurance (Policy Adjustment)	\$108.00		
Sheetz (Gas for Van)	\$26.51		
Turkey Hill (Gas for Van)	\$51.72		
Timmons Oil (313.3 gals. @ \$2.52)	\$783.25		
Adams Electric Cooperative (Mar)	\$231.00		
Century Link (March)	\$161.20		
Harman Int. Industries (Speaker Upgrades)	\$448.00		
Justin Kaufman (Mic/Sound Upgrades)	\$317.98		
Shane Reed (TV/Mother's Day Gifts)	\$358.83		
John Whisler (Mission Trip Fund)	\$300.00		

Building Fund	\$203,243.17
(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$100,777.40)	
The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:	
Live Nativity Fund	\$4,191.57
Mission Fund	\$6,423.23
Mission Trip Fund	\$8,364.78

Disciple Group Bulletin Board

June, 2018

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. We will meet in the gym, starting June 3.

Wednesday Evening Adult Groups

“Book of Acts”. Sanctuary.

“12 Women of the Bible”. Ladies’ bible study, room 10. **Note: Ladies bible study will finish this current study on June 6, and will not meet over the summer. New study, starting August 15, “Believing in Jesus” by Lisa Harper.

Various Groups

Men’s Bi-weekly bible study: At 6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday
or At 7:00 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday

AARK (Acts of Random Kindness Kids): meets last Sunday of each month. In June, AARK will be collecting donations of the following, for Molly’s Place Animal Rescue in Mechanicsburg: **old towels, blankets, pillowcases, sheets, and comforters**. AARK also continues to collect soda tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House.

Bible Quizzing demonstration, May 27th, during worship.

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

****New this fall:** Family Life’s “Art of Parenting” small group (September); Family Life’s “Weekend to Remember” marriage conference (November)

****Saturday, August 25** – Mark your calendar for a Staff Development Workshop at the church. A light dinner at 5:30, workshop to start at 6. All teachers and helps should plan to attend!



Mission Board Update

June's Mission Moments

3-Steve & Amy Piper / VBS

10-ARKK

17-Testimony & Praise

24-Eric Gephart

Faith Promise 2018

Steve and Amy Hosler will be receiving March's Faith Promise. **Total collected for March was \$1,150.00**

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)

Home Mission Trip



July 30-August 3, 2018

Next Meeting

June 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm



Parents' Corner



3 Practical Principles to Disciplining with Grace (edited for space)

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/3-practical-principles-for-disciplining-with-grace>

The message of God's grace is one that we need to apply to parenting, especially when it comes to discipline. Parenting our kids with grace is parenting them the way God parents us — with grace. Through Jesus, God has made a way for us to become His beloved sons and daughters. He offers us His love and favor because of who He is and Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, not because of who we are or what we do. *Here are three principles that go a long way in helping parents discipline with grace.*

Follow the 10-year Rule. Our kids do plenty of things that get under our skin, and sometimes it feels like all we do is correct them. But certain behaviors aren't worthy of our attention in the long run; and other behaviors that seem harmless can end up becoming major character flaws we wish we'd addressed sooner. The "10-year rule" helps us tell the difference.

Here's how it works: Imagine your child doing the same undesirable behavior 10 years from now. What does it look like then? What are the potential consequences if that behavior continues? If your 2-year-old is crying and throwing a fit because he doesn't want to be left with the baby sitter, the behavior is disruptive and unnerving. But try to imagine him doing the same thing at 12. It's unlikely that a 12-year-old would have a tantrum over a parent leaving him with a baby sitter. On the other hand, it might seem a bit funny when your 4-year-old is sitting next to a pile of candy wrappers with chocolate on her face, telling you that she didn't eat the candy. It's a "cute lie" right now, but add 10 years. Lying, deception and a lack of integrity come with a high relational price tag for your child. Dishonesty is a behavior that, no matter how small it seems, warrants attention. Regardless of your child's age, dishonesty needs to be corrected and truth should be rewarded.

Focus on character. God made each one of us unique and allows individuals the freedom to be who they are. That should be one goal of a grace-based home. Rules are vital, but there should only be few. When we have too many rules and regulations in the family, we limit our kids' freedom and set them up to fail. You might have some "house rules" or safety rules to help your home run more safely and smoothly, but these will be specific to your situation, and they should be flexible to accommodate changing circumstances.

Evidence of godly character in your kids is far more important than how clean they keep their rooms. Here's an example: If messiness bothers you, set a rule that your child must clean his room once a week. Then keep the door closed for the rest of the week so you don't have to see it. No one is going to die if you relax your standards on this a little bit. Instead, focus on setting rules and boundaries that steer your kids toward character traits such as faith, integrity, self-discipline, perseverance and courage.

Avoid shame. Discipline is very different from punishment, although we often use the two words interchangeably. Punishment is usually retaliatory and seeks to even the score against someone who has wronged us. Discipline, unlike punishment, isn't about getting even or settling the score; it's about reformation and restoration. The purpose of discipline is to correct behavior that's not in your child's best interest in order to redirect her toward a path that leads to peace, joy and her eventual good.

As we strive to discipline our children like God disciplines us, shame should be a red flag. Shame is a product of punishment, not discipline. God doesn't use shame to correct His children, and we need to be mindful of this with our kids. Enforce rules and deliver consequences for wrong behavior, but never use shame as a means to an end. If your child says something that isn't true, say, "That's a lie." Don't say, "You're a liar." One statement correctly calls out what the child did, while the other launches an attack on who he is and shames him. In the same way, don't berate your child in public. Instead, treat him with dignity and respect by privately correcting his behavior.