

Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

“Keep on Praying” Ephesians 6:10-18

On May 12th the Eastern Region Conference is sponsoring a Day of Prayer throughout our region. Recognizing the vital role prayer plays in our daily lives and the ministry of our Churches, the ERC's Pastoral Family Health commission is sponsoring this daylong event. Each church in our region is encouraged to participate in some way in this vital part of ministry and one's walk as a disciple of Jesus. In Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus, he closes with these verses about putting on the armor of God in order to be prepared for the spiritual battles we will face. He closes this section of the letter with these words; “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds

of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” He is keenly aware of the power that is found in prayer and the vital importance of it in one's life. In response to his challenge and the ERC challenge, we will be holding a focused time of prayer on Saturday the 12th here at the Gap. From 11:00 – 1:00 the Church will be open for anyone who wishes to stop in for a time of prayer in the sanctuary. This will be a time for focused group prayer as we will pray together through a list of prayer topics. You need not come for the full two hours. Feel free to drop in for 10 minutes, 40 minutes or more. If you are not able to make it to the Church building, commit to a time of prayer during those 2 hours. I

will be copying a suggested list of prayer topics that the conference staff sent out and include it in this month's Beacon. Mark you calendars to join me and others throughout the ERC to spend some time in focused and intentional prayer!

Principles of Effective Prayer

(taken from a sermon dated 8-3-03 in my Bible)

- Set a fixed time of prayer, with no distractions
- Pray in times of success and calmness as well as those times of distress
- Continue to pray through situations until God reveals His answer

Pastor Don

Elders

Charlie Clouse
Shannon Kane-Vice Chairman
Shane Reed-Secretary



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Carl Baughman-Chairman
Dawn Agar
Sam Clouse

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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MAY

Pastor Don

- For transitioning out of the feed business as I 'retire' from my sales job with White Oak Mills the end of May. Been doing that for 35 years.....
- For strength for Tammy to finish well with her third graders as the school year winds down.

Pastor Brian

- **VBS!** One of our largest outreaches to community children!
- Continued balance of family, teaching, and church
- Continued growth for our small groups (in number and depth)

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR MAY

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the
following days

May 1,2,3,7,10,14,28



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

Coming Fall of 2018

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.

Watch in your bulletin and listen for announcements to come regarding this study!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

"A proverb - not a promise"

Proverbs 22:6 is arguably one of the most often memorized, and most frequently quoted, verses of the bible: **"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."** As parents, we cling to verses like this in hopes that our kids will grow up to be good, God-fearing, faithful believers. Emily and I are parents to Micah, now age 8; and Adelyn, now age 6. Like many other parents, we have tried to instill biblical-based values and a love for God in their hearts and lives. Like many other parents, we wonder if it will be enough. We are discouraged (and sometimes even a little afraid) when we hear the statistics on the number of kids who grow up in the church and, as teens & young adults, walk away from everything they've been taught. *Doesn't scripture promise that if we do our part while they're young, that everything will work out all right when they're old?*

Keep in mind that in scripture, a "proverb" is not an absolute guarantee, but an expression of a general truth. The Hebrew word for "train" is translated elsewhere in the Old Testament as "dedicate". A better understanding is to "initiate", or "inaugurate". Godly training begins, or is initiated, during childhood. It carries the ideas of intentionality, dedication, and community. The original language also conveys the idea of narrowing, or "hedging in", when it comes to conduct. In our modern cultural context, we might say it includes protecting them from certain influences, and guiding their activities toward (or away from) certain things. For the Hebrew people, this was done in community. Child-raising wasn't the role of just the parents, but of the extended family, the local community, and the synagogue. *That's one of the reasons it's so important for Christian families to make church a priority for their children.* Our children will learn more from what they see us doing and not doing, than they will from what we say or don't say. If church isn't a priority for parents, it's not going to be a priority for our kids when they get older. Ultimately, our kids are responsible for their own choices and actions – but we are responsible for the influence we have over them during their few short years at home.

In the coming months, I'm going to add a "parenting & family corner" section to the Beacon, using resources from Focus on the Family, and some other Christian organizations. Use them as an encouragement, and for ideas to help "train (your) child in the way he should go"!

~ Pastor Brian



Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 2018

Any questions, see Katie Kane or Jeannine Reed

MAY'S GREETERS



6-Jenn Bolze & Sarah Baughman & Joyce Smith

13-Sharon Barrick

20-Lloyd & Kelly Bier

27-Tim & Leilani Reeder

MAY'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS

6-Connie Cornman & Jenn Siegfried

13-Tammy Snyder & Eli Reeder

20-Heather Ocker & April Hoover

27-Jenn Bolze & Sierra Rotz



ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS KIDS (ARKK)

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



In May, ARKK's lesson will be about caring for God's 4-legged creatures.

For the month of May, we are seeking donations of the following items to be donated to Molly's Place Rescue (animal shelter) in Mechanicsburg:

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

There will be a collection bin placed by our bulletin board (near the kitchen) for your donations.

ARKK supports the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey by collecting aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines. Please bring in your donations as you have them and drop them in our bins at the church.

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**

- 6-Steph Cohick & Malia Lucas
- 13-Steph Cohick & Oliver Cohick
- 20-Steph Cohick & Emilyynn Howell
- 27-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

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

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

- 6-Sharon Barrick & Camryn Mountz
- 13-Sharon Barrick & Gracie Chronister
- 20-Sharon Barrick & Maycey Davis
- 27-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

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

- 6-Adam Cohick & Gail Wolfe
- 13-Adam Cohick & Wendy Stuber
- 20-Adam Cohick & Carrie Kimmich
- 27-children's chat & ARKK Program

****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

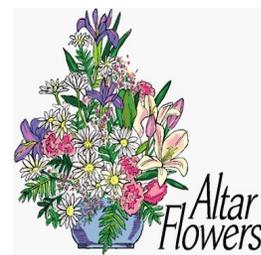
Meet at Doubling Gap Church of God

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



Remember to sign up on the
2018 Flower Chart on the
Narthex bulletin board, to honor
or memorialize family or friends.

***The cost for the two vases is \$36**

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 June 4, at 7:00 PM

Thank Offering Sunday

May 6 at 10:00 AM

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



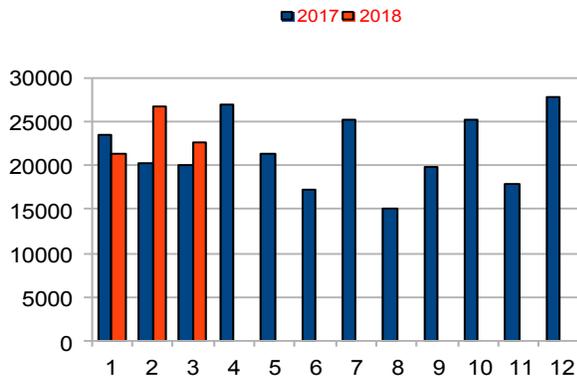
May 7 at Hoss' Steak & Sea House

6:00 PM

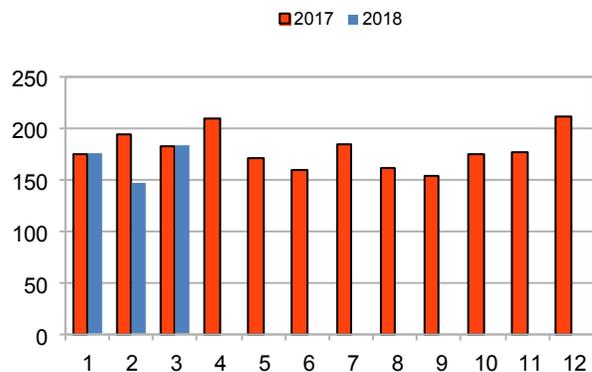
We will be revealing our secret sisters and picking new ones.

MARCH'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance March 1, 2018	\$55,461.73	Poppa'z (Missions Team Lunch)	\$88.73
		Carl Baughman (check voided)	\$88.73
DEPOSITS	\$22,528.70	Sheetz (Lawn Mower Gas)	\$39.80
		CACSL (Softball Registration)	\$175.00
EXPENSES		CACSL (Softball Registration - check voided)	\$150.00
Donald C. Snyder (March Salary)	\$1,918.20	Carlisle Electronics (Stove Replacement)	\$407.00
Donald C. Snyder (March Housing)	\$1,121.44	Cumb. Co. Water Conservation (Water Test)	\$22.00
Donald C. Snyder (Feb Travel)	\$137.00	Waste Connections of PA (Feb Trash)	\$103.86
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/March)	\$309.23	Global Outreach Int.(Piper)	
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/March)	\$790.18	January's Faith Promise	\$860.00
The Board of Pensions (April)	\$459.21	Right Now Media (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
Eastern Regional Conf (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Mirelle Associates (Feb P/R & Tax Svc)	\$75.00
Eastern Regional Conf (March Tithe)	\$1,886.00	Internal Revenue Service (Feb FIT,SS,Medi)	\$807.06
Transfer to Mission Trip Fd (Feb Ben Tithe)	\$300.00	PA Dept of Revenue (Feb SIT)	\$157.99
ERC (Pastor Brian Registration)	\$112.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (March Custodial Svcs)	\$500.00
ERC(Pastor Don and 2 Delegates Reg)	\$412.50	Timmons Oil Co (445.8 gals @ \$2.40)	\$1,056.55
Undisclosed recipient (Feb Benv Tithe)	\$100.00	John Gross & Company (Church Supplies)	\$513.55
COG Gen Conference	\$1,184.00	Centerville Feed & Mineral (Tan Bark)	\$157.50
Newville First COG (Feb Ben Tithe-PAW)	\$160.00	Beidel Mulch (Tan Bark)	\$196.00
Pleasantville Church of God (Feb Ben Tithe)	\$300.00	Lisa's Floral Shoppe (palm crowns)	\$20.00
Transfer to Building Fund (March Transfer)	\$3,000.00	Newville Produce Farm (Pansies)	\$11.00
Adams Electric Cooperative (Feb)	\$198.00	Paul Stouffer (outside plug cover)	\$5.70
Century Link (Feb)	\$121.26	Bender Hardware (Gas Cans)	\$65.98
Reinford Landscapes (snow removal)	\$315.00	Camino Global (Yinglings-March)	\$170.00
Erie Insurance (Workmen's Comp. Adjust-	\$100.00	Entrust (Ginters-March)	\$140.00
Warrington Farms Meat (R McDonald House	\$90.00	Send International (Books-Feb/March)	\$140.00
Jacob Bear (Stove Replacement Parts)	\$28.18		
Carrie Kimmich (Jr. Church Craft Supplies)	\$61.19	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,799.59
CCLI Renewal Processing (Copyright)	\$411.00	Balance March 31, 2018	\$57,190.84
Life Way (Jr Church Curriculum)	\$142.83		
Barrick's Electrical Service (48" LED Light	\$97.40		
Office Max (Office Supplies)	\$191.63		
Corner Store (Office Supplies/Bible Study	\$626.92		
Mancino's Italian Delight (Work Day Lunch)	\$64.98		

Building Fund **\$199,728.70**
(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$97,262.93)

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

Live Nativity Fund **\$4,191.57**

Mission Fund **\$5,490.23**

Disciple Group Bulletin Board

May, 2018



Sunday Morning Adult Groups

“Grace is Greater” by Kyle Idleman	CE Wing
“Power of Love” by David Jeremiah	Room 8
“Joseph & Jesus”	Room 5
“Assured” by J.D. Greear	Room 10
“Standard Lesson Quarterly”	Room 9

Wednesday Evening Adult Groups

“Book of Revelation”	Sanctuary
“12 Women of the Bible” Ladies’ bible study	Room 10

Various Groups

- Men’s Bi-weekly bible study Book of Acts
- AARK (Acts of Random Kindness Kids): meets last Sunday of each month.

For the month of May, 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.

Mission Board Update

May's Mission Moments

6-Thank Offering Sunday

13-Camp YoliJwa

20-Local Mission Trip

27-Testimony & Praise Time

Faith Promise 2018

Kelly Fahnestock, with Adventures in Missions will be receiving February's Faith Promise. **Total collected for February was \$1,385.00**

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.

Paw Packs will be having a fund raiser on **May 22 3-9 pm at Texas Roadhouse in Chambersburg**. Ten percent of your total food purchases will go to Paw Packs. Flyer are at the mailboxes.

Next Meeting:

May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm



Parents' Corner

May, 2018



7 Traits of Effective Parenting: Adaptability

(<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/7-traits-of-effective-parenting/adaptability-one-of-the-7-traits-of-effective-parenting>)

According to a study published by the American Psychological Association in 2014, millennials (young adults in their 20's or 30's) are the most stressed out generation. Generation X'ers (adults in their mid-late 30's, through early 50's) run a close second. **Stress is an inevitable part of our life as parents.** Our kids have unexpected injuries, illnesses, issues, heartaches and dramas. Add that to the stress parents feel from marriage, work and finances.

The ability to adjust and respond with flexibility and optimism is a lifeline to the struggling family.

Paul writes in Romans 5:3-5, "But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." **The early Christian church learned about adapting in the face of adversity. Yes, this is different than parenting, but the overall character trait is the same.**

With the trait of adaptability, we can be prepared to respond to the inevitable stress, demands and pressures that come with parenting. **We are living in a generation of distractions.** Technology continues to expand and demand more of our attention, while activities, club teams and leagues seem to multiply like rabbits. **Adaptability allows us to sift through all of this without losing our mind.** You are able to create calmness for your family in the middle of chaos. Overall, adaptability not only has benefits to your sanity, but it will also help your family by teaching your children:

- How to handle adversity and the unexpected. Kids learn to adjust when life throws them curveballs. They learn healthy ways to handle difficulties in life.
- How to handle stress while caring for others and themselves. Kids learn that stress is inevitable and difficult, yet manageable. They learn ideas and skills for taking care of themselves when there are a lot of demands while maintaining connection and relationship.
- To have a flexible mindset. Kids learn to see the bright side of things. They see circumstances in life as opportunities for growth, resets, or strengthening. They are able to quickly move out of a victim mentality and into a hopeful perspective.
- To let things go. They learn the need to forgive, grieve and press forward with optimism and flexibility. Kids learn to see what they own in life and what they don't own when it comes to decisions and emotions.
- To look at the big picture. Kids learn to see beyond the immediate moment. They learn to look at the bigger picture for greater understanding and wisdom about how to respond instead of react.

Our brain is designed to constantly learn. In fact, sleep helps prepare our brain for what the next day has in store, consolidating what today has brought. **Adaptability is about learning and adjusting.** A family that learns adaptability is bendable, but not breakable. God says He will be with us as we adapt to what life brings our way.