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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

“Do this in Remembrance of Me”



I Corinthians 11:17-29

Sunday October 7th is World Communion Sunday. Here at Doubling we will join with our brothers and sisters around the world in remembering the words of Jesus as He shared the Passover, what has come to be called the Lord's Supper/Table or communion, with His disciples. In choosing this passage from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, I wanted to focus on verses 27-29. As we read what Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, wrote to the believers there, we need to be mindful of the charge he gives them. “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks

the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning...” Some pretty strong words about a time meant to be a time of celebration and remembering what the Lord did for them, and by extension, for us. So what was going on that caused Paul to write so strongly? Verse 27 starts with the word ‘therefore’ so one needs to read the preceding verses to get the context. In them we find the Corinthian believers behaving in a very un-Christ like manner. There was quarreling and division among them. Some were getting drunk on the wine before everyone gathered to share in the meal. And then in looking at the verses that follow the 27th we read about how we are examine ourselves before sharing in this time of communion. We are to recognize what the bread represents and

what the wine (grape juice in our case here) does as well; the body and the blood of Jesus offered up for us. So what does it mean for us as we prepare for our sharing in communion on the 7th? I think there are several things we need to consider, individually and collectively. First on an individual note, everyone who will be sharing in communion needs to understand what it means. We do this to remember the sacrifice Jesus made and the why behind it. It is because of our sin, yours and mine, that Jesus needed to die, to pay the price we could never pay. We need to recognize that the Word took on flesh and lived among us (John 1:1-14), living a sinless life in order to be the sinless sacrifice, the Passover Lamb.

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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 OCTOBER

Pastor Don

Lots of meetings on the Conference level this month so a prayer for wisdom, balance , and discernment.

Congregation meeting on the 21st.

Pastor Brian

For all of our fall small groups and outreaches
For balance between school, family, and church
For vision for growth in our church

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR OCTOBER

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

October 3, 11, 15, 17, 22, 23



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

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Secondly, we need to be aware of any divisiveness among our fellow brothers and sisters here at the Gap. Are we at peace with each other? Are we united in our ministry here? That doesn't mean we can't have different opinions. But those opinions can't become divisive for that is not honoring God. So in preparation for this time of sharing in communion, all of us need to examine ourselves and make sure there is nothing in us that would interfere with our sharing in the cup and the bread. If the Holy Spirit brings something to mind, then deal with it then and there. Make a call, pay a visit to that someone and pray together, seeking forgiveness, extending forgiveness and being reconciled one to another. And then as the body of Christ that meets here in the Gap we need to make sure we are at peace with the Lord. Are we focused on Him and His Son in all that we do, teach, and celebrate? Do we honor the sacrifice that Jesus made for us? Do we seek to be the Church that He has called us to be? Are we His hands and feet, His eyes and ears, His heart and mind in our community? If not, we as the Church need to confess that sin and seek the Lord's face before sharing in this remembrance of Jesus. Please take time before the 7th to examine yourself, to ask the tough questions that need to be asked, "Am I at peace with the family here in the Gap, am I at peace with the Lord?" I will be asking that of myself and of the Council as well. THEN we can come together and celebrate the gift of Jesus!

Pastor Don

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

“...a cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.” (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

One of my yearly fall chores is to take down the fence that I put up around my garden each year. In the spring I will hammer in fence posts, stretch wire fence around to keep the critters out, and tie the fence to the rope using old bairn twine I recycle from a farm. In the fall, I either untie or cut the twine to free the fence. It can be stubborn to cut, because it's actually made up of many small pieces of material woven tightly together. The strength of each small piece, when connected to the rest, is multiplied. And it is tough to tear apart a woven strand!

The writer of Ecclesiastes uses this imagery to illustrate a point. In our human relationships, we must allow ourselves to become connected with others, to have our lives interwoven with them. The context of the passage suggests friendship. Although we often hear this passage used during a wedding (especially the “two lying down together” part!), it was common practice during the Old Testament for two travelers to lie together on the side of the road under one blanket, to keep warm. The writer talks about the benefits companionship – or, friendship – and uses examples of protection, warmth, and help in times of trouble. Our lives were designed, from the very beginning, to be shared in relationship to each other. After making Adam, God said “It's not good for man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion.” (Gen. 2:18, MSG). Early in his ministry, Jesus sent disciples out in pairs (see Luke 10:1). Jesus has the 12, but even among them he seemed to have a special relationship with Peter and John.

Part of discipleship is about learning how to share life together. Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10), and the life we live is to reflect the reality of God. The writer of Ecclesiastes said “A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.” In the ancient world, a 3-corded rope was the strongest of all braids; three is also the number that reflects the trinity-nature of God. It's good to come to church for worship, to sing and pray and be taught from the God's word. If you think there should be more to this Christian life than an hour on Sunday morning, then you're right. But to experience it fully, you must allow yourself to become part of another's life; you must allow yourself to be discipled, and to disciple others. **Come be part of one of our weekly life groups, either on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, or some other evening through the week. The abundant life you're missing is waiting for you...**

Praying that God will strengthen your faith as you walk daily with Him,

~ Pastor Brian

OCTOBER'S GREETERS



7-Sue Jardine & Bev Agar
14-Nathan & Lori Chronister
21-Chad & Sarah Baughman
28-Ned & Jill Kerstetter

OCTOBER'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS

7-Tammy Cornman & Sharon Hostetter
14-Joyce & April Smith
21-Stephanie Mordan & Eli Reeder
28-Angie & Mikayla Lowery

****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



ARKKids join us for the ARKK Carnival picnic on **Saturday, September 29th at 12:30** to be held at the church. We have lots of exciting things planned for the day and look forward to seeing you there!

October 28th will be our last ARKK class for 2018. So we want to go out with a splash, a splash of paint that is! We plan to paint kindness rocks, so parents, if you could send your kids in with an old shirt or an apron that day so that they don't mess up their Sunday best!



If you have any questions 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**

7-Sharon Hostetter & Malia Lucas
14-Shoe Box Project
21-Sharon Hostetter & Oliver Cohick
28-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**

7-Sarah Baughman & Chad Baughman
14-Shoe Box Project
21-Sarah Baughman & Chad Baughman
28-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

7-John Kimmich & Camryn Mountz
14-Shoe Box Project
21-John Kimmich & Wendy Stuber
28-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.**

Fall Fellowship

Join the WMT for a fun filled night of fellowship around a bonfire. Saturday, **October 20th at 5 p.m.** we will join around the campfire, cook hotdogs and have a fun evening. More info to come! Bring your lawn chairs, and a snack to share. Hotdogs and drink provided.



Women's Ministry

Next Meeting

October 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM

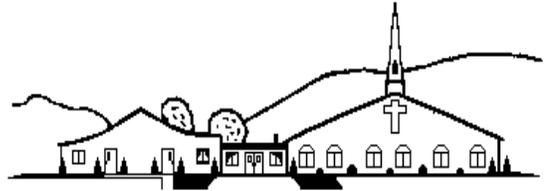
Save the Date

December 3, 2018

"A Blessed Christmas"

Women's Christmas Dinner at
Doubling Gap Center

October 7 World Wide Communion Sunday

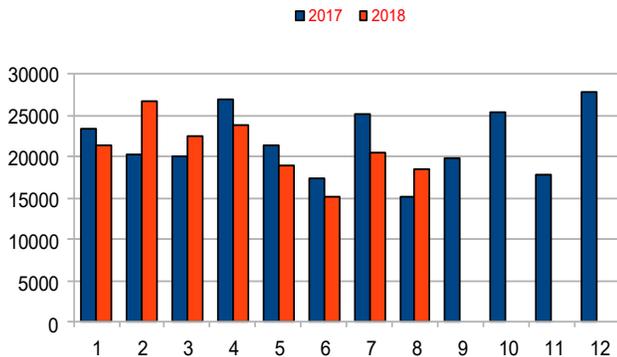


October 21 Congregational Meeting

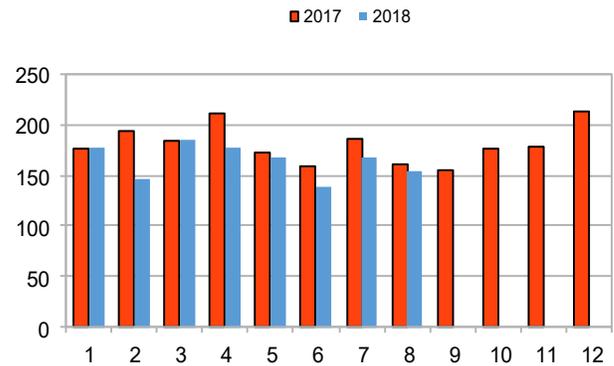
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AUGUST'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



DISCIPLESHIP

Bulletin Board
October, 2018



Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship Groups

Power of Love by David Jeremiah	Leader: Charlie Clouse
Work as Worship by J.D. Greear	Leader: Leilani Reeder & Nicole Ginter
Standard Lesson Quarterly	Leader: Bobby Baker
The Bible: God's Voice to Mankind	Leader: Adam Cohick
Promised Land by Ray Vander Laan	Leader: Mike Bolze.

There are also discipleship groups for children and youth on Sunday mornings.

Weekly Adult Groups

Book of Acts Pastor Brian is leading a bible study on the Book of Acts.

We meet in the sanctuary each Wednesday at 7 pm

Believing in Jesus by Lisa Harper Ladies bible study

They meet in Room 10 (last room on the left, down the hallway) each Wednesday at 7 pm

Art of Parenting meets Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the CE Wing

Coming Events

Fall Fellowship Night October 20, 5 pm

Bonfire, songs, snacks, and more! Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Weekend to Remember Marriage Seminar

Sponsored by Family Life ministries. November 9 – 11, Solomon's Island, Maryland.

See Pastor Brian for details.

Mission Board Update

Mission Moments

- 7-Live Nativity Float
- 14-Operation Christmas Child
- 21-Camper Recognition
- 28-Testimony and Praise

Faith Promise 2018

Check out the mission bulletin board each month and see where the Faith Promise money is going.

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 October 4 at Newville First Church of God.

Fruitbelt Camps

Watch your bulletin for upcoming dates to visit the camps.

Next Meeting–October 4, 2018



Parents' Corner



Divorced Parents Can Co-Parent Peacefully

By Ron Deal

<https://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/blended-family/stepparents/multiple-home-realities/divorced-parents-can-co-parent-peacefully/>

My wife is an elementary school assistant principal. Her job requires that she be aware of the family circumstances for the children in her care. She works with a lot of children who come from divorce situations. It boils her blood when parents implicitly ask their children to “choose” between homes and, therefore, put children in a no-win tug-of-war. Parents living in separate homes make their children pawns in their battles when they:

- badmouth the other parent or household;
- comment on or compare living conditions;
- invade the other home’s time with the kids with constant text messages, phone calls, or showing up at private family activities;
- cast blame on the other household for financial pressures or emotional pain;
- ask for the child’s time when it takes time away from the other parent;
- coax the child into not visiting his/her other parent until child support payments are made or custody time is renegotiated;
- make children feel guilty for enjoying the people in the other home;
- refuse to listen to their happy stories of life in the other home.

Children living between homes are very susceptible to the emotional clashes of their parents. When you act in any of these ways toward your children, you are teaching them to take their emotions underground and train them to play the game of “keep everyone happy by making them think I love them most.” Children who internalize this tug-of-war become depressed, discouraged, self-destructive, and unmotivated. Children who externalize their pain become angry, oppositional, have behavior problems, and in extreme situations, may turn violent. For the sake of the children, parents should do everything they can to co-parent peacefully.

Healthy Co-Parenting

The alternative to asking children to choose sides is practicing healthy co-parenting. Co-parenting is the term used to describe the relationship between divorced parents as they seek to raise their children from two different homes.

Friend and co-parenting expert Tammy Daughtry has created a checklist called “Indicators of Healthy Co-Parenting.”

I’ll discuss just a few of them here, but I highly recommend that you review the entire list in Tammy’s book *Co-Parenting Works! Helping Your Children Thrive After Divorce*. Are any of these statements true in your situation?

The transition between our homes is smooth and positive. Transitions always produce some anxiety, but in general, is it comfortable for your kids? Or do you feel like Cindy, who said, “I try to have a good attitude, but I can’t help but come unglued if my ex-husband looks at me wrong.” Therein lies part of the problem. Cindy makes the transition about her instead of about her children. She’s on edge; she’s ruminating on the past even before seeing her ex, and she’s taking his expressions personally. I’m glad that Cindy is aware of her vulnerability, but she has to go beyond that. I wish she would focus on making the transition smoother for her children.

We enjoy being at our children’s functions and are there to enhance our children’s happiness. Greg and Beth are divorced and each is remarried. But that doesn’t stop them from attending their son’s high school basketball games. They don’t sit near each other, but each cheers at the top of their lungs and is decent to the other as they walk in and out of the gym. And for this reason their son, Reagan, enjoys having his parents watch him play.

I do not get upset when our child seeks out the other parent after a game or event. After his games, Reagan seeks out a hug from both his mom and dad. He can do that because he’s learned that neither of them will “punish” him for engaging the other, no matter whose visitation turn it is. Knowing they are okay with it frees him to be himself and find support from both parents.

When we are both present at the same event, we do not use the opportunity to discuss family business. Reagan’s parents also know that to keep the event safe for everyone, they should not discuss parenting matters. They’ve learned from experience that face-to-face negotiation is challenging and that Reagan gets caught in the cross fire; therefore, they put conversations on hold until they can speak on the phone. Learning these kinds of dos and don’ts is a much needed discipline for healthy co-parenting.

We take care of responsibilities as adults and do not put pressure on the children to do our jobs. When one parent isn’t responsible for contributing to the child’s medical care, or doesn’t pay a bill on time, or doesn’t arrange school lunches for the month, the child suffers. Plus, the responsible parent often has to pick up the pieces for the other parent. This makes having a positive attitude about them difficult.

I tell parents that even if they don’t agree with a parenting plan or court-ordered responsibility, they should fulfill it anyway because if they don’t, the person who suffers most is their child. If you are the parent that always drops the ball, step up to the plate and start pulling your weight.

Christian co-parents should constantly evaluate themselves and ask if their behavior is helping or hurting their children and if they are showing them Christ in how they co-parent. At a bare minimum, kids should be kids, not prisoners of war. At a maximum, healthy co-parenting is an opportunity to raise godly children who seek first the kingdom of God.