

# Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

### “The Old Can Be New”

**Luke 24:13-32**

New and improved! Terms we hear a lot these days, especially when it comes to electronics. I can't even keep up with the newest version of the iPhone or Galaxy phone or whatever phone! Just when you think you have the latest and best, Bam!, a new one comes out making yours 'obsolete'. Or at least that is what the companies and their advertisements want to tell you. Well, what I want to share with you, and will do so through the messages that begin on September 16<sup>th</sup>, is that sometimes, the 'old' stuff is still plenty powerful! Mid-month we will begin a jour-

ney through something old as part of the Sunday morning Worship time. Each Sunday we will look at a book from the 'Old' Testament and find Jesus! Beginning with Genesis and ending with Malachi we will discover what each book has to say about the Word that became flesh (John 1:1-14). And in doing so we may even find ourselves using some of the very same passages that Jesus used when He talked with those two disciples on their trip to Emmaus (Luke 24:27). The value of the Old Testament should never be underestimated! Other writers from the New Testament writings often use references to them in stating

their case for Jesus being the Messiah, being the fulfillment of prophecies. And many of the accounts from the Old Testament can be used as examples for us today as to what to do and what NOT to do! All in all, in this case, Old is the new and approved when the Holy Spirit is involved in the teaching and revelation of God's unfolding story in our lives as well as in the lives of those who came before us and who will follow after us. God's word never becomes obsolete regardless of what today's world might think. Join me in these coming months as we look to the 'old' to find something new about Jesus!

**Pastor Don**

#### Elders

Charlie Clouse  
Shannon Kane-Vice Chairman  
Shane Reed-Secretary



#### Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman  
Dawn Agar  
Sam Clouse

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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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER

### Pastor Don

- For Tammy as she starts with a new batch of scholars in third grade.
- For my preparations for the Advent season (yes, I start in September looking for ideas for the Advent messages, monologues, etc...)

### Pastor Brian

- For all of our fall small groups, as we reconnect and begin again
- For balance between school, family, and church
- For vision for growth in our church

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### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

#### FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the  
following days

**September 4, 13, 17**



### SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

**September 13**

## Greetings from the Doubling Gap Youth Group (FORGED).

Yes, there is still a youth group. With vacations, camps, and other events the youth have spent very little time together this summer. We continued to meet on Wednesday nights. During that time, we had devotions and played games. With summer winding down, we are excited to get back on schedule.

**Youth Kick-off will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We will have pizza, snacks, and games. We encourage all youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades to attend youth.** September 9<sup>th</sup> during Mission Moment we will be having a youth promotion, so if you are interested check it out. Schedules for the up coming year will soon be available. **Youth will be leading the worship service September 30<sup>th</sup>,** so if you would like to help let us know. If you have any questions, please let me or Dylan know. We look forward to an awesome year of growing closer to God, and each other.

Thanks to all – Shane

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

### *Marriage should be honored by all*

(Hebrews 13:4)

The dictionary defines “honor” as: great respect or esteem; a clear sense of what is morally right; a thing conferred as a distinction. Can we be real for a moment? Is this what your marriage looks like? And honestly, I’m not talking directly about your spouse. Do you hold your marriage – your union to share all aspects of life with another person – with great respect? Do you have a clear sense of what is morally right, and do you live out those convictions? Do others look at your marriage and share those same feelings? Marriage is the one thing, the one relationship, that the bible teaches is a reflection of our Christian relationship with Christ. Paul wrote to the Ephesian church and, after giving instructions to both husbands and wives, said “This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.” (5:32) Human marriage is an echo of our relationship to Christ. It’s a picture, a living illustration for others to see. And the sad truth is that the marriages of those of us who belong to Christ have about an equal chance of failing as those marriages of people who don’t know Christ. When people look at our marriages, and at our relationships to our spouses, they should see a living example of our love for Christ! If we do not love and respect our spouses the way that Christ loved the church, and if we do not sacrifice for our spouses the way that Christ sacrificed for the church (and I don’t just mean going to the cross), then *we lie to world about God... and the world already has enough distorted images of what God is like.* The glory of God is at stake in your marriage, and in mine!

Emily and I would like you to join us for a weekend marriage event called “Weekend to Remember”. The date is November 9 – 11. This is for every marriage – if you’ve been married 60 years or 60 minutes. It’s simply a time to get away and intentionally invest in your marriage. Good marriages don’t happen by accident (yeah, there’s another big misconception about Christian marriage!) We don’t accidentally lose weight; we don’t accidentally train for a marathon; we don’t accidentally become better at whatever sport we play. We don’t accidentally get a stronger faith, without investing time in bible reading and prayer. *Why is it that so many Christians think marriage is any different?* To have a stronger marriage, we have to be intentional about devoting time to it.

Praying for you, and for the witness of the marriages in our church...

~ *Pastor Brian*

## SEPTEMBER'S GREETERS



- 2-Jay & Heather Bear
- 9-Mel & Kallie Kauffman
- 16-John & Cindy Clouse
- 23-Ernie & Jeanette Morris
- 30-Youth Sunday

## SEPTEMBER'S WORSHIP NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 2-Jenn Bolze & Sierra Rotz
- 9-April Hoover & Gracie Chronister
- 16-Amy Howell & Emilynn Howell
- 23-Tammy Snyder & Amber Hoch
- 30-Katie Kane & Sue Jardine



**\*\*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 ALL THE KIDS THAT HELPED OUT DURING THE MISSION WEEK AT CHURCH. FROM HANDING OUT BACKPACKS, PULLING WEEDS, DELIVERING COOKIES AND CLEANING AT THE CHURCH, ALL OF YOUR KINDNESS WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL!**

### UPCOMING EVENT:

**PICNIC: Come One, Come All and Step Right Up and Have a Ball...ARKKids mark your calendars for our upcoming ARKK Carnival picnic on Saturday, September 29th at 12:30 to be held at the church. A signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex. We have lots of exciting things planned for the day and look forward to seeing you there!**



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).

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

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

2-Lori Chronister & Ayla Davis

9-Lori Chronister & Malia Lucas

16-Lori Chronister & Michael Chronister

23-Lori Chronister & Emilyynn Howell

30-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**

2-Sharon Barrick & Ayden Reed

9-Sharon Barrick & Mikayla Lowery

16-Sharon Barrick & Maycey Davis

23-Sharon Barrick & Cracie Chronister

30-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

2-Shane Reed & Camryn Mountz

9-Shane Reed & Carrie Kimmich

16-Shane Reed & Wendy Stuber

23-Shane Reed & Jeannine Reed

30-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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

September 10 at 7:00 PM

## 2018 Women's Retreat

"Unfinished"

at Doubling Gap Center

September 21-23

## Women's Ministry String Art Night

All ladies of the church are invited

September 25 at 6:00 pm

Cost will be \$25.00

You will need to prepay and preregister

Choices of string art to make will be hearts, snowman, sunflower or pumpkin

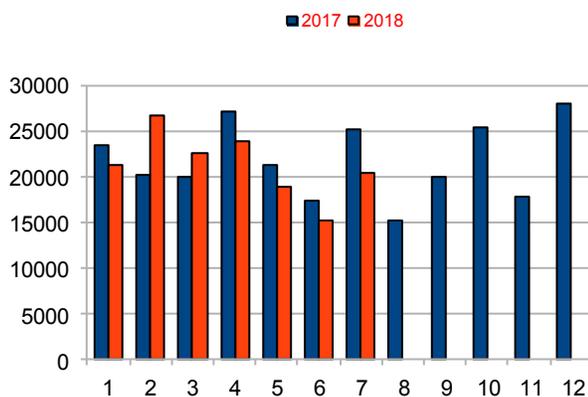


Sign up sheet will be out soon.

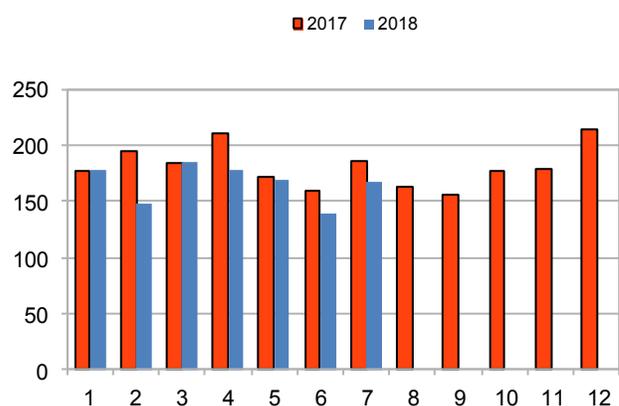
Any questions, see Royetta

## JULY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance July 1, 2018	\$51,523.58	USPS (Postage Stamps)	\$100.00
		Dollar General (VBS Directors' Gifts)	\$52.12
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$20,447.64</b>	Katie Kane (VBS Supplies)	\$353.26
		Doubling Gap Youth Group (3rd Quarter Transfer)	\$500.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		Waste Connections of PA (July Trash)	\$105.27
Donald C. Snyder (July Salary)	\$1,920.20	Sam's Club (Kitchen Supplies)	\$36.08
Donald C. Snyder (July Housing)	\$1,121.44	Stephanie Morris (First Aid Kits)	\$92.01
Donald C. Snyder (June Travel)	\$111.50	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/June)	\$104.14	Mirelle Associates (June P/R & Tax Svc)	\$75.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/July)	\$790.16	Internal Revenue Service (June FIT,SS,Medi)	\$803.00
The Board of Pensions (August)	\$459.21	PA Dept of Revenue (June SIT)	\$157.17
Eastern Regional Conf (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Cumberland County Tax Bureau (2nd Quarter)	\$229.62
Eastern Regional Conf (MTI Course-Benv)	\$150.00	Barrick's Electrical Svcs. (LED Tube Lights)	\$146.10
Eastern Regional Conference (June Tithe)	\$1,177.00	Staples (Pew Pens)	\$2.50
Corner Store (Bulletins, Paper)	\$382.50	Saylor's Market (VBS Luncheon)	\$43.47
Churches of God Publications (Gems)	\$162.00	Joann Varner (VBS Luncheon)	\$81.82
Carrie Kimmich (VBS Supplies)	\$113.33	Sherry Koppenhaver (July Custodial Svcs)	\$400.00
Transfer to Building Fund (July Transfer)	\$3,000.00	Send International (Books-July)	\$70.00
Country Butcher Shop (7/8/18 Picnic)	\$512.00	Camino Global (Yinglings-July)	\$145.00
Blue Mt. Blooms (Flowers)	\$169.00	Entrust (Ginter's-July)	\$91.00
Sheetz (Gas for Van)	\$43.19	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$18,786.08</b>
Barricks Automotive (Inspection)	\$133.55		
CGGC (VBS Project-Kenya Dispensary)	\$1,884.48	Balance July 31, 2018	\$53,185.14
Group Cares (VBS Project-Haiti )	\$1,884.48		
Adams Electric Cooperative (June)	\$220.00		
Century Link (June)	\$162.05		
Lowe's (Missions Week Materials)	\$310.37		
Walmart (Missions Week Materials)	\$25.32		
Valley View Nurseries (Missions Week Materials)	\$31.75		
Richie Lewis, Cap Area Dream Ctr. SS	\$75.00		
Adventure in Missions (SS Honorarium 7/22/18)	\$75.00		
Cure International (SS Honorarium 7/29/18)	\$75.00		

**Building Fund** **\$213,080.09**  
**(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$110,614.32 )**

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

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

**Mission Fund** **\$3,987.23**

**Mission Trip Fund** **\$9,205.34**

# DISCIPLESHIP

## Bulletin Board

September, 2018

**Sunday Morning Adult Groups** will host a promotion Sunday on September 9. All adult and youth Sunday School classes will meet together, and each class leader will present and discuss their upcoming topics for discussion. **Adult classes will resume on September 16.**



### Sunday Morning Mission Speakers

August 26 Greg Gorman & Gary Zimmerman, Bolivia Mission

September 2 Kyle Whisler, ACTS Team – Sweden & Southwest

### Weekly Adult Groups

**“Book of Acts”** Pastor Brian is leading a bible study on the Book of Acts-in the sanctuary each Wednesday at 7.

Ladies bible study is doing a study called **“Believing in Jesus”** by Lisa Harper in room 10 (last room on the left, down the hallway) each Wednesday at 7.

**“Art of Parenting”** meets Thursday evenings at 7 pm, in the sanctuary. Starts Sept. 6. Zeteo meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings of each month, at Mike and Nicole Ginter’s house. For more information contact Mike or Nicole.

### Upcoming 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.

## **Worship Ministry Team September 2018**

### **What is worship?**

It's those three songs that we sing each Sunday morning before Pastor Don gets up to preach, right? No! Worship is more than singing a song. Worship is where our hearts are, what we love and what we put first in our lives. The WMT is studying a series by Rob Peabody called "Kingdom Rise" on Right Now Media. (Log in and watch it). Worship is defined by what or who you are putting first in your life. It could be time, money, intentions, comfort, status, spouse, kids or God. Where are you devoting your energy? Is your life daily reflecting God and His story? Or do you turn on your God worship when you walk into the church? Paul says in Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." Living your life out for Christ! This means your words, your actions, and your service. Everything should be pointing to God and His story. Will you join us in worship this week? Let's point to God!  
Emily





# Parents' Corner

September, 2018



## 4 Ways to Prioritize Your Spouse Above Your Schedule... and Your Kids

By Samantha Krieger

<https://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/marriage/staying-married/wives/4-ways-to-prioritize-your-spouse-above-your-schedule-and-your-kids/>

(edited for space)

In our crazy, fast-paced lives, it's easy to be distracted from what is most important. It's crazy how my husband and I can go days with only talking "business"—who's going where, who's doing what at what time, who's picking up who, what's in the bank account, who paid what bill and when. I've seen how easy it is to be distracted from what's most important. We need to understand what is really at stake when we're running full speed ahead, making no time for the person we love most and to whom we have pledged our life. We don't have to live in a constant state of not-together-ness with our spouse. We can choose oneness, unity, and satisfaction. It all begins with our choices. Here are four ways to begin loving your spouse above your schedule:

### **1. Find a time to connect each day with your spouse.**

Whether it's in the morning, afternoon, or evening, designate undivided time with your spouse. Unplug from distractions and be fully engaged. Ask questions like: How are you doing? What can I do to serve you more? What was your greatest encouragement/discouragement from today? Connecting with your spouse requires intentionality in the midst of life's demands. It won't magically happen—you have to carve out the time. In our marriage, our best connecting is when the kids are in bed and the house is quiet in the evening. Whatever time is best for you, protect and guard it like your precious newborn baby.

### **2. Say "No" often.**

There are a lot of good things in our lives to commit to, but not all are the best things. Practicing the art of saying no could be one of the best things for your relationship. You may need to say no to the things you love like Facebook, ESPN, Netflix, late nights at work when the

work can be done the next day, an unhealthy habit, or other distractions keeping you from intimacy. When you instead say yes to the best things, it gets easier to distinguish between good and best and eventually you won't be satisfied with good.

### **3. Abandon annually.**

I learned this phrase from one of my pastors who practiced what he preached with his wife. Find a time once a year to get away—just you and your spouse. It doesn't have to break the bank, but get creative and make it fun. Book the plane tickets, mark it on your calendar, and commit to it like it's your wedding day. Arrange childcare in advance so it's not a huge stressor the week before. Sometimes just getting away from the familiar does wonders in reconnecting and remembering why you really do love each other.

### **4. Pursue your passions together.**

It's not always easy to get excited about your spouse's passions. I don't understand my husband's enthusiastic drive for camping in the wild, but I'm learning to appreciate our differences. Seek ways to be involved simply because your spouse loves it. You may not prefer sleeping with him in a tent, but you could go with him to the Bass Pro store to shop for supplies and watch him try on his gear (you may have some good laughs, too). Watch a football game together, tackle a DIY project, explore in nature, read books and hang out at a coffee shop, and more. Allow your passions to bring you closer, not apart.

An overloaded, overwhelmed schedule will always cost you something in the end. Don't let it be your marriage. None of us are beyond temptation. Evaluate where you need to make changes and adjustments. Remember, we all have to make U-turns along the way, and we all go through challenging seasons. Your spouse will appreciate that you made time to do all that you could to make your marriage thrive as you ultimately lean on God's grace and strength, side by side on your journey.