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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

“The Head Crusher!” Genesis 3:15

One of the first cars that my daughter Erica drove she nicknamed ‘The Bone Crusher’. It was an Oldsmobile Omega and was a pretty solid car, thus the nickname. She felt very safe in it (and so did her parents!) and was sorry when it gave up the ghost! This year the focus for the Big Spring Inter-Church Council’s Lenten Luncheons has been ‘Promises’. The focus for each message was to be on a different promise of Scripture that was fulfilled in Christ, specifically His sacrifice. For the Friday Luncheon Doubling Gap was leading, I chose to use the promise from Genesis 3:15, which speaks about a different type of ‘Bone Crusher’. This prophetic word from God was given to Adam and Eve as God issued His curse on the serpent for deceiving His children in the garden. The ‘seed of the woman’ would crush the head of the serpent. Just what was going on in this judgment given by God? There was a lot that happened as a result of the decision of Adam and Eve to disobey their Father. All three of the participants in this event received a pronouncement of punishment for their actions. And by extension, the world came under the same judgment, beginning its groaning for millennium to come! Yet in the midst of all the bad news came a word of Hope! But isn’t that how God has always worked? We as human beings, created in the image of the Creator God, keep doing things our own way in defiance to God and in rebellion against Him, with the excuse of thinking we know what’s best for us. And in that rebellion comes the need for punishment, or a better word might be *discipline*. For God brings discipline to His children as a perfect Father would and should (Hebrews 12:7-11). This discipline is given to us in love and in the hope that we will ‘learn our lesson’ and come back under the covering of our Father. The main focus of this coming back under the covering is our confession of our disobedience and repentance thereof. Then, because of what Christ did in His death and resurrection, His crushing of the serpent’s head, we receive forgiveness and are restored in our fellowship with God! You see each time we sin it is a reminder of the striking at Jesus’ heel that was prophesied in the garden account, for it is our sin that placed Jesus on the cross. And each time we confess and repent of our sinfulness, it is a reminder of the crushing that Jesus did to Satan, the serpent in the garden, when He became that perfect sin offering in our place! In this way Jesus, in defeating death as evidenced by His resurrection, crushed Satan’s head, taking away his power over us! This month take some time to reflect on the first recorded Promise God made in the Garden. While reflecting on this, consider the conditions in which the promise was given. In the midst of God’s decree of punishment, of judgment, there was the promise of Hope. This Hope was to be found in the seed of the woman, not the seed of the man, pointing to the virgin birth of our Savior, the ultimate Bone Crusher!

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR APRIL

Pastor Don

- Pray for our conference sessions April 29th and 30th
- Pray for our Mission Celebration for Cumberland Valley April 28th
- Pray for boldness for all to share the Good News, especially this Easter season!

Pastor Brian

- Senior Trip - Emily and I chaperoning our school's senior class trip, to Savannah, April 6 - 13. Pray for safe travels, and for the opportunities to speak into the lives of the students.
- For the upcoming Marriage Date Night on May 17.
- For our upcoming youth programs: Youth Sunday; Children's Day; VBS.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR APRIL

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

**Pastor Don will be unavailable on the
following days**

April 1, 11, 15, 24, 29-30



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

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Small Group Showcase

"Intentional Parenting", with Doug Fields

A new, short-term elective class will begin on Sunday, April 28. This class is for parents – young or old, single or married, moms or dads. Doug Fields has worked with youth as a pastor for over years, and is a sought-after speaker at national conferences. He and his wife Cathy have been married for over 30 years, and have three young-adult children. In addition, Doug has authored over 30 books on marriage and youth ministry. He is funny, engaging, and intensely practical.

"Intentional Parenting" is a 5-week study on RightNow media. Each video teaching is less than 10 minutes, to be followed by discussions. Doug will contrast Intentional Parenting with what he calls "Quick-fix Parenting" (short term, solving the immediate problem) – something he refers to as "duck-tape for your family". Sessions include "encouraging words", "consistent presence", "delicate discipline", and more. From the RNM page, "It's never too late to become an intentional parent. Remember, you are the greatest influence on the life of your child (no matter their age)! And it can all begin with these resources. Let's walk this important journey—together."

For parents with younger children, nursery care will be offered during Sunday School. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary. The class will meet in room 10. For more information, please talk to Pastor Brian, or Leilani Reeder.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

Learning to Care for One Another - Part 4

“How’s your heart?” That’s not a typical question that we ask people (unless that someone has just gone for a heart procedure!) We often ask “how are you”, but in our culture, it’s more of a greeting than a question. The whole tone of conversation changes, though, when we physically stop to listen, and give the other person our full attention. Parents find this out pretty quickly when we try to talk to our kids. Question: “How was your day?” Answer: “Fine.” If we can get more than a one-word answer, we’re ecstatic!

The next level down is a diary of the day’s events. This is often the case with my son, in the car on the ride home from school. I get the full, play-by-play account of the 1st recess soccer game, who scored and who was the goalie, and then who-chased-who during 2nd recess. My daughter will tell me who was and wasn’t in school, and what she wants to bring for her next “show and tell”. But none of that tells me really what’s in their hearts. (I hope!)

Proverbs 20:5 says “The purposes of a man’s heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.” The human heart is deep, and it is guarded. It takes time and intentional effort to draw out the deep things that are guarded in another’s heart. You are in heart-territory when you start hearing about others’ feelings, fears, wants, and desires. You are in heart-territory when you begin to hear about spiritual struggles, relational challenges, and frustrations over making decisions. This next statement is key: **“We are usually only given access to these places in more seasoned relationships marked by love.”**

For the past couple months, we’ve been learning how to care more deeply for others. Many of us feel unprepared, ill-equipped, or unsure where to start when it comes to caring for others. So let me remind you of a few things we’re learning. All of us are called to minister to others, and we’ve been given a variety of spiritual gifts to help perform those ministries. We have to intentionally move towards others. We start by greeting them, learning their names, and genuinely listening to them when they talk. Often, we have to remind ourselves to stop and slow down to listen. **Remember that it’s a long road, and its built painstakingly slow, one conversation at a time.** Tonight, I encourage you to be intentional about asking questions that will lead you towards another’s heart.

1. **Ask “how are you” – and listen intently for the response.** Physically stop and give them your attention. Repeat the question if necessary.
2. **Enjoy the good.** When we hear good things, or see good spiritual qualities, point them out and enjoy them, because they are reflections of Christ.
3. **Have compassion when there is trouble.** Compassion doesn’t mean you try to fix it – it means you convey to the other person that you will walk through it with them.

~ Pastor Brian

APRIL'S GREETERS



7-Chad & Sarah Baughman
14-Richard & Joyce Hockensmith
21-Jake & Eileen Bear
28-Randy & Diane Shade

APRIL'S WORSHIP NURSERY

7-Amy & Izabella Howell
14-Lori & Gracie Chronister
21-EASTER SUNDAY-No Nursery
28-Jeannine & Ayden 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."



First, COOKIES, we need people willing to sign up to bring in fresh baked cookies to the church on Sunday, April 28th. The cookies can be brought to the kitchen on the morning of April 28th.

Second, we are hosting a food drive for the Big Springs Area Food Bank. Please bring in food and place in the bin in the narthex. Any food items are appreciated, but they especially are asking for canned soups, canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, and jelly (NOT grape).

Last, and most importantly, I NEED KID VOLUNTEERS to distribute cookies, hold signs and go with me to the food bank after church on April 28th. (Lunch will be provided to the kids and their parents who will be volunteering). Please sign up if you are able to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melisa Lucas at 717-713-4244 (cell) or email at actsofrandom-kindnesskids@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-Sharon Hostetter & Ayla Davis
21-Sharon Hostetter & Emilyynn Howell
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-Carrie Kimmich & Gracie Chronister
14-Carrie Kimmich & Maycey Davis
21-Carrie Kimmich & Mikayla Lowery
28-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

7-John Kimmich & Camryn Mountz
14-John Kimmich & Sharon Barrick
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.**



April 18, 7:00 PM, Maundy Thursday Service (Seder focus)

April 19, 6:45 PM, Newville Cross Walk

April 20, 10:00 AM, Easter Egg Hunt

April 21, 6:30 AM, SONrise Service followed by breakfast

April 21, 9:30 AM, Resurrection Song Service 10:00 AM, Worship

Women's Ministry

Next meeting
April 1, at 7:00 PM

THANK
Offering



Sunday

May 5 at 10:00 AM

Cumberland Valley Mission Celebration

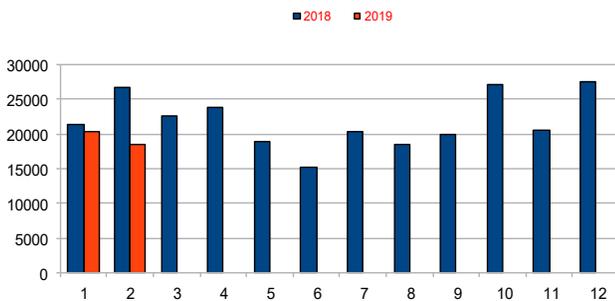
Sunday, April 28

Carlisle First Church of God

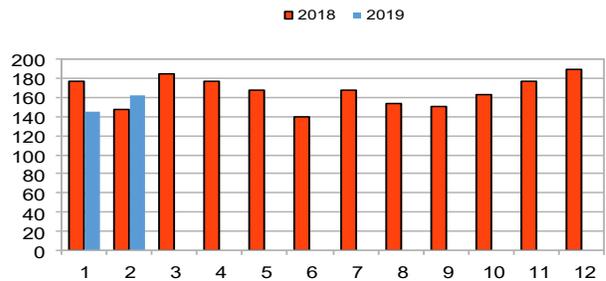
- 5:00 pm-Light Meal
- 5:00 pm-Mission Team Displays
- 6:00 pm-Worship Music
- 6:15 pm-Celebration Service
- Theme-"Here and There"

FEBRUARY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as February 1, 2019	\$40,335.30	Bender's Auto Parts (Maintenance Supplies)	\$148.60
DEPOSITS	\$18,496.25	Sherry Koppenhaver (February Cleaning)	\$400.00
		From Benev.Fund to Miss.Trip Fund (January)	\$300.00
EXPENSES		Winebrenner Theo. Sem. (Student Aid)	\$60.00
Donald C. Snyder (February Salary)	\$1,919.18	CCO (Alycia Hodil - Missions)	\$60.00
Donald C. Snyder (February Housing)	\$1,192.10	Pleasantville Church of God (January Benv Fund)	\$300.00
Donald C. Snyder (January Travel)	\$298.50	Entrust (Ginters-February)	\$100.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/February)	\$499.74	Paw Packs Program, Inc. (January Benv Fund)	\$160.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/February)	\$791.72	Camino Global (Yinglings-February)	\$145.00
The Board of Pensions (March)	\$468.41	Send International (Books-February)	\$70.00
ERC (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$91.67	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,449.19
ERC (Conference Tithe/January)	\$1,885.00	Balance February 28, 2019	\$37,382.36
ERC (B.Ramsey-Conf. and Lunch)	\$50.00		
ERC (Bangladesh-Monthly Mission)	\$300.00		
ERC (India Mission School-Faith Promise)	\$1,250.00		
ERC (Haiti Missionary Evac.-Benevolent Churches of God, General Conf. (M.Yerger Mem)	\$865.00		
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Waste Management (February Trash Svc,)	\$115.96		
Blue Mountain Blooms (Get Well/Funeral/Altar)	\$206.00		
Timmons Oil (602.2 Gallons @ \$2.44)	\$1,451.30		
Adams Electric Cooperative (January)	\$246.00		
Century Link (January)	\$165.75		
Reinford Landscape (Snow Removal)	\$790.00		
CCLI Renewal Processing (Copyright Coverage)	\$411.00		
LifeWay (Women's Bible Study Books)	\$252.17		
Corner Store (Spring '19 SS Curriculum)	\$319.20		
Building Fund Transfer (February)	\$3,000.00		
Dice Office Equipment (Copier Contract)	\$439.18		
Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99		
Mirelle Associates (January P/R & Tax Service)	\$100.50	Building Fund	\$237,519.44
Internal Revenue Service (January FIT,SS,Medi)	\$789.18		
Comm of PA (January SIT)	\$157.04		

(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$135,053.67)

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

Live Nativity Fund	\$2,464.96
Mission Fund	\$4,146.16
Mission Trip Fund	\$6,277.12

DISCIPLESHIP



Bulletin Board

April 2019

Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship Groups

“Power of Love” by David Jeremiah	<u>Leader:</u> Charlie Clouse
“Gospel of Mark” with Francis Chan	<u>Leader:</u> Leilani Reeder
“Standard Lesson Quarterly”	<u>Leader:</u> Bobby Baker
“The Bible: God’s Voice to Mankind”	<u>Leader:</u> Adam Cohick
“The Life of the Messiah” by Ray Vander Laan.	<u>Leader:</u> Mike Bolze.

There are also discipleship groups for children and youth on Sunday mornings. Contact Pastor Brian or Pastor Don for information on Sunday School nursery services.

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. It’s an open-discussion, question-and-answer style group study.

“**Fight Back with Joy**”, by Margaret Feinberg.

Ladies bible study, meets in Room 10 (last room on the left, down the hallway) each Wednesday at 7. From Amazon’s description: “**Joy Is More Than Whimsy. It’s the Weapon You Can Use to Fight Life’s Greatest Battles.** Through months of treatment, questions, and hopes, Margaret discovered that joy is a far more dynamic force than most of us realize. It has the power to reignite our passion for laughter and celebration. It can free us to rise above endless demands as we become more content and thankful. It can change unchangeable circumstances and bring a peace rooted in the remarkable love of God.”

“**Book of Ecclesiastes**” Men’s Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of February.

Mission Board Update

April's Mission Moments

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School

Next Mission Board Meeting

April 1, 2019

Mission Celebration

at

Carlisle First Church of God

April 28, 2019



Check these out on



RightNow Media is a free resource our church provides to you. It has been called the “Christian Netflix”, and offers video-based bible studies, conferences, small-group training, children’s videos, and much more! *Check out one of these this month!* Unsure how to use RNM? Contact Pastor Brian or the church office, and we’ll get you started!

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**One Minute Apologist**, with Bobby Conway. The One Minute Apologist exists to provide quick and credible answers to questions that provide a resource for people to defend their faith. Each video is only 2 minutes, and addresses a specific question. Questions include: Is Jesus the only way? Are miracles possible? Did God have a creator? How could a good God send nice people to hell? Other series by Bobby Conway include 2-minute apologetic videos on “How to Deal with Doubt”, “A New Testament Crash Course”, and “What is a worldview?” Books that correspond to each series can be found on Amazon for about \$10 each.

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Cold Case Christianity. J. Warner Wallace is a cold-case homicide detective, popular speaker, and best-selling author. (He had also had a short role in the movie “God’s Not Dead 2”, as a witness for the defense.) He applies these cold-case skills to examine the evidence for the truth of the claims of Jesus. Each video in the 8-session series is 10-14 minutes long, and include topics of exploring original manuscripts of scripture, combatting conspiracy theories, testing eye-witness accounts, corroborating evidence from outside the bible, and others. An optional participants guide can be purchased through Amazon for about \$10. Other studies by Wallace include “Think Like a Detective” and “Forensic Faith”.

Parents' Corner

April 2019

Serving Together to Support Missionaries (Part 5 of 5)

By Susan Mathis

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/daily-living/serving-together/serving-together-to-support-missionaries>

Although I've supported missions most of my life, I really didn't fully grasp the sacrifice that missionaries – and their families – make until my daughter became a missionary in South Africa. Thanks to such technology as email, Skype and Facebook, the loneliness and isolation of foreign service is somewhat lessened these days, but the reality is that missionaries miss their family members, their friends and their homeland. They sacrifice much to serve the Lord overseas.

Missionaries also have to contend with the general busyness of life and the "out-of-sight-out-of-mind" reality. Few people, even friends and family, reach out on a regular basis, letting them know that they love and support them. Holidays can be particularly challenging.

Jesus' Acts 1:8 mandate instructs His followers to be witnesses "even to the ends of the world." While foreign missionaries are busy witnessing around the globe, they need to know that there's a team back home supporting, encouraging and praying for them, even if they are out of sight. Thus you can help be a witness "to the ends of the world" by caring for missionaries overseas.

Most of us know at least one missionary who serves abroad. But how often do we connect with him or her? Even if it's just a once-a-month email, take a few minutes to connect with one of God's servants overseas. You'll be glad you did.

Maybe your encouragement is just the thing a missionary needs to make a difference in a far-flung land. Especially during the holiday season, your love, prayers and financial support can really boost the spirits of those so far away. Here are a few ideas to reach out to missionaries/"to the ends of the earth":

- Make a year-end donation. Not only is it a great tax break, it's a tangible symbol of your love and affirmation.
- Send a Christmas email, gift certificate (from iTunes, Amazon, etc.) or care package.
- If appropriate, offer to become a marriage mentor or begin a Bible study with them via Skype.
- Become a prayer partner and let them know you're praying for them regularly.
- Email them at least once a month, just to let them know you're thinking of them.
- Send e-cards to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions. Some missionaries have very few folks around them to celebrate special events; be one of those few.
- As an extra way to touch the world during the holidays, participate in Operation Christmas Child. You can buy a pig or goat for a needy family through SamaritansPurse.org.

Marriage Night

Save the Date! Friday, May 17

A night out with comedian Michael Jr., best-selling author and marriage expert Les and Leslie Parrott, and pastor-author-speaker couple Francis and Lisa Chan. (via simulcast)

The simulcast will be held at the Newville First Church of God. Tickets are \$30 a couple, and include a catered dinner! More information will be coming later - mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend!!

For more information, contact Pastor Brian.

<https://www.marriagenight.org/>

