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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel



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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

Sing a New Song Psalm 149

It is that time of year again! Concert Tour 2019 begins! For the month of August and the first Sunday in September, our worship services will include a music video for the offertory. The message for that Sunday will be connected to the video as we seek to discover God's message to us each morning. I am really excited about this concert series and am looking forward to sharing the experience with you all! This year we were able to find a video that tells the story of the origins of the good old hymn, **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus'**! We will hear that message on September 1st. The four leading up to that Sunday are **'Haven't Seen It Yet'** by Danny Gokey, **'Greater Than All My Regrets'** by Tenth Avenue North, **'God's Not Done With You'** by Taren Wells, and **'I Am'** by Crowder. Another possible video message would be from For King and Country **'God Only Knows'**, which could mean the concert tour would last until September the 8th! Each video shares a message that reflects the truth of Scripture and how we can trust in God through the storms of life. In connecting the videos to the Word, we will learn how we can trust in God's Word to provide what we need to weather the trials and tribulations of this life. And the common thread through all these messages will be the hope we have because of the relationship we have with the giver of all hope! So, plan to join the family here at the **GAP** as we finish off the summer with this tour! Check out the videos ahead of time and come prepared to celebrate God's message to us each Sunday! **And join me in wearing some 'witness wear' each Sunday!**

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Pastor Don

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Deaconesses</u>
Charlie Clouse	Carl Baughman-Chairman	Betty Clouse
Shannon Kane-Vice Chair	Dawn Agar –Secretary	Joann Varner
Bill Fulton	Sam Clouse	

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 AUGUST

Pastor Don

- For the Concert tour this month and the first two Sundays (possibly!) in September!
- For my co-teaching (with Rodger Scheuing) at Adult Life Camp August 22-26 and for those who WILL BE attending from the GAP and other churches.

Pastor Brian

- For all those going back to school - students, teachers, aides, bus drivers, parents, college students. Prayers for a smooth transition, and a safe & fruitful year.
- For several new discipleship groups we'd like to form this fall.
- For continued balance between family, school, and church.

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contact Pastor Don at home or on
his cell phone at:

Home: 776-1191

Cell: 278-7904

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR AUGUST

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on
the following days

August 8, 15, 19-22



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

MUSIC in the PARK

Sunday, August 25

6:00-8:30 PM

Newville Community Park

Live music by churches in the Newville Area

Concession stand with food will be available for purchase

Fun for the whole family

Please bring a lawn chair

Fun picnic games will also be there to play during the night

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

Why Mercy?

Recently, I was reading through Mark 5, which tells the account of Jesus and the disciples encountering a demon-possessed man, who lived alone in the rocky tombs, on the eastern shores of the Sea of Galilee. I have a lot of questions about this man, who came to "possess a demon." I had to ask myself, "How did the man come to be in this state?" I doubt he was simply walking down the road one day and all of a sudden a legion of demons came to inhabit him. The main issue in what the bible calls demon-possession, or demonization, is the distortion of the divine likeness in the person. This man had probably, over years and through many choices, opened his heart to the lies whispered to him by the demonic spirit, to the point where the man couldn't distinguish God's voice from the spirit's. I'll say it again - it was his own choices that led him there... but Jesus was moved by his "undeserved affliction."

Here's the verses that caught my attention, 18-19: "As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said 'Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.'" Why "mercy"? What an odd thing to say! Jesus didn't instruct the man to tell others how he was "saved" or "restored" or even "rescued". The word for mercy means, in the Greek, "a quality that evokes pity or sadness; the emotion roused by undeserved affliction in others." The Hebrew equivalent denotes an attitude that is expressed through action. Mercy is not just a quality; it must be shown. Jesus told the former demoniac, "Go and tell your family how much the Lord has acted on your behalf because he saw the undeserved affliction in you." And the man did - v. 20 says "So the man went away began to tell... how much Jesus had done for him." Not "how Jesus felt" about the man, or what Jesus "wished he could do" for the man - but what he did.

We've spent the last few months talking about how to care for others, practically, when we don't know what to say or how to say it. This month, I want to challenge us to put those things into practice not only with people who are fellow believers, but also with those who are suffering due to their own choices. To the one who has cancer after a lifetime of smoking; to the addict; to the parent who doesn't parent, and suddenly is struggling to control their kids; to the person who is broke because they selfishly spend all they have; to the student who fails because they don't do their homework; to the co-worker whose mouth is so foul, or smells so bad, that no one wants to be around them. None of these situations would be pleasant; I'm sure it wasn't pleasant for Jesus to deal with the naked, screaming, bleeding, dangerous demon-possessed man either. None of these situations would be convenient; I'm sure it wasn't convenient for Jesus either. Will you show mercy to those people? Will you demonstrate that you care about those whom no one else cares about? Lord, help me to care more for others, like you do... and not to judge them on how they came to be in that state.

~ Pastor Brian

AUGUST'S GREETERS



4-Sharon Barrick & Joann Varner
11-Ernie & Jeanette Morris
18-Elaine Mowery & Bev Agar
25-Paul & Joan Stouffer

AUGUST'S WORSHIP NURSERY

4-Joyce & April Smith
11-Katie Kane & Sue Jardine
18-Kelly Bier & Ayden Reed
25-Tammy Cornman & Sharon Hostetter



****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)



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“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 11:1

ONGOING COLLECTION REMINDER: Keep bringing in those aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. ARKK will be collecting these items indefinitely.

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**

**4,11,18-Steph & Oliver Cohick
25-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**

**4-Don Agar & Maycey Davis
11-Don Agar & Malia Lucas
18-Don Agar & Mikayla Lowery
25-Children's Chat & ARKK**

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

**4-Adam Cohick & Carrie Kimmich
11-Adam Cohick & Sharon Barrick
18-Adam Cohick & Gracie Chronister
25-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.**

Marriage Night 2019 is now on RightNow Media!!

Earlier this year, our church partnered with Newville Church to host the first-ever "Marriage Night" event, presented by RightNow Media via simulcast. Nearly 50 couples from our churches & communities came out to enjoy dinner, fellowship, laughter, and to be encouraged in our marriages. Two great speaking couples - Les & Leslie Parrot, and Francis & Lisa Chan - combined with comedian Michael Jr. to make the evening entertaining and encouraging. If you were unable to attend the event - or if you were able to attend but wish you could hear the speakers' messages again - there is great news! The entire event is now available on RightNow Media! Simply search for "Marriage Night 2019". If you're not on RightNow Media, or are having trouble using it, please talk to Pastor Don or Pastor Brian, and let us help you learn this incredible resource!

Women's Ministry

Next Meeting
September 16 at 7:00 PM

2019 Fall Retreat

at
Doubling Gap Center
September 20-22

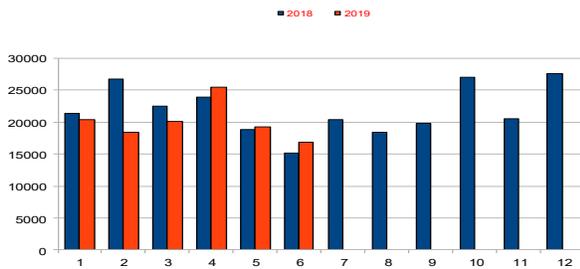


Church of God Home Needs

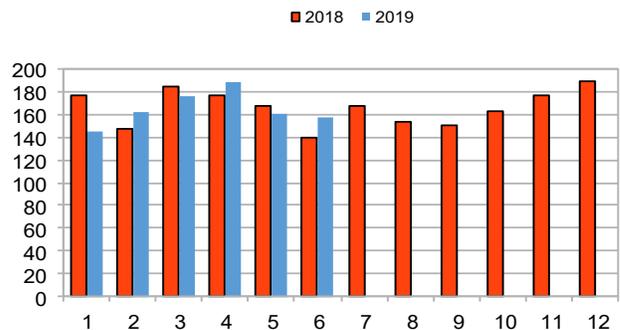
- Lubriderm or Vaseline Intensive Care (6 or 8 oz)
- Ladies Deodorants-Secret or Suave
- Men's Deodorant-Mennen or Speedstick or Gillette
- Tissues-Kleenex or Scottie or Puffs (tall boxes)
- Nail Polish-speed drying
- Light/medium pinks, corals or peaches, clear
- Emery boards
- Cuticle/orange sticks (disposable)
- Cotton balls
- Toothpaste-Colgate or Crest (2.8 or 2.5 oz or travel)
- Denture Adhesive
Fixodent, Fasteeth, Poligrip, Effergrip
- Denture Cleaner Tablets-Polident or Efferdent
- Dove Bar Soap

JUNE'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as May 31, 2019	\$38,396.81		
DEPOSITS	\$16,859.83		
EXPENSES			
Donald C. Snyder (Salary)	\$1,723.18	Sheetz (Gas for Mower)	\$49.74
Donald C. Snyder (Housing)	\$1,192.10	Commonwealth of PA (Van Registration)	\$86.00
Donald C. Snyder (Travel)	\$208.00	A.B. Martin (Eaves Repair)	\$164.18
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Discipleship)	\$510.87	Perry Pest Control (Quarterly Services)	\$200.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary)	\$791.72	John Gross & Co. (Paper Supplies)	\$416.15
The Board of Pensions	\$468.41	Building Fund Transfer	\$3,000.00
ERC (Ret Pastors Insurance)	\$91.67	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
ERC (Conference Tithe)	\$1,394.00	Mirelle Associates (P/R & Tax Service)	\$80.00
ERC (Church Planting)	\$513.00	Internal Revenue Service (FIT,SS,Medi)	\$1,519.20
Waste Management (Trash Svc.)	\$117.22	PA Dept of Revenue (SIT)	\$242.68
Adams Electric	\$216.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (Cleaning Services)	\$400.00
Doubling Gap Center (Benevolent)	\$90.00	Bender's Auto Parts (Switch/Coupler)	\$78.96
Brian Ramsey (Staff Dinner/Children's Day)	\$281.79	From Benevolent Fund to Mission Trip Fund	\$300.00
USPS (Postage Stamps)	\$121.00	Pleasantville Church of God (Benevolent)	\$300.00
Oqobo (Domain Renewal)	\$20.00	Al & Mary Ginter (Honorarium, June 10)	\$75.00
Betty Clouse (Father's Day/Supplies)	\$98.86	Send International (Heather/Tony Book)	\$70.00
Lifeway Christian Resources (Jr. Church)	\$26.93	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,313.65
Child Evangelism Fellowship (Benevolent)	\$300.00	Balance as of June 30, 2019	\$38,942.99
Rent payment (Benevolent)	\$1,037.00		

Building Fund **\$250,079.52**

(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$147,613.75)

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

Live Nativity Fund	\$3,386.96
Mission Fund	\$1,033.41
Mission Trip Fund	\$8,172.28

DISCIPLESHIP

Bulletin Board

August, 2019



Summer Sunday School Schedule

Regular Sunday morning discipleship groups will resume on **September 1**.

August 4: Craig Shambaugh, Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry

August 11: Erica Shaffer, YWAM

August 18: Bri Miley, Disciple Makers

August 25: Amber Shaffer, ELIC

Weekly Adult Groups

“Old Testament Miracles”. During August, we’ll be looking at some of our favorite Old Testament Miracles, from the Walls of Jericho to the Tower of Babel to Gideon & Goliath. We meet at 7 on Wednesday evenings for prayer & bible study. Open discussion, question-and-answer style. Come join us!

New Discipleship/Fellowship Groups

Senior Life Fellowship Luncheon – Carlisle FCOG, Thurs. Aug. 1, noon. Music to follow by Vintage Brass Quintet. Please bring a hot/cold dish or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet on table outside sanctuary. See Elaine Mowery for details, 717-357-3283.

EMT Needs, starting September

Please contact Pastor Brian, if willing to serve!

- Nursery Coordinator, to organize nursery volunteers during Sunday School hour.
- Nursery volunteers for Sunday School hour.
- Teacher for Preschool class. Commits to one month at a time.
- Bible Quiz Team Leader

Mission Board Update

August's Mission Moments

**4-Craig Shambaugh
Carlisle Area Truck Stop Ministry**

**11-Erica Shaffer
YWAM Nepal**

**18-Bri Miley
Disciple Makers**

**25-Amber Shaffer
ELIC**

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School-
First & Second Quarter

Paw Pack Program

We will still be collecting the following items during the summer:

Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)

Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)

Next Mission Board Meeting

August 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Check these out on



RightNow Media is a free resource our church provides to you. *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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**“Tips for Stress”, by Dr. Henry Cloud.** Are you stressed? (Yeah, right – who isn’t!?) There are so many things vying for our time and focus, that it’s easy to fall victim to stress. In 5 short sessions (5 minutes each!), Dr. Cloud speaks on some of the greatest contributors to stress, and how to address them. There are no handouts or study guides – just brief, practical advice!

Dr. Henry Cloud is a psychologist and leadership expert, and the author of numerous best-selling books. He has counseled ministry leaders for over 3 decades, and regularly works with churches, Fortune 500 companies, and small businesses.

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“Captured By Grace: the Story of Louis Zamperini”. After his return from WWII, Louis was tormented by the memories of what he’d experienced. Post-traumatic stress led to depression and alcoholism. On the verge of losing his marriage, in 1949 he went to a Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles. “Captured By Grace” tells the story of his life after returning home a hero, the personal battles he faced, and how he overcame them. A 28-minute video, with a 3-minute trailer.

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**“Open-Handed Theology”, by Matt Chandler.** Some Christian doctrines are non-negotiable. There are other points of theology, though, where the church has differing points of view. If you're looking for something different, and something that will cause you to think deeply about what you believe, check out this course from Matt Chandler. It's not a "study"; rather, it's questions for you to answer, short video clips to watch, and scriptures for you to read. This 4-part course can be done individually or with a partner, or with a group. Matt Chandler is one of the leading voices in Christianity today. He is the author of many books, and is the lead pastor of teaching at The Village Church, a multi-campus church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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# Parents' Corner

August 2019

## Helping Kids to Understand Prayer

By Dr. David Ireland

Read the full article at <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/talking-to-god/do-your-children-know-how-to-draw-closer-to-god-through-prayer>

There's an old cartoon that depicts a boy in prayer. Distraught, the boy cries out: "Aunt Harriet hasn't gotten married, Uncle Hubert hasn't found a job, and Daddy's hair is still falling out. I'm getting tired of praying for this family without getting any results." Many children have questions concerning prayer. One mom says that her son, Vinnie, asked God, "Are you OK?" one evening during prayer. When she remarked on the unusual words, he replied, "You said God will speak to my heart. Since I can't hear anything, I'm wondering if He's OK." Unanswered questions about prayer may cause kids to have misconceptions or misunderstandings. We can help correct those misunderstandings as we teach our kids how to draw closer to God through prayer.

**Persistence and patience.** To answer little Vinnie's question: Yes, God is OK. He is all-sufficient. But Vinnie was hinting at a bigger question: Why does it sometimes seem that God doesn't respond to prayer? Persistence in prayer — crying out to God "day and night" — is an essential part of faith. Help your kids see that being persistent is not being a nuisance. Indeed, Jesus teaches us to pray this way ([Luke 18:1-7](#)). Persistence is necessary even if we are praying a request that God will not grant. Jesus prayed three times, expressing a very human desire to avoid the pain of crucifixion: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me" ([Matthew 26:39](#)). His persistence in prayer came from a troubled heart, yet also confirmed that the Cross was the only option. God's silence revealed the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice. Humanity was getting a Savior.

Likewise, the apostle Paul "pleaded with the Lord" three times concerning one of his personal needs. For a time, God was silent, eventually telling Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#)). God's silence taught Paul to practice persistence and grew his faith in God's power. We need to help our children learn similar lessons. God's silence doesn't mean our needs are unimportant. God's silence may tell us that He won't grant a certain request, and like Paul learned, it may also be His way of saying: "Draw closer to Me. Grow in relationship with Me!"

Gratitude for His goodness. One morning, 4-year-old Lois prayed, "Dear God, I don't think anybody could be a better God. And I'm *not* just saying that because You already are God." Lois wanted to register her gratitude — a crucial ingredient in prayer. When He prayed, Jesus modeled praise: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" ([Matthew 6:9](#)). The word *hallowed* means "holy." When we mention an attribute of God, such as His power or His love, it's a form of thanking Him for who He is. No, God doesn't need the ego boost, but we do need a greater awareness of who God is. Praising God benefits us. We're actually telling Him that we are aware of His goodness and for that we are most thankful. This pattern of praising God in prayer is demonstrated throughout Scripture. We are told to "enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise" ([Psalm 100:4](#)). One mom, Erika, says her goal was to model to her children that prayer was a simple statement of praise to God — but "simple" doesn't mean useless or unimportant. She always starts prayer with thanks and appreciation to God. As her children began to pray, they learned that praise precedes request. They thanked God for friends and family, even beloved pets and toys. That demonstration of prayer is different from the popular misconception. One little boy confessed, "My mom talks to God when we need more money." Praise should be a foundational element of our prayer life.

SEEKING HIS FORGIVENESS. SIX-YEAR-OLD DEBBIE MISUNDERSTOOD THE GOLDEN RULE: "GOD, DO YOU REALLY MEAN 'DO UNTO OTHERS AS THEY DO UNTO YOU'? BECAUSE I'M REALLY GOING TO GET MY BROTHER." DEBBIE'S PRAYER REVEALED THE STRUGGLE OF MANY HEARTS: FORGIVENESS. INDEED, MANY PEOPLE AVOID PRAYING ALTOGETHER BECAUSE THEY STRUGGLE TO FORGIVE. AS CHRISTIAN PARENTS, WE TEACH OUR KIDS THAT CONFESSING SINS AND SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS IS A BIG PART OF PRAYER. BUT JESUS ALSO TEACHES THAT THOSE PRAYERS AREN'T ANSWERED IF WE DON'T FORGIVE OTHERS ([MATTHEW 6:15](#)). JUST AS GOD FREELY GRANTS US FORGIVENESS, WE MUST DO THE SAME.

Kids may struggle to forgive friends or siblings because they are angry. We shouldn't dismiss their resentment. These emotions are real. But we can help them recognize that when forgiveness is not extended, the actions of others become like a great weight we carry around. The pain becomes heavier whenever we think about it, and when someone else wrongs us, it only adds to the burden. Through prayer, we ask for God's help in forgiving others, relieving us of this weight. God never wants us to walk around with heavy burdens that make life cumbersome. He doesn't want us loaded with guilt over our own mistakes or with bitterness over other people's actions. He invites us into His presence to unload these burdens. **Prayer is a relationship.** The children's director at my church often helps kids understand prayer by saying, "Just talk to God like you're talking to a friend." Jesus' own prayers demonstrated a close, intimate relationship with the Father. He often withdrew from crowds to be alone with God. Through prayer, we also connect in relationship with God. We ask God for help, seeking His wisdom and direction ([James 1:5](#)). Prayer also helps us think through and examine our motives and attitudes. Help your kids understand that when we feel weak or discouraged, prayer connects us with God's strength. We can look to the model of Daniel: While living in a hostile kingdom, Daniel set aside a regular time and place to pray to God for strength in dealing with oppression ([Daniel 6:10](#)). The throne room has an open-door policy. Prayer means talking to a wise and loving King about all the things we're facing.

