

Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

50 McCrea Road
Newville, PA 17241
717-776-6092
www.doublinggap.org

Standing in the GAP with the Gospel



January 2019
Volume 19, Issue 1

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

“A Thousand Years is Like a Day”

II Peter 3:3-16

Where in the world did 2018 go??? Seems like only yesterday I was writing about the Second Advent here in my January Beacon article. I realize people say as you get older time seems to go by faster and faster. Certainly seemed that way this past year. That feeling drew me to the part of the passage listed in the title for this article. So in looking at the surrounding verses it made for a good reminder for me about where my attention should be for 2019. Certainly in these ‘last days’ there have been many scoffers as to the Christian faith. And certainly people have been continuing to follow in their own evil desires, or as the KJV reads, in their own lusts, their own sinful desires (ESV). Peter goes on to write in his letter that God is slow in bringing an ‘end to things’ because He does not want anyone to perish but for everyone to come to repentance. Always amazed about how loving and patient God is with the human race! In light of all this what kind of people should we, as followers of Jesus Christ, be? Well, guided by the Holy Spirit, Peter shares with us the answer to that question. And in his answer we find a challenge, for we are to live ‘holy and godly lives’ (vs. 11), ‘spotless and blameless and at peace with Him’ (vs. 14). Now that is a tall order! How can we possibly live those kind of lives when we still struggle with the flesh nature? (see Romans 7 and 8) I mean, that’s impossible, isn’t it? In our own strength, it surely is! But the beauty of a relationship with God through Jesus is that we do not live this life ‘on our own’. We are given the Holy Spirit as a Counselor, as a Teacher to help guide us along to help us make the right choices and to give us the strength to live a life worthy of the calling. Draws me to the words of Jesus in Mathew 19:26 where He states to His disciples that with God all things are possible! This was in the context of discussing with the rich young man about what it took to enter into heaven, into eternal life. Jesus was challenging this young man to relinquish control over his life, in particular his finances, and to come and follow Him whole heartedly. I think that is how we live holy and pleasing lives for the Lord; to abandon all that would interfere with our obedience to His leading, to His voice. To that end, we will be taking the month of January to talk about being faithful in and with what God has blessed us. In the past I have referred to January as Stewardship month or at least the first Sunday as Stewardship Sunday. And there is no better way to begin this month, this series, and this year than to share together in communion. This does mean we will be taking a break from our finding Jesus in the Old Testament, but we will resume our search in February. Who knows? We may even use a couple Old Testament books in our stewardship focus! **Have a Blessed New Year!**

Pastor Don

<i>Inside this Issue:</i>	
<i>Pastor Don's Info</i>	1
<i>Pastor Brian's Info</i>	3
<i>Schedules</i>	4-5
<i>Women's Ministries</i>	6
<i>Financial</i>	7
<i>D.S. Bulletin Board</i>	8
<i>Camp News</i>	9
<i>Right Now Media</i>	10
<i>Parent's Corner</i>	11-12
<i>Jan. Calendar</i>	13

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
Bill Fulton

Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman
Dawn Agar
Sam Clouse

Deaconesses

Betty Clouse
Joann Varner

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY

Pastor Don

- To be submissive to the Lord's leading in ALL areas of my life.
- Keeping balance in my responsibilities.

Pastor Brian

- Continued balance between school, home, and church
- Speaking to the high school student body in chapel, in January
- Looking for some new ideas to promote & grow our discipleship group ministry

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

January 7, 9, 10, 15, 21, 24



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

Pastor's email address is:
doublinggap@embarqmail.com

OR

feedmandcs@yahoo.com

In case of an emergency you may contact Pastor Don at home or on his cell phone at:

Home: 776-1191

Cell: 278-7904



"Your money. Your story. Your life. This changes everything."

When do you change your life? Dave Ramsey says "When you get sick and tired of being sick and tired!" Dave is one of the current leading voices in Christian financial counseling – he is the "Larry Burkett" of this generation. A real estate millionaire by his mid-twenties, he ended up bankrupt by the age of 30, and along the way discovered God, and what God's word says about how to handle money. And surprisingly, it's a lot!

Financial Peace University is more than a bible study on personal finance. It is biblically-based, practical, hands-on guidance for how to manage your financial resources. 9 video-based sessions teach you everything from the "why" of handling money, to the nuances of saving and budgeting, to making smart purchases, to navigating insurance and retirement. Your one-year membership also includes access to all videos online, plus a variety of other online tools, and a 1-year membership using the Every Dollar budgeting app or software for your smart device or computer. Participants also get a workbook that includes all the forms discussed in the videos, as we learn how to use them.

Our church council voted to pay half of the \$120 course fee to any church member or regular attender who completes the course. The study will begin the end of January – specific dates will be announced later. For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Brian.

COMING IN JANUARY!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

Learning to Care for One Another

Can you relate to any of the following? “Most Christians know we should care for one another. **But few of us know how...** Nearly every Christian has experienced awkwardness in the local church. At one time or another, **we have felt ignored, misunderstood, or out of place.** The church may be the body of Christ, but we don't always function as we should... One of God's chosen ways to help people is through the care and concern of fellow Christians. **In our busy world with its superficial relationships, many have abandoned this calling** and left it to professionals to do the work ordinary Christians could be doing to help others.”

Do you realize that all of us, regardless of our position or title, regardless of our gifting, regardless of our profession or training – all of us are called to minister to others? Earlier this fall, I picked up a book called “Caring for One Another: 8 Ways to Cultivate Meaningful Relationships”. (It has three things I like in a book: it has pictures & diagrams; it's short; and it was cheap!) Ephesians 4:11-13 (emphasis added) says, speaking of Jesus, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” In this list of spiritual gifts, he mentions “pastors and teachers”. And the reason some are given these gifts, Paul says, is for “equipping the saints for the work of ministry”. (The NIV says, “to prepare God's people for works of service.”) Question – who are “the saints”? *We are.* If you are a believer in Christ, *you are what scripture calls a “saint”.* (This is an appropriate time to look at your spouse and say, “See? I'm a saint!) The word “saint” means someone who is holy, dedicated to God, or set apart by God. So pastors and teachers (small group leaders) are tasked with not only doing the work of ministry (because they're saints too!) but also *equipping & preparing others to do the same.*

“The kingdom of God operates in ways we might not expect... Apparently, the Lord is pleased to use ordinary people, through seemingly ordinary acts of love, to be prime contributors to the maturing of His people. If you have trusted in Jesus, then you are qualified – and you are called.” How are you doing with that calling? Over the next few months, we will learn together how to go about caring for other people – how we go about doing the business of ministry.

Praying that God will begin a season of growth in your life – and in mine.

~ Pastor Brian

JANUARY'S GREETERS



6-Bill & Roxy Fulton
13-Tim & Leilani Reeder
20-Sam & Betty Clouse
27-Ernie & Jeanette Morris

JANUARY'S WORSHIP NURSERY

6-Tammy Cornman & Eli Reeder
13-Joyce & April Smith
20-Angie & Mikayla Lowery
27-Tammy Snyder & Amber Hoch

****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



ARKK will be entering its 4th year in 2019. Come join us for another fun year of spreading kindness to our community. As always we will meet the last Sunday of every month immediately following children's chat. I encourage all the young people in our church from ages 3 to 18 to come join us for a time of devotion, activities involving acts of kindness, snacks and games.

ARKK has an opportunity to be featured on the "Kids Bowl For Free" new Instagram page in the upcoming months. On January 27th during ARKK we will be taking a group photo of all the kids who have turned in their permission slip to be submitted to the "Kids Bowl For Free" Instagram page. For more details, please see Melisa Lucas.

ARKK is continuously collecting aluminum soda tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. This collection will continue 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**

- 6-Sharon Hostetter & Ayla Davis
- 13-Sharon Hostetter & Leah Bear
- 20-Sharon Hostetter & Tyler Baughman
- 27-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

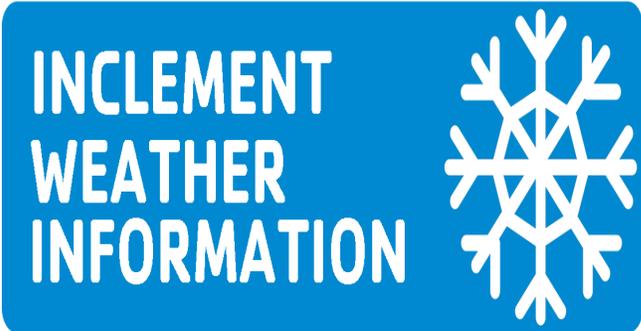
***Meet in Room #2 in the CE Wing at 10:00 AM**

- 6-Sharon Barrick & Ayden Reed
- 13-Sharon Barrick & Gracie Chronister
- 20-Sharon Barrick & Maycey Davis
- 27-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

- 6-Shane Reed & Camryn Mountz
- 13-Shane Reed & Carrie Kimmich
- 20-Shane Reed & Wendy Stuber
- 27-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.**



Remember to sign up on the 2019 Flower Chart on the Narthex bulletin board, to honor or memorialize family or friends.

**In case of inclement weather,
Tune to Channel 21 or 27
or call one of the council
members listed in the Beacon.**

***The cost for the two vases is \$40.00**

Women's Ministry

March 1-3, 2019

The Flourish Conference

Winbrenner Theological Seminary

Findlay, Ohio

Our next meeting

March 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

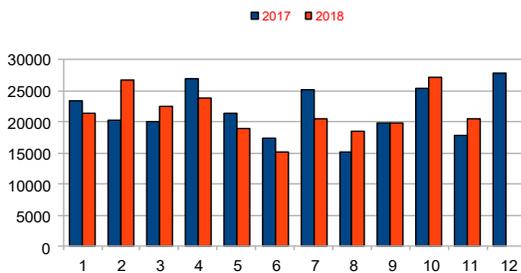
Denture Cleanser-Polident, Efferdent

Lotion-Lubiderm or Vaseline Intensive Care (6 or 8 oz)

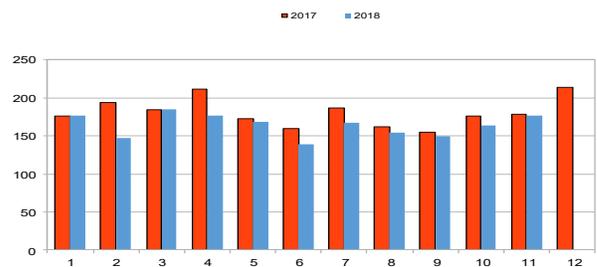
Dove Bar Soap

NOVEMBER'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of November 1, 2018	\$49,462.48		
DEPOSITS:			
	\$20,497.54	Quaker City Paper (Restroom Supplies)	\$313.34
		Leilani Reeder ((Trunk or Treat)	\$193.60
		Winebrenner Theological Sem. (Student Aid)	\$60.00
		CCO (Alycia Hodill-Missions)	\$60.00
EXPENSES:		Timmons Oil (428.5 Gallons @ \$2.73)	\$1,156.95
Donald C. Snyder (November Salary)	\$1,920.20	Last Days World Outreach (Faith Prom&Missions)	\$1,215.00
Donald C. Snyder (November Housing)	\$1,121.44	Adams Electric Cooperative (October)	\$213.00
Donald C. Snyder (October Travel)	\$296.50	Century Link (October)	\$165.77
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Disc/November)	\$289.47	Building Fund Transfer (November)	\$3,000.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/November)	\$790.16	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99
The Board of Pensions (December)	\$459.21	Mirelle Associates (Oct. P/R & Tax Service)	\$80.00
ERC (Ret Pastors Ins)	\$80.00	Internal Revenue Service (Oct. FIT,SS,Medi)	\$1,185.74
ERC (Conference Tithe)	\$1,732.00	Comm of PA (October SIT)	\$231.99
ERC (Gesse Church & School-Missions)	\$2,700.00	Sherry Koppenhaver (Nov. Cleaning Service)	\$500.00
ERC (Hoslers-August Faith Promise)	\$300.00	From Benev. Fund to Miss.Trip Fund (October)	\$300.00
ERC (Haiti Medical-October Faith Promise)	\$1,700.00	Pleasantville Church of God (Benevolent Fund)	\$300.00
ERC (Fowlers-Missions)	\$300.00	Paw Packs Program, Inc. (Benvolent Fund)	\$160.00
CMF International (Eric Gephart-Faith Promise)	\$300.00	Entrust (Ginters-May Faith Promise/Missions)	\$420.00
Checks Unlimited (New Checks)	\$137.70	Send International (Books-Nov)	\$70.00
Samaritan's Purse (OCC Shipping)	\$1,161.00	Camino Global (Yinglings-July Faith Prom/Miss.)	\$445.00
Green Ridge Village (Lunch 11/4 Bd. Retreat)	\$204.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$25,192.00
Emily Ramsey (Fall Fellowship Night)	\$23.84		
Carrie Kimmich (Jr. Church Crafts)	\$69.73	Balance November 30, 2018	\$44,768.02
USPS (Postage-Live Nativity)	\$40.00		
Dollar General (Handout Bags-Live Nativity)	\$10.60		
Target (Candy-Live Nativity)	\$54.00		
Saylor's Market (Coffee)	\$9.98		
Sheetz (Gas for Van)	\$72.50		
Dice Office Equipment (Copier Contract)	\$459.39		
Waste Management (Nov. Trash Svc.)	\$107.13		
Johnnie's Restaurant (Restroom Supplies)	\$159.30		
Jacob Bear (Door Repair)	\$18.91		
Randy Dyarman (Two Wreaths)	\$40.00		
Corner Store (Winter '19 SS Curr. Materials)	\$319.20		
Corner Store (Office Supplies)	\$115.36		

Building Fund **\$226,553.85**

(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$124,088.08)

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

Live Nativity Fund **\$3,269.90**

Mission Fund **\$1,151.16**

Mission Trip Fund **\$9,962.12**

DISCIPLESHIP



- There will no Wednesday services on Wednesday, December 26
- We will have regular Wednesday evening services on Wednesday, January 2

Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship Groups

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| “Power of Love” by David Jeremiah | Leader: Charlie Clouse |
| “Work as Worship” by J.D. Greear | Leader: Leilani Reeder |
| “Standard Lesson Quarterly” | Leader: Bobby Baker |
| “The Bible: God’s Voice to Mankind” | Leader: Adam Cohick |
| “The Life of the Messiah” by Ray Vander Laan | Leader: Mike Bolze. |

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

Disciple Group Spotlight

So, what exactly is a disciple group, and why should you be part of one? Some churches call them “small groups”; others call them “life groups”; still others call them “bible study groups”. So which is it? It’s actually all of them! Our Sunday morning and Wednesday night disciple groups are typically smaller in number, ranging from 4 or 5, to 25 to 30. We meet together each week for the purpose of bible study, which comes in many forms. Some groups study books of the bible (for example, the Wednesday night sanctuary group), while others do topical studies that are bible-based (for example, the Wednesday night ladies group.) Some use a video-series format (like Leilani Reeder’s group, Sunday mornings); and others use a question-based discussion format (like Charlie Clouse’s group, Sunday mornings.)

This month, I’d like to introduce you to Mike Bolze’s group, who meet Sunday mornings in the CE wing. Our group usually numbers about 5-6. The coffee, tea, or hot chocolate is ready to go in the gym kitchen, and they begin with a few minutes of “catching up on life” before praying together. For the past couple of months, our group has been going through a series of DVD’s by teacher and bible expert Ray Vander Laan. The video sessions average 15-20 minutes each, and all are filmed on location in Israel. Ray leads a group of people to various sites in the Holy Land, and discusses the bible account surrounding it. Each lesson has a historical connection, a geographical connection, and a faith-lesson connection. Our group then goes over a few discussion questions on the video.

For example, earlier this month we learned about The Herodian, a massive fortress built by King Herod the Great. In the distance from the tower of the fortress, you can see Bethlehem. Our group discussed the differences between King Herod, and King Jesus, including what each king is remembered for. If you enjoy learning about biblical history, or you want a greater understanding of biblical places, come join us on a Sunday morning. Almost each week is a new video, and one video is not usually related the one before it (so if you miss a week, you’re not missing a part of a series.) If you’re looking for a welcoming group of people to enjoy a hot cup of coffee with, and who will genuinely care about you, come meet the members of our group. For more questions, talk to Mike Bolze or Pastor Brian.

Mission Board Update

Hello, from your mission chairperson, Carl. Please continue to pray for our missionaries (check out the bulletin board for updates) and Gesse Church and School in Haiti.

January's Mission Moments

6-Update of 2018 Ingatherings

13-2019 Faith Promise

20-Feed My Starving Children

27-Testimony & Praise

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School

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 Mission Board Meeting
January 3, 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!

~~~~~

“Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis”, by the *Institute for Creation Research* (ICR). Hosted by Markus Lloyd, each of the 12 sessions investigates a thought-provoking topic in creation science. “Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis presents evidence that confirms the biblical account of creation and offers defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science.”

Each video session is 22 minutes long, and topics include: What is life? Buried clues. Flood or fiction? The Ice Age. Dinosaurs. Origin of the Universe. Science and scripture. (Plus several more!) While some RNM studies come with downloadable study and discussion questions, this study does not; however, you do have the option of purchasing a “viewer guide” by clicking a link on the RNM page. The view guide costs \$5.99, and contains highlights from each episode, plus some discussion questions.

~~~~~

“The Gospel of Mark”, with *Francis Chan*. If you prefer to study books of the bible, as opposed to topics, check out Francis Chan’s 11-part series on the Gospel of Mark. Each of the 11 video sessions runs between 6 and 15 minutes, and is filmed on locations in Israel, and “...is meant to be more than an intellectual analysis of Mark’s gospel. It’s a journey intended to lead you along in the footsteps of Jesus as he walks the road from Galilee to Jerusalem.” See the Jordan River, and imagine what it was like for Jesus to be baptized there. See the synagogue in Capernaum, and image what it was like to hear Jesus teaching there. Sit with Francis Chan on a hillside, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and picture Jesus and the disciples feeding 5000 men as you wrestle with the question, “What kind of man can make something out of nothing?”

The video series comes with a free, downloadable facilitator’s guide that contains some questions for group discussion or personal reflection; a link will also take you to a page where you can purchase a full participant’s guide for \$25. This 260-page guide includes full-color pictures, deeper explanations, places to write & journal, and more questions for discussion or reflection. In the end, you’ll have one very important question to answer: “Will you follow Jesus?”

Parents' Corner

January, 2019

Serving Together Through Your Local Church (Part 2 of 5)

By Susan Mathis

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/daily-living/serving-together/serving-together-through-your-local-church>

At a recent meeting of our small group, we talked about praying for several young families who have lost their jobs and are in need during the holiday season. Prayer requests quickly turned into specific ways to serve them – our church family. Our "Jerusalem."

Couples caring for couples; families caring for families – it's a natural way to love others. We planned to get these families Christmas gifts and holiday food, to show them we care and to be a witness of God's love for them.

The biblical mandate to be Jesus' witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" is inspirational, but what does that have to do with serving together? Everything!

Serving is all about being a witness. It's about setting aside time in our busy schedules to share God's love with others. It's about looking beyond your to-do list, your calendar of events and your dirty floors to meet the needs of others in your church, your neighborhood, your community and your world.

My husband, Dale, and I serve as greeters and Sunday school teachers in our local "Jerusalem." Through these small acts of service, we grow closer as a couple, get to know our church family better and enjoy being used by God to touch others' lives. Truthfully, I'm not sure who's blessed more – those we serve or my husband and me!

Yes, it takes time, a little planning and a bit of sacrifice, but serving together deepens our relationship, causes us to communicate on levels we normally wouldn't and helps us look beyond our own little world to the needs of others. There are many, many ways you can be a witness in your church/"Jerusalem." Here are several ideas:

- Teach Sunday school together or work in the nursery.
- Mentor a younger couple or new parents.

- Serve as church greeters, perhaps together with your children. Your kids will learn how to greet others, and those who are greeted love seeing them.
- Offer to baby-sit for couples in your church. Parents with younger children are often in desperate need of "alone time" for shopping or a date night.
- Have a few church kids over to make gifts for their parents.
- Have a cookie-baking fest with a few couples in the church, then share your baked goods.
- Offer to help a single person decorate her home for Christmas; no one wants to decorate alone.
- Teach adults and/or children your woodworking, knitting or other craft skills.
- Teach younger couples about once-a-month cooking, organizing or other practical skills. Don't forget; men like to cook, too.
- If you're mechanical or a handyman, help a single mom or older couple with car maintenance or a fix-it project.

Doing these things together is a witness of couple teamwork and a definite blessing to others.

(Next Month: “Serving Together In Your Neighborhood”)