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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

Did He Make The Team? I Peter 2:9 and Hebrews 11:1-12:3

So, did he? Make the team, that is? You know, the All Star Team? Did your favorite player make the All Star Team for Major League Baseball's summer classic? You know, **THE** game being played on the 9th? This time of the year this game takes over the sports world and also many people's lives as they look forward to seeing the best of the best line up and play the game of baseball. Nothing wrong with a little baseball excitement, but I would like to talk to you about another '**All Star**' team. You know, the one mentioned in I Peter 2:9, that chosen group, that royal group, that Holy team, that All Star team. Now that is the best of the best! Don't see yourself as an '**All Star**'? Well, let me ask you these questions: **Are you a member of God's team?** **Are you part of His family?** **Have you confessed your sin and accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?** **Are you a Disciple of Jesus?** **In other words, have you been born again?** If your answer was 'yes' to those questions you are an All Star! You are playing for the best team ever assembled against a team that has already been defeated (John 16:33). And it doesn't matter if you are batting .100 or .500, you are in the starting lineup and playing in the game! You were chosen by the One who does all the choosing, God, our Coach. He invited you to be on the team and you said 'yes!' so congratulations on making the team! **Now the question is are you ready for the game?** For you see the game has already begun, whether you are ready or not. Good news is you do need to know how to even play baseball! Even better news is that you have within you the skill set to be a great player, and all it takes is letting go and letting the coach (working through His co-coach, the Holy Spirit) play the game through you! And the best news is that you were not 'picked' to play by other players or some fan base somewhere. You were hand-picked by the Coach Himself! He said you are an All Star and it was because of your relationship with His Son, not some special skill set you have! So do some stretching, take some practice swings and step up to the plate for your turn at bat! And remember, like I said earlier, you are on the winning team! Now go out and play like the All Star you are!

Play Ball! 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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JULY

Pastor Don

- For a great VBS week!
- Discernment as I (PD) work through some ERC related situations.

Pastor Brian

- Several new ministries are developing (nursery, Senior Adult Fellowship)!
Pray for those who would step up to help coordinate them.
- For our VBS, and each week of camp (campers and staff)
- For Emily (7th grade) and I (5th grade), as we volunteer staff camps this summer



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Home: 776-1191

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR JULY

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

July 11, 22-24

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

Royetta will not be in the office
July 5 and July 22-26

*Due to CGGC Triennial Sessions and vacation the August Beacon will be in mailboxes by July 31, if any information is needed before 7/31, please contact the church office.

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

Learning to Care for One Another - Part 6

For the past several months, I've been sharing devotions taken from a book called "Caring for One Another." The goal of these devotions has been to equip us all to talk with and practically minister to people in the midst of painful circumstances. This will be our last devotion from this series. I hope you've found some of it be helpful. Remember that as the body of Christ, we walk beside one another through good times and hard times. The point is not to be able to "fix" anything, but just to be present with each other.

Psalm 130:1-2, "Out of the depths I cry to you, oh LORD. Oh LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!" The word "depths" comes from a Hebrew word that talks about the depths of the sea. Imagine being in a place emotionally that is so low, so overwhelming, and so crushing, that all you can do is cry out and hope someone hears you.

Many of the conversations we have with people are about hardships, or suffering. Scripture speaks directly to some of them – we can look up verses on fear, anxiety, hatred, etc. But what about the increasing number of "diagnoses" and experiences that scripture doesn't directly confront – depression, regret of an abortion, guilt over an affair, the loss of a child.

There are two things about hardships, or suffering, to keep in mind. First, no two sufferings are exactly alike. Take the death of a spouse, for example. Since no two marriages are identical, neither are the feelings of any two people who have lost a spouse. Second, all sufferings are painful. We dare not minimize the suffering of someone by saying things like "It will be OK", or "It will get better in time", etc. We *mean well* by saying these things, but what is meant is not what is conveyed. When we acknowledge that a person's suffering is both unique and painful, we open the door to allow them to speak their heart. And when they speak their heart to us, we very much "share in their sufferings".

What do we say to them when we talk to them? We acknowledge the hurt is both real and unique, and then we sit back and allow them the space to open their heart to us – if they choose to. And if they choose not to, that's OK. Our job is to open the door to that space.

May God grant each of us the wisdom and understanding to know what to say... and what not to say... and when to say nothing at all.

~ Pastor Brian

JULY'S GREETERS



- 7-George & Dawn Agar
14-Pastor Brian & Emily Ramsey
21-Nathan & Lori Chronister
28-Bill & Roxy Fulton

JULY'S WORSHIP NURSERY

- 14-Justin & Stephanie Morris
21-Angie & Mikayla Lowery
28-April Hoover & Heather Ocker



**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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED BOOKS FOR THE JOHN GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NEWVILLE. I WILL BE DELIVERING THE BOOKS IN JULY.

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 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-Outdoor Service-No Junior Church
 14-VBS Closing Program-No Junior Church
 21-Sharon Hostetter & Tyler Baughman
 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-Outdoor Service-No Junior Church
 14-VBS Closing Program-No Junior Church
 21-Katie & Shannon Kane
 28-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

7-Outdoor Service-No Junior Church
 14-VBS Closing Program-No Junior Church
 21-John & Carrie Kimmich
 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.

New**Adult Life Fellowship**

For all adults age 50+!! Join us on Thursday, August 1 at the Carlisle First Church of God for a luncheon and musical program. Lunch begins at 12 noon, and each person/couple is asked to bring a hot or cold covered dish item, or a dessert. Carlisle Church will provide the meat, table service, and beverages. Following the lunch, there will be an instrumental presentation by the Vintage Brass Quintet.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, July 24.

Looking ahead... we would like to form an Adult Life Fellowship from our church, who will meet monthly for fellowship, study, and/or service. Many area churches have active adult life fellowship groups, and have events that are open to other area churches. Glenvale COG hosts a spring and fall fling, and Camp Yolijwa hosts an entire week of Adult Fellowship Camp (August 19 - 23), during which you are free to come and go.

For more information, please talk to Elaine Mowery (717) 357-3283, or Pastor Brian (717) 262-3780.



Adult Fellowship

Vacation Bible School
July 7-11, 2019
6:30-8:30 pm

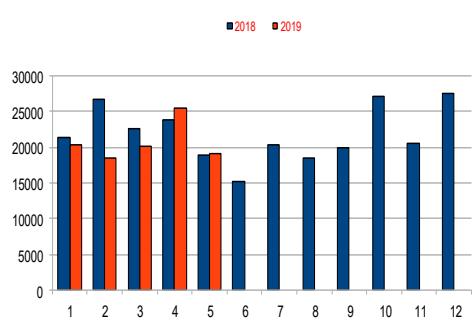


Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

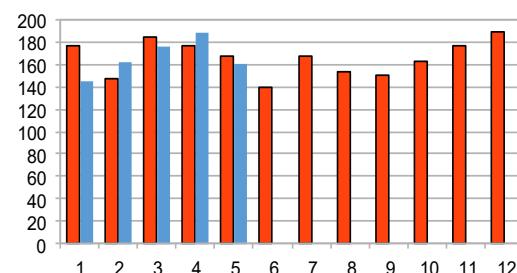
Any questions, see Katie Kane, Dawn Agar, or Jeannine Reed

MAY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as May 1, 2019		\$39,145.56
DEPOSITS		\$19,224.48
EXPENSES		
Donald C. Snyder (May Salary)	\$1,723.18	Jacob Bear (LED Lamps) \$211.25
Donald C. Snyder (May Housing)	\$1,192.10	Harbor Freight Tools (Hand Cart/Ball Mount Pin) \$68.75
Donald C. Snyder (April Travel)	\$196.00	Highland Tire Repair (Tire Repair/Mower) \$25.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Discipleship/May)	\$320.57	Reinford Landscapes (Lawn Repair) \$479.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/May)	\$791.74	Fruitwork Workers Ministry (Missions/April Benv) \$964.00
The Board of Pensions (June)	\$468.41	Dice Office Equipment (Contract Printing) \$428.71
ERC (Ret Pastors Insurance)	\$91.67	Blue Mountain Blooms (Funeral/Easter) \$138.00
ERC (Conference Tithe/May)	\$1,727.00	Building Fund Transfer (May) \$3,000.00
ERC (Theological Study Day Registration)	\$135.00	Christian Counseling Services (April Benv) \$664.00
Waste Management (April Trash Svc.)	\$116.82	Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service) \$129.99
Barnyard Art Studio (Ladies' Banquet 5/19)	\$355.00	Mirelle Associates (April P/R & Tax Service) \$80.00
Adams Electric Cooperative (April)	\$231.00	Internal Revenue Service (April FIT,SS,Medi) \$976.82
Century Link (April)	\$132.25	PA Dept of Revenue (April SIT) \$154.57
Brian Ramsey (SS Material/Marriage Date Night)	\$214.56	Sherry Koppenhaver (May Cleaning) \$500.00
Justin Kaufman (Easy Worship Software)	\$157.50	Bender's Auto Parts (New Doorway) \$36.67
Green Ridge Village (Ladies' Banquet 5/19)	\$360.00	From Benev. Fund to Miss.Trip Fund (April Benv) \$300.00
Corner Store (VBS Curriculum)	\$2,257.30	Pleasantville Church of God (April Benv Fund) \$300.00
Coalition for Christian Outreach (Alycia Hodil)	\$60.00	Camino Global (Ruth/Scott Yingling) \$145.00
Winebrenner Theo. Seminary (Student Aid)	\$60.00	Entrust (Al/Mary Ginter) \$125.00
Sheetz (Gas for Mower)	\$105.40	Send International (Heather/Tony Book) \$70.00
Doubling Gap Youth Group (April Benv)	\$150.00	Paw Packs Program, Inc. (April Benv Fund) \$160.00
Church of God Publications (Supplies)	\$16.90	TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,973.23
Guildcraft Arts & Crafts (VBS)	\$85.79	
Lori Chronister (VBS Supplies)	\$42.31	Balance as of May 31, 2019 \$38,396.81
Worldwide, Inc. (VBS Supplies)	\$25.97	
		Building Fund \$246,670.55
		(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$144,204.78)
		The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:
		Live Nativity Fund \$3,386.96
		Mission Fund \$ 994.16
		Mission Trip Fund \$7,774.12

DISCIPLESHIP

Bulletin Board

July 2019



Summer Sunday School Schedule

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

- July 7: Lake Service at Lake Henrietta
- July 14: VBS Closing (no Sunday School)
- July 21: Jackie Phillips, Carlisle Area Family Life Center
- July 28: Alycia Hodil, Coalition for Christian Outreach
- August 4: Craig Shambaugh, Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry
- August 11: TBD
- August 18: TBD
- August 25: TBD

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.

New Discipleship/Fellowship Groups

Senior Life Fellowship Luncheon – Carlisle 1st COG, 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.

Fellowship luncheon, July 20, for all widows by death or divorce, noon. More details to come in July bulletin. See Sharon Barrick for details, 717-991-3151.

Need for Fall

Loving arms and hearts to care for little ones in the nursery during Sunday School hour, from 9 to 10 on Sunday. Please contact Pastor Brian or Emily if willing.

Mission Board Update

July's Mission Moments

7-Lake Henrietta

14-VBS Closing

21-Carlisle Area Family Life Center
(Jackie Phillips)

28-Coalition for Christian Outreach
(Alycia Hodil)

August 's Mission Moment

4-Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry

(Craig Shambaugh)

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School-
\$1,442.00 First 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 at 7:00 pm



Camp YoliJwa Campers

associated with Doubling Gap COG

Please fill out camp forms completely and give to Pastor Don to sign.

*Each camper is responsible to pay the deposit fee of \$30 and the church will pay the balance.

Our church will pay for one week of camp and one winter retreat for each camper.

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!

Awesome Science Media. A series that explores different natural landforms, archaeological excavations, and national parks all across our globe! Episodes are 45-50 minutes long, and discusses the challenges between modern evolutionary theory and biblical accounts. The series includes these titles: Explore Mesa Verde/Chaco Ruins; Explore Arches National Park and Natural Bridges National Monument; The Grand Canyon; Yellow Stone National Park; Yosemite and Zion National Parks; Mount St. Helens; The Heavens Declare (a 3-part series on creation, the Big Bang, and the origin of the universe); and Dino Hunter. There are no discussion questions or books, but the videos provide amazing pictures and views, and some compelling arguments. Great for elementary and teens who are studying science!

I John – What is a Christian? By Phil Vischer. On Wednesday nights, our elementary kids group has been studying 1 John, with the help of Emily the Elephant, Sam the Turtle, and other lovable characters! There are participants' handouts that you can download for free – so check it out and study 1 John along with your child or grandchild!

Seeds Music - Family Worship Videos. Do you or your kids like the songs and videos we sing at bible school? Do you hear them singing them in the car or at home, long after bible school is over? Want them to learn scripture and have fun doing it? Check out this video series! Videos can be enjoyed at home or on the road, and are an awesome alternative to mainstream media.

Parents' Corner

July, 2019

Routines for Your Kids

By Jonathan Bradley

Read the full article at <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/babies-toddlers-preschoolers/routines-for-your-kids>

If you feel as if a lack of structure is resulting in chaos in your home, establishing a routine is one way to address the physical and emotional needs of your family. A routine for routine's sake becomes a strict regiment that is hard to follow, but establishing one is especially good when done for specific reasons (e.g., when babies have their nights and days mixed up or so kids can have an expected pattern to follow). Here is the routine that worked for our young family, and it might be useful for yours.

CONSISTENCY. WHAT'S THE BEST RULE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A GOOD ROUTINE FOR A BABY? BE CONSISTENT. YOUR CHILD IS DEVELOPING AN INTERNAL BIOLOGICAL CLOCK CALLED A CIRCADIAN RHYTHM THAT TELLS HIM WHEN TO BE HUNGRY OR TIRED OR AWAKE. AND JUST AS YOU CAN'T TELL TIME BY A CLOCK THAT SOMEONE IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING AND RESETTING, YOU CAN'T MAINTAIN A ROUTINE IF YOU'RE NOT CONSISTENT WITH MEALTIMES, PLAYTIME AND SLEEP.

Infants don't know yet when the sun rises or sets, or when everyone is awake or working or playing. "This is bothersome," writes Dr. Marc Weissbluth, a pediatrician who specializes in sleep disorders in children. "But it is only a problem of timing. The young infant still does not have any difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep. After several weeks of age, though, parents can begin to shape natural sleep rhythms and patterns into sleep habits." My wife and I have found that this shaping happens more quickly when we keep our infant's daily experiences consistent.

When our daughters were babies, we fed them at the same times every day, had active playtimes in the midmorning and midafternoon, facilitated quieter playtimes with less activity before naps and bed and kept bedtime consistent. As a couple, we determined that our kids needed to go to bed at 7, so that meant us being home at that time every night. There were times when we would have preferred to stay out late, but in the end, sticking to the routine got us through the constant upsets and changes of babyhood.

Being consistent helped us in the small details, too. Infants need a lot of feeding, so my wife and I determined who would do which feedings and followed through. My wife's best sleep happened before midnight, so I took the first nighttime feeding, and my best sleep happened in the early hours of the morning, so she took the second feeding. Our babies learned which parent to expect, and my wife and I made room for the sleep we each needed.

While it would be nice if one routine worked throughout your baby's first year of life, keep in mind that your child's needs are constantly changing. Be aware of those changes and be ready to adapt your routine as needed. Eventually, a child will need fewer feedings, fewer naps and more active playtime. Because we had a set routine, it was easier to see when those broad changes were happening and to respond quickly to dropping a nap because the baby was consistently not tired or to giving more food at an earlier feeding than a later one. Because we were acting deliberately, we were prepared for our daily routine as well as new developments.

CONTROLLING EXPECTATIONS. FOR MY OLDEST DAUGHTER, ESTABLISHING A REGULAR EATING ROUTINE — BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER — WAS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT. I ONCE ASKED MY FATHER, WHO IS ALSO A FAMILY DOCTOR, HOW TO GET MY TODDLER TO EAT. HUNGER ISN'T A BIG MOTIVATOR FOR HER, SO GETTING HER TO EAT AT ALL, MUCH LESS AT MEALTIMES, WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. "YOU CAN'T CONTROL WHAT A CHILD EATS," HE TOLD ME, "BUT YOU CAN DECIDE WHEN SHE EATS IT."

If my daughter eats at night, it's at dinnertime, at the table, with her family. Not before dinner, not after bedtime, not in bed, not on the couch, not while watching TV. Here's a hard truth we learned: If you get lazy about enforcing the rules, your children will expect to be able to break them. By now they know the routine, and they've got their own ideas about what they would like to do. By being lax about the rules, you change your child's expectations about what's possible.

For example, if a child expects that he will have to eat dinner at the table when Daddy gets home, he can more easily do it when the time comes. But if the parents allow the child to skip dinner and eat snacks in bed for a while, then suddenly tell him he can't do it anymore, he will likely respond with anger, frustration or confusion.

By carefully managing our daughters' expectations for their day, we help them manage their reactions to it. It gives them a feeling of security and control. They know what their day holds and what they can do within those boundaries.

We still have times where we must be flexible. If we never allowed exceptions for special occasions, life would quickly become frustrating and confining for all of us. But when exceptions arise, the key, again, is managing their expectations.

We make sure to clearly explain that what we're doing is not the norm. Special occasions are just that — special — exceptions from what we usually do. In turn, my daughters learn how to respond appropriately — excitement at the surprise and (sometimes grudging) acceptance of going back to the routine — because they always know what to expect.

