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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

True Disciples II Timothy 2:2-4

In Worship, we finished May hearing about the call for all who believe in Jesus to be disciples who make disciples. And the connection with belief, salvation, and discipleship was reinforced as being a non-negotiable for born again believers. Remember the quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer; "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." To be saved means to be one who has submitted to the Lordship of Jesus in their life. The full implication of that Lordship relationship, the walk of a disciple, takes a lifetime to work out. But it is a journey that begins the moment we are saved. The challenge all of us have, as followers of Jesus and disciples of His, is how are we doing in this responsibility we have? The call to be a disciple who makes disciples involves relationship. Only when we invest in someone else can we begin the process of disciplining them. And only when we allow someone into a relationship with us can we be disciplined. If there is a sticking point in people's minds about this, it is this very point. Often we are so busy with 'doing life' that we fail to connect with each other in a deep enough relationship for this kind of mentoring, this kind of learning environment. It needs to be intentional and planned. Leaving it to 'if I have time' kind of thinking means it will never get done because there will always be something more 'urgent'. So who is responsible for making this happen? Is the Church leadership doing enough to provide opportunities for disciplining to occur? Is the Pastor being a good enough role model in this process? Is our Director of Discipleship Ministries providing enough training for this? Granted, all are good questions but they all miss the most critical person in all of this... **you!**

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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

Elders

Charlie Clouse
Shannon Kane-Vice Chair
Bill Fulton

Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman
Dawn Agar -Secretary
Sam Clouse

Deaconesses

Betty Clouse
Joann Varner

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JUNE

Pastor Don

- Time away this month for refreshment
- Keeping the fire going strong for discipleship

Pastor Brian

- Upcoming summer events (Children's Day, VBS, summer camps)
- For Emily (7th grade) and I (5th grade), as we volunteer staff camps this summer

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

FOR JUNE

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

June 6, 10-21

Pastor Don's email is

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

Home: 776-1191

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

dgapsec@embarqmail.com

For disciple making to happen, it takes commitment. A commitment to being poured into and in turn to be pouring into others. The rub is that this cannot happen in a 60-75 minute worship service! It will take an investment of time outside of a regular Sunday morning Worship. These growing and pouring opportunities can and do come in many forms. The question is are you looking for them? Are you seeking ways to grow in your own walk as a disciple? Are you looking to seek others to connect with in a mutual growth experience? Are you seeking out opportunities to be mentoring/disciplining others? And are all of us looking at ways to live out this process? In the months ahead will you commit to seeking ways to be more connected in the process of discipleship? Will you seek the Holy Spirit's direction in how to engage in meaningful growth opportunities? Some of these ways may be different from what has been done here at the GAP in the past and that is OK. Some of these ways will not even involve having to come here to the Church building! **Matthew 28:19-20** is a reflection of this last point. The implication of the word 'go' is the idea of 'while you are going' meaning disciple making is a part of the journey, from the beginning until the end of our walk with Jesus!

Pastor Don

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

Learning to Care for One Another - Part 5

Romans 12:15-16, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.”

The author of “Caring for One Another” writes, “Though we might think that real help comes through dramatic and new insights, most help tends to come in more ordinary ways. It comes through our personal engagement with each other, our attention to Christ, and prayer.” We’ve all had the experience of not knowing what to say to someone who has just shared something personal. Two skills we can master that will guide us in wise, helpful conversations are *being personal*, and *prayer*.

Think of all the gospel accounts of Jesus being personal. The woman at the well (John 4); the woman with bleeding (Mark 5); celebrating the Passover with the disciples (Matthew 26); eating at Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19); meeting with Nicodemus (John 3); washing the disciples’ feet (John 13). He spoke... he listened... he was moved by what he heard. To be personal, we enjoy others and their company; we celebrate their blessings; and we show compassion as we share their burdens. Romans 12:15 tells us to share in their rejoicing and their mourning. How are we personal? **The rule for being personal is to say something when you are given access to someone’s treasures.** (What did Jesus tell us about our treasures? It’s where our heart is...)

Secondly, we pray for and with others. When someone shares something personal, respond to it; then make it a point to take it to God in prayer. Write it down, journal it, use a sticky note, etc. Pray for them and their situation; then follow up with them the next time you see them. If they open up and tell you more, you might have an opportunity to pray with them, and not just for them.

“Remember, you don’t have to have all the answers. Humility and love want to know more, so you ask for more. You consider how to pray. There is always more help available in the larger body of Christ, so seek help together.

~ *Pastor Brian*

JUNE'S GREETERS



2-Nicole Baughman, Elayna Reed, Kaia Reeder
9-John & Janet Whisler
16-Mike & Tricia Raudabaugh
23-Bev Agar & Elaine Mowery
30-Cliff & Connie Cornman

JUNE'S WORSHIP NURSERY

2-Jenn Bolze & Sierra Rotz
9-Sharon Hostetter & Amber Hoch
16-Amy & Emilyynn Howell
23-AJ & Jessica Barrick
30-Sue Oiler & Izabella Howell



****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)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED COOKIES FOR OUR ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS DAY COOKIE DISTRIBUTION AT SAYLOR'S MARKET. WE HAD A VERY SUCCESS DAY AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT OF ARKK.

JUNE'S MISSION:



Part 1 - For the month of June we are going to support the John Graham Public Library in Newville and show our kindness towards our community. We are going to take up a book collection for the library. So clean out your bookshelves of unused books to be shared with our local library. I have a collection bin in the gym for the used books. Don't forget to ask your friends and family for books too.

Part 2 - The second part of this mission is to help raise money for the library's new expansion to its kids' room. I sent the ARKKids home with a tootsie roll container. They can eat the candy and use the container to collect coins for the library.

Please return the containers on June 30th during ARKK.

If you would like to donate your pocket change in support of the library see any of our ARKKids to donate.

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**

2-Children's Day-No Junior Church
 9,16,23-Nathan & Lori Chronister
 30-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

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

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

2-Children's Day-No Junior Church
 9,16,23-Chad & Sarah Baughman
 30-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

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

2-Children's Day-No Junior Church
 9-Shane Reed & Sharon Barrick
 16-Shane Reed & Carrie Kimmich
 23-Shane Reed & Gracie Chronister
 30-Children's Chat & ARKK Program

****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.**

Small Group Showcase

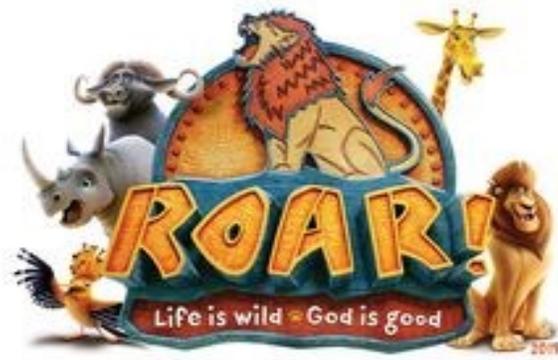
Remember Marriage – Date Night?

On Saturday evening, May 18, more than 45 couples shared an evening of laughs, encouraging teaching, great food, and fellowship with other couples. Doubling Gap and Newville Churches of God partnered together to participate in the first ever live-streamed Marriage Night event, sponsored by RightNow Media. The evening began with a delicious meal of grilled chicken and baked ziti, catered by Premier Events. Plenty of coffee and snacks provided times of fellowship throughout the evening. The simulcast featured comedian Michael Junior and speakers Les and Leslie Parrott, and Francis and Lisa Chan.

One of my take away's from the evening were what Les and Leslie Parrott called "withholds". In short, take time each week to sit down with your spouse and share 3 things that you've wanted to tell them, but have simply not had time to. Two are to be positive, and one negative. Remember the rules! You are not allowed to go back any further than 48 hours, and the response of your spouse must only be "Thank you." Try it this week!

Another big take away came from Francis and Lisa Chan. Lisa passionately implored us to choose whom we will serve in our marriages – our spouses, or God. Reading from Joshua 24, she shared that often Christian couples can lose focus on God, and focus on each other. "Choose this day whom you will serve." One way to do that, according to Francis, is to have a mission together. What is that thing that you and your spouse do together, to serve God and advance His kingdom, that is the driving force in your life? Find that, and all other things relating to marriage and family will fall into place.

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



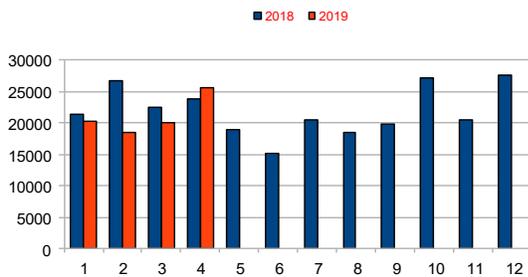
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

June 3 & 10 9-11 am VBS decorating days

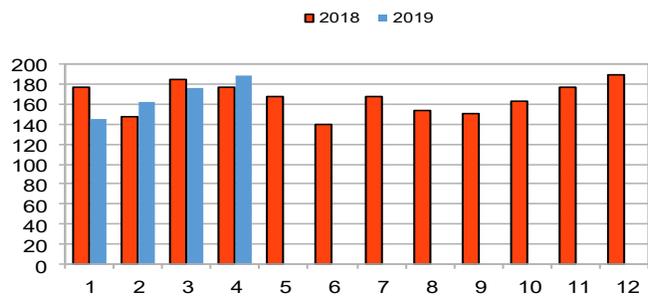
Any questions, see Katie Kane, Dawn Agar, or Jeannine Reed

APRIL'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as April 1, 2019	\$38,390.90		
DEPOSITS	\$25,548.53	Comm of PA (March SIT)	\$167.06
EXPENSES		Cumb. Co. Tax Bureau (1st Qtr Local Taxes)	\$210.93
Donald C. Snyder (April Salary)	\$2,584.77	Sherry Koppenhaver (April Cleaning)	\$400.00
Donald C. Snyder (April Housing)	\$1,788.15	Bender's Auto Parts (New Doorway/ Maintenance)	\$186.78
Donald C. Snyder (March Travel)	\$132.00	From Benev. Fund to Miss.Trip Fund	\$300.00
Brian L. Ramsey (Dir of Discipleship/April)	\$542.37	Pleasantville Church of God (March Benv Fund)	\$300.00
Royetta G. Baughman (Secretary/April)	\$1,187.57	Camino Global (Ruth/Scott Yingling)	\$190.00
The Board of Pensions (April)	\$468.41	Entrust (Al/Mary Ginter)	\$265.00
ERC (Ret Pastors Insurance)	\$91.67	Send International (Heather/Tony Book)	\$70.00
ERC (Conference Tithe/April)	\$2,238.00	Paw Packs Program, Inc. (March Benv)	\$160.00
ERC (CV Missions Rally)	\$2,400.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,793.87
Waste Management (March Trash Svc.)	\$116.51		
Blue Mountain Blooms (Get Well/Funeral)	\$121.00	Balance as of April 30, 2019	\$39,145.56
Timmons Oil (665 Gallons)	\$1,618.60		
Adams Electric Cooperative (March)	\$223.00		
Century Link (March)	\$165.46		
Agar Welding & Steel (Threshold for Doorway)	\$40.00		
Justin Kaufman (Music/Mic Stands)	\$174.75		
ATA Alarm & Comm. (Yearly Alarm Monitor- ing)	\$190.00		
Corner Store (SS Circ/Church Supplies)	\$501.86		
Royetta G. Baughman (Palm Crowns)	\$20.00		
Sheetz (Gas for Van)	\$42.09		
Doubling Gap Youth Group (Second Quarter)	\$500.00		
Lynn Hochstetler (Conference Registration)	\$66.00		
Bill Fulton (Sportsmen's Dinner)	\$1,032.66		
Bill Fulton (Softball T Shirts)	\$75.00		
Mancino's (Work Day Lunch)	\$58.80		
Home Depot (Mulch/Internet Cable)	\$310.36		
Strengthening Churches (Gems June-Aug '19)	\$162.00	Building Fund	\$243,419.79
Newport 1st COG (Miss Bd/Mar Benv)	\$569.00		
Carlisle Area Softball League (Registration)	\$200.00		
Building Fund Transfer (April)	\$3,000.00		
PA Council of Churches (March Benevolent)	\$375.00		
Winebrenner (Mar Ben/St. Aid-Haiti)	\$500.00		
Right Now Campaign (Monthly Service)	\$129.99		
Mirelle Associates (March P/R & Tax Service)	\$80.00		
Internal Revenue Service (March FIT,SS,Medi)	\$839.08		
		(CD \$102,465.77 & Checking \$140,954.02)	
		The following is a breakdown of the major funds available within the general treasury:	
		Live Nativity Fund	\$3,386.96
		Mission Fund	\$1,501.16
		Mission Trip Fund	\$6,974.12

DISCIPLESHIP

Bulletin Board

June 2019



Summer Sunday School Schedule

June 2: **Children's Day** (worship) – regular adult & children's Sunday School

June 9: **Special Missionary Guest** – Al & Mary Ginter. Adult & youth Sunday School will combine in the gym; primary and elementary children's Sunday School will meet as normal.

June 16: regular adult & children's Sunday School

June 23: regular adult & children's Sunday School

June 30: regular adult & children's Sunday School

July 7: Lake Service at Lake Henrietta

July 14: VBS Closing (no Sunday School)

July 21 – August 25: All adult & youth Sunday school classes combine in gym; primary and elementary children's Sunday School will meet as normal.

Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship Groups

“Power of Love” by David Jeremiah

Leader: Charlie Clouse

“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

“Intentional Parenting”

Leader: Leilani Reeder

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.

Mission Board Update

June's Mission Moments

2-Graduate Recognition/VBS

9-AI & Mary Ginter

16-Meet the Need

23-Faith Promise

30-Testimony & Praise

2019 Faith Promise

Gesse Church and School-
\$1,442.00 First Quarter

Paw Pack Program

We (as a church) give \$160 per month to the paw pack program and also collect the following items:

Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)

Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)

Next Mission Board Meeting

June 6, 2019



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!

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**The Smart Stepfamily**, by Ron Deal. In this 8-part series, Ron Deal gives couples the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Discover useable solutions for everyday living, practical tips for raising stepkids, and ways to strengthen the couple's marriage. Maybe you know a blended family that you can help minister to – use this as a tool to use and share! The first 8 videos run 13-20 minutes, plus there are two shorter bonus videos on dating and kids.

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Traveling Light, by Max Lucado. A new RNM series, based on the best-selling book "Traveling Light"! Pastor, author, and storyteller Max Lucado leads us through Psalm 23. There are 18 videos in this series, and each runs 27 minutes. There are no supplemental guides or studies to accompany this series, but you can get the book most places books are sold. If you are a fan of Max's books, you'll enjoy this series that dives deeply into Psalm 23. Looking for a new, fresh way to do a personal or group bible study? Check out

Love Talk, by Les and Leslie Parrott. Get ready to crack the code of your personal talk styles! In this 5-part series, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott will help you determine your personal communication style and learn how you and your spouse can speak each other's language like never before. They will offer wisdom and insights for applying biblical truths to your relationship. You and your spouse can begin an adventure in communication that will draw you closer in a way that creates the depth and connection you long for in your relationship.

The videos run between 8 and 17 minutes, and the series comes with a FREE downloadable participant's guide. Plus, there are links to buy a men-specific or woman-specific workbook, and an online assessment (www.betterlove.com) that gives you insights into your personal: money methods; fight types; love life; personalities; talk styles; and deepest longing. If you liked them at the Marriage Night simulcast, you'll get even more teaching from this study!

Parents' Corner

June 2019

Happy Marriages are Based on Friendship

By Erin Smalley

https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/daily-living/happy-marriages-are-based-on-deep-friendship?utm_source=FOTF&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=MarriageJSON

We found that the words of psychologist and author John Gottman ring true: "Happy marriages are based on a deep friendship." In a healthy marriage, the qualities of common kindness, honesty, empathy, loyalty and trust are gifts that each spouse gives to the other. This friendship foundation enhances relationship happiness throughout the marriage. I have hope for those of you who may be wondering, "How do my spouse and I get back to being great friends?" If you're willing to give it intentional effort, these practical tips can help:

Laughter and fun are foundational to building a friendship with your spouse. I really appreciate this quip from comedian Victor Borge: "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." If you want to become more emotionally intimate with your spouse, look for ways to laugh together. At events where Greg and I talk to our audiences about keys to a strong marriage friendship, both men and women say laughter is important.

Laughter can set a lighthearted tone in your relationship. One way to foster it is to retell humorous things that have happened during your relationship. In our marriage, Greg feels valued when I pull a prank on him. I've learned how to set up some awesome-but-harmless practical jokes that start us laughing when we reminisce.

If your spouse has a sturdy temperament, consider playing a practical joke on him or her every now and then.

Participate in the things that your spouse likes to do even if they don't interest you. All couples experience this tension. For example, I love to bargain shop, but Greg isn't into that anymore. However, at times he will make the sacrifice and come with me to my favorite stores. And Greg loves to watch sports. Although I don't enjoy that as much as he does, I will often join in and root for his favorite team or athlete.

What are your spouse's hobbies? What does he or she love to do? Does your spouse have a regular workout routine? Does he or she walk or jog? I recommend joining your spouse even if you can't keep up. Putting out great effort will draw your spouse toward you because it shows you care.

Leave time for your spouse. Give him or her special time with you apart from the children by planning special times together (date nights and weekend getaways). Be sure to also allow enough time in your schedule for spontaneity.

I admit to having struggled with this goal over the years because I love a fast-paced life. After attending the kids' activities, going to work and spending time with friends, I have often felt that I'm serving my time leftovers to Greg. He and I have become extra careful to make marriage time the top priority in our schedules. We have to be intentional about continually pursuing each other and making certain that we allow plenty of time to share experiences.

Reminisce about the early days. If you feel your friendship has faded, invite your spouse on a date and remember the early days of your dating relationship. Ask question like: "What did we talk about?" "Which of our dates were the most memorable?" "What did you most enjoy about me then?" Consider looking at pictures of those special years or even visit some of the places that were special to you both.

On one of our anniversaries, Greg and I spent the day in Denver, Colorado, the city we lived in during our first 18 months of marriage. We drove from place to place where we had studied, worked and walked. We reminisced about the fun things we did, about bringing our first daughter home from the hospital and also about some of the challenges we overcame.

Put the cellphone down. There's a new word for ignoring someone while looking at your cellphone — it's derived from "phone-snubbing" — don't *phub* your spouse! Set the cellphone down! (I am lecturing myself here.) When I asked couples what they have done to keep their friendship alive, almost every one of them said they plan times to do something fun together, and they leave the cellphones either at home or put away. When your eyes are on a screen, you are distracted from being present in the moment because your attention is diverted from your spouse.

I have decided that Greg deserves my eyes — because he is more important to me than any other person on this earth. And a spiritual friendship with him is the foundation of my happiness now and for the future.

Educational Ministry Team

News & Updates

Parents - reminder to please pick up your children and **sign them out** from junior church. Our children's Sunday School teachers will walk them to the gym and sign them in. For security purposes, *please sign them out there* - even if you are leaving directly after Sunday School. Thank you for your help with this, as we work towards improving and maintaining the safety of our children!! If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Brian or Pastor Don.

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**Staff Appreciation Banquet** – Saturday, June 8, 6:00 pm. For all volunteers and their families – spouses and children!! Sunday school leaders; Wednesday night adult, youth and children’s leaders; VBS staff; or any other small group leader. Dinner will be chicken cordon blue, scalloped potatoes, salad, tea, punch, coffee, and brownie Sundae’s for dessert. Please sign up on the table outside the sanctuary by Wednesday, June 5.

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Are you using **RIGHT NOW MEDIA**? If not – you should check it out!! Send your name and email to Pastor Don, feedmandcs@aol.com, or to Pastor Brian, brian.ramsey.426@gmail.com, and we’ll get you signed up for FREE. RNM is a free resource our church provides to you. Looking for some ways to spice up your bible study or devotional time? Use RNM to develop your discipleship. Also, check out RNM featured studies in each month’s Beacon.

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Remember that our **regular Sunday School groups** will continue to meet through the month of June. July 7 will be our service at Lake Henrietta, and July 14 will be the VBS closing. All adult classes will combine for special missionary speakers from July 21 – August 25, and regular adult classes will resume September 1.

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Men’s bible study has been cancelled until July 16 and 30, at 7:00 pm, when they will resume their study of Mark, using Francis Chan’s study on RightNow Media. Talk to Pastor Don for more details.