

# Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

### “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Ps. 150:6

November is a month to give God praise! Ok, every month is the right time to do that! But this month is extra special for the following reasons. First, we will be holding a child dedication service on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a time for parents, grandparents, family members and the Church family to come together and agree to raise up in the knowledge and understanding of the Lord those little ones being presented before us that day! What a blessing to pray for them, over them, and to come alongside them as they continue on their journey with us in learning more about Jesus! Then on the 17<sup>th</sup> we will be sharing in the ordinance of baptism! This public declaration of one's relationship with the Lord is a time of celebrating as those who wish to publically declare their allegiance to the Lord take the plunge! Then, on the 24<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the upcoming Advent season by decorating the Church and hearing about the significance of the decorations and the meaning behind them. And if those aren't enough reasons to praise the Lord, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, during our Thanksgiving Eve Service, we will join together in celebrating feet washing and communion! This service is a time of remembering what we have received because of the sacrifice our Lord made for us. What a powerful way to praise God! Then, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, as many gather together with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it is another opportunity to praise God for the blessings of this past year. Take that opportunity to also talk about Jesus, the greatest gift for which we could ever give thanks! So even though every day is a day to rejoice and be glad because God has made it, the days of November are filled with many reminders of the fullness of life that He brings to us! Make plans now, mark your calendars, cancel all other appointments and join me at the Gap for these opportunities to praise and thank God, fellowship together, and experience God's blessings!

Pastor Don

#### Elders

Charlie Clouse  
Shannon Kane-Vice Chair  
Bill Fulton

#### Deacons

Carl Baughman-Chairman  
Dawn Agar –Secretary  
Sam Clouse

#### Deaconesses

Betty Clouse  
Joann Varner

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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 NOVEMBER

### Pastor Don

- For the Council retreat on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- For many to choose to join in on the Feet washing and Communion service on Wednesday evening, the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- For those who wish to dedicate their children and those who wish to be baptized!

### Pastor Brian

- Pray that I yield to the Spirit's leading, as I prepare for an upcoming chance to speak to our student body in Chapel. Pray that I make time to prepare well, and speak & teach clearly.
- Pray for the country of Haiti. Our church is planning a mission trip there in the spring, and the country is currently in political turmoil.
- Pray that I continue to find balance between school, family, and ministry.

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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 NOVEMBER

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

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

**November 4, 14, 18, 19, 28**



### SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

[dgapsec@embarqmail.com](mailto:dgapsec@embarqmail.com)



All the information you need to 'fill a shoebox' is available on the table in the narthex. Please pick up the shoeboxes provided or decorate / wrap one of your own.

Just a reminder the church will be covering the \$9.00 shipping fee.

**Deadline to return the shoeboxes is Sunday, November 17**

If you have any questions, see Sarah Baughman or call the church office.

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

### *Have Mercy on Me... God?*

In my devotions this morning, I read from Psalm 57. David is writing this, either during or reflecting on the time he was hiding from King Saul in the cave, when Saul was hunting him and trying to kill him. David writes, “Have mercy on my, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.” I wondered to myself, why David was begging God for mercy, under the circumstances? Often in the Psalms David writes and asks God to bring judgement on his enemies (see Psalm 58:6, where David asks God to “break the teeth in their mouth” and “tear out their fangs”!) But here, David isn’t asking God for vengeance on Saul; he’s not even asking for protection from Saul. He’s asking for mercy – from God! The Hebrew word for mercy can also mean “be gracious” (in fact, the NASB translates it this way), or to act kindly, or to move on behalf of another. David recognizes two things: first, that God is allowing this to happen; and second, that only God can protect him. David asks God for mercy, and to provide refuge for his soul. David realizes that his ultimate fate lies in the hands of God alone.

This, friends, is one of the reasons prayer is so important. Daily prayer – spending time each day talking with God about... everything!... reminds us that God really is in control of everything. When we’re faced with circumstances that are threatening in some way – financially, physically, the security of our jobs, our health, our family relationships – our response should be to pray to God and ask for mercy. Ask God to bring us into “the shadow of your wings”, a picture of security and safety. Just like a mother hen pulls her chicks under her wings when there is danger, so does God pull us close when we’re facing a difficult time. Our first reaction is often to ask God to “fix it” – God, make me well; God, change their mind and help them see it my way; God, make them do this, or not do that; and so on. How often do we simply sigh, and look to God and pray “God, be gracious to me; show me mercy.”?

These past several months, Emily and I have each faced some unique challenges at our jobs. We often find ourselves asking one another, “What is God doing? What are we to be doing?” As we walk this journey together, we’re learning to trust the God who is in control of all things – and, when God is ready, He will answer our questions. Until then, we are doing our best to take refuge under His wings, as we rely on His mercy in our lives. Pray for us, that we will continue to listen and be obedient, and that we would be able to discern just what it is that God wants us to learn, or to do. We, too, will pray for you – that you would find refuge under the wings of God, as you lean into him for protection until the disaster has passed.

*Pastor Brian*

## NOVEMBER'S GREETERS



3-Mike & Melisa Lucas  
10-Sharon Runyon & Bev Agar  
17-Jay & Heather Bear  
24-Mike & Jenn Bolze

## NOVEMBER'S WORSHIP NURSERY

3-Heather Ocker & April Hoover  
10-Kelly Bier & Ayden Reed  
17-Lori & Gracie Chonister  
24-Tammy Snyder & Eli Reeder



**\*\*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 BREAKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING 2019 A GREAT YEAR  
OF SPREADING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!  
We will meet again the last Sunday in January 2020.

**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](mailto:actsofrandomkindnesskids@gmail.com).

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**JUNIOR CHURCH 1 (AGES 3-5) TEACHERS & HELPERS**

**\*Meet in Room #4 in the CE Wing at 10:00 am**

**3,10,17- Steph & Oliver Cohick  
24-Hanging of the Greens-No Junior Church**

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

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

**3,10,17-Shannon & Katie Kane  
24-Hanging of the Greens-No Junior Church**

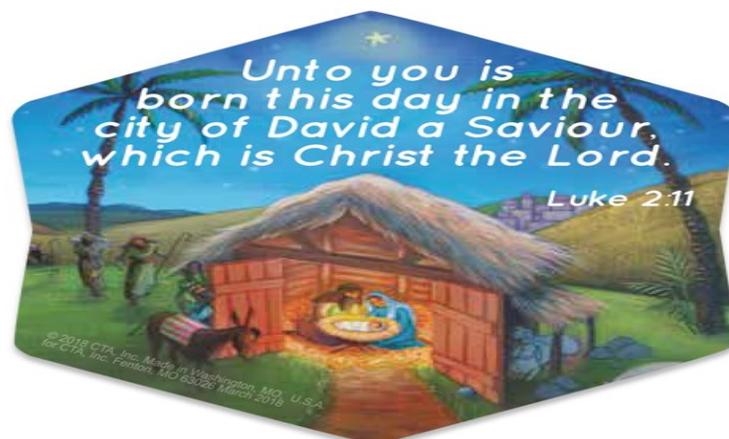
**JUNIOR CHURCH 3 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade) TEACHERS & HELPERS**

**3-Adam Cohick & Gracie Chronister  
10-Adam Cohick & Sharon Barrick  
17-Adam Cohick & Wendy Stuber  
24-Hanging of the Greens-No Junior Church**

**\*\*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.**

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**Drive thru Live Nativity  
December 6 & 7 6:30 -8:30 pm**



# Women's Ministry

**Next Meeting-November 4 at 7:00 PM**

**Save the Date**

**December 3, 2018-Women's Christmas Dinner at  
Doubling Gap Center**

**CHURCH OF GOD HOME-greatest needs for November**

**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

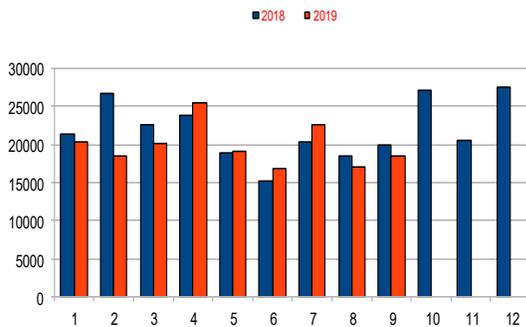
**Denture Cleanser**-Polident, Efferdent

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

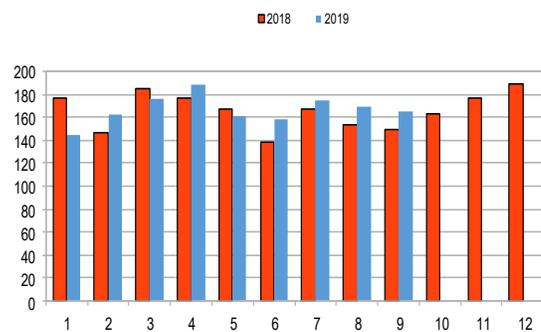
**Dove Bar Soap**

## SEPTEMBER'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE





# DISCIPLESHIP

## Bulletin Board

November 2019



Bobby Baker	Standard Lesson Quarterly	Room 9
Charlie Clouse	“Power of Love” by David Jeremiah,	Room 8
Leilani Reeder	“I Give Up” by Laura Story	Room 10
Adam Cohick	Gospel of Mark” by Francis Chan,	Room 5
Mike Bolze	That the World May Know” by Ray Vander Laan	CE Wing
Preschool – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Cliff & Connie Cornman	Room 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Shane Reed & Tammy Cornman	Room 13
6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Carl Baughman and Emily Rosenberry	Room 7

### Weekly Adult Groups

“The Power of Jesus’ Names” with Tony Evans A new study on RightNow Media.

Each of the 6 sessions delves into a different name given to Christ – Immanuel; Lord and King; Priest and Lamb; and others! Videos are 11-12 minutes, with discussion following. We meet at 7 on Wednesday evenings for prayer & bible study. Open discussion, question-and-answer style. Come join us!

“Taste and See” with Margaret Feinberg Ladies bible study, Wednesday evenings at 7.

Come learn about God through different foods He’s created! A delicious study that will satisfy both your stomach and your soul!

“Gospel of Mark”, by Francis Chan

Men’s Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 at the church.



**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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**“Slugs & Bugs: The Music Videos”.** From the group that brought us the ever popular song “Tractor Tractor” comes a whole album of songs that are based in scripture! Want to help your child learn scripture, while entertaining them on a long car ride? Download the RNM app on your phone, then play this album through your car’s stereo system. Or, put it on the TV at home some Saturday morning, and let them sing scripture (and secretly memorize it at the same time!) while they’re playing or doing chores! 15 songs, each 3-4 minutes long. Do you play the guitar? You have the option of purchasing the chord charts for the songs! Play and sing along with your child, as you and they each learn scripture and “hide it in your hearts.” J

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**“Finding Truth”, with Francis Chan.** In a four-session series for youth, popular teacher and pastor Francis Chan invites students into the power and confidence that comes from anchoring their identity, purpose, and relationships in the truth of scripture. An optional leader’s guide, with handouts, is free to download.

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**“Mum’s Chat - Toddler Series”, with Marianne Fernandez.** Marianne is a Christian mom and maternity coach (actually, she’s from the UK - so she’s a “mum”!). This 4-part series looks at 4 common challenges moms can face as their baby becomes a toddler. Other series in the Mum’s Chat collection include the Infant Series and the Bouncing Baby Series. Optional song list is downloadable for free; videos run 8 - 11 minutes each. No discussion guide - just advice and encouragement!

# Parents' Corner

November 2019

## Responsible Kids Don't Just Happen By Susan Yates

I love when unexpected moments offer a great “Ah-ha!” It happened after I'd been doing laundry all day and still wasn't finished. With five children, my dirty-clothes pile multiplied daily. As I began to sort my teenage son's T-shirts, I realized with growing alarm that I'd inadvertently washed his sister's red skirt with his clothes. Indeed, his shirts had a soft pink glow. Maybe he won't even notice, I desperately hoped. No such luck.

“Mom!” he wailed when he saw his pile. “I can't wear these—they're pink! Please don't ever touch any of my clothes again!”

Ah-ha!

“What a splendid idea!” I responded. “From now on, you can do your own laundry.” The very next day, the teenagers began to wash their own clothes. They weren't neatly folded or ironed, but they were clean. Through trial and error, they quickly learned how to sort, what to wash on hot, what to dry and what to hang. For me, it was an unexpected lesson in handing over responsibility. And the bonus? It built their life skills and made their transition to college easier.

Every parent longs to raise kids who are secure. We want our young children to become confident teens and eventually mature adults. Teaching our kids personal responsibility builds their confidence as they learn to do things for themselves.

**Here are some helpful tips that will equip you as you help your children learn responsibility:**

### **Start now teaching children responsibility**

Training begins at an early age and is gradual. “But wait,” you may say. “My child is only 3 years old!” That's right, you need to start now. If he reaches 18 without having been trained in small steps along the way, he won't be prepared for the freedom he seeks.

A 3-year-old can clear his dish from the table. A 5-year-old can make her bed. It might not look like it would if you made it, but she's learning responsibility. Show her how to do it. Do it with her several times. Then let her do it by herself and praise her like crazy. It won't be perfect. That's not what matters. What matters is that she did it.

Preschool play dates can wreak havoc on the host home. Take 10 minutes before you leave and have your child help put away the toys. Encourage him to be responsible by cleaning up after himself any time he visits someone else's home.

I've never made a school lunch. When our kids started going to school, they began to make their own lunches. Of course I watched what went into them, but they did the work.

My neighbor Lisa has two young sons. Early in the morning they run to our elderly neighbor's home, pick up her newspaper from the street and stick it in her door. Not only is Lisa training her kids in responsibility, but she's also teaching them to be thoughtful. Keep an eye out for similar opportunities.

### **As they grow, slowly increase responsibility**

A wonderful tool in teaching children responsibility is often overlooked—chores.

Create a list of chores and who is responsible for them. Post the assignments where everyone can see them. It helps to rotate the chores weekly and permit trading between the siblings.

My friend Will is teaching his 8-year-old son to mow the lawn. His son doesn't do it perfectly, and Will spends a lot of time and energy supervising, but his kid is learning responsibility and the value of hard work as his dad coaches him.

In addition to household chores, teens should be responsible for keeping curfews and letting their parents know where they are, whom they are with and when they'll be home. Once they start driving, they should be expected to keep the car clean and full of gas.

### **Use humor and affirmation with responsibility**

Responsibility isn't always fun for kids, so it helps if you can add a touch of humor to the process. Put the timer on and have a race to pick up the toys. Plan a family trip for ice cream as a reward after a special chore day. Make up silly songs or rhymes as you do housework. Laugh at yourself whenever you can. And praise your kids: "I'm so proud of you for picking up the mess in your room." "I appreciate your getting in before curfew." "Every day, I see you becoming more responsible!"

### **Keep the long-range goal in view**

Our primary job is not to make sure our child is always happy. Instead, it is to raise a kid into a responsible adult who will fulfill the plan God has prepared for him or her. Our small kids may pitch a fit and our teens may roll their eyes at parental instruction, but remember that what our children think of us now is not nearly as important as what they will think of us 20 years from now. We will make many mistakes. We will become discouraged. But we have to realize we are making small deposits in the lives of our children, who will one day reap big dividends.

