

# Doubling Gap Church of God Beacon

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Standing in the GAP with the Gospel



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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

Labor Day is considered to be the 'official' end of the summer. Hard to believe that the summer is over already. It is my prayer and hope that your summer was one of growth, relaxation, reconnections with extended family, and lots of grilled food!

In this month's article I want to focus on the word 'labor'. Webster's dictionary defines it as an 'expenditure of physical or mental effort especially when difficult or compulsory'. When we labor at something it takes effort on our part. 'By the sweat of your brow' is a phrase that talks about this effort that is difficult. That phrase is found in Genesis 3:19 and was, and still is, part of the curse upon Adam, and all mankind, as a result of his eating of the forbidden fruit. Ever since that event mankind has had to labor for their daily food, for their daily existence. God had not intended this life to be so hard for us. But that is what sin does. It changes things. It changed the environment. It changed the relationship between the Creator and the created. It changed the work environment from one of ease to one of labor, of toil and sweat. But God has provided an answer to this 'labor' dilemma.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 that all who are weary and burdened should come to Him and He would give them rest. The English Standard Version reads, "come to Me all who labor..." Jesus has a better plan for us. He desires to give us rest from our burdens, from our labors. Now I know this is meant to refer mainly to the spiritual. When we come to Jesus He will not give us rest from the labor of daily life. We still need to 'earn a living'. But what I think is meant in these words is that when we come to Jesus and let Him be the Lord, the Master, the Leader of our lives in **every** aspect of our lives, He gives us rest. He makes the workload easier to bear. How? He gives us strength. He gives us direction. He gives us the ability to see purpose, His purpose, in the labor we are doing. He gives us the confidence in knowing that He is with us...to the very end of the age!

So this Labor Day, if you feel like your life is one that is burdened, filled with labor and you are weary, come to Jesus! He will give you rest! He will replace your burdens with His easy yoke and His light burden! If you are not sure how this works, give me a call. I'd like to chat with you about gaining a rest for your soul!

## 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 SEPTEMBER

### Pastor Don

- Strength for the spiritual wars that are being waged all around.
- Transitioning with Tammy going back to teaching her 2019-2020 scholars.

### Pastor Brian

- For all fall small groups & leaders starting up again.
- That several staffing needs would be filled.
- As school starts again, for balance between family, school, and church.

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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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### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

#### FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday through Thursday

8AM to 12 NOON

Fridays "off" day.

Also appointments can be made .

Pastor Don will be unavailable on the following days

**September 12, 16, 30**



### SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9AM to 12 NOON

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**Office closed September 12**

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## God's Embroidery

When I was a little boy, my mother used to embroider a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering. I told her that it looked like a mess from where I was. As from the underside I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand, I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, "My son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side." I would wonder why she was using some dark threads along with the bright ones and why they seemed so jumbled from my view. A few minutes would pass and then I would hear Mother's voice say, "Son, come and sit on my knee." This I did only to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower or a sunset. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy. Then Mother would say to me, "My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a pre-drawn plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing."

Many times through the years I have looked up to my Heavenly Father and said, "Father, what are You doing?" He has answered, "I am embroidering your life. " I say, "But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can't they all be bright?"

The Father seems to tell me, "My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee and you will see the plan from My side."

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BRIAN

### *Thankful for the Table*

Summer is, hands down, my favorite time of year. Each season has its own unique beauty, but I am by far a summer-lover. I don't mind working in the heat (I hate working outside in the cold!); the trees, grass, and plants are all deep greens; and flowers bloom with bright colors. We enjoy taking our kids to the pool, grilling burgers and chicken, and enjoying the patio with a cold iced tea. This is about the time of year when patio furniture begins to go on clearance, and we enjoy shopping and adding a piece to our collection of tables, chairs, and cushions each year. There's something about lighting the grill, putting together some food, and sitting down at the patio table with friends to enjoy a warm summer evening that resonates deep inside us.

The table is, I believe, a picture – an illustration – of both Christian living and of the body of Christ. Meals, in bible times, were much more than just getting food. They were where life was experienced together. Picture the scene in the upper room, on the night Jesus was betrayed. Before the garden, before the arrest, before the cross – there was the table. Food and laughter and celebration and remembrance and basking in the blessings of God. Revelation 19 describes “the wedding supper of the Lamb”, at which all believers from across all of history will seat together and celebrate being the bride of Christ. The table provides common ground for us to come together, with our differences and our uniqueness, and share with each other.

I'm personally thankful for each and every one of you, who faithfully contribute to our church, and to the edification of the body through our small group ministries. I'm grateful for those who teach my own children; for those who love and care for our babies and toddlers (not my strength!); for those who tirelessly and joyfully set and clear tables and chairs; and for those who dedicate hours to studying, preparing, praying over, and leading lessons and discussions that will encourage and strengthen the faith of others in our church. Thank you all for being part of our body – for sitting at our table.

From 1 Corinthians 12, BRV (Brian Ramsey Version), “The table is a unit, though it is made up of many different dishes and utensils; and though it's dishes and utensils are many, they form one table... Now the table is not made up of one dish, but of many. If the plate should say, “Because I am not a fork, I do not belong to the table”, it would not for that reason cease to be part of the table. And if the glass should say, “Because I am not a bowl, I do not belong to the table”, it would not for that reason cease to be part of the table. If the whole table were a napkin, where would the meat reside? If the whole body were a mug, how would we cut our food? But in fact God has arranged the parts of the table, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one dish, where would the table be? As it is, there are many parts, but on table.”

~ *Pastor Brian*

## SEPTEMBER'S GREETERS



- 1-Ned & Jill Kerstetter
- 8-Sue Jardine & Elaine Mowery
- 15-Tim & Leilani Reeder
- 22-John & Janet Whisler
- 29-Jake & Eileen Bear

## SEPTEMBER'S WORSHIP NURSERY

- 1-Jenn Bolze & Sierra Rotz
- 8-Carley Miller & Emilyynn Howell
- 15-Joyce & April Smith
- 22-Amy & Izabella Howell
- 29-Justin & Steph Morris



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

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

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

1,8,15,22-Nathan & Lori Chronister  
29-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

1-Sharon Barrick & Michael Chronister  
8-Sharon Barrick & Ayla Davis  
15-Sharon Barrick & Maycey Davis  
22-Sharon Barrick & Malia Lucas  
29-Children's Chat & ARKK

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

1-Shane Reed & Wendy Stuber  
8-Shane Reed & Gracie Chronister  
15-Shane Reed & Carrie Kimmich  
22-Shane Reed & Gracie Chronister  
29-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.



## BIG SPRING AREA FOOD BANK

We continue to support the Big Spring Food Bank with spaghetti each month. If interested in sharing in this worthwhile effort, please purchase spaghetti and place your donations in the box provided in the narthex. All spaghetti will be delivered to the Big Spring Food Bank for distribution the last Monday of each month. Your continued efforts are gratefully appreciated. Charlie Clouse will continue to deliver the spaghetti to the distribution point...Big Spring United Lutheran Church, Crossroads School Road. If you have any questions, please see a board member. If you'd like to help with the food bank, see Jim Henneman.

The next scheduled distribution is September 30, 2019.

# Women's Ministry

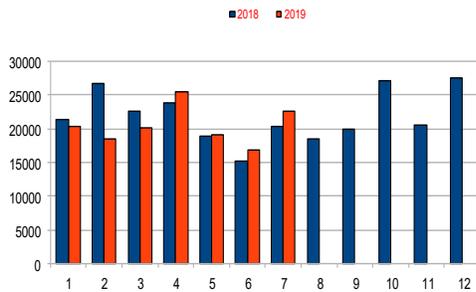


## Next Women's Ministry Meeting

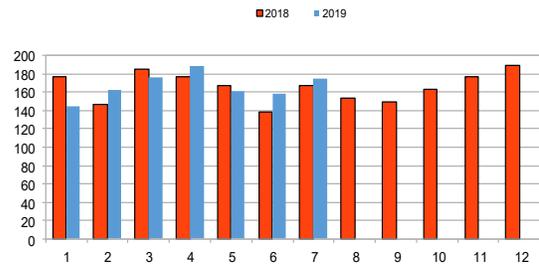
Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM

### JULY'S INCOME & ATTENDANCE CHARTS

INCOME



ATTENDANCE





# DISCIPLESHIP

## Bulletin Board

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## Fall Sunday School

Bobby Baker	Standard Lesson Quarterly	Room 9
Charlie Clouse	Power of Love” by David Jeremiah,	Room 8
Leilani Reeder	topic to be determined	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!

### EMT Needs, starting September

Please contact Pastor Brian, if willing to serve!

- Nursery volunteers for Sunday School hour and for worship hour.
- Teacher for Preschool class, Sunday morning. Commits to one month at a time.
- Co-teacher for Preschool class, Wednesday nights.

**Mission Board Update**

**September's Mission Moments**

- 1-Gesse School & Church
- 8-Meet the Need
- 15-Fruitbelt Ministry
- 22-Ingathering for Gesse
- 29-Testimony & Praise

**2019 Faith Promise**

**Gesse Church and School**

Total for First and Second Quarter

**\$2,449.00**

**Paw Pack Program**

**Our church is collecting the following items:**

**Small packs of goldfish (1 oz bags)**

**Snack Pack Pudding (4 oz non refrigerated type)**

**Next Mission Board Meeting**

**September 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**mis\*sion\*ary** (*noun*)  
someone who leaves their family for a short time, so that others may be with their families for eternity.

**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!**

**This is the Day, with Tim Tebow.** Sometimes life feels rigid – as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith. Or maybe we're too injured from the past to move forward. Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react. No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In this inspirational series, Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act. This is a 4-part series; videos are 8-10 minutes, and FREE downloadable discussion guides!

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**Better Love, with Les & Leslie Parrot.** A new, practical study from best-selling authors and family counselors! Great for couples at any stage – dating, engaged, or married! Sessions are 7-8 minutes in length, and it works hand-in-glove with the Better Love Assessment, which is personalized to you! (Note: the assessment is separate and costs \$35!)

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**Not Alone, with Jennie Allen.** This 6-session study is hosted by Jennie Allen, Lauren Chandler, and Amena Brown as they talk about friendships. Find out why we need friendships, discover biblical examples of friendships, and identify pitfalls, challenges, and joys of friendship. An optional study guide can be purchased, and a free leaders' guide can be downloaded!

# Parents' Corner

## September 2019

### Want to Be a Better Husband?

### Hang Out with Good Friends

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/want-to-be-a-better-husband-hang-out-with-good-friends/>

By Mike Bechtle

“So, have you guys been treating your wives well lately?” Tom asked. It wasn’t a typical halftime question. When men get together to watch a football game, conversation rarely focuses on marriage. When it does, it’s often a snarky comment someone makes about his wife. This time was different. “Well, sure. Of course,” was the common reply. Question No. 2 followed: “So, what have you done lately to make that happen?” We knew Tom was serious because he was the guy who always challenged us to improve our marriages.

“I’ve started leaving my phone in the car when we go to a restaurant,” one guy said. “We were having friends over, so I asked her how I could help her get ready.” “She wanted to talk about something, so I turned off the TV.”

**Good friends.** This is a group of guys who are committed to the growth of their marriages. When we hang out, we do the normal guy stuff. But we’re intentional about challenging one another to be better husbands.

It’s been said that you become like the five people you spend the most time with. Who are the five guys you connect with the most? Are you a better husband because of these relationships? And are they better because they’ve been with you?

This doesn’t mean you have to eliminate all your friendships with men who are down on their marriages — they need your influence, too. You just should prioritize time with men who cherish their wives. Ask yourself, “Is this guy the kind of husband I want to be?”

**What does your wife say?** If you’re not sure that certain friendships are having a positive impact on you, ask your wife how she feels about the influence different guy friendships are having on you. Listen to her. She sees what you’re like when you return home. Is she noticing something you missed, some destructive words or habits that have rubbed off on you?

Want to be a better husband? Hang out with good husbands. Find someone who’s doing it right and invite him out for coffee. Ask questions and listen to his perspective. You might just “catch” what he has.

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER!



**“Your money. Your story. Your life. This changes everything.”**

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 \$100 course fee to any church member or regular attender who completes the course.** The study will be Sunday evenings, starting September 22. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary. The course is being led by Justin & Stephanie Morris. For more information, or to get registered, talk to them or Pastor Brian.



### **Special Sale!**

From September 2 – 28, registrations are **half-priced!**

That's like buy one, get one free!!

Family Life's

**Weekend to Remember**

Pittsburgh (Cranberry Township), Nov. 1 – 3 & Nov. 8 – 10

Philadelphia (King of Prussia), November 22 – 24

Hershey, February 14 – 16

Poconos (Skytop), March 20 – 22 & March 27-29

For help with registration, please see Pastor Don or Pastor Brian

