

LIFE CHOICES

In their book *Decisive*, Chip Heath and Dan Heath show through their extensive research that we are biologically hardwired to act foolishly and behave irrationally (*basically, I would interpret that to be our sin nature we are born with, see Psalms 51:12, John 3:3-7, Romans 5:12*). They explain that our emotions may be the preeminent enemy of excellent decisions as we allow emotions overrule logic.

Have you've experienced this? You don't want to yell at your children, but then they do something dumb. **Logic says, Be patient, but emotion says, YELL as loudly as you can . . . emotion overrules logic!** Or there's a sin you are determined to avoid.

Temptation comes knocking. **Logic says, Do what is God honoring. But emotion says, "Go ahead, it won't hurt you just this one time" . . . emotion overrules logic.**

I've been sharing with you a sermon series, Life Choices. I wrote these messages using many points and illustrations from a book I read, "*10 Choices, A Proven Plan to Change Your Life Forever*" by Dr. James MacDonald. There are many challenging things that have spoken to me about making right, God honoring choices in my life. Sadly, I've not always made right choices! I would guess that many of you could say the same thing. Often, we wish we could sometimes go back and change the choices we made in the past, a choice that had significant impact on your life today!

Last week I began reading the introduction to a new book that I ordered, "*Think Ahead, Seven Decisions You Can Make Today For The God Honoring Life You Want Tomorrow*", by Pastor Craig Groeschel. In the pre-order information I was able to read:

To make great decisions we need to think ahead, to ask, "What are the consequences of this choice? What path does this decision put me on?" In our decision making process, do we make "logical" decisions or "emotional" decisions? We spend way too much time analyzing unimportant decisions (what do I want to watch on TV) but make important decisions on a whim (I feel like watching TV instead of doing my devotions).

Both the books, the one I read and the one I look forward to reading, take me into the Word of God, which is the primary book we all need to be reading. It is the Word of God that is useful for teaching....and for guidance in making wise choices (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Apostle Paul wrote about his frustrating battle in making wise choices. Romans 7:19: **"I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway"** (NLT).

Can you say the same thing? When we think about former choices in life, the enemy will get you stuck thinking, **"I've always been this way, always done these things . . . I am what I am"**! But God says, **"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"** (Isa. 43:18-19).

I encourage you to make the choice today to partner with God to make faith based Life Choices. He wants to help you make new choices, right choices. As I shared with you in week one of my sermon series, the first choice we all need to make is to **CHOOSE GOD!** Why? Because scripture reminds us in Proverbs 16:3, **"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans"**.

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Your decisions determine your direction, and your direction determines your destiny.

Decide now, what you will do later! Decide now, to make life choices ahead of time based on “logic” and not on the spur of the moment based on “emotions”.

- ◆ Abraham choose to follow God long before God told him to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- ◆ Noah choose to trust God long before the rains came!
- ◆ Daniel choose to serve God many years before he was thrown in the lion’s den.

I hope as you make choices in life, they won’t be based just on logic, or emotions, but on the wisdom that comes from the Word of God. If you use the Bible to be your guidebook, you won’t go wrong! How do I know that, because scripture says in Jeremiah 29:11, **I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”**.

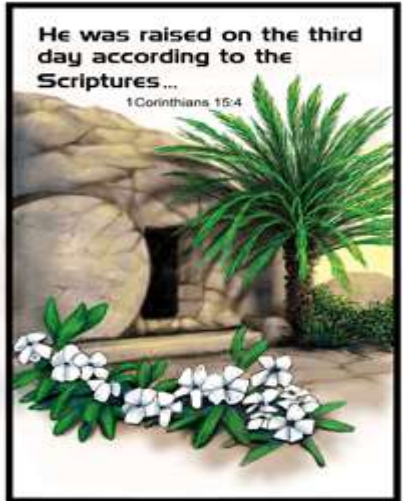
James Clear, author of *Atomic Habits* wrote, **“Every decision you make is a vote toward who you will become.”**

When the Israelites were faced with a choice to serve the gods of the land or the one true God, Joshua said:

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

It is your choice . . . I am praying you choose God!

*Loving God, Loving You, Serving God, Serving You,
Pastor Wayne*



The tomb is empty! He has risen indeed!

United Youth Retreat

Divine Partnership

2 Peter 1:3-10

BRING A FRIEND (OR A FEW) & YOU
COULD GET THE CHANCE TO PIE A
YOUTH LEADER IN THE FACE!

Join us for...

March 15-17
Camp Yoliilwa

1550 Doubling Gap Road,
Newville, PA 17241

Hosted by Green Spring, Newville
& Doubling Gap Churches of God

Attention All Youth!

We want to invite you to a fantastic weekend in March personally! (3/15-17/24) The annual youth retreat is a tremendous opportunity for students (grades 6-12) to unplug from the craziness of life and plug into friends and faith. This year, our theme is Divine Partnership based on 2nd Peter 1:3-10. One of the things that we as a local church body and especially as a youth group have been focused on is our partnership with God and focusing on how God has created us uniquely and individually for unity in the Spirit to build God's kingdom collectively. We feel so strongly that today's students are not the next generation of leaders and world changers but the NOW generation.



In addition to dynamic speakers, including our very own Pastor Heidi Guyer, we have a variety of activities, snacks, worship opportunities, and other fun things planned for this weekend, including the chance for a student to pie their youth leader of choice in the face! Students who invite friends will have a greater chance of getting to do this and, even better, will cut some of the cost of their registration fee. Whether you send a student (or five), are willing to donate your time as part of the retreat team, or use your finances to help offset the costs of registrations and supplies, we are excited to ask for you to prayerfully consider partnering with what God is already planning to do at this retreat. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers for the students, staff, and leadership team as we all prepare for this potentially life-changing experience.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Shawn: pastorshawn@tcp.church/856-553-3221 or any of our youth leaders!



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and Pastor Wayne for his visit and phone calls after the accident that I was involved in. Also, for the prayers sent for the family of Angel Rife, who lost her life. Mona and I are so blessed to have such a wonderful, thoughtful and caring church family.

Love you all, Jeff & Mona Holtry

I want to thank my wonderful church family for the prayers, cards, calls & visits concerning my shoulder replacement. I still have a way to go with therapy and was told it takes about 6 months for total healing. What a blessing you all have been to Donna and me. God bless you all. Dale Hollenbaugh



Congratulations to Doug and Kendall Kennedy on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Joy, on February 14. She shares her birth day with her Dad. Levi also welcomes his little sister. Our congratulations are given to grandparents, Mary Beth and Kevin Miller, great grandmother, Frances Kennedy and great-great aunt Betty Kennedy.



Our heartfelt love and sympathy goes out to the family of Kim Bailey who went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Visitation will be on Friday, February 16th from 6-8:00 pm and on Saturday, February 17th from 9:30–11:00 am with her Memorial Service at 11:00 am here at the church. Please keep her husband Tom and their family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

Our heartfelt love and sympathy goes out to Josh and Abby Stitt on the passing of Josh's father, Ricky Stitt who passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our heartfelt love and sympathy goes out to our church neighbor, Gary Mentzer and family on the passing of his wife, Mary on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jennifer Jarusewski and Chuck and Kim Egger and their families, on the passing of their father, Frank Egger on February 14th. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

Trustee Meeting

The trustees will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.

The office needs your input for the April 2024 issue of "The Connection" By Sunday Morning March 24th!

Family Worship Sundays

Worship as a family! The 4th Sunday of every month we gather as a family worshipping together with all our children being a part of the service. Special activity bags are available for the children. A special children's message is given.

It's important for our children to see us sing praise to God, hear our prayers and be a part of worship.

Easter is just a few weeks away! Here is a list of things you and your family can participate in at our church and in the community.

Wednesday, March 27th – No choir practice or Connection Groups

Thursday, March 28th @7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service. You won't want to miss out on this special service of the year. This will be a personal evening of worship in song, hearing from the Word of God, and joining together for the ordinance of Feet Washing (for those who want to participate) and remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as we share together in the Lord's Table for Communion. **Kathy will be providing a special program for the children age 5th grade and under.**

Friday, March 29th @ 5:45 - Community Cross Walk

Come out and join friends from other community churches for the annual Cross Walk. We begin the evening at 5:45 in the parking lot at the Zion Lutheran parking lot for an opening scripture and prayer. As a group we then walk to various locations in the community and a spoke person from the various churches reads a passage of scripture and a prayer for our schools, government, leaders, and much more. The walk concludes around 7:00 at the Fountain on Big Spring Avenue. You are invited to come join in this time of prayer and sharing our faith in the community. Any questions, contact Pastor Wayne.

Saturday, March 30th @ 10:00 - Easter Egg Hunt

All children up to 5th grade are invited to attend the Easter Egg Hunt. This year all the children will gather inside the All Purpose Building for a brief Easter story and then be dismissed for the egg hunt. Make sure you invite your children's friends and neighbors to attend.

Sunday Morning, March 31st

Sunrise Service @ 7:00

Breakfast @ 7:45

Gathering Music in the Sanctuary @ 9:00

Easter Worship service @ 9:30 is a **combined Family Service**. The nursery will be open for families, but **not staffed**.



Join us Thursday March 28th for our Maundy Thursday service. We will not have Wednesday evening classes that week so just shift your schedule a bit and come out to the Maundy Thursday service. The kids will discuss and celebrate what Jesus did for us at Easter. This will be a fun night with a movie and an Easter party. Hope you can make time in your schedule to join us.

Happy Easter Season!

Miss Kathy

Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 30th
Children from birth - 5th grade

Registration at 9:30 am

Egg Hunt at 10:00 am

Photos with the

Easter Bunny

Bring a friend!



All of us who volunteer with the PAW Packs ministry were saddened when we learned of Kim's passing. She inspired us with her faith and her passion to help the children in our community. We are presently looking for ideas on how to honor her memory. But, perhaps the best way we can honor her is to continue the work that she started.

We would like to thank all of you who brought canned vegetables on Super Bowl Sunday. We collected 189 cans of peas, corn, and green beans. There were also two cans of fruit.

In the next week or so, we will once again be selling tickets for meals at Redemption BBQ. The meal will include a sandwich, mac & cheese, and shanty beans for a cost of \$15. Tickets will be redeemable through April 12th and are good for dine in or carry out.

A groups of us from PAW Packs will be visiting the Community Aid store in Mechanicsburg in March to share our mission with them. As a partner with them, we receive gift cards to the store that can be given to those in need in our community. We usually work with the counselors in the school district to hand these out, but if you know someone other than school age children who could use a gift card, please reach out to us. If you by chance drop off items at their drive thru donation door at the store, we will receive credit for them if you give them our partner number which is 10375.

All are welcome to join us at our next meeting.

The next PAW Packs meeting is March 5 at 6:30 pm.



If you're heading to the grocery store, remember to pick up a few cans of peas, corn and/or green beans

for Paw Packs.

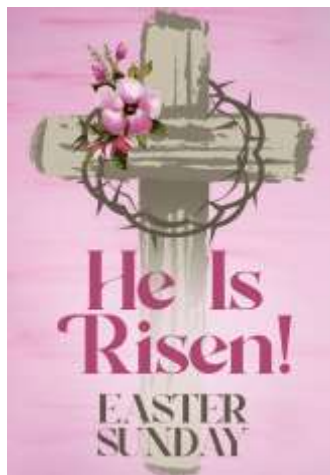
You can bring them to the church.

Let's do it for the kids! #ForNewville

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Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday Night
at 6:00 pm.
All are welcome!



Happy Helpers

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Happy Helpers will be meeting March 18th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Happy Helpers is for those who are age 55 and older. We hope to have you join us.



Women's Ministry will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm. We would love to have you join us in creating new ideas, sharing friendships and growing together as we serve.

Please join us.

We'd love to see you there!



Girls In God's Grace, Laughing, Eating and Sharing

GIGGLES will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at noon** at Miseno's at 598 W. High Street in Carlisle

Sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Any questions please contact Peg Hoover at 717-701-8070.

A **Community Choir** is being formed to sing for the **Four Diamonds Concert** at Zion Lutheran Church in Newville. There will be one rehearsal on **Sunday, April 14th**, and the concert is on **Sunday, April 28th**. Times will be announced soon. If you are interested and would like more details, please talk to Mary Beth Miller or call her at 717-440-2111.



Wednesday Night

Connection Groups

For all Ages



Meet at 7:00 pm.

Come see where you can get connected!!!

Individually wrapped Easter candy is needed for the Easter Egg Hunt! Please help by donating bags of candy and place them in the bins in the lobbies and café by March 17th. Thank you for your donations.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 9th before you go to bed!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULES

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule - March 2024

Date	8:15 Junior Church	9:30 Sunday School	10:45 Junior Church
March 3 Week 1	Check In: Kevin & Laura Lay Teacher: Linda & Amanda Webber	Check In: Kevin Miller Teacher: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover	Check In: Deanna Rhinehart Pre-School: Delaney Rhinehart & Sherry Aby Elementary: Daniel & Julianna Bender
March 10 Week 2	Check In: Miriam Dull Teacher: Emily & Wade Reall	Check In: Jeanne & Dave Young Teacher: Angie Anderson & Linda Pletcher	Check In: Will & Janelle Lloyd Pre-School: Heidi and Levi Guyer Elementary: Kathy Hewitt & Deb Whisler
March 17 Week 3	Check In: Dave and Jo Schoonover Teacher: Steph & Jordyn Weller	Check In: Michael Copenhaver Teacher: Angie Anderson & Linda Pletcher	Check In: Alan Guyer Pre-School: Amber Brown & Linda Gehrett Elementary: Kathy Hewitt & Yvonne Shannon
March 24 Week 4	<u>FAMILY SUNDAY</u> Check In: Mark and Sarah Long NURSERY ONLY	<u>FAMILY SUNDAY</u> Check In: Alan Guyer NURSERY ONLY	<u>FAMILY SUNDAY</u> Check In: Pastor Andrew & Kathryn Griffith NURSERY ONLY
March 31 Week 5	Easter Sunday: Combined Family Service at 9:30 am Children ages 3-grade 5 worship in sanctuary. The nursery is open for families, but not staffed.		



March's Monthly Memory Verse

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28



Nursery Volunteer Schedule - March 2024

8:15 Service

March 3 - Jeff & Stephanie Pittman
 March 10 - Roger Woltz & Elijah Reall
 March 17 - Kristy Warren & Cathy Johnson
 March 24 - Emily Reall & Stephanie McCullough
 March 31 - 9:30 combined Service

9:30 Nursery

March 3 - Garry & Stephanie Wall
 March 10 - Bre Tennant & Ginny Weaver
 March 17 - Katie & Shay Kane
 March 24 - Tracey Cook & Ashley Lay
 March 31 - Nursery open but not Staffed

10:45 Service

March 3 - Tracey Cook & Alea Long
 March 10 - Michael Copenhaver & Pat Martin
 March 17 - Kathy Biscuit & Brooke Bobb
 March 24 - Megan & Hannah Orris
 March 31 - 9:30 combined Service

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir meets in the Children's Center for practice on March 24th at 9:30 am.

All children ages 3 - grade 5 are welcome to be part of the choir. We practice on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. Please join in! **The Children's Choir will sing March 31st.**

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Jr. & Amber Brown	3/9
Shawn & Stephanie McCullough	3/18
Terry & Michelle Snyder	3/19
Dave & Jo Schoonover	3/25
Dennis & Debbie McLaughlin	3/30

BIRTHDAYS

Reid Pletcher	3/2	Anna Lehman	4/1
Kelly Wilson	3/3	Gale Mellinger	4/1
Tony Leisher	3/4	Ed Michaels	4/1
Megan Orris	3/4	Emily Ramsey	4/1
Sharon Diehl	3/5	Pastor Wayne Good	4/2
Linda Gehrett	3/5	Jo Schoonover	4/2
Sam Howell	3/5	Kelsey Snyder	4/2
Kevin Orris	3/6	Carol Perry	4/3
Danielle Barnhart	3/6	Mason Thrush	4/3
Pastor Dick Reese	3/8	Christy Horne	4/4
Brandon Lehman	3/9	Emily Reall	4/5
Aaron Mains	3/9	Cathy Johnson	4/7
Ariahanna Forde	3/10	Brylee Bobb	4/8
Janis Jones	3/11	Mike Conner	4/9
Addison Lay	3/12	Brian Franklin	4/9
Char Schuth	3/12	Brooke Bobb	4/10
Bernie Allen	3/13	Lisa Newswanger	4/11
Ashton Thrush	3/13	Sue Russell	4/11
Thai Diep	3/14	Jane Shriner	4/11
Danna Howell	3/14	Sheri Houser	4/12
Erica Diep	3/16	Ken Lay	4/14
Micah Weaver	3/16	Shawn McCullough	4/15
Larry Wilhide	3/17	Pastor Ron Dull	4/16
Evan Diep	3/18	Weston Reall Jr.	4/16
Katlyn Hoskins	3/18	Pastor Brian Ocker	4/18
Jenny Jarusewski	3/19	Tiffany Myers	4/19
Natalie Rinker	3/19	Skylar Diehl	4/21
Linda Woltz	3/21	Barb Finkenbinder	4/26
Tracey Cook	3/22	Pastor Brian Ramsey	4/26
Timothy Lang	3/22	Ben Shughart	4/26
Stephanie Pittman	3/22	Jay Weller	4/26
Gwen Schutte	3/26	Deb Wakefield	4/27
Twyla Stouffer	3/26	Sylvia Miller	4/28
Dave Schoonover	3/27	Jason Darhower	4/29
Carson Lay	3/29	Owen Warehime	4/29
Janelle Lloyd	3/29	Will Lloyd	4/30
Debbie McLaughlin	3/30		
Branson Cook	3/31		



Chip & Pat Shughart	4/4
Barry & Cathy Johnson	4/7
Dave & Jeanne Young	4/8
Pastor Kelly & Kris Hall	4/14
Chris & Clairissa Lang	4/16
Dick & Judy Daihl	4/19
Roger & Susan Russell	4/21
Ryan & Nicole Hall	4/24
Pastor Brian & Denay Ocker	4/25
Tobey & Brandi Lay	4/27
Larry & Char Schuth	4/29



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary on our calendar, please contact the church office.

1. Pray for those who have or will soon lose their jobs. Pray they can find something else soon before they get into deep financial trouble.
2. Pray for the Paw Packs programs and others like it. Pray that food will still be readily available at affordable costs. Praise God for putting the specific people into place who run it, as well as those who donate, help to pack and distribute. It's a huge blessing to the givers and receivers.
3. Pray for those who deal with extreme fatigue. It can come from so many sources. But it's hard to function when you feel like you are too tired to function. Your prayers will help a lot.
4. Pray for those who have trouble sleeping for whatever reason. It is much easier to make smart choices in your life and for God when you are alert. Instead of counting sheep if you have trouble falling asleep, try talking to the Shepherd.
5. Praise God that even when we do have hard times, God is awake and ready when we call on Him. You will never get a busy signal. He wants YOU to talk to Him any time, day or night.
6. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family as well as all of the other Pastors in our church and their families. In these times, being a Christian can make people have a reaction, for good or not. Pray for their good health and well being as well as courage to continue preaching Biblical truth.
7. Pray for those who are paralyzed by disease or through an accident. Pray they will not cave into the bitterness that could seem "normal", but that they will come to rely on God for strength, comfort and healing.
8. Pray for our First Responders (Police, EMT's, firefighters, so many emergency workers). They deserve our prayers for protection as they put themselves in danger for the rest of us. Pray for total health.
9. Tonight is Daylight Savings Time. You will "lose" one hour. But praise God that you will readjust. Because He has made you like Him. You can do things because He gives you the strength. Thank Him for that!
10. Praise God for the beauty we will soon be seeing and the warmer temperatures we'll be feeling. Spring really is coming soon.
11. Pray for those who are involved in the Elders and Council meetings. There are always important decisions to be made for furthering Jesus' kingdom. Pray for wisdom to abound in the rooms where the meetings are held and thank Him for showing His will in past choices that were made.
12. Pray for those who are expecting to have surgery or have recently had it. Pray for healing and a calmness that passes understanding.
13. Praise God that He gives you chances to do nice things for others. Actually, He often uses you to bless them and puts you in that place at that specific time, to make a difference in both lives. Be brave just do it.
14. Pray that those who are moving to another area will have an easy time learning their way around and find new places to call home and friends.
15. Praise our Lord that we can still speak mostly freely. Many around the world don't have that privilege. Pray for those who are stifled in so many ways.
16. Pray for those who have large medical expenses and no insurance. It may make needed treatments impossible to get, or create a debt that is nearly impossible to pay off, so they can lose everything they own. Pray that things can get back to a reasonable circumstance.
17. Pray for those who are going into a nursing home for rehab or long term care. Pray they can do the work to get stronger and be back home, if possible. If not, pray that they will be able to get accustomed to their new surroundings and make friends to have a good life, even if it is different.
18. Praise God that occasionally He does not answer your prayers quite the way you hope for. He still answers, but sometimes He has a better plan that you don't always see from the present perspective. Hopefully, you can look back and see something in your life that became a huge unexpected joy.
19. Pray for world leaders, that they will honestly find Christ and give up the greed and hunger for power at the cost of their citizens. It appears to be world wide. We are told to pray for them, let it be for honesty and decency as well as good moral values to become their legacy.
20. Praise God for giving us a beautiful house of worship, but also the mindset to share it with other groups as an outreach. The fact that the scouts and other groups can use it can be a blessing for us all. Some people who might not be comfortable with church may be more relaxed coming in for other things.
21. Pray for those dealing with addictions. Whether it is gambling, drinking, or other things that take over our minds and time. Pray for clearer minds for these people. We all have something we are compulsive about.
22. Pray for those who are living in fear or having panic attacks. Pray they will be filled with the Holy Spirit, that as their faith increases, their fear will decrease to the point where they can live a life of love and peace.
23. Praise God that He does have many circumstances planned out for you. Sure, you have free will and choices. But He also knows the big picture and what will happen if you take a different fork in the road. Praise God that He was working on your plan before you were even born.
24. Pray for those who are becoming homeless for whatever reason. Pray they can find a place to stay, especially in this cold weather. We may not always see them, but there are many more than we know.
25. When Jesus went to Jerusalem, mostly everyone was excited and happy. Then they turned on Him. Do you remember when you became saved? Do you still have that joy? Pray for the reconnection with Christ that will give you peace and joy in your heart, even in harder times.

26. This coming Sunday there will likely be some people who will join us for worship who don't come often. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be presenting the message directly to their souls in a way they never felt before and they will choose to commit their hearts and lives to Christ.
27. Pray that those who are plotting evil and attacks will be stopped. Obviously, it is occurring so many places around the world. Pray that the devil's plans will be crushed.
28. Praise God if He has added friends and family in you life who encourage you in your Christian faith. It is wonderful to be able to have good clean fun with those you can just be yourself around. Do you know others who don't have this support system? Maybe you can start another circle of like minded people.
29. Would you be willing to give your life for someone you knew would disrespect you? Let alone an extremely gruesome and agonizing death? Praise Jesus Christ that His was willing to do that for YOU and for everyone else. It is a debt we can never repay. But He paid it all. He deserves our loyalty.
30. There are a lot of Easter egg hunts going on in the area. Pray that there will be some spiritual truths that get through to those who attend. That they may even choose to attend a worship service for Easter, or at the very least have a curiosity as to what it is all about.
31. Hallelujah? He is risen!!! Praise Jesus, He proved that He is God's Son. Worthy of our trust and praise.



NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Director of Children's Ministry

On recommendation of the Personnel Team, the council approved to move Kathy Hewitt from the position of Interim to serving as **Director of Children's Ministry**. We are excited to have her as part of our staff as she helps lead our children in a growing relationship with Jesus. You are encouraged to keep all of our staff in your prayers.

Congregation Meeting – March 3, 2024

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting at the beginning of both worship services on March 3, 2024. The meeting will be to get a vote from the church membership to approve the roof replacement project for the All Purpose Building. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center and at the Information Desk in the Connection Center.

Church Office Relocation

In 2023, council discussed a variety of concerns of the church secretary office being located in the "hallway" where people pass through that area every day. Over the next few weeks you will see a switch ... **the secretary's office** is being moved to the current library, and the library is being moved to the current office area. The change will provide a more secure area for the office work and provide better access to the church library. Be watching as the change takes place!

Easter Offering and Driveway Repairs

Over the years things wear out, and that is the case with the one entrance driveway to the church. There are plans to make repairs and improvements to the driveway this Spring. The Easter Offering this year will be placed into the Capital Reserve fund to help with the cost of driveway repairs. More details will be coming in the near future.

THANK YOU!

As always, the council appreciates your prayers, encouragement and your financial support to the ministry of our church. God has blessed us with people who have hearts of generosity. A special THANKS goes out to our Trustees for all the work they do in our church.

If you have any questions, please contact Church Council Chairman, Kevin Miller at 717-816-6189.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Income				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	270.00	270.00		
Building Rental Income	150.00	150.00		
Envelopes Income	12,299.00	12,299.00		
Interest on Account	21.94	21.94		
Loose Offering Income	5,738.01	5,738.01		
Miscellaneous Income	160.00	160.00		
Missions Income	365.00	365.00		
Online giving	8,926.43	8,926.43		
Sunday School Income	189.00	189.00		
Total General Fund Income	<u>28,119.38</u>	<u>28,119.38</u>		
Money Market Income				
CCDR Income	2,020.00	2,020.00		
Memorial Fund Income	550.00	550.00		
Money Market Interest Account	36.29	36.29		
Total Money Market Income	<u>2,606.29</u>	<u>2,606.29</u>		
Total Income	<u>30,725.67</u>	<u>30,725.67</u>		
Expense				
Total Administration - Other	599.76	599.76	10,500.00	5.71%
Total Administration - Staffing	14,878.46	14,878.46	180,044.21	8.26%
Total Benevolences	4,639.58	4,639.58	65,650.00	7.07%
Total Christian Education	2,050.17	2,050.17	14,500.00	14.14%
Total Church Life Activities	762.84	762.84	4,000.00	19.07%
Total Mortgage	4,604.28	4,604.28	55,251.36	8.33%
Total Property Management	7,104.78	7,104.78	54,500.00	13.04%
Total Stewardship & Finance	85.00	85.00	1,600.00	5.31%
Total Technology	651.79	651.79	6,820.00	9.56%
Total Worship & Evangelism	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Total Expense	<u>35,376.66</u>	<u>35,376.66</u>	<u>394,865.57</u>	<u>8.96%</u>

Monday, 11th
Elders will meet at 5:30 pm
The Church Council will meet on at 7:00 pm.

Community Events & Senior Center News is on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center.

****Miscellaneous Giving: \$60.00 FOR THE Pulse Retreat & \$100.00 for new table in café.**




CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS



(717) 776-5281 www.campyolijwa.org Facebook Page: *Doubling Gap Center, Camp Yolijwa*

HIKE-N-ROCK
Saturday, May 4th

Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the camp. You could earn up to a free week of 2023 camp when you participate!



CAMP HOPE
June 2-7

A Christian camping ministry for persons, age 16+, with intellectual disabilities

Call the camp for a brochure.

Camp Counselor?

Over 350 persons are needed each summer as volunteer counselors at Camp Yolijwa. Responsibilities include leading a group of 6-7 campers through the **day's activities, leading devotions and keeping campers involved in program.**

Age 16 or older.


OPEN HOUSE & BBQ
June 8 @ 1-5 pm

Hayrides, Camp Activities. And as always Camps famous Chicken BBQ meal. Email program@campyolijwa.org!



YOUTH CAMP
June 11-17

For those entering 9th - 15th Grade



MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am Time of Prayer 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm PAW Packs Meeting 7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 pm Karate School</p>	<p>1</p> <p>am Paw-Packs 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Time of Prayer 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:15 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School 5:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 pm Karate School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>am Paw Packs 12:00 Lenten Lunch NFCOG serving</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>
<p>17 St Patrick's Day</p> <p>8:00 am Time of Prayer 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 pm Happy Helpers meeting 5:15 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School 6:30 pm Missions Mtg</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 pm Karate School</p>	<p>22</p> <p>am PawPacks 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>
<p>24 12-5 Cub Scouts Banquet</p> <p>8:00 am Time of Prayer 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship 31 Sunrise 7:00 am Breakfast 7:45 am Combined Service 9:30am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:15 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Noon GIGGLES Misenos Carlisle 6:30 pm Women's Ministry 7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO CONNECTION GROUPS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 pm Karate School 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>am Paw- Packs 6:00 pm Community Cross Walk</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Prayer Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am</p>



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STORM WATCH & CANCELLATION OF SERVICES - Please listen carefully to the cancellation announcements to see if one or all of the services are being cancelled on a particular day. You may also check Facebook for any updates. As always you can call Pastor Wayne at 717-448-6994 or Buz Anderson at 717-776-4734. As always, please use sound judgment as to whether or not to attend services during inclement weather. **BE SAFE!**



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Sunday Services

Worship Service

8:15 am

Nursery Care

Ages under 2

Kids Connection

Ages 3-Grade 5

Connection Groups

9:30 am

Adult Electives

Nursery Care

Kids Connection

Ages 3-Grade 5

Youth Connection

Worship Service

10:45 am

Nursery Care

Ages under 2

Kids Connection

Ages 3-Grade 5