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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER- PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

Hope you have already made plans to join us for conference next month. If not, please note that reservations must be made by **June 1st**. See your Pastor or the CGBCI website for a conference schedule. Pray for each of the Bible Hour Speakers as well as Mission Night Speakers as they prepare for conference. We will have the opportunity on Foreign Mission Night to hear from Brother Naing Bu who will be giving us a report on the work in Myanmar. Pray for hearts to be stirred and for the Spirit to fill the saints for service. May we learn to build and battle for God's glory!!"



Conference 2019 will be June  
28-July 3, 2019.

*Crowne Plaza Hotel*

*5700 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE*

*Grand Rapids, MI 49546*

Room Rate is \$75.00 plus tax

Call 1-877-270-1393 and mention  
CGBCI

If you would like to make your  
reservations on line, please see  
the link on the CGBCI website.

## 2019 CGBCI CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2019 Children's Conference Theme: *Singing Truth into Tender Hearts*

Children's Conference is nearly here! Our theme for 2019 is "Singing Truth Into Tender Hearts." During our time together, we'll be learning some classic hymns of the faith, studying about how music helps us memorize truth, and teaching the students a new modern hymn called "His Mercy Is More."

If you have a child that will be in children's conference (ages 5-12) or in the nursery (ages 0-4),

please email Jonathan Edwards at [jsedwards07@gmail.com](mailto:jsedwards07@gmail.com). We'd like to have an approximate idea of how many students will be attending for planning purposes.

### **Request for Singers and Musicians**

Calling Singers and Musicians: If you are interested in providing special music sometime during our 2019 National Conference, please let Pastor Joshua Steiner know. Email him at [strivingforphilippians314@gmail.com](mailto:strivingforphilippians314@gmail.com) or call the office at 330-683-3526, with the details of a song you will like to sing or play. Or if you are willing to sing or play for a number selected by one of the speakers, that would be helpful as well. The theme again for this year is "Building and Battling" from the book of Nehemiah.

Also, there will be an impromptu choir this year that will sing on Tuesday morning of conference.

### **Requests for Display Tables**

Last call for tables: Any individual or any panel chairman desiring to have a display table for conference should contact Pastor Chris Knight at 814.483.9384 or by email at [chrisk4Christ@gmail.com](mailto:chrisk4Christ@gmail.com).

### **Conference Ministry Opportunity**

If you would like to help set up and run the conference sound system, please contact Pastor Ethan Kallberg at [pastorethan@lv gbc.net](mailto:pastorethan@lv gbc.net) or 802-498-7869 for more details. We hear excellent preaching at conference and we know that God's Word is sharper than any two edged sword. But if the sound is not amplified so that all can hear, then Our Lord's Word cannot have its effect. That is how vital this ministry is to those who attend conference. Would you consider helping with this important ministry? I would like to make a schedule of each adult session for all those interested in helping. If you have no experience with sound equipment but would like to learn, I will train you!

### **Conference Golf Outing**

Conference attenders, do you enjoy having great fellowship while getting some exercise while following the little white ball around the golf course???

The plans are in motion for a CONFERENCE GOLF OUTING on Monday, July 1.

So bring your clubs (or rent) and be ready for some great fellowship and a few laughs.

Sign up at the registration table to participate in the 2019 CGBCI OPEN. See you at Conference.

### **Conference Dues**

Conference dues (\$12 per member) are to be sent to Pastor Ike Graham by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to Grace Brethren Church and mail to 2200 Paradise Rd.; Orrville, OH 44667.

## NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

### **GBC of Irasburg, Coventry, VT-Pastor Scott Libby**

#### *Revitalize Vermont*

Pastor Bryan Maley and his family moved to Vermont last November to help revitalize the two CGBCI churches of Irasburg and Lamoille Valley by helping us renew our souls, refresh each other, and to reconcile the lost to Christ. The Elders of both churches met numerous times this winter to evaluate our weaknesses and strengths in order to diagnose how we have declined as churches. Craig Noyes helped us greatly in this, and it was painful, but necessary to begin reckoning with our faults. We also worked towards a simplified vision-mission-purpose statement which we introduced to the church in April: "We exist as a church to make Jesus famous (vision) by moving people to maturity (mission) through connect, grow, serve (purpose)." With this statement as a guide, we're beginning to take some initial steps to help us start connecting more with each other (coffee station on Sunday AM; Friday Night Fellowship; upcoming church picnic/Friend Day.) Next is to develop the "growing in Christ" through one-on-one and small group discipleship. We just launched "Grace Kids" (a ministry for children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during the Sunday sermon,) which is the first major step in that department. So we're starting to make some progress. Since last fall, our worship attendance has increased from an average of 27 to 45, and we had the first baptism in more than a year this past Sunday. We appreciate all your prayers and the financial support of the Maleys. God is good. *Colossians 1:28-29*.

#### *Papua New Guinea*

God is providing! When we got off the plane last fall it seemed there were so many things that had to be done for us to get back to PNG. It felt like it might never happen. Today I'm excited to say almost everything is in place for us to return to PNG! My hope is to send in our family's visa and work permit forms this week. We are talking about housing and what we could do for a few months in country to serve and prepare things for our team while we wait for Josh and Autumn to come over. We've laid out floor plans for our house in the tribe and we're starting to think about packing up tools and supplies to ship over! And God has provided for these things. Since getting a side job or doing an unexpected support raising tour is not an option while we're in PNG, it's really important that we are well supported before we go over. I'm excited to say we're at 90% as of mid-May! As a team we've decided that we should not buy tickets until we are at least at 95%. So please be praying for the next \$375 of monthly support to come in so we can buy those tickets! I've also got really exciting news to share about the house building fund, but I'll wait until the check is in the bank (both literally and metaphorically 😊) to share about that. Thank you all for your support! We plan to be at conference and look forward to seeing you all. We've got a little bit of time left to schedule speaking engagements. If you don't have us on your calendar, but would like us, send me an email. I can't guarantee we'll be able to work it out, but we'll try!

### **Listie GBC, PA-Pastor Chris Knight**

We praise the Lord for a busy Spring season at Listie GBC. The Lord has opened many opportunities to serve including Midyear meetings and the Allegheny District Spring Youth Rally in March as well as the District Ladies Rally in April. Fellowship with the Brethren is always a blessing!"

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM (NET)

The NET '19 ministry is rapidly approaching. The dates are July 6-21, 2019 and will include training at Camp Albryoca in PA and outreach at the Grace Brethren Church in Telford, TN and the GBC in Coolville, OH. Below are listed the team members, the name of their home church and the name of their adopting church (in the cases in which the home church and the adopting church are the same the name is not repeated).

If you have interest in adopting a team member, please contact Pastor Del Miller at Orrville GBC. The adoption amount is \$300 again this year. Of course the details vary year by year regarding who is able to help whom! We have greatly appreciated the high level of interest from around our Conference regarding NET. At the time of this writing the confirmations that we had for adoptions are marked (\*) below. By the time you get this there will likely be more progress. Part of the team will be at Conference and will share on Monday evening, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers!

### Couples:

**Pastor Del & Grace Miller NET '18 leaders**

**Pastor Philip & Elizabeth Moeller \***  
(Cornerstone GBC)

### GUYS:

**Benjamin Miller** (Albany GBC)

**Clay Hannah \*** (Peru GBC)

**Gabriel Miller \*** (Albany GBC)-adopted by Reading GBC

**Johnathan Steiner \*** (Orrville GBC)

**Nicholas Kelly** (North Bend COB)

**Simon McAllister** (Trinity GBC Columbus, OH)

### GIRLS:

**Patience Bolling** (Grace Brethren Chapel)

**Christina Elliot \***(Cornerstone GBC)

**Hannah Hodgdon** (Orrville GBC)

**Eleanor Pearson \***(Peru GBC)

**Daria McAllister** (Trinity GBC Columbus, OH)

**Julia Weeks \***(Peru GBC)

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