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PRESIDENT'S CORNER- PASTOR DAVE BLEVINS

If someone were to ask you the question: What is a hero? What would your answer be? I am writing this article on Thursday, Oct. 12th for the November Issue of the Voice Newsletter. Why is that date so significant, you may ask? Fans of the Cleveland Indians will recognize the date immediately, because the night before, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, our "beloved Tribe," predicted by many experts to go "all the way" and win the World Series, went down in defeat to the Wild Card, New York Yankees. It hurts to even type those words, but the feeling has become all too familiar to Cleveland Fans. To many people, these Professional Athletes are "Heroes." I decided to look up the dictionary definition for "hero" and here is what I found: 1: A mythological or legendary figure of great strength or ability, 2: A man admired for his achievements and qualities, 3: The chief male character in a literary or dramatic work, 4: A submarine cold-cut sandwich. Number 4 is my personal favorite! Those whom we label "heroes" may or may not let us down or disappoint, but as we learn in Hebrews 13:5 when it comes to

God, He "...will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." All of the Heroes in Hebrews chapter 11 understood this and were commended for their faith. Each of them is given to us as examples of faith. They were not perfect, but they believed God and trusted Him. I am really looking forward to our 25th annual CGBCI Conference June 29 - July 4, 2018 in Erlanger, Kentucky as we focus on these Heroes of the Faith from God's Word. I hope that you will make plans to join us. In addition to a wonderful time of worship and fellowship, we are planning to once again tour the Ark Encounter. I encourage you to visit their website <https://arkencounter.com/> to see the changes and additions since our last visit in 2016. Also, I would appreciate your prayers as we plan and promote conference. Remember to check out the monthly promotional videos on the CGBCI YouTube page. Just go to YouTube and type "CGBCI" in the search bar. Be sure to subscribe so you will receive email notifications each time a new video is posted.

2018 CGBCI CONFERENCE LOCATION

Northern
Kentucky Holiday
Inn-Cincinnati
Airport

Erlanger, KY

June 29th-July 4th,
2018

Call the Holiday
Inn to reserve your
room (Mention
that you are with
the CGBCI
Conference)

1-859-746-5608

Room Rate: \$89 +
tax per night

The Ark Encounter
and Creation
Museum are close
to the Hotel.

NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

Reading GBC, Stoystown, PA-Pastor Larry Weigle

We praise the Lord for being able to receive eleven new members into our Church Membership during the past two months. All are faithful in attending the services of our church.

We are saddened to report that we will need a new Camp Albryoca Caretaker due to the recent home going of the Caretaker, Roger Weigle. Please keep his family and the camp ministry in your prayers.

Peru GBC, IN-Pastor Dave Jodry

Pastoral Position Available: Peru GBC is seeking a man who has thorough Biblical training/education to join our team of Elders as a full-time Associate Pastor. We would like for him to have a heart for

family/children's ministries and in particular, lead our youth ministry. He will also share in the preaching, teaching and worship service ministries with the Senior Pastor. This Associate position includes, but is not limited to,

these areas of responsibility. Please send letter of interest and resume to: The Council of Elders, Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 South Broadway, P O Box 552, Peru, IN, 46970.

Mishawaka GBC, IN-Pastor Davy Troxel

This October saw our annual marriage retreat. It was held again at the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana, Indiana, a place known for its Amish flavor, quilts, fireplaces, and comfy rooms. We had eleven couples, including three pastors. Friday night and Saturday were full of fellowship, snacks, games, and mostly Bible studies about biblical couples who taught us various aspects of marriage. We learned about compatibility from Solomon and the Shulamite, endurance from

Aquila and Priscilla, purpose from Adam and Eve, and many others. October ended with two getting baptized and a carry-in dinner, and the joy of seeing repeated visitors at church. Next Thursday, Pastor Davy will be speaking to a large group of veterans about the Civil War at a local funeral home that is putting on a presentation to honor them: pray to harvest some spiritual fruit. The same funeral home is also planning a special presentation about Abraham Lincoln for

January; Pastor Davy will bring another presentation, along with a special display that will include an exact replica of President Lincoln's coffin. Again, please pray for some spiritual inroads to open up.

On Wednesday the 15th of November, we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the church. We feed 80-100 people, cooking 7 turkeys with a carry-in dinner. Everyone is invited, if this announcement gets to you in time.

Telford GBC, TN - Pastor Dave Blevins

Please be in prayer as we begin a brand new (Southern Campus) Theological Proctorium here at the Telford GBC beginning Tuesday, November 7th. Our first course of study will be "Salvation

and the Christian Life" with Dr. Herman Hoyt. If anyone would be interested in moving South, we would love to have you! We already have a number of students here who have

expressed an interest in this course, and we are excited to see what the Lord has in store as we begin this important ministry (2 Timothy 2:2).

LISTIE GBC, PA 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION- PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

Listie GBC celebrated its 125th Anniversary on October 22nd and 23rd. While the current church building was dedicated on November 12, 1892, the heritage of the church can be traced back to 1848 when the church was known as "Trent Church" where they may have met in barns for worship. There have been over 500 members, thousands of people in and out of the church doors, over 400 baptisms, and many other wonderful events. Pastor Chris Knight is the 40th Pastor, following in the footsteps of Pastor Ronzil Jarvis who was the longest tenured pastor, serving the Lord in Listie for 32 years.

Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, provided current and past members and attenders, and community members an opportunity to tour the church and to see various items chronicling the history of the church. Items on display included everything from the first English Church hymnal to the Sunday School roster used for many years! Also, on display was a "social calendar" for one of the pastors who would travel a long distance to preach on Sunday. Church members would sign up to host the pastor at their home for the Sunday Meal and afternoon. Another special event recorded was a special evangelistic meeting held January 19th to February 1st, 1939. The guest speaker was Rev. R. Paul Miller. At these meetings, 69 professed Christ as Savior and 52 were baptized.

The Saturday evening service was an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing. In between favorite hymns being sung and special music sung by Pastor Chris, and his parents, George and Toni Knight, current and past members shared testimonies of God's faithfulness. Mrs. Joyce Weigle shared that her family came to Listie in 1965 where she met her husband, Larry. Larry used to ring the church bell. The Weigle's daughter, Stephanie, is the wife of the current Pastor, Chris Knight. Larry is the Pastor at Reading GBC, in Stoystown, which was a church plant of Listie in 1957.



Mrs. Zola Baker, 87, started attending Listie in the nursery. Both her parents and grandparents were members of the church. After she trusted in the Lord as her Savior, she was baptized in 1941 by Reverend Nowag. She has fond memories of attending District Youth Rallies. It brings her joy to know that all four of her children are also members. She remembers both the 100th and 75th Anniversaries as well.

Sunday Morning Worship Service saw several other past members of the church in attendance. Jordan Bradley, from Peru, IN GBC preached the sermon called, "The Purpose of the Church." Pastor Chris Knight read the Scriptures from a Bible formerly owned by a charter member of the

church. The Bible was set on the pulpit that was moved from the church's previous location and dates as far back as the late 1800s.

After a Fellowship Meal together, all met again upstairs to dedicate the newly renovated church bell. Pastor Chris Knight read a poem dedicating the bell to renewed service. The bell had originally been in the church belfry that had been dedicated in 1898. The bell had been renovated by a young man in the church named Elijah Humbert. He had the honor of ringing the bell for the first time since its renovation. **Story Continues on Next Page.**

The poem read by Pastor Chris Knight dedicating the church bell is as follows:

Beloved, in the providence of God and for the meeting of a need for an adequate building in which to worship and serve the Lord, it has been our duty and privilege to worship in such a house as this. So it is with great joy and deep gratitude that we this day dedicate this church bell to the glory of God. May the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the salvation of the lost in this community and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, ring forth like the peal of this bell. To You, Eternal God our Heavenly Father, in Whom we live, and move, and have our being, we dedicate this bell to your glory and praise"

NEWS FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS

India Ministry Update

Recently, Brother Nehemiah in Odisha received a flier from the RSS party instructing people to gang rape Christian girls; burn Bibles and Christian books, and contaminate the drinking water of Christians. They are also offering monetary rewards (\$150,000) to anyone who would kill national Christian leaders or pay \$8,000 to anyone who kills a local pastor. As the day of International Prayer for the Persecuted Church approaches (Nov. 5th), it is a reminder to pray diligently for our persecuted Brethren.

In spite of this strong opposition (Acts 5:29), Brother

Joseph in Odisha has baptized 4 adults and Brother Paul in Coimbatore has baptized 12 adults. This includes 2 men planting a church among a tribal group in the mountains. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Concerning the orphan and foster care ministry in India, a clarification needs to be made. In order to adequately care for the children (50-60 of them), the monetary need is \$2500 per month. We are suggesting \$25 per month by 100 donors who are able to give. Some have explained that they are not able to give that much. That is fine. We are trying to

meet the monthly goal so if 200 donors gave \$12.50 per month; or, 250 donors gave \$10 per month; or, if 4 donors gave \$7500 per year, then any of these combinations would meet the goal. If you have questions, please contact Grace Steiner at konnctwiththekid@gmail.com or you could call her at 330-749-7156. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support of this ministry also. We rejoice because the children are learning the Word of God and coming to faith in Christ; both Hindu and Muslim children.

NEWS FROM JEFF AND MARLENE KRAN

Jeff and Marlene recently had a wonderful meeting with Mitch Foreman, the North American operations director for Chosen People Ministries, and are looking over potential deployment opportunities reaching the least of evangelized, and the hardest to reach group among the Jewish people, the Hasidic Jews. This deployment would station us in the Catskills of upstate New York. We would be pioneering this work, and a new branch

for Chosen People Ministries. We are continuing to seek God's will in relation to this very unique opportunity.

Jeff has an incredible opportunity for ministry in California for a complete apologetics conference. Jeff will be the main apologetic speaker along with several satellite TV spots.

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The complete itinerary follows:

M2M Network's Apologetics Conference

Engaging Muslims

November 11th & 12th

270 East Palais Road, Anaheim, CA 92805

Key Speaker: Apologist Rev. Jeffery Kran
(Messianic Jew)

Also: Former Muslim Husein Mashni, TV Show Host
Apologist John Mark Rieser, Radio Show Host.

November 11th

1st Session - 1pm:

Why Am I a Christian?

Contextualization: Boundaries and the Insider
Movement

Jeff Kran Speaking

2nd Session - 4pm:

The Evidence for the Inspiration of the Bible
Biblical Requirements for Prophet

Jeff Kran Speaking

3rd Session - 7pm:

Obama's Favorite Qur'anic Verse

Jihad and Biblical War

Jeff Kran Speaking

November 12th

Allah of the Koran: Is He the God of the Bible?

Trinity in the Old Testament

Incarnation: the God Who Visits

Jeff Kran Speaking

5th Session - 7pm:

The Need for Atonement

Standing in the Gap

Jeff Kran Speaking

Prayers are appreciated for this coming weekend when Jeff will be doing the conference as well as for their decision about this pioneering Jewish ministry.

NEWS FROM DR. JOHN WHITCOMB



"Why Genesis Still Matters" is the feature article in the November/December 2017 Answers Magazine published by Answers In Genesis.

What an honor it is for Dr. Whitcomb to have been interviewed by Mike Matthews from AIG and featured on the front cover of the Answers magazine. Mike states, "the publication of The Genesis Flood in 1961 sparked the modern creation movement. Coauthor John Whitcomb, one of the towering theologians of our times, explains the timeless truths that will help us reach the next generation with God's message of redemption."

May God use this article to glorify Himself, challenge hearts and save souls!

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