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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR LARRY WILLIAMS

A number of years ago, I entered a sketch in a Christmas card contest sponsored by a local bank. It pictured a fireplace decorated for the holidays and highlighted by this Scripture across the top: Matt. 5.16 - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." These are the words of Jesus, encouraging us to be a light to this sin-darkened world around us. "Gonna Let it Shine!"

My prayer is that our upcoming Conference will light a fire under our feet to be about our "Father's business." There are many ways in which we may reach out to the lost, but the best one is personal contact. We may do it by expressing what the Lord has done for us, or by explaining a tract we may put in their hand. The state of our world seems to be getting worse as each day goes by. I believe the time for Jesus' return is growing close. Let us "shine" our light for others to see.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars now for National Conference: June 26-July 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The hotel has given us a price of \$108 plus tax. This rate does not include breakfast, however, there is a wonderful breakfast buffet served in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is working on a great discount to offer us for the breakfast. A direct phone line as well as an online booking link are listed below:

****RESERVATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE****

June 26 Executive Panel, June 27 Panel Meetings

June 28-July 3

DoubleTree by Hilton

Grand Rapids (MI) Airport

Call the hotel directly at 616-957-1543

And mention CGBCI Conference.

Deadline for special Conference rate: June 1

Booking

Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GRRAITD&groupCode=CDTXCG&arrivaldate=2024-06-26&departuredate=2024-07-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Guests can adjust their length of stay at the top of the screen within the booking link.
Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

CONFERENCE MUSIC – PASTOR DELANE MILLER

I'm looking for players in the conference ensemble, woodwinds, brass and orchestral strings. I have chosen a medley for the Quick Choir and will have it available at CoP meetings in March for those who would like the music ahead of time. If interested, please email me at: millerdelane02@gmail.com.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

I am excited to continue planning for YCON '24. The theme I have chosen is, "Access by Faith." We will be looking at Romans 5 which tells of the great blessings bestowed upon believers. We have access to God, to justification, to His grace, all through faith! What a joy to be a Christian! I plan to have posters, cost, and registrations out to churches on March 1st. Stay tuned! Pray for our youth!

GALION GBC – PASTORS BRIAN AUTEN & JEFF PENNINGTON

Our church has not had live music for nearly three and a half years. We do not have a piano player or music leader. We have been praying about this and thought we would ask our fellowship if there is anyone interested in filling this need for us. Maybe God has been directing someone to this ministry that we don't know about. We would like to put our need out there for prayer and, hopefully, help! If interested, please contact Pastor Brian at 419-834-5805 , or Pastor Jeff at (419-989-5269).

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR ROBERT MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers. God has answered our prayers for several people on our prayer list. We continue to pray for little Gus and Pastor Davy Troxel.

Pastor Bob is continuing his sermon series in Revelation. Pastor Ron Welsh is continuing his study in the Minor Prophets for our Adult Sunday School Class. Both studies are so timely for the days in which we are living.

Praise God for His faithfulness in keeping the work at New Troy going.

THE REFUGE CHURCH – PASTOR BRYAN MALEY

I hope this note finds you well and filled with God's grace. I am writing to share some exciting news and updates from our ministry at The Refuge Church, and to ask for your continued support as we spread love and faith in our community.

This Sunday, we are coming together for a special Three-Fold Communion service. It is a great time for us to reflect on the blessings of this sacred act and unite in our faith and love for the Lord. I am also very excited to say that our Small Group will be starting up again on Wednesdays. In these sessions, we will be discussing the personal things in our lives that sometimes take priority over God. It is a reflective and meaningful journey we will take together. We will also be starting a Men's Group that will focus on what a biblical man looks at, combating what our world says a man is.

Our church has been blessed with an average attendance of 27 devoted individuals. Over the past month, we have welcomed two new families into our congregation, and we have celebrated the births of three precious babies since October.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for your interest in the ministry of the National Evangelism Team. As was mentioned in our last article, it is already time to start thinking about NET 25! In the coming months we would like to determine that location. If you could talk to the Lord about that, we would be grateful. Also, please keep us in prayer as we begin to pull together the details and the resources we need for the NET 24 trip to Vermont. Our theme this year will be “The Armor of God” from Ephesians 6. There is some overlap with last year when we went through the entire book of Ephesians. What a rich book!

We will have the list of team members for you in the next edition of the Voice. God Bless!
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