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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR DAVE BLEVINS

Hard to believe it is 2023, but by the time you read this, the first month, January, will almost be behind us. Our Conference in Dublin, Ohio will be here before you know it (Less than 6 months away). Our Conference theme this year is, “Transformed!” with our Bible messages focusing on men like Saul of Tarsus whose life was radically changed when he met Jesus Christ. As I’ve often said, “Once Paul took a stand for Christ, you knew exactly where he stood.” His faith in Christ wasn’t superficial. In Philippians 1:21, Paul wrote, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” In the wonderful passage to the Church at Corinth, Paul wrote: “Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” (1 Corinthians 15:8-10).

Not only did Paul “live” out his faith, but he wasn’t afraid to tell others how a relationship with Jesus Christ would change their lives as well. In Romans 1:16 he said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”. Without a doubt, Paul’s life was truly transformed! According to Webster’s dictionary, one of the definitions for the word transformed is to change in character or condition. As the world around us rapidly changes toward the conditions the Bible says will be here during the Tribulation, we as believers are to be conforming more and more to the image of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 the Apostle Paul wrote, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” The stakes are high. People’s eternities are on the line. In our Lord’s High Priestly prayer in John 17:14-17, He prayed, “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”.

Be sure to mark the dates for Conference 2023, June 30th-July 5th in Dublin, Ohio at the Columbus Marriott NW.

CORNERSTONE GBC – PASTORS LES VNASDALE & PHILIP MOELLER

Congratulations to the CGBCI quizzers on memorizing from Psalms 1, 2, 8, 19, 23, and 24! In our three rounds of quizzing, Obie Geiser quizzed out 3 times, Nathaniel Studer quizzed out 2 times, and Danny Smail quizzed out once. Obie Geiser also won the quiz down.

If you are still interested in getting involved in future quiz matches, it is not too late. The next quiz rally is not until March 11. For more information contact Pastor Philip Moeller at 419-747-5012 (church phone) or 419-631-9720 (cell phone).

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE - FISHERMAN HUCKLEBERRY FINN (PASTOR LARRY WILLIAMS)

The local weather isn't very conducive to fishing, unless you like to get out on the ice, but I've been thinking about that as we make plans for our Children's Conference. We will have lessons on the life of Simon Peter, a fisherman/apostle, and anticipate great blessings. I still need volunteers to help with child care. Please contact me if you are interested at red77williams@gmail.com or 574-338-0340. I will be truly grateful.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTORS KEVIN YODER & ROB COVER

We are happy to announce YCON 2023 is again in Dublin, Ohio. We had a wonderful time last year, lots to do and a great hotel. The staff made it so enjoyable. Please start the encouragement for youth 6th-12th grades. The theme is, "REMADE TO HONOR GOD" (Jeremiah 18:4). The cost is \$295.00. We are planning to go to a Columbus Clippers game as one of our activities.

A special offering is planned for February 12 to help offset some of the cost for the youth to go. We have a great group of youth and so happy to serve them. We choose this date to show our commitment and love for our youth near Valentine's Day. Please pray that we will have a tremendous time of growth together in the Lord. He is so good to us! Any questions? Please let me know at yoderk1974@gmail.com

COLLEGE OF PASTORS PRESIDENT – PASTOR DELANE MILLER

A reminder: CoP meetings are March 13 -16 in Mansfield, OH (Cornerstone GBC). We will have our regular panel meetings, CoP business meeting, a report from the Basinger, FL team, discussion of my thesis, and an ordination exam for Jordan Bradley. The Pastors' wives will meet too! Watch for further information as final plans come together.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES/AVAILABLE MEN – PASTOR PHILIP MOELLER

The Coolville Grace Brethren Church (Ohio) is looking for a pastor following the retirement of Pastor George Horner. If interested, please contact either Dana Aldridge (740) 667-6697 or Pastor Philip Moeller (419) 631-9720.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR BOB MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. I had the opportunity to lead the Christmas carol singing at the Community Center, December 3, and the response from those present was very positive. The Ladies' Ministry group made up four fruit baskets for needy families in our area. The response from

this ministry was very positive – thanks ladies! The Christmas Program for the evening of December 18th went very well, and there was a good turn-out for the event.

Here in January, we had our annual business meeting and everything went well. We have also been blessed with a steady attendance and offering despite the cold weather.

There are several prayer requests I would like to share. We have several members who are struggling with physical ailments. Mindy Burns is undergoing radiation and chemo; John White is under hospice care but is holding his own; Caroll Stuckey is on oxygen and pretty much homebound at this time. Joyce Smith has uncontrollable shaking in her right hand, and America Schmaltz is still in the rehab center in South Haven but is continuing to improve. We have begun a fund to have the church roof re-shingled. Please pray that the funds will come in to cover this project.

HOME MISSIONS

NORTHEAST INDIANA (NEI) – PASTOR BRYAN MALEY

As most of you know we have been studying the purpose of the church on Wednesday nights. A few weeks ago we took a look at communion and why it is important to practice it. We had a few questions, so we all decided to take communion together. It was a true blessing. Twelve of us sat around our table in our kitchen and had a Wonderful time of fellowship. My heart is full this morning as I type this almost in tears. Out of the twelve only four people have ever taken part in Three-fold communion. Jack and Madeline Zvers join us on Wednesday for small group, and they were a great help last night when it came to foot washing. Jack even taught on the love feast for us. God is moving in South Whitley!!

P.S. We meet again the beginning of February. We will be discussing baptism. I had mentioned that last night at the end of communion and was flooded with questions. We got into a lot more then what I anticipated but again, what a blessing. Thank you all for your prayers...they were felt.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

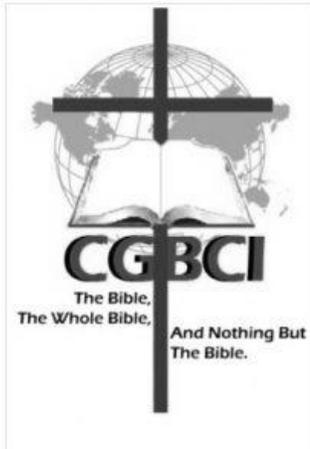
Thank you for your interest in NET. This year's dates are June 10-25, 2023 with our training week at the Grace Brethren Chapel, Gibsonburg, OH (June 10-17), and the outreach week at Listie Grace Brethren in Listie, PA (June 17-24). Sunday, June 25, is open at this time for a church in PA or OH. As always, we truly appreciate your prayers for this ministry. Last year we had our training week at Listie so we will see quite a number of familiar faces when we go back there this year. We also had contact with people from the Somerset GBC and the Reading GBC.

Please be praying for us as we begin to gather materials and information for our upcoming NET 23 ministry. We involve a number of the team members in working to develop our presentations and schedule. We have appreciated their energy and creativity when helping to work on these items. Lord willing, we will share with you the names of the NET 23 members in the next issue of the Voice.

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MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON REGARDING:

THE LADIES LUNCHEON

THE COLUMBUS CLIPPERS GAME ON SUNDAY, JULY 2

ICE CREAM AT SCIOTO PARK ON MONDAY, JULY 3

By the time we print next month’s VOICE we hope to have the Eventbrite link up and running so that you can register for things happening at conference. The Eventbrite registration helps the conference planners prepare for your arrival.

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