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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR IKE GRAHAM

The Resurrection

Luke 24:13-53

Jesus is alive! He was actually dead. Even the American Scientific Journal admits this. We have numerous written records. We have more written records of Jesus' life, death and resurrection than we do for other historical events taught in our schools! The tomb was empty. Can I add to that? It's still empty! Moreover, there were many eyewitnesses. First Corinthians 15:6 says that there were over 500 eyewitnesses. Jesus is alive! However, there are still people today, even Christians who have doubts and lack devotion to the living Lord Jesus Christ. They are like the 2 men who met the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. So, for this upcoming Resurrection Sunday, take a long, hard look at Luke 24:13-53.

In this passage, the Lord Jesus Himself does not make Himself known to Cleopas and the other man until He has spent a lengthy period of time explaining the Old Testament to them. Now, for us, the question is "Why?" Why go to such extremes when all you have to do is show them that you are resurrected? It is because Jesus knows that a vibrant, dynamic faith does not rest on what we see, but on the word of God (2 Cor. 5:7). So, He takes them through the entire Old Testament to explain to them, "...the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures" (Luke 24:27). After all, if Jesus had said, "Men, look! It's Me! They would have been overjoyed! They would have said, "Wow, praise God!" Then, if Jesus had explained to them from the Old Testament, they would have said, "Uh huh. I see. I get it." There would not have been much reflection on the truth of the written word because they would have simply received it. By taking this approach, Jesus grounds them thoroughly in the word of God. He opens their minds to understand (v. 32) and in the process creates in them strong motivation to believe the Bible and to hunger for its truth. That's what God wants for all of us. This is why there are so many statements about the need for "sound doctrine;" or "healthy teaching" or "healthy words." These are words which give health and spiritual strength. Think about this. Reflect on this. Were they believers? Yes. Then what was their problem? They were confused about the meaning of the Old Testament and Jesus. Brethren, this is why we have Bible classes. This is why we have a school of theology. Wrong beliefs lead to wrong living. Be sure that you have a good, correct understanding of the Bible. Then, you will be able to "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame" (1 Peter 3:15-16).

MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE!

I'm a bit surprised that we have had so many reservations for Conference already; but that is good! The cottages are all booked. The cabins are all booked, and Laurel Inn has 3 rooms left. In addition, a number of rooms in Solar House and Guest House have been reserved! Praise the Lord.

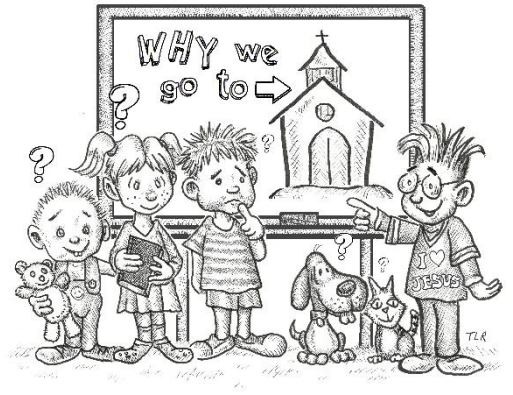
- There will be 2 golf carts to transport people from place-to-place. You can drive your car, or ride in the golf cart.
- Weather permitting (aka, Lord willing), we will begin Conference with a picnic on Thursday, July 2. Sign up for supper that night if you want to have your picnic meal provided.
- There will be a concert on Friday night, July 3. The Merrill Evangelistic team will be providing the concert in "The Gathering Place."
- On Saturday, July 4, after supper, we will take wagons up to the top of the hill to watch fireworks and have a bonfire and a singspiration.
- Dr. Kevn Zuber of the Master's Seminary will be our keynote speaker.
- A Conference schedule is available online at www.cgbc.org
- When you register and make your reservation, complete each page. Be sure to answer every line; that is, be sure the page is completely filled out even if it is a "no" answer. A complete registration, or lodging choice, or meals choices will not register properly without the page being completely filled out. You also have the option of calling or texting 330-749-0545 to register, or make your room reservation and meal choices. You can also e-mail ikeg327@gmail.com Then, send a check to:

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- For the ladies' luncheon on Friday, July 3, Stephanie Knight is now handling those registrations. Please contact her at ibelieve_01@yahoo.com or 814-444-6709. You purchase your meal the same way that you purchase a lunch.
- Remember, Pastor Terry Reese (814-254-6734) needs help with the Kids' Conference and Pastor Chris Knight (814-483-9384) is looking for special music and instrumentalists to assist our song times together.
- We pay a fee to allow you the convenience of purchasing rooms and meals online. If you prefer, you can simply call 330-749-0545 to make your reservation and meal choices and send a check to the address above. This will reduce our costs.

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE – PASTOR TERRY REESE

Our chosen theme for this year's Children's Conference is "Why we go to Church." I have selected this theme with several thoughts in mind. First, I believe it to be compatible with Pastor Ike's overall Conference theme. Secondly, the matter of loyalty unto the local church is one that needs to be strongly instilled in our young people right from the very beginning of their faith-journey. Thirdly, it is our goal this year to communicate what the church is, how we become a member of Christ's Body, and what the church does: e.g., it worships, serves, gives, learns, mutually supports & edifies, etc. There will be two age groups for Children's Conference: ages 4 & 5 and ages 6 to 11. There will also be nurse provided for ages 0-3. We will require the help of approximately a dozen volunteers; if you feel led to contribute in this manner, please contact me by either phone or email: (814) 254-6734 or reesetpj@gmail.com There is hourly compensation for the volunteers!



YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & BROTHER REUBEN AUTEN

Mark your calendars and check out the online registration on the CGBCI website! Our theme will be "Complete in Christ" taken from Colossians 2:10. We will focus on the sufficiency of Christ and how that affects our daily walk.

There are three options to choose from:

1. Full YCON – \$275 Includes: lodging (Cottages), all meals, activities, t-shirt, & booklet
2. Day YCON - \$175 Includes: all meals, activities, t-shirt, & booklet
3. Limited YCON – \$50 Includes: activities, t-shirt, & booklet



We have planned a Guided hike on the McCune Trail in the beautiful Laurel Highlands. This trail is a 3.7-mile trail in the Ohiopyle State Park. The guide, Brother Todd Stockslager, attends Listie GBC. We will then have a picnic supper and devotions along the rapids of the Youghiogheny River! You can register on the CGBCI website.

If you would like to help with YCON 2026, please contact Pastor Chris Knight at (814)483-9384 or chrisk4christ@gmail.com

BEREAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Berean Faith Fellowship is in need of a pastor! Pastor Gordy was called to Calvary GBC, Alto, MI leaving a hole that Pastor Jeff Eno is unable to fill due to health issues. The faithful saints in Mt. Vernon are continuing to meet for worship, prayer, and Bible study, with nearby pastors providing pulpit supply, but we are praying fervently for the man whom the Spirit will call to come. Dear C.O.P. member, is that you? Does anyone know of a C.G.B.C.I. pastor who can come? Let Pastor Jeff know at 740-403-1951.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTORS ROBERT MENSINGER & RON WELSH

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers.

My wife Lila is now taking Keytruda infusions to insure the cancer does not come back. She has completed four so far. They are six weeks apart. She has her fifth one this Thursday and will see her oncologist next Monday. Thank you all for your prayers for my wife and me.

Pastor Ron Welsh is still going through Hebrews in our adult Sunday School class. The congregation voted to make Pastor Ron an Associate Pastor starting the first of the year and a salary to supplement his income. He and his wife Donna have been a great encouragement to our congregation. Pastor Bob is now in chapter sixteen of Revelation and the series is going very well.

Sister Mindy Burns is scheduled for surgery on her left knee March 24 to clean up the infection in it and pack it with antibiotics. Brother Curtis Smith is doing ok. He struggles in the mornings so he doesn't always make our morning services, but he comes whenever he is able.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support for our little flock in New Troy. We also have a new state-of-art basement door thanks to the generosity of Brother Phil Siewert and his wife Miriam. It was much needed. We will have a formal dedication service for it next month when they return from Europe. (Pastor Robert Mensinger)

There is a book I have been reading that gives great insight into Jewish thinking and its definite impact upon the Church and the Scriptures. I believe it is well worth having in your library. The title is 'Our Father Abraham'- Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith. Second edition, written by Marvin R. Wilson. He is a leading scholar on Christian-Jewish relations. (Associate Pastor Ron Welsh)

ORRVILLE GBC

We are delighted to announce that we now have 2 ACBC counselors! Pastor Joshua Steiner has completed his certification with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. This required a lot of work theologically and fifty hours of supervised counseling. In addition, his sister, Rachel Steiner has also completed the requirements and is certified. Praise the Lord!

A SHARING OPPORTUNITY

Mrs. Peggy Jones is looking for a lady to share room expenses at Laurelville for July 2-3. If you can help, please contact her at 906-630-7852 or at psj81259@gmail.com. Thank you!

The logo for "Grace FOR LIVING" features the word "Grace" in a large, elegant, white cursive font, with "FOR LIVING" in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a dark teal rectangular background.

Thank you to all who have been supporting this ministry. If you haven't checked out Grace for Living online, you can view it at <https://www.cgbc.org/grace-for-living>.

If you want to change the number of books you receive for your church, please let me know as soon as possible. To order a copy or give to help support this ministry, please use the QR code or email me at pastorethan@outlook.com. Thank you!



NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM (NET) – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for uplifting NET '26 in your prayers. This year's dates are May 30 -June 11, 2026 with our main training time at Somerset, Pennsylvania and the outreach time at North Buffalo GBC in Kittanning, PA (June 5-10).

We are appealing to our fellowship to join with us in helping God's people to aid churches in our Fellowship with outreach. In the past, we have had churches, Sunday School classes and individuals adopt team members. The Home Mission Panel is asking churches of the Fellowship to consider adopting a team member at \$325.00. We have already had a number of responses. You can see that nearly half of the team has been spoken for on the list below:

Pastor Del and Grace Miller	_____
Cookie Birkbeck	Orrville GBC
Jethro Geiser	Listie GBC
Charis Kallberg	_____
Noelle Kallberg	_____
Will Kallberg	Reading GBC
Daron McAllister	_____
Micah McAllister	_____
Silas McAllister	New Troy GBC
Sophia McAllister	_____
RuthAnna Miller	Cornerstone GBC
Amy Vanderpool	Lakeland Conservative GBC

Please continue to pray that all the team members will be able to participate. Every year at this time there are some uncertainties about how everything will work out related to other events and employment opportunities. Also be praying for those of us who work at putting together the materials and the schedule for the team. It is always a very full time and it is our prayer that each activity will be a blessing to the team and to those that we reach out to with the gospel. Thanks again for your interest and your prayers!

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