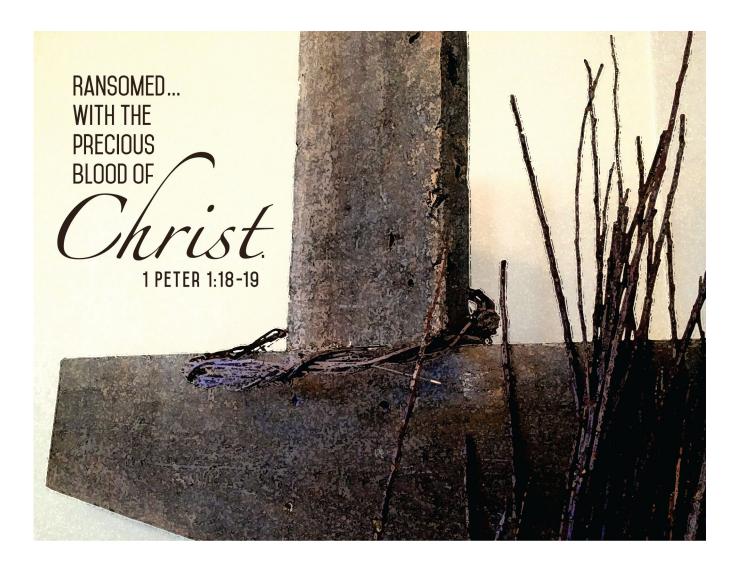
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Pastor's Corner

April 2017

It's springtime, what a great time of year. It's the time of restoration and rebirth. It's when we enjoy seeing things begin to grow! What if I told you, you could see your finances and resources grow? Yep, you guessed it; I would like to challenge you and your giving. Now before the arguments of why you can't afford to, or that's an Old Testament idea, just stop. In 30 years of ministry I've heard almost every reason why you can't trust me. You owe too much, kids are expensive, and we are just getting by as it is or I need to save for retirement. I've even had people tell me it's theirs, they earned it and I'm not giving it to the "church." Honestly, I'm sure you could find a good reason why you can't tithe and it could be logical and reasonable.





Pastor Nathan Seckinger

And let me put a rumor to bed now, my salary does not go up if you give more, and I don't control the finances the Governance Authority handles that. And I don't know what you give, I've been told a good pastor should know that information, but I believe that's between you and God.

This month if you have some time read the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. It's an interesting powerful book. It speaks of the nation of Israel dishonoring God. They claim to be right with God verbally, yet in the details of life, the everyday things, they are far from the Lord. In chapter 3, the Lord asks his peo-

ple to return to him and He will return to them. What an amazing promise. They ask how, he asks them to stop robbing Him. What! God cares about what we have, yes he does, because it's a matter of honor and trust and obedience to Him. Basically the Lord says the nation has been fudging the numbers. And because of that all their resources are under a curse. In other words there is a whole lot more month left when all of the resources are gone. Does that sound about right? But then the Lord offers them a crazy, huge, audacious challenge!

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse (temple) that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your field will not cast their fruit says the Lord Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land says the Lord Almighty." (Malachi 3:6-12)

The Lord Almighty isn't speaking figuratively. He is saying I will take care of you. I will make a way in all areas of your life. Notice he wasn't talking to a people that were able and successful, he was talking to a people who couldn't make ends meet. This really isn't about what they could afford it was about their willingness to trust and honor their Lord! I have found it's easy to say "Yes I trust God," when there is never a risk or cost or sacrifice, it's another thing when those words are tied to a tangible item or resource.

So how will you respond? Might I ask you to put the Lord to a test? He does after all say "test me in this." Maybe we could go bigger than just your tithes and offering, what about your time and talents and gifts? You see I've always figured money is the smallest asset we have, and if we can't trust Him with that why even consider the bigger issues in life.

So this spring as you watch the birds and flowers and budding trees and realize God takes care of them, why not believe he can take care of you!

Keep trusting Him,

Pastor Nathan

Easter Activities

MAUNDY THURSDAY — The regular J.O.Y. activity is scheduled for April 13. There will be NO Maundy Thursday service and NO regular Thursday evening ministry activities.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — There will be a Good Friday Service **April 14** at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. The service will offer communion.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST — The Deaconess Ministry of GAC will host an Easter Morning Breakfast in the (ALC) Alliance Life Center on **April 16 at 9:00 am**. Everyone is invited. Please sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend. There will be **NO Sunday School**.

Easter Breakfast Food — If you would like to help provide food for the Easter Morning Breakfast, please see the sign up sheet in the lobby. Breakfast foods needed are the breakfast casseroles (twelve — 9×13 pans) (recipes are on the table), muffins and quick breads (ex. banana bread, etc.) Please sign up in the lobby by April 10.

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP — There will be a combined worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 am. There will be NO 8:00 am service and NO pm activities on Easter.





Mark Callander
Kitty Fenton
Rollie Fenton
Faith Noelle Gibson
Levi Gill
Ray Hammond
Sandy Hammond
Ryan Hart
Fran Lazzar
Colton Thomas Ligo

Carl Long
Betty Marsh
Chuck McGonagle
Alice Myers
Scott Shaffer
Phyllis Smith
Dick Stanley
Twila White

Gloria Bardella Norma Beckdol Jim Blair Shirley Brown Donna Crawford Mable Heffer Alice King Jane King





Greenville Alliance Women



There is no Tuesday morning prayer time in April .

CALLING ALL GREENVILLE'S ALLIANCE WOMEN

Your help is needed at the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, **April 4** at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as it will be a "work night". We will be working on cards for Mexico. (Used all-occasion cards are used to make "hanging pictures" with a Bible verse in Spanish attached for International Workers in Spanish-speaking countries to share for Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools.)

Bring your supplies and plan to work together so we can help our International Workers.

All ladies are invited.

Refreshments will be served.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cindy Miller has graciously said she would chair this annual event committee. Volunteers to help are needed. Plans have already begun. Call Cindy at 814-573-1047 if you are willing to help with the banquet especially if you missed the first planning meeting. This is a big undertaking and lots of help would be greatly appreciated.



Missions Corner







Missions Corner.... A STORY FROM W.







Daniel was born into the Bobomadare tribe and raised in a family of animists. His father was a powerful shaman (witch doctor), and Daniel grew up fearing the spirit world and its powers of retribution. (Animism is the belief that all things, including animals, plants, rivers, mountains, the heavens, etc., have a spirit or soul; these spirits must be appeased.)



One day when he and his brother were at the local farmers' market, an Alliance lay evangelist told Daniel the good news about Jesus. Excited to hear that Jesus was the One more powerful than the spirits, the two brothers decided that they wanted to follow Him.

Confrontation

Being an obedient son, Daniel asked his father's permission to follow the Jesus road. "Yeah, if you want to follow this Jesus, that's OK," the father replied. So Daniel and two of his brothers began attending the local church plant in their community.

One day, their father asked his sons to visit him at home.

When the three arrived, their father ushered them into his bedroom and closed and locked the door. "This was kind of unusual," Daniel remarked.

"I called you here today because I see that you're following this false religion, this one you call Jesus," the father said. "I've asked you to come because I want to let you know that this has brought shame upon our family. You have a choice today."

At that point, Daniel's father pulled out a sharpened machete. "This is the choice before you," he said. "Either you deny this Jesus, or this is the consequence."

It's Like Honey

"You know I asked your permission to follow the Jesus road," Daniel replied. "You gave your permission, and I've followed this Jesus. It's like when you find honey in the bush and you taste it—it's so sweet and so good.

"If I hadn't followed Jesus and tasted how sweet and how good He is, then it wouldn't be a hard decision. It wouldn't be a decision. But I want to let you know that I'm willing to follow Jesus-whatever the cost!" (When Daniel shared this part of the story, I about fell off my seat. I don't know if I would have had his courage.)

At this point Daniel's younger brother got up and left. But Daniel and his older brother remained and courageously faced their father, who backed down and opened the door to let them go.

Daniel continued to follow the Lord after this encounter. He later attended Bible school, where he met his wife, Chantel. We are so grateful that they are now cross-cultural workers among the Dogose people.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - APRIL

- 2. Abigail Kremm Kara White
- **Bob Phillips** 3. Breanna Scharmer
- 4. Jerry Hunter Kristen Rowley Carter Williams
- 5. Alexander Ball James Foster Chet Mody Kathleen Sorg
- Andy Hatton Nathan Krall
- 7. Jonathan Jones
- Matt Kokoski Hazel Shollenberger
- 12. Mike Godinich
- 14. Rich Miller
- 17. Eve Scharmer Gary White
- 19. Paetyn Williams
- 21. Addisyn Tyson
- 23. Kacy McLaughlin Shawneen Scharmer
- 24. Shirley Kiser
- 26. Carter Uber
- 27. Travis Morian
- 28. Jim Richards Noah Toy

ANNIVERSARY - APRIL

- Eric & Darcie Williams
- 14. Ken & Esther Stuvvesant Brian & Theresa Williams
- 24. Dale and Helena Boyd
- 28. Gerald & Edwina Johnson
- 30. Gail & Esther Loucks









4 TWELVE STUDENT MINISTRY

will have a retreat weekend March 31-April 2.

 Questions: Contact Dean Gregory. The annual

Senior High Breakaway is

April 28-30.

BIRTHDAY - MAY

- 2. Jeff Raney
- 3. Sharon Creeks Dave Johns
- Jacob Brewer
- 6. Kylee Phillips
- 8. Nicole Reckhart Ezra Shoaf Linda Stewart
- 9. Corry Csiky
- 15. Terri Hoffacker John Stuyvesant Sadie Tyson
- 17. Virginia Taylor Kade White
- DAYS 18. Terri Iliev Aiden Mohr Hannah Reckhart
 - 19. Kitty Fenton Anna Miller Leah Reckhart Jean Sankey
 - 20. Karen McDonald
 - 21. Colton Uber **Brian Williams**
 - 23. Caleb Miller
 - 24. Dan Clark
 - 27. Rhonda Lumley
 - 29. Jennifer Martin
 - 30. Makayla Williams
 - 31. Jaclyn Martin Hannah Rowley **Daniel Scharmer** Jonathan Scharmer

ANNIVERSARY - MAY

- 1. Lonnie & Jeannette Ferguson
- 2. Dave & Terri Livingston Jim & Susan Richards Donn & Daisy Townsend
- 7. Bob & Margie Brooks
- 11. James & Bobbye Sue Foster Rich & Teresa Krankota
- 14. Charles & Lorie New
- 16. Jonathan & Lacy Jones
- 22. John & Renee Stuyvesant
- 25. Dan & Marilyn Clark
- 26. Brian & Connie Cox
- 29. Jake & Erin Scheib



Prayer Concerns, Notes of Thanks and Church Family News

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We give our sympathy to Nicole Reckhart and her family as her grandmother **MINNIE REED** passed away February 25.

We give our deepest sympathy to Doug Prugh and his family as his mother **LAVINIA ALABRAN** passed away March 3.

We give our sympathy to Else Scofield as her brother-inlaw **HOWARD SHAW** passed away March 5.

We give our sympathy to Grace Augustson and her family as her brother **JOHN BUNNEY** passed away March 7.

We give our deepest sympathy to Lois Hunter (and Pastor Jerry) and the family, as her brother **TIM WALLS** passed away March 24.

DEAR J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS, We enjoyed seeing you all again and sharing at your luncheon. Through the years you have come to hold nor your special place in our hearts. Thank you notes for loving us and for your generous love gift. Love and prayers till we meet again.

Bob and Joan

Thanks—Greenville C&MA, God is at work and you are a part of it by your support! Thank you for praying and supporting our family!

Love, Becky & Shawn

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Nathan and Joyce Seckinger

Phone: 724-456-9236 (remove old number)



Please make this change to your directory.

THANKS—Dear Church Family, I would like to thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards and food that was given to me after my surgery. It was greatly appreciated. It is a great honor to have a family like all of you. - Judy Mischick

THANKS—Thank you so much for the pretty flower planter you sent to symbolize your love towards us. Thank you also for the many cards expressing your condolences. Most importantly the many prayers for our family during this time of letting go of our mother.

Sincerely, The Prugh Family

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Good Shepherd dinner on March 6 at the K of C—preparers, bakers, servers, drivers and the clean-up crew. We couldn't do it without you.

The Deaconess Ministry

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you for the many cards I received during my two months in the hospital. Also, thank you for the flowers, food, notes of encouragement and prayers. They were deeply appreciated. What a blessing it is to belong to the GAC—church family—of God. Thank you, Dave & Alice Myers

TO THE SILENT BLESSINGS, Thank you for the cards and flowers you sent me during my months in the Mead-ville Hospital. I certainly felt blessed.

Alice Myers

THANK YOU—Dear Marriage Encounter of Greenville, it was a blessing and a privilege to be with you. God has enriched our lives by knowing you and calling you friends and by partnering with you to declare God's love and redemptive grace over our marriages. Thank you for your generous offering to us. We are blessed and encouraged and so thankful to be a part of you. We look forward to the future as God leads us.

Love, Bobby and Joanie Galasso

J.O.Y. Fellowship



24 J.O.Y. Fellowshippers (adults age 50 and over) met in March and had a Green Day in the Fellowship Hall. Some food was green and decorations were green but we did NOT turn green from the delicious food. After lunch we were entertained with a video of the Cathedral Quartet.

Our April gathering will feature **GAMES & FUN FOR EVERYONE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13** at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall! Those attending are requested to bring board games, card games and friends (along with your food item). If you have a card table that you could lend, please contact Pastor Jerry.

The meal will be casseroles, salads and desserts. Please mark as to what food you will bring to share when you sign up in the lobby. Beverage will be provided.

Contact: Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter — 724-588-8274



LEGACY BUILDERS CONFERENCE

This is an event for those who would find themselves in the J.O.Y. age group. The Living a Life of Hope conference will be at Carlisle Inn, Sugarcreek, OH, May 22-24, 2017. Check the table in the lobby for more information. Questions can be directed to Pastor Jerry or Lois.

HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Jerry is organizing another trip to the Holy Land from **March 5-14, 2018**. Watch for Information on the table in the lobby.



Softball Sign-up Time

CO-ED SOFTBALL

Are you tired of the snow?

Do you miss the sun and the warmth of summer?

Are you starting to feel as if your house has trapped you?

Do you long for a little outside physical activity?

Do you enjoy having fun and cheering others on?

Church Softball is the Solution!

All games played in the sun!

Caution: WPA's version of sun may include heavy overcast skies.

Run around on green grass and run bases on dry dirt!

Bring your whole family to play, watch and cheer!

Sign up on the round table in the lobby.

Include your Name and Phone Number.

Season begins in May and ends the last week of July.

All players must be at least 14 years old.

We will have 1-2 teams depending on the number of sign ups.

All games are played Tuesday and Saturday Evenings.



Church Ministries

The Good Shepherd request for **APRIL IS CANNED VEGETABLES.** Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container in the coat room by **APRIL 23**. We should all try to



Good Shepherd Needs participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

Remember the local Salvation Army donations. Suggested items are rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, gravy, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce or boxed dinners. Please put any donations for the Salvation Army in the coat closet at the top of the stairs off of the lobby. Contact Esther Loucks.

CURRENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

<u>Class</u>	MEETS IN	<u>LEADER</u>	
Maranatha Class	Church Library	Matt Kokoski	
Growing in the Word; Gospel of Matthew	Alliance Life Center Conference Room	Bill & Kathleen Sorg	
Word & App Class Understanding the Minor Prophets	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Jerry Hunter	
Prime Time Sunday School: You and Me Forever, Marriage in the Light of Eternity by Francis and Lisa Chan	Alliance Life Center Gym	Bryan & Tracy Mohr	

MONTHLY PRAYER TIME

Sunday, April 2, at 7:00 pm in the worship center. Please join us.

THE DEACONESS MINISTRY is available to help our growing church family.

If you are in need or know of someone within the church family who is need of care in the month of April, please contact Kim Banic @ 724 -588-5527. These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.

PRAYER FOR GREENVILLE

Downtown Ministries invites you to meet at Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse as they join together to pray for Greenville Tuesday, April 18, at 5:30 pm.

LADIES L.I.F.T.

This small group will begin again on **April 5** at 7:00 pm in the ALC classroom and will be studying A Woman's High Calling. L.I.F.T.—Learning in Fellowship Together is for all ladies and new attenders are always welcome.

Contact: Kitty Fenton— 724-588-6627

His Work His Way



The dates for His Work His Way 2017 are set for June 18-24! Make sure you plan your summer vacation to be a part of the amazing things that God has for this week. Homeowner and participant applications are available in the lobby. For more information, check out the website at www.hisworkhisway.org.



His Work His Way prayer cards are on the table in the lobby.

WITNESS

That homeowners will be open to the gospel

That we will demonstrate love and grace to those we serve

That we may be salt and light to our community

That God will direct us to the people He wants us to serve and share our witness

That we will serve with a humble and loving heart

That we will glorify God in every way

That we will be sensitive to recognize those who are open to the gospel

WORKERS

That God will call each worker

That adults will be patient and loving toward the youth

Spiritual growth for all workers

Strength and endurance for the older workers

Wisdom for the project managers

Pray for the safety of all workers

That God will place a call on those who can contribute in the kitchen, provide meals, or financially contribute

WEATHER

Good weather for the week

Thank God for the weather we have enjoyed the past 6 years

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

The compatibility of work teams

Endurance for the kitchen workers

Wisdom for the board of directors

Lord, provide the needed finances

Pray for visiting teams

Pray for the Worship team

The banquet will bless the homeowners and HWHW workers

Bless the business owners who work with HWHW

THANK GOD FOR...

Thiel and Greenville School District—both provide facilities for our use

Providing sufficient finances

Each of the participating churches

Each homeowner that He has led us to over the previous years

God's will done God's way will

Daily Bread God's supply. -from



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JESUS IS **RISEN!**

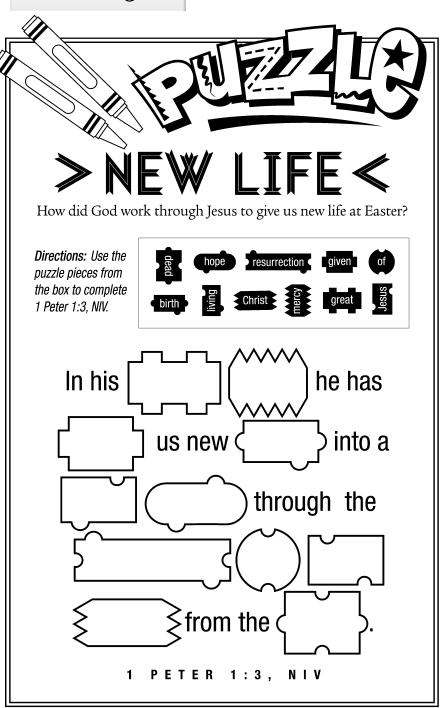
When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker

What you do:

- 1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
- 2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
- 3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
- 4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
- 5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
- 6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter 1:3, NIV

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like put in the May, 2017 newsletter it must be submitted by April 15. Please put the information in the blue folder by the computer in the library, or use the newsletter e-mail address (listed above) to submit information.