

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter



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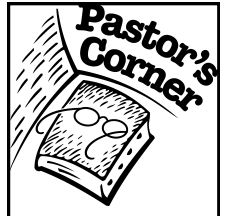
Pastor's Corner

March 2017

They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign all that John said about this man was true. And in that place many believed in Jesus." This scripture comes from John 10:41-42, its one to remember. In the last few weeks we have been talking about being salt and light. Often I think when we think about being a witness for Christ we dream of the miraculous--O Lord use me powerfully, allow signs and wonders to be seen. And yes there have been times and there will be times when the Lord will do amazing things. And please continue pray that God will work in amazing ways. But it's good to read the verses above. It reminds us we don't have to have the "miraculous" to be used of God. John the Baptist didn't perform spectacular things, yet he impacted the whole nation. He called the people to repent, he cried out and let the nation know the Messiah was coming and in fact had come. He simply told people about Jesus, it was a part of his everyday life. Did you see the last few words of the verse, "And in that place many believed in Jesus." Wouldn't that be a great legacy to leave? Do you know it can be ours? The good news of the Gospel was never meant to be a program (though they can help sometimes.) The good news of the gospel was always meant to be a lifestyle, a normal thing for Christ followers. We simply live intentionally with the purpose of sharing Christ in everyday situations and settings. We make people thirsty! That may be as simple as letting a person know you are praying for them or sharing a story of God's provision or watch care. Shining your light may not be that hard. It may be simply caring and noticing the people around you and doing good deeds, not for your glory, but for Christ's. I guess, I think we don't need to wait for the miraculous, but we can all allow God to use us in simple everyday routine ways! People will notice as we live and represent Christ well!

Keep Shining.

Pastor Nathan



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Our Young Ones



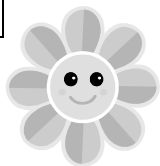
Stacy Miller and her fourth-sixth grade class recently had a baking party. Each child was to bring in a homemade food or drink for the rest of the class to try. Each child voted for their favorite. Among some of the dishes were brownies, baked ice cream, cupcakes, salsa and chips, banana bread chocolate chip cream pie, carrot cake and punch. They had a fun time creating a dish and tasting their peers dishes.

Also that night they continued their study of the Old Testament. They started the book of Ruth.

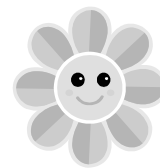
Thanks to all parents who helped their child with their baking dish!!!



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Greenville Alliance Women



There is no Tuesday morning prayer time in March.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Excitement is in the air!! It is time to resume monthly meetings of GCW. You are invited to our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm. We will have a guest speaker, Christine Pashley tell us about her involvement in Days for Girls International. Days for Girls was founded in 2008 and is serving in 100 countries. Every woman of our church is a member and invited to come fellowship, be informed about missions and enjoy a good snack. See you there!

Good Shepherd Meal

Monday, March 6 the Deaconess Ministry will be preparing a meal for the Good Shepherd Center. The meal will be served at the Knights of Columbus on Clarksville Street. Serving time is 4:30 pm. We are asking if members of the congregation would like to volunteer to help out with this community mission. We need 3 volunteers to help prepare the food earlier in the day, 7 volunteers to help serve the food, 5 groups of two (10 individuals) to volunteer to help deliver carry-out meals. Also needed: 10 dozen homemade (preferably) **large** cookies for dessert. For the people who love to bake we are asking 5 volunteers to make 2 dozen cookies each. These should be taken to the ALC kitchen on Sunday, March 5. Sign up is on the table in the lobby. If you have any questions please call Esther Loucks at 724-932-3978.



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THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2016

With your help in 2016, tens of thousands of people who never knew of Jesus' rescuing love are now experiencing it firsthand through the outreach of the global Alliance Family.

- ♦ 37 new international workers have been sent to 14 countries in 2016. They join a team of more than 700 workers you helped send and continue to support.
- ♦ Alliance workers and churches in Europe and the Middle East are caring for thousands of refugees, migrants and others who have been displaced by war, disease and disaster.
- ♦ Bongolo Hospital in the remote jungles of West Africa is providing critical medical and spiritual care to those in need. Last year alone, more than 2,300 people came to Christ as a result of Bongolo's ministry.
- ♦ An Alliance school in Jordan is providing children—some of whom have been ostracized because of disabilities—with a quality education and a loving environment that is drawing entire Muslim families to Christ.
- ♦ C&MA and CAMA workers have partnered with the Alliance national church in Ecuador to bring immediate relief and long term development to the areas devastated by a powerful earthquake outside of Quito this past April.

Join the Alliance family in Columbus , OH - May 30-June 4, 2017 - at the Alliance Council 2017 as we gather to celebrate what God is doing in our midst and seek His heart as we move forward. Learn more at www.cmalliance.org/events/2017/council

GREENVILLE C&MA CHURCH GIVING SUMMARY JANUARY-DECEMBER 2016

Great Commission Fund (GCF)	\$52,448
Great Commission Day	25
Approved Specials	4,451
CAMA Advance	<u>815</u>
Total	\$57,739

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - MARCH

2. Alex Winklevoss
3. Sue Rinella
6. Patti Lewandowski
8. Rob Douglas
Gail Loucks
Renee Stuyvesant
10. Laina Banic
Jerry Harpst
Sheryl Miller
Jessica Phillips
11. Carl Long
Brooke Williams
12. Tricia Gregory
13. Maxine Clark
14. Chris Banic
Dawn Boyles
15. Elaine Aversa
Dillon Babcock
17. Liz Bolster
Noah Reckhart
19. Jim Blair
Marian Johns
20. Joe Douglas
24. Louise Anthony
25. Pete Spaulding
27. Thomas Parker
Babs Williams
28. Danielle Babcock
Jake Scheib
29. Madison Mallek
Darcie Williams
30. Ray Hammond
Wanda Slater
31. Matt Williams



BIRTHDAY - APRIL

2. Abigail Kremm
Kara White
3. Bob Phillips
Breanna Scharmer
4. Jerry Hunter
Kristen Rowley
Carter Williams
5. Alexander Ball
James Foster
Chet Mody
Kathleen Sorg
6. Andy Hatton
Nathan Krall
7. Jonathan Jones
8. 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

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



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We give our deepest sympathy to Shirley Kiser as her sister, **Rosalind Titus**, passed away February 1.

We give our sympathy to Dreyvin and Demeryk Livingston as their grandmother, **Lynn Wesolek**, passed away February 7.

We give our sympathy to Nicole Reckhart and her family as her grandfather, **Robert Smith**, passed away February 14.

We give our sympathy to Pete Spaulding and his family as his sister-in-law **Beverly Spaulding**, passed away February 17.

We give our sympathy to Eileen Hanson as her brother, **Stan Smith**, passed away January 25.



February 5, 2017 **LOGAN JAMES BLUM** was dedicated to the Lord. Logan is the son of William and Kaela Blum and the little brother of Nolan. Blessings to the family.



We give our congratulations to Jake and Erin Scheib on the birth of their son **ZACHARY JOSEPH SCHEIB**. He was born January 29 at 3:41 pm weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20-1/2 " long. Made-line is now a big sister.



THANKS—Greenville Alliance Congregation, I am thankful for all of the food, cards and prayers during this time. We are blessed to be part of a close church family. It is during these times that you become closer to God and are grateful still for all the blessings that come out of a bad situation.

God Bless, The Williams Family

DEAR GAC FAMILY — Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent during the time of my brother's passing. The prayers and cards were also a great encouragement.

Grace Augustson

THANKS—Dear Church Family, Thank you for the cards and prayers and the beautiful flower arrangement sent to me at the time of my brother's passing. Your kindness was very thoughtful.

Eileen Hanson

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our thanks to the church for their prayers, expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful bouquet of flowers at the illness and passing of Rosalind Titus.

Shirley Kiser and the Titus Family

THANKS—To my church family, I thank you so much for all your prayers for me, for my surgery and recovery. Knowing I had so many praying for me is such a comfort and blessing. Thank you for all the cards and the meals were so welcomed and good. God bless you all as you have blessed me so.

Linda Royal

THANKS—Greenville Alliance Church, Thank you for the privilege of sharing the amazing stories of what God is doing in Italy. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for your generous honorarium. May God continue to use you to prepare the way for the Lord—in your community and around the world.

Blessings, Naomi Ord

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J.O.Y. Fellowship



J.O.Y. Fellowship (all adults age 50 and over) will have a “Green Day” on Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. What’s a “Green Day” you ask? Join us and find out! The meal will be soup, sandwiches and desserts. Please mark as to what you will bring to share when you sign up in the lobby. Beverage will be provided. Contact: Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 31-April 2, 2017 in Uniontown, PA



Brochures are on the table in the lobby. The purpose for this ministry opportunity is to help you....rekindle the romance in your marriage, discover how to share more intimately, renew the love, hope and joy in your marriage and learn to better understand your marriage. Questions: Contact Pastor Jerry Hunter or Brian & Theresa Williams.

You can sign up to pray for Pastor Jerry and Lois as they prepare for, present at and rest from this weekend. See the table in the lobby.

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.

God promises to keep His people, and He will keep His promises. — Charles H. Spurgeon

The promises of God are nothing more than God’s covenant to be faithful to His people. It is His character that makes these promises valid. — Jerry Bridges.

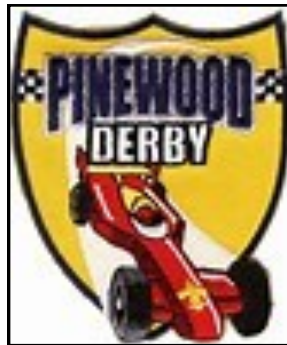
He (Jesus) died for you as certainly as if you had been the only lost one. — A.W. Tozer

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BIBLE QUIZ AT GREENVILLE

Saturday, March 4 at 9:30 am. You are invited to stop out and see our Greenville quizzers anytime during the day. See Brenda Liszka if you have any questions.



DERBY CAR WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in for your Derby Car is Tuesday, **March 7** from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Sunday School Opening Room in the Children's Annex. **No** cars will be accepted after 7:00 pm March 7.

DERBY CAR RACE

The KidZone Derby Car Race is set for Thursday, **March 9** at 6:30 pm in the Alliance Life Center. The race is for Adults and Children!

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Church Ministries

The Good Shepherd request for **MARCH IS AN EAST-ER BASKET ITEM**. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container in the coat room by **MARCH 26**. We should



**Good
Shepherd
Needs**

all try to 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.



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 March, please contact **Deb Hayes @ 724-651-1981**. These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.

GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY MEETING

The next monthly meeting is March 8 at 6:30 pm in the church library.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The Word and App class that meets in the Fellowship Hall will begin a new study on March 12. They will be studying Understanding the Minor Prophets. Contact Pastor Jerry with any questions.



NO PRAYER MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 9

All adults are invited to watch and participate (only if you have a registered a car) in the KidZone Derby Car Race.

MONTHLY PRAYER TIME

Sunday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the worship center.
Our focus will be Worry Less...Pray More.

Please join us.

PINTEREST FOR THE SOUL

The group meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 6:00 pm. This ladies small group meets in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Tracy Mohr

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE

PrimeTime Sunday School group now meets in the ALC building for their class time. PrimeTime is for those in their 20's-40's, single or married. For information on this class, contact Bryan or Tracy Mohr.

INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

for the church office is in the bulletin. Please complete a form for your family and return to the blue basket on the table in the lobby or the church office mailbox.

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Does God Lie?

RICHARD W. LAFOUNTAIN

SPECIAL SPEAKER

MARCH 19, 2017

Rev. Richard W. LaFountain will be sharing during both services.

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD

Shattered faith seems to be everywhere. So many people have had major life disasters of death, divorce, bankruptcies, accidents, sicknesses, loss of jobs and the list goes on. They prayed but God did not answer. God did not step in to save the day even though they believed he would. They prayed, begged, pleaded but God didn't show up. They ask the question so many others have posed, "*Where's God When I Hurt*"?



Unfortunately many live out the rest of their lives with wounded hearts, broken spirits and shattered dreams. Their faith has been shattered, shredded, wounded, damaged, eroded or lost. "What do YOU DO when God doesn't come through?"

Our theme on Sunday, March 19, is *Restoring Shattered Faith*. Pastor Dick LaFountain will share his life story and the tragic death of his twelve year old daughter when she was hit by a speeding car, and his subsequent loss of faith in a God who hears, cares and answers prayer. He will share his road to restoration through God's infinite mercy and grace, and the long road back being restored to "believing God again".

Join us on Sunday morning for a message that stirs faith then stay for a light lunch and a 2-hour session with tools and resources for restoring your joy again after life and faith have been shattered. Dick's teaching and resources for restoring faith are also available online at www.PrayerToday.org. Watch for his upcoming book, "*Does God Lie?*" scheduled to be published later this year.

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Sun	Mon Tue		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 8:00 pm - Sr. High Bible Study	2 10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch 7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.	3 <i>*All Buildings Reserved after 3:00 pm</i>	4 9:30 am - Bible Quiz at Greenville
5 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 5:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 7:00 pm - Monthly Prayer	6	7 6:00 pm - Derby Car Weigh-In 7:00 pm - GAW Mtg. 7:00 pm - Pickle Ball	8 2:45 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Gov. Authority Mtg. 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice	9 11:30 am - J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) 6:30 pm - Kid-Zone Derby Car Race-ALC NO Prayer Mtg.	10	11 <i>*Fellowship Hall Reserved Noon-4:00pm</i>
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PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.

Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R T U V W X Y Z
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
 because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
 Psalm 86:7, NIV

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If you have information that you would like put in the April, 2017 newsletter it must be submitted by March 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.