

## Called and Equipped

Pastor Doug Hinton

*Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

### Hebrews 13:20-21

Any time I feel stressed out, overwhelmed, or exhausted, I like to name and process changes I've had in my life. If we looked at Hempfield Church of the Brethren and named changes in the last three months, they might look like:

- Pastor Kent resigning as our Minister of Outreach & Evangelism
- Pastor Pete resigning and stepping in as our new District Executive
- Karen Rice resigning as our Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Ray O'Boyle resigning as our Leadership Team Chair and Kevin Zurin filling that role
- Dave Bendit resigning as Treasurer and Tom Connelly filling that role

Many of these changes occurring amid the holiday season, i.e., the *busiest* time of year. During this same time, the church supported our youth with the Eastland Alpaca Open House fundraiser, the youth traveled to DC, we held our Family Christmas Celebration, and gingerbread house competition, and celebrated Pastor Pete's ministry here with a meal! This has been a full season! On a personal note, I finished my last two classes, completed my degree, and sent my paperwork for ordination to complete one more step in that process. Acknowledging all this change can make us tense or worried about the future. Buy why?

Sometimes it's because we take our eyes off Christ or feel we need to accomplish things on our own strength. I'm guilty of this. In one of these tense moments, I turned to Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount and read, "Do not worry then...But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you...So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. (Matt. 6:31ff, paraphrased)" In the midst of change, God is near. He was here yesterday. He's here today. And He's there tomorrow.

The One who raised Christ our Savior from the dead, equips us *in every good thing to do His will*, and is moving right now! We are called and equipped through Christ Jesus for this time. People are beginning to step forward to fill in the gaps during this transition! Be patient in the process. Things like our website, phones, and directories will be updated. We are working on it! In the meantime, I ask that you pray for one another, your ministry teams and staff. See how God may be calling you during this time of transition. God is good. God is near. Let us hear His voice together and know that all glory belongs to Him, forever and ever. Amen.

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# Messages in January

January 7



## **New Year's Checkup—*Philippians 3:1-6***

***Pastor Geoff Davis***

In 2018, our preaching theme is “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.” (Philippians 3:13 b) In January, we’ll be looking at Philippians 3 as foundational background to the theme. For some reason we think of the beginning of the year as a time for a fresh start, for reflection on the state of our lives, and for establishing resolutions to live the lives we want to. In the first six verses of Philippians 3, Paul poses some profound questions that each of us should consider: What’s your purpose and what are you working for? What are you paying attention to? Why do you behave the way you do? What are you relying on? How are you keeping score? We’ll examine each of these questions and the answers we find in Christ. What resolutions will you make as a result of Paul’s teaching?

January 14



## **All Is Lost, Now Found in Christ— *Phil 3:7-11; Matt 10:34-39***

***Pastor Doug Hinton***

In our passage of Philippians 3, Paul begins to compare what he’s lost in the world and what he holds in Christ. What would it mean for us to ‘suffer the loss of all things,’ ‘fellowship in His sufferings,’ or be ‘conformed to Christ’s death?’ Can that be accomplished ‘in view of the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord?’ What do we hold on to culturally, professionally, or personally that keeps us from deepening our faith and practice in Christ? Let’s delve into this year’s theme, “Who is Christ calling us to be?”

January 21



## **Homeward Bound— *Philippians 3:12-16***

***Del Kautz***

God’s ten commandments provide us with a game plan (template) for a successful and productive lifestyle. It has been tested, not by the FDA, but by a king named David as well as by untold godly people throughout the millennia since David’s reign. As partners in the Body of Christ we must continue to live by God’s game plan as we strain toward what is ahead. Are we in agreement with David’s description of God’s Word? Are we convinced with Paul that there is a clear goal to achieve? What is the goal and are we willing to commit our resources and our lives to reaching the goal?

January 28



## **Discernment, the Gospel and the Power of Christ —**

***Philippians 3:17-21; Galatians 1:6-10*    *Pastor Doug Hinton***

Paul often warns the church to be aware of false teachers, false prophets, and those who add or detract from the Gospel message. How can we be aware of these teachers today? Do we participate in some of the ways that Paul warns against? Knowing this, how can we ‘transformed’ and ‘conformed’ by Jesus’ power and carry the Gospel message in His Spirit? Let us press toward the goal together!

# January Ministry Schedules

January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28

## NURSERY

Carol Koser, Peggie Layman, Ivy Davis  
Sheri Barnes, Carolyn Gingrich, Morgan Rice  
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert, Kensey Rice  
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Jake Rannels



January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28

## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong  
Ray O'Boyle  
Pete Cope  
Janice Haldeman

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Steph Moyer  
TBD  
Doug Hinton  
TBD

## SPECIAL MUSIC



January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28

## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir  
  
Sanctuary Choir

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS—10:15

Doug Howard  
Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson  
Dave Bendit



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January 21  
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## SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong  
Jamie & Rich Bushong  
Dave Schott  
Matt Markey

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



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## DEACON GREETERS

Betty Cox  
Lois Killian  
Wes Bowers  
Lois Killian

## JNH GREETERS

Earl & Betty Zimmerman  
Richard & Carolyn Gingrich  
Butch Nachbar  
Jeff & Bev Moyer

## OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne Hostetter, Sue Hostetter

# HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** classes will meet in the library. We study the International Lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman. Our theme for January is “A Living Faith in God.”

January 7	A Sincere Faith	Teacher: Denny Bushong
January 14	A Bold Faith	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh
January 21	A Prayer for an Obedient Faith	Teacher: Jim Kettering
January 28	A Strong Faith	Teacher: Butch Nachbar

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We meet in the Prayer Room just off the Sanctuary. Rich Bushong is the contact person.

January 7	Study on the Trinity—Part 1	Teacher: Carl Haas
January 14	Study on the Trinity—Part 2	Teacher: Carl Haas
January 21	Bible Study/Sermon Scriptures (Phil. 3:12-16)	Teacher: Doug Hinton
January 28	A real life Saul to Paul conversion story	Teacher: Ray Hutchison

**Opportunity for learning.** All are welcome to join the Seekers Sunday School Class for a 2 week study of “**The Trinity**” led by Carl Haas. Have you ever wondered where that term came from, what does it mean, is it a Bible term? Carl Haas has developed a study on this topic and will lead us in a 2 week study on the material. Please feel free to join us Jan 7 & 14 at 9am in the Seekers class room, the same room used for the Prayer Room just off of the sanctuary. Please let Rich Bushong know if you would like the materials for this study, phone 717-664-4395 before 9pm.

**True Life Story.** The Seekers Sunday School Class would like to invite you to join us January 28<sup>th</sup>. Ray Hutchison will be sharing a real life story of a modern day Saul of Tarsus. This man has gone from a persecutor of Christians to now being a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us in the Seekers class at 9am on January 28th.

† **CONVERSATIONS**—Conversations Class meets in the Conversations classroom on the second floor each Sunday during Sunday School hour. All are welcome to come. Conversations Class will be completing their study of Romans in January. “The letter to the Romans is a book that repeatedly changes the world by changing people... Romans is about the gospel. Paul was writing to the church in Rome about 57 AD because he wanted them to understand the gospel and then to experience the gospel – to know its glorious release... They seem to have been a church suffering from tensions between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians... Paul... knew what it was they most needed to hear – the gospel. Reading and reflecting on this letter today, we should be prepared to have our hearts shaped and our lives changed by God’s gift of righteousness... and how it applies to us today.” – Tim Keller . Geoff Davis is the teacher.

# HCOB Family News

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**AS WE SEARCH FOR A NEW SENIOR PASTOR**, we want the interim to run as smoothly as possible. We have individuals who will help with preaching and visitation.

**Visitation:** Pat Cox, Galen Brumbaugh, Del Kautz, and Kevin Zurin will help with visitation as needed. They will be in touch with Pastor Doug and the Deacons to keep communication lines open and congregational needs covered.

**Preaching:** Del Kautz and Pastor Geoff will be preaching once a month with Pastor Doug preaching twice a month. We may call on other individuals to preach as well when need or nudge arise!

Please keep Hempfield COB, the Search Committee, and one another in prayer that God is near and we trust His guidance in this time of transition.

**OPEN GYM - ON HOLD!** Due to the changes in staff, “Open Gym”, that was supposed to begin January 10th, has been put on hold for the time being. Sorry for the last minute change. Keep an eye out for it in the future!

**ADDRESS CHANGE FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE RESIDENTS**—Brethren Village has changed the addresses for all of their residents. Each resident now has their own individual street address. All of these addresses have been updated in the church’s online directory, Breeze. They will also be updated in the printed directory which will come out in the next couple of months. So... next time you mail a card to a Brethren Village Resident, you may want to check these sources or call the resident first to make sure you have an accurate address for them.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.**

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>3</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Leadership Team Retreat 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Leadership Team Retreat
<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:15 AM Ministry Teams Commissioning 10:15 AM Sunday Music 1:00 PM Witmer Family Christmas Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	<b>10</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Education Team	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:15 AM Sunday Music 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed Martin L. King, Jr. Day 6:30 PM Outreach Team	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM Young Adults/Families Small Group	<b>17</b> HERALD DEADLINE Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Youth Community Service Activity 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:15 AM Remembrance Sunday 10:15 AM Sunday Music 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM Leadership Team	<b>24</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>



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**RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED**

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