

What Question Do We Seek to Answer?

Pastor Doug Hinton

As I watch the news or social media and interact with people, I begin to wonder,
“What question do we seek to answer?”

I see people who are passionate about gun rights, abortion, immigration, the opioid epidemic, the legalization of marijuana, or the state of mental health in the U.S. I see irrational arguments, statements, and comparisons, and
I wonder,
“What question do we seek to answer?”

I see division in the church. People bending Scripture to fit *their* agenda, surrounding themselves with others of like mind, condemning the ‘other side’ while claiming to hold to the truth. And I wonder,
“What question do we seek to answer?”

The death of 17 children at the hands of another. The death of Billy Graham the Evangelist. Thoughts and prayers. Laws and change. Fear and anxiety. Where do we find the answer to the question we seek? Amidst the turmoil in my mind, I hear the rich, young ruler ask Jesus, “*Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*”

Why must we have eternal life? What makes us want to live as long as possible if we were not originally created to live forever? What must we do to overcome death, fear, anxiety, and insecurity? What would it be like to live at peace, a complete and whole life? Then I hear the words of Jesus,
“*I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.*”

My prayer today is that we hear the Good Shepherd's voice in the midst of the violence, the rhetoric, the anger and pain. I pray that we set out to bring the one stranded sheep back into the fold with the other ninety-nine. I pray we help others hear the Good Shepherd's voice, those who may not be one of the fold quite yet. I pray we seek to lay down our lives so that others may see Christ within us and that they may know His peace; peace this world cannot give, nor can it take away. I pray we might listen to others through the Holy Spirit, and point them to Christ as we try to understand, “**what question do we seek to answer?**”

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Messages in March

March 4



Meeting with God, Refreshments Following—*Luke 11:1-13* *Del Kautz*

We have committed ourselves to walking with Christ. When Jesus lived here on earth and He and his disciples walked on dusty roads. They became dusty, tired, and thirsty as they journeyed together. They needed physical refreshments to be re-energized. We also carefully tend to the physical needs of our bodies. But how carefully do we tend to our spiritual needs for refreshment? In this scripture Jesus helps us to understand how to engage in a meaningful meeting with our heavenly Father. We need such meetings with God to find refreshment for our souls. We discipline ourselves to care for our bodies so we remain physically healthy. We need the same kind of disciplined care for our souls to remain spiritually healthy.

March 11



Amazing Story of God's Amazing Love—*Luke 15:1-32* *Galen Hackman*

In response to specific accusations about his character, Jesus told three stories that illustrate significant truths about the nature and character of God. These three stories have become so popular within the church and even in the world, that we often miss the power of their primary teaching. They speak directly to the question "What is God Calling Us to Be?"

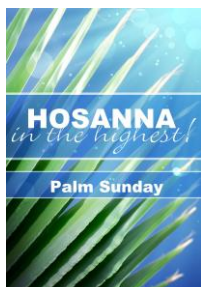
March 18



Jesus' Friends—*John 11:55-12:11* *Pastor Geoff Davis*

With less than a week to go, Jesus has almost fulfilled God's purpose for his life. He's taken a journey that has lasted several months and has continued to teach his followers God's message to them, healed the sick, brought people back to life, and traveled throughout the Jordan and Jericho regions. Now it's time to come back to Bethany, the home of those who seem to hold a special place in his heart – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He spends his last weekend before the events he knows are about to take place with his friends. What does it mean to be called to be Jesus' friends? Is it an invitation you're ready to accept?

March 25



All About Image—*Luke 20:19-26* *Pastor Doug Hinton*

Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem...mostly. People cheer and throw down their coats and palm branches on the road while He rides a donkey. After His triumphant entry and before his crucifixion, Jesus continues to teach and be tested by the religious authorities. Upon receiving a question on paying taxes, Jesus speaks about images: those of Caesar and those of God. What are we called to give to both? How can this impact our personal walk, our collective walk as a local body, or even how we see other people? After all, faith is all about image, right?

March Ministry Schedules

March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

NURSERY

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



March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong
Randy Ziegler
Pete Cope
Pete Cope

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Doug Hinton
Laura Meiser
TBA
TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC



March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit
Doug Howard
Ben Johnson



March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

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

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

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



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March 11
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DEACON GREETERS

Bonnie Shuss
Suzanne Smith
Millie Hoffman
Tom Connelly

JNH GREETERS

Tom & Carolyn Fritz
Nicolas & Joanna Huacani
Jim & Sue Musser
Bruce, Bonnie & Abby Wright

OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, Rick Schaidle

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 March is “Follow In My Ways.”

March 4	The Lord Will Provide	Teacher: Denny Bushong
March 11	There Is No God Like You	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
March 18	The People Gave Thanks to God	Teacher: Jim Kettering
March 25	Keep My Statutes and Ordinances	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

✠ **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We are currently doing a Bible Study of the same Scriptures the pastors are preaching on each Sunday. We meet in the Prayer Room just off the Sanctuary. Rich Bushong is the contact person.

March 4	Combined Sunday School—Deborah Foti sharing on her mission work in Vietnam	
March 11	Luke 15:1-32	Teacher: Carl Haas
March 18	John 11:55-12:11	Teacher: Doug Hinton
March 25	Luke 20:19-26	Teacher: Rich Bushong

HCOB Kids News

Emmy Schott



♥ **Digging Into God's Word:** In addition to their Bible lesson, we are encouraging them to hide God's Word in their heart. The children received magnetic Scripture card holders. They will receive a new verse each month. Take a minute to practice the verse when you open the fridge.

- ♥ **Worship:** During the second and fourth weeks, the children gather together to worship the Lord at the beginning of Children's Church. They have been learning different ways to worship the Lord other than singing.
- ♥ **Come One, Come All:** All families are welcome to join us for the Prayer Buddy Get Together on March 11th. We'll fellowship together after church with a light lunch. Then we'll work together to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- ♥ **Please join us for the Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 24th at 10:00.

HCOB Family News

INVITATION FROM DEBORAH FOTI: Outreach in Vietnam

God has been working for transformation in Vietnam and I am excited to personally share with you what He is doing. I am back in the U.S. for about four months to do training for my organization, United World Mission, and to finish building my financial partnerships. After I complete my training at the end of April, nothing will prevent me from returning to Vietnam long-term except reaching full funding. I know that God is going to work powerfully in the next few months to bring about the provision for the work that He has called me to do.

On Sunday, March 4, I will share briefly in both services and I will make a presentation during the Sunday school hour to give much more detail. This will also be a time when you can ask questions and see for yourself what is happening in Vietnam. As the hands and feet of this congregation in the field of Vietnam, I look forward to bringing you first hand stories from the field. --Blessings, *Deborah*

CHURCH RETREAT FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS—We are investigating the possibility of a Church Retreat open to all members this coming Fall 2018. We need your input to make this a rousing success for our church family. The Deacon Membership Cultivation Ministry Team is planning idea generation sessions on Sundays March 4th, the 11th and the 18th after the main 10:15 service in the Library. Child care will be provided as necessary. We will keep it to under 1 hour. If you cannot make any of the scheduled meetings feel free to leave any thoughts in Tom Connelly's mailbox in the church office. We look forward to hearing your input and developing a plan for a great experience.

EDUCATION GRANT—The church, through the Education Team, is offering an education grant to individuals pursuing a career in Christian Ministry, attending a Christian college or university, or attending a college that is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Inquiring applicants can send a request for an application to Donna Reed, secretary of the Education Team, via the church mail or rdreed2@verizon.net. The deadline to receive the returned grant application is May 1, 2018.

POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: If you or someone you know is graduating from a college, university, or other post high school program, please send the name and contact information to Donna Reed, secretary of the Education Team (via church mailbox, Breeze, or rdreed2@verizon.net) by April 15, 2018 in order to complete a short questionnaire that is due April 22, 2018. We would like to celebrate with you as you finish this chapter of your life! Graduation Sunday is June 3, 2018.

BUCKET BUILDING PROJECT--The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be assembling 1200 Disaster Relief Clean-Up buckets at the Florin Church of the Brethren in Mount Joy. These 5-gallon buckets are filled with items to assist victims of flood disasters and will restock the supply in the New Windsor warehouse. Help is needed on April 6 and 7, 2018, to set up and complete the project. Friday is set-up day and will involve unpacking and preparing the assembly lines for the actual build on Saturday. All hands are welcome! Friday begins at 10:00 AM until the work is finished. Lunch will be provided. Saturday's schedule starts at 8:00 AM and is expected to conclude by noon. The Outreach Team has also designated this event as an all-church outreach project for this Spring. If you have questions, please call Tom Fritz at 717-823-2745 or email at twfritz@ptd.net.

SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of inclement weather, you can receive information about service cancellations in a variety of ways:

1. Via text if you have signed up with the church office for this service
2. On our church website at www.hempfieldcob.org
3. On the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

Please note: the church office follows Hempfield School District. If the school district is closed due to weather, the church office is officially closed and staff may use their own judgement about coming into the church.

2018 Easter Season @ HCOB



Stuff Easter Eggs Sunday, March 11, 11:30 AM

Come stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your family, hang out with your prayer buddy, or just come and fellowship with us. Soup and salad will be provided.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 24, 10:00 AM

Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! A fun time of Bible stories, crafts, prizes and of course a good old fashioned egg hunt. All ages welcome. Bring your own bucket to collect, or make a fancy bag when you get here. We will have it, rain or shine!



Love Feast Thursday March 29, 6:30 PM



Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus shared in the Last Supper with His disciples. John 13 tells that story and says that this is when Jesus showed them the full extent of His love. We will follow his example by humbly serving one another in washing feet, fellowshiping around the table, and sharing in communion. For our young families, children are welcome to sit at the table with their family. There will be childcare available as well.

Good Friday Breakfast March 30, 6:00 AM

Join with other Christians in our community to enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear a brief message from Mark Cunningham, Executive Director of COBYS Family Services.



Easter Sunday Sunday, April 1, 8:00 & 10:15 AM

Pastor Doug Hinton preaching

Join us for an inspirational service to sing joyful songs together, enjoy special music from our choir and hear a meaningful message from Pastor Doug, Children will create Resurrection Gardens in Kid's Church.

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	2 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	3
4 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 11:30 AM Church Retreat Focus Group 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	5	6 4:30 PM Splain Baby Reveal Party 6:00 PM Young Adults/Families Small Group 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 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	8 7:00 PM Education Team	9	10
11 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering Daylight-Saving Time Begins 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 11:30 AM Church Retreat Focus Group 11:30 AM Stuffing Easter Eggs 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	12 12:00 PM Brethren World Mission	13 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	14 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	15 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	16	17 1:00 PM Setup tables for Miller Dinner
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25 Palm Sunday 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	26	27 7:00 PM Leadership Team	28 Pastor Doug's Day Off Setup Good Friday Breakfast 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	29 6:30 PM Love Feast	30 Good Friday 6:00 AM Good Friday Breakfast	31

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

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