

RECONCILIATION & SACRIFICE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 2:4-5

Interesting. As I sit here to write this, someone shares with me that while they waited in the DMV, they spoke to a person about Christ and faith. For some of us, speaking to others about faith comes naturally. For others, serving people with physical or mental needs comes naturally. Some proclaim the Gospel through speech; some through action. And yet, both action and speech must be consistent in order to fulfill what Christ commanded: Love the Lord your God, Love your neighbor as yourself, and go, make disciples of all nations teaching all that I commanded. Looking at the passages above, what can we learn?

- *Jesus did not hold our sins against us, but gave His all, His life, that we might come into good standing with God again.* Do you hold others' sins against them? Do you hold your sin against yourself? Why? Jesus did not hold those against us, but He understood the cost and faced it with joy (Heb 12:2). The wages of sin are death, but through Christ, the gift is eternal life. So, if we are not defined by our sin in Christ...
- *The old is gone, the new is here!* We are defined by His work, His life, His ministry, His sacrifice. We have been reconciled to God and in following Christ, need to die to ourselves, our old ways. A new Way is here. In order to live, out of gratitude, we learn to give.
- *Being chosen by God, we need to offer spiritual sacrifices:* benefiting others when we know they cannot repay us, taking time to feed the hungry, clothe those impoverished, visit the imprisoned, listen to those different than us. *Sacrificing doesn't sound very comfortable* you may say...or think. Sacrificing our time, resources, and pride allows us to be built into a holy (separate/different) priesthood....living stones built upon the Cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord who showed us the Way. Sometimes that sacrifice is speaking when we don't feel comfortable...or serving when we don't 'feel' like it because in the end, it's not about us.

- *But, what if we're rejected by our family, our friends, the world around us?* Do not be surprised, Jesus was rejected as well. But He had a longer view than those around Him. He cared about eternity and is in it for the long haul. Do not be afraid. Take that first step and watch faith take on flesh.

God is calling us to be His mouthpieces, living stones, being built into His church: calling others to be reconciled to Him through Christ, living out our faith through service, and grow in our faith through the new and/or uncomfortable. With this in mind, may we move forward with intension and mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit to give and live as Jesus.

Your brother and fellow worker in Christ Jesus our Lord, Pastor Doug

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Youth News

By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister

Do you remember what it was like at your house exactly 6 months ago? I do. I remember sitting in my apartment with my wife, bundled under a pile of blankets, watching black & white movies starring Humphrey Bogart (if you don't know who that is look him up. If you DO know who that is, then you're probably shocked to know that he's one of my favorite all-time actors). There was snow piled on the ground, cool air flowing through the cracks in our well-past needing replaced windows, and hot chocolate settling in our bellies. It truly was a winter wonderland.

Now come back to today, where I look to temperatures reaching over 100, Humidity taking it higher, Central Market closing for the first time ever for heat, and my windows are now shooting *out* cool air. For some of you, the latter is more ideal than the former. For me, well, I still look forward to the Fall. Especially because of all that is going on with the Youth Group then! But before I get to that, let's take a look at the Summer!

June and July brought with them fun events, including Creation Music Festival, various pool parties, and a movie night. Similarly, new faces are introduced to the group, as we welcome our incoming 6th grades into the Youth Group. August brings with it a series I am very excited for (name will be announced in the next Herald), and of course, the Youth Kickoff Night on August 25th! In the Fall, we have some great new things we're trying, such as events at local high school football games, harvest festivities, and even a "Friends-giving"!

So, now you're probably thinking, "What was with the first two paragraphs?" Well, they're purposeful. Times change very quickly. We will be in seasons we love, and seasons we struggle through. Additionally, you might be in a season you despise, but someone else might be in a season they love at the same time. You might look over at them and be bothered by the joy they have while you are dismayed by what trials are before you. Regardless, these seasons all pass. Often times, they fly by, which leads to a reminder I have for you (and for myself): Don't let the seasons pass without thanking God for them. Without the Winter, there wouldn't be a Spring. No Spring means no Summer. An absence of Summer brings an absence of Fall, and if there is no Fall, then there is no Winter. Each season is contingent on the other. If we look to see God's purpose for each season in our own lives, then we will understand the outcome: becoming more like Christ.

Continue to pray for Gloria and I as we look to move into the area. We have a few places in mind, we just need to be approved. Again, pray that we continue to pursue God and His plan for the teens, as well as HCOB as a whole. Of course, pray for the teens, as these young men and women are present members of the body who are still growing, yet are invaluable to HCOB as a whole. Pray that they stay safe and seek after God's guidance in their lives as the summer continues on towards the impending school year. Lastly, pray for the volunteers and everyone directly involved in the Youth Group, as we have a packed year ahead of us!

Soli Deo Gloria

August Ministry Schedules

NURSERY

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Dave Schott & Emmy Schott
Carolyn Gingrich & Marg Zurin
Sue Brubaker & Sallie Hoppert
Betty Cox & Sarah Fisher



WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Randy Ziegler
Ray O'Boyle
Pete Cope
Joel Kettering

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Josh Fulmer
Kevin Zurin
Sara Basom
Del Kautz



CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Kim Glass & Jen Hinton (10:15)
Diane Garber (10:15)
Kim Glass (8:00)
Daphne Witmer & Friends (10:15)

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit
Doug Howard



SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

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



DEACON GREETERS

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Ron Smith
Doris Wright
Betty Cox
Lois Killian

JNH GREETERS

Jerry & Jean Barger
Jeff & Bev Moyer
Lowell Landis
Tom & Carolyn Fritz

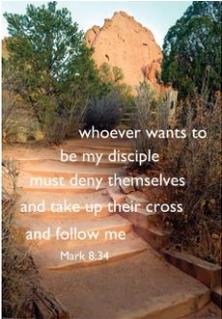


OFFERING TABULATORS

Glenn Brubaker & Allen Hurst

Messages in August

August 4



Mountain Top Experience with Jesus

Mark 8:31 – 10:52

Pastor Doug Hinton

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to a mountain top. Have you had a ‘mountaintop’ experience with Jesus? One of those times that Scripture makes sense, the Holy Spirit becomes tangible, and/or you feel a nearness and peace with God as never before? This happened with the first disciples. What do we do with those? What did the disciples do? And what does Elijah have to do with all this?

August 11



Who Do I Really Belong To?

Mark 11:25-26, 12:13-17, 12:41-44

Bill Longenecker

August 18



Even Though...

Mark 14:1-15:47

Pastor Geoff Davis

A Jesus is anointed at Bethany, then conducts the Last Supper with his most intimate followers, reinforcing all that he predicted would happen. He tries to prepare them for what’s about to come, but in the Garden, they betray him. The same crowd that sang “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday now demanded, “Crucify him!” The religious officials made a mockery of him and the Roman soldiers humiliate, taunt, and physically hurt him. Even his closest follower, the one on whom he would “build his church,” doesn’t follow through with his promise never to deny Jesus – and then promptly does it three times. Jesus is betrayed by everyone – arguably, even his Father. Even though he goes through all this, he stays obedient to God’s will and suffers a horrible death. Because God so loved the world and his Son so loved the world that he was willing to die for each one of us. What’s your response?

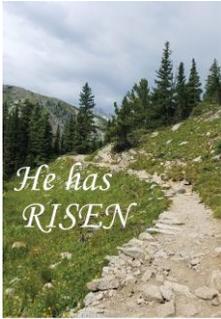
August 25

Easter in August

Mark 15:40-16:8

Pastor Doug Hinton

Forget Christmas in July. Let's celebrate Easter in August! As we bring our study in Mark to a close, we will look at Jesus' death and resurrection. What can we learn from Mark's account? Why stop at Mark 16:8? Is it important that Jesus raised from the dead? Why? How can it impact our life today as individuals and as a community of believers?



HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS & THE SEEKERS-** You are invited to join the **Combined Summer Sunday School Class Series** which will be held in the renovated classroom on the first floor at the west end of the education wing (behind the new restrooms). The series will feature a study of the Gospel of Mark which will coincide with the preaching themes of our pastors this summer. Mark's gospel is much like a travel guide following the journey of Jesus as he leads his disciples along a path of discipleship. Come and join in this journey as we discover more about what we can do to become and act more like the disciples of Jesus.

August 4 Session 8 – Mark 8:31-10:52

Leader: Geoff Davis

August 11 Session 9 – Mark 11:1-13:37

Leader: Galen Brumbaugh

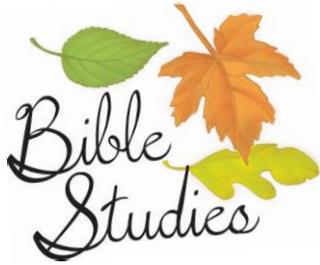
August 18 Session 10 – Mark 14:1-15:47

Leader: Laura Meiser

August 25 Session 11 – Mark 16:8

Leader: Galen Brumbaugh

HCOB Family News



LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will be using the six-session series entitled:

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way

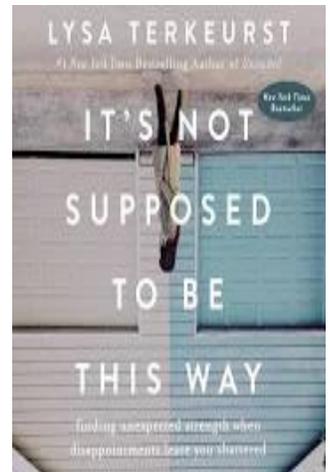
By: *Lysa TerKeurst*

New York Times bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst unveils her heart amid shattering circumstances and shows readers how to live assured when life doesn't turn out like they expected. What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful?

Life often looks so very difficult than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard but others may shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness.

Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply; but she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to:

- Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations
- Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes.
- Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God gives us more than we can handle
- Shift our suspicions that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us.
- Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth.



Cost of books for this series will be approximately \$12.49 and Study Guides approximately \$7.99. Please contact Jamie Bushong by August 18th at jvb@dejazzd.com or call 717-664-4395 (before 7pm please) if you want to join the study and would like materials.

We are offering a Thursday morning Bible study at 9:00 am running from September through November on the first and third Thursday of every month. There will also be an evening Bible study at 6:00 pm running from October through December. Evening dates will be decided by the group. The morning session will be led by Jamie Bushong and the evening session will be led by Cheryl Myers.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUMMER SESSION begins June 2nd and runs through September 1st. During this time first through fifth grade will be in a combined Sunday school class.

HCOB Family News

BRETHREN VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR WALKS are scheduled for Tuesday August 20, and September 17 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Please contact Gerrie Hurst 717-569-3047 or Lois Killian 717-560-9429 if you can help. The residents of the Village thank you!




**Camp Swatara
AUCTION**

CAMP SWATARA AUCTION- Come enjoy the day at Camp Swatara on Saturday August 31 to benefit the Family Camping Center! Great items and gift certificates will be available for auction with all funds benefiting the ministry and facility needs at Camp. Delicious food, creative crafts, and fun family fellowship will be available for the day! If you have items you would like to donate, please deliver them to the FCC Fellowship Hall by Friday August 30. Auction items will be available for preview on Friday night.



THE OUTREACH TEAM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to come along side us and serve our local community at the WJTL Kids Cookie Break Fest on Saturday, August 24 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Junction Center in Manheim. This is a free festival filled with music, games and fun for young families of children 12 and under. WJTL is a Christian radio station (FM 90.3) that seeks to share the Gospel and God's Love on the radio and in the community. WJTL needs many volunteers for parking, ticket taking, concessions sales, crafts and more. We know families from our church have enjoyed attending Kids Cookie Break Fests in the past, and this year the Outreach Team would like to organize a group from our church to help serve! Contact Dave Bendit if you have any questions. Sign-up on the sheet on the narthex table by Sunday, August 11!



August HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:30 AM Josh's Installation 6:00 PM Youth Cell Group + 6th graders!	29	30 10:00 AM Piano Tuning	31 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast	1 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	2 Josh's Day Off 6:45 PM WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise	3 8:00 AM Hinton Birthday
4 Nachbar Graduation Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 4:00 PM Young Adults 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	5	6 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast	8 7:00 PM Education Team	9 Josh's Day Off	10
11 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 12:30 PM Kreider Family Reunion	12	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 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	15	16 Josh's Day Off	17
18 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	19 6:30 PM Outreach Team	20 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts & Discernment Team	21 HERALD DEADLINE Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast	22	23 Josh's Day Off	24
25 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 5:30 PM Youth Group Kick Off Event	26	27 7:00 PM Leadership Team	28 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast	29	30 Josh's Day Off	31

For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit <http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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