



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



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Fear or Faith

By Marlin Zook

Bible stories are interesting partly because they portray people's real human nature.

Recently I preached at Paxton Ministries and used the story of the blind man in John 9. Jesus makes mud and puts it on his face and tells him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash it off. He did so and was able to see for the first time in his life. When he came back from Siloam, people asked him where Jesus was. Think about it, how would he know where Jesus went? Jesus was constantly going from one place to another and the blind man went off to wash his face.

Another story found in Mark 8 shows a human characteristic that is very common in our present world. There was a large crowd that had been with Jesus for three days and Jesus knew that it was time for him to move on but to send the people away without feeding them was not healthy, so he told the disciples to feed them. The disciples found seven small loaves of bread and a few fish. So, Jesus broke the loaves and gave a piece to each of the disciples and told them to distribute it. They did. From the piece they each had, together they fed over 4,000 men. (They didn't count the women and children). After everyone had eaten and the area cleaned up, Jesus sent the crowd away.

As Jesus and the disciples were getting into a boat to cross the lake, some religious leaders had a question to ask Jesus. So, Jesus got out of the boat and answered their question. Their question raised a teaching point for Jesus to train the disciples. When

Jesus got back in the boat and they launched, Jesus told the disciples to be careful of the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod, for that teaching is opposite the teaching of Jesus. The disciples heard the word "yeast" and associated that with "bread" and they remembered that they did not bring enough bread for lunch. Jesus had to remind them of the 4,000 men they had just fed and the previous time when they fed 5,000.

Do you ever focus on what you don't have? This is the primary focus of our world and one of the reasons why we must endure so much advertising. Not only had the disciples multiplied the bread before, but the fact that Christ was in the boat with them did not change their focus on what they didn't have. Their minds were not yet renewed. They had seen the miracle but had not grasped the truth of the power that had been given to them and was at work in them. When Jesus came, a new age was born. People saw this in Jesus but could not grasp that this was for all who believed.

When Jesus came, a new reality was put in place. We know the truth that a new age has come and we know the truth of Jesus life and what he accomplished. On April 2, Pastor Rob's focus in the message was "Today this Scripture (Isaiah 66:1-4) is fulfilled." A new reality was released when Jesus came. The disciples experienced this reality but hadn't yet understood the extent of this reality.

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Our Pastoral Staff



Rev. John Reitz
Interim Pastor



Nathan Stonge
Pastor for Worship &
Communication Arts



Jeff Conrady
Pastor for Youth

We have a choice: We can view life and our situations from a position of fear or a position of faith. If we view our situation from what we don't have, the result will be fear. If we view our situation from faith in the sufficiency of Christ, fear will vanish. So, we have faith or we have fear. If we focus on all the authority and power of Christ who has all authority in heaven and on earth, we have joy and peace because of our faith. We know the truth of Christ's accomplishments but like the disciples, we don't always experience the reality of that truth in our daily lives. There is a difference between knowing the truth and living in the reality of the truth. It is interesting to note that in the New Testament, God's method of encouraging growth is not by punishing bad behavior but by rewarding good. In Hebrews, we are told that God is a rewarder of those who seek him. May God help us to move into living the reality of the Gospel and enjoying the reward of "fullness of joy." What God has for us is greater than "we can ask or imagine." Wouldn't it be wonderful to have at least some of it?

I love my mom.



Hey Kids!
Discover Your
Strength in God at
HERO CENTRAL VBS
June 19-22
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year, we'll go on some awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God!

Online registration is available by visiting www.myvbs.org/dbic

If you have any questions, please see Jenny Cathro or email her at jccathro@gmail.com

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In The Pew Next To You...

Eleanor Poe

Born and raised in

Ohio

A bit about my family

I have a sister in Ohio and a brother in northern Pennsylvania with their families. My husband, Marshall, passed away 1½ years ago. We have three children: a daughter and family in Texas, a son and family in Nicaragua and a daughter and family in Asia.

I spend my days doing

As a new resident at Messiah Lifeways, I am gradually adjusting to a new way of life without my husband.

How I became a Christian

I was raised in a Christian family so I heard a lot about Jesus. I became a Christian at home when I asked my mother to pray with me.

A time I really saw God work in my life was

One of the many times was the end of 2016 when I was preparing to sell my house and move to Messiah Lifeways.

My biggest passion is

To allow the love of Jesus to be visible in everything I do and say.

Favorite Bible verse

Isaiah 41:13 I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not be afraid. I will help you."

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

Friendly people, challenging Bible learning class and meaningful morning worship time.

Something that might surprise you about me is

My husband and I were missionaries with Brethren in Christ World Missions in Zambia for nine years and in Nicaragua for 12 years. We had two daughters born in Zambia at Macha Hospital, which was founded by my Uncle Alvan Thuma years earlier. Each of our three children, while learning to speak English, learned the local language, Tonga.

My favorite song is

There are so many great ones. It's hard to choose one!

A prayer request I have is

That I will keep God-honoring priorities as I continue to adjust to a new way of life.



New Hope Ministry Musings

By Ginny Spurrier

He who is gracious and lends a hand to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed. Proverbs 19:17 (Amplified Bible)

Thanks SO much to each and every one of you who have remembered to purchase and place your monthly donations in the box under the coat rack by the office. Every item donated is needed and appreciated. Please continue to endeavor to be "extravagantly generous"!

For your consideration: If each family or individual would donate just ONE item each month, most of which can be bought for \$1, that would be considered "extravagant" because it would provide more guests of New Hope with some necessary items. For example: When toilet paper is requested, if each family would donate just ONE roll of toilet paper, we would be supplying many more rolls of toilet paper than we do when only 10 people donate whole packages.

The Dillsburg Center served approximately 365 households thus far this fiscal year. Close to 85 percent of the households depend on New Hope to some extent for access to the food pantry.

It is with great hope and anticipation that the new Dillsburg Center will be completed by December of this year. As of January New Hope Ministries owns the property and has been working on permits. Ground breaking will start this spring. Construction costs rose from \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million, all of which is now supplied except for about \$100,000. Please continue to pray for this need to be completely satisfied, for the construction work that is soon to begin and all those who will be involved.

PLEASE NOTE: The ongoing plea for volunteers!

The Dillsburg Center is in dire need of volunteers to help in the Food Pantry, at the front desk and with the Elementary After-School Program. If you have ANY time in your busy lives to give the gift of time, please consider checking out the New Hope website at www.nhm-pa.org for more information.



Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

At our March Leadership Council Meeting, Nathan Stonge joined us from Ministry Council. He shared about how he is excited about how God is preparing us for Pastor Rob and Pastor Rob for us. We talked at length about the experiments that we have experienced during this transition period.

Pastor John shared about the need for help in set up and tear down for events. There was discussion about how to develop a plan for volunteers to help with this task. He also shared that Kathy Bennett is now handling scheduling of rooms at the church. There was discussion about how to handle usage fees and when the church is being used.

It was reported that the Properties and Facilities Team is working on a proposal for new doors.

We had discussion on updates to our personnel manual. We will to work continue on this project.

The full minutes of the Leadership Council meeting are located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

If you would like additional information or to follow up on any items, please contact a Leadership Council member, Mike Beachy, Clarence Brubaker, Jason Brubaker, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo, Pastor John Reitz, or Avis Whitesel.



*Dear Dillsburg Congregation, Many thanks for the very generous gift we received in the mail to help with our moving expenses. We appreciate how you have loved us in many ways even before we have arrived. We are very excited and can hardly wait to join you all in July! Thanks again and God bless you. *-Pastor Rob, Chris and family*

*What you have done to partner with Push the Rock is certainly good work with tremendous impact for God's Kingdom. Faithful giving is so critical to the work that the Lord puts before us, sharing the Gospel through the shared experience of sports. Thanks so much for your partnership. *- David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock*

*Your support of New Hope Ministries directly impacts your neighbors in need and is critical to us meeting the needs of those in our communities who rely upon our programs and services. You are changing lives! You are a blessing!

Here's an update on our Dillsburg Center construction project: The project management schedule is now underway, with milestones set for the foundation to be laid in May, walls to be built in July and plumbing to be installed in September. Stay tuned for more details! *- Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries*

*We continue to be grateful for your investment in Messiah College as an educational community profoundly committed to worshipping, loving and serving God. Thank you for your recent donation to the Messiah College Collaboratory operations. *- Beth Trott Clark, Director of Annual Giving, Messiah College*

A Gathering of Christians in Dillsburg to Pray for Renewal

Imagine what it would look like if all the Christ followers in a community gathered together for an evening of prayer. What would happen if an entire community of Christians bowed their hearts and prayed for God to continue to work in and through them?

Leaders of Dillsburg area churches are excited about gathering together and praying for and with one another.

This is not about a particular church, group, or denomination. It is all about Jesus and our desire to see more people changed by the Gospel.

You are invited to participate at **6 p.m., May 4** at Northern High School in a night of prayer for **renewal, revival** and **awakening** in our community!

We'll pray for people to come to know Jesus and for those who know Him to follow him more closely to the point of transformation, for a spirit of unity and reconciliation around the person of Jesus and for people to receive God's healing through Jesus.

Renew: Dillsburg is done in coordination with:

*Youth Impact Project
Mountain Ridge Church
The Meeting House
McBIC
NewCreation
Hope Grace Brethren Church
St. Paul's Lutheran
Monaghan Presbyterian Church
Harmony Church
Square Bean
Dillsburg BIC
Chestnut Grove UMC
Franklinton United Brethren
Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's*

For more on Renew Dillsburg, visit
www.renewdillsburg.com.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

By Steven and Rachel Miller

John & Esther Spurrier - Macha, Zambia

Being here for so many years of our lives has had great blessing, but there are also dangers to feeling so familiar and comfortable. One of those dangers is that we may be bound by our expectations and fail to see the new things God is doing among us. Recently a team of professional videographers came to make a promotional report for a major (indirect) donor to the research program. They came with their script firmly in their minds, and they were totally undeterred by the suggestions of those on the ground here in telling that pre-scripted story. It was frustrating, but it was also a wake-up call to me about how strongly I allow my expectations to color my perceptions of life and of God's work.



Last week I [John] attended a meeting where I reported on the AntiRetroviral Therapy (ART) program at Macha. In preparing a report for this meeting, I was very encouraged by two things. First, of the HIV positive women who attend the Macha Hospital Antenatal Clinic, all of whom are given ARVs, we have not had an HIV positive baby born since January of 2012. Second, in the past 12 months we have done 73,000 HIV tests and the positivity rate is less than 1 percent. Both of these findings tell me that our ART program is working and the devastating impact of AIDS is declining.

We are in a change of season. The daily, heavy rains of earlier in the month have lessened in frequency and intensity. Some fields still need some rain, but most people are eating green maize and myuungu (squash). We were given our first pumpkin yesterday, and someone even came selling freshly dug peanuts! We usually look for those in late April or May. We Spurriers are also in a change of season in our lives. John will be 70 in December, and we feel the Lord leading us toward retirement at the end of 2017, at least from full-time service. We cannot imagine closing the door totally on Macha, and we plan to continue with part-time service under Brethren in Christ (US) Missions, giving several months each year as staff needs in the hospital become apparent.

Andi & Krishauna Brubaker Visit

The Brubakers will be visiting in June and would like to know if anybody is interested in purchasing some Guatemalan products. Some options are as follows: fresh whole-bean or ground coffee, chocolate covered coffee beans, wallets, belts, scarves, or bracelets. They would like to sell enough products to be able to pay for their plane tickets to travel. If you would like to see photos/options or need more information you can email either Andi or Krishauna at andi@hopeforhome.org or krishauna@hopeforhome.org



The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

You will find quite a variety of new books on our “new book cart” this month. There are books in our “Christian Life” classification and quite an unusual array in our fiction selections. There is a dog story, a well-written Christian legal thriller, and a two-book series of Christian fantasy. Check them out!

NONFICTION

- ***Every Breath We Take***, by Terry Wardle. The subtitle of Wardle’s book is *Living in the Presence, Love, and Generosity of God*. This book presents a simple, yet effective, spiritual practice that raises awareness of the abiding presence of the Lord.
- ***Brethren in Christ History & Life, December 2016***. Among the periodicals in our library can be found this historical journal that comes out three times a year. You’ll want to read this issue because my uncle, Elam Dohner, can be found on the cover!

FICTION

- ***The Dog Who Was There***, by Ron Marasco. Here is a book for you dog-lovers! Barley is a homeless and hungry dog who was taken in by a compassionate woodcarver in first century Jerusalem. Tales of a special teacher from Galilee are reaching their village . . . and life suddenly changes again for Barley. He learns about forgiveness and kindness from this special teacher.
- ***The Witnesses***, by Robert Whitlow. Parker House is an attorney who shares his German grandfather’s uncanny ability to see future events in his mind’s eye. There is mystery and intrigue as you read about the life of the WW2 grandfather and his grandson, a North Carolina lawyer and a fisherman. Robert Whitlow, himself an attorney, is a best-selling author of Christian legal novels.
- ***A Cast of Stones***, by Patrick W. Carr. This book is first in a three-part series of Christian fantasy, *The Staff and the Sword*. In a medieval world setting is this story of Errol Stone, a small drunken lad and an orphan. He did odd jobs for the people of his village. Errol offers to take a message to a hermit priest through a dangerous gorge. An assassin follows Errol and thus begins an epic journey to the Green Isle and King Rodran.
- ***The Hero’s Lot***, by Patrick W. Carr. This is the second book in *The Staff and the Sword* series. The third and last in the series will come out next month. Errol Stone, who is unjustly accused of consorting with spirits, is placed under arrest and sentenced to undertake a perilous quest. He must complete that task, or die trying.

See you in the library!





THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough



Dillsburg finished in third place at the Allegheny Open Tournament, held on April 8 at the Meeting House (Carlisle) church.

Tyler Whitesel was the fifth top quizzzer and Ryan Brubaker was the ninth top quizzzer.

Eight teams participated. Here are the teams by Conference: Atlantic – Elizabethtown and a combined Elizabethtown/Souderton team; Allegheny – Fairview Ave; Great Lake – Nappanee and New Vision; Susquehanna – Dillsburg, Grantham and the Meeting House (Carlisle). Once again, thanks to everyone who came.

Our next quizzing event will be the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament (formerly the Lancaster tournament) hosted by **Elizabethtown BIC** church on **Saturday, May 6 starting at 9 a.m.** This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on Luke Chapters 1-22.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, May 20 – Regional Conference finals at Dillsburg BIC – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 23-25 – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle.

Verse of the month: Luke 18:1 –

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”

Both the Allegheny and Atlantic conferences are looking for a conference quiz director. Please join me in prayer for these positions to be filled quickly.

A great way to financially support the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg is to purchase Giant gift cards. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct. 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God’s Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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Brent Whitesel	432-9048	btw10@comcast.net

Children’s Outdoor Adventure: Seeds & Weeds: Can Words Grow Roots?

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Gail Brubaker's house for our second Outdoor Adventure on June 10th. Join us for a fun-filled morning of exploring seeds, weeds and what God’s Word says about how words can be powerful and take root in our hearts. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy at the end of the adventure; a sweet treat will be provided.

Parents are welcome to enter into this adventure or drop off kids at 9:30 a.m. at the Brubaker home, 313 Scotch Pine Road in Dillsburg, and pick them up at noon. Siblings younger than age 5 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to Emily Wingert (267-614-8271 or children@dillsburgbic.org) by June 3rd.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Glen & Cindi Brubaker	May 7
Robert & Karen Pomeroy	May 8
Shelby & Audra Sieber	May 23
Rick & Charity Miller	May 25
Bob & Gail Brubaker	May 27
Eric & Corie Thuma	May 29
Dwight & Annabeth Rotz	May 30
Isaac & Heidi Tucker	May 31

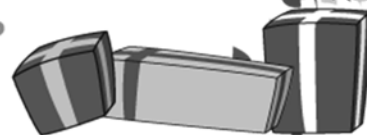


Grace Spurrier May 2
 Kimberly Tucker May 2
 Levi Sowers May 2
 Dave Murtoff May 6
 Kathy Renard May 6
 Paul Cathro May 6
 Spencer Sieber May 6
 Ellen Hoover May 9
 Ruth Zook May 9
 Tammy Straw May 9
 Scott Raboci May 10
 Helen Leach May 11
 Levi Pomeroy May 11
 Jim Shelly May 13

Gary Lebo May 14
 Krista Reitnour May 18
 Jessica Hatch May 19
 Faithe Spurrier May 20
 Charity Miller May 20
 Garret VanDyke May 21
 Meredith Engle May 24
 Nina Hoover May 28
 Jason Brubaker May 29
 Miriam Smith May 29
 Tim Monko May 30
 Amy Kimmel May 31
 Preston Owens May 31
 Samuel Walsh May 31



Happy Birthday!



May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 p.m. Thrive	4 6:00 p.m. Renew Dillsburg Prayer Gathering (Offsite)	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	8 Doulos Deadline 6:30 p.m. Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	9	10 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive	18 6:45 p.m. Leadership Council	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive	25	26	27
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