



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



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God's Perspectives

By Marlin Zook

In contrast to the headlines, news packages, blogs and tweets that compete for our attention, I like to think about God's perspective. How might He weigh in on the things that have so many people talking at once?

In Galatians 5:22, Paul gives a list of nine fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, etc. We often think of them as qualities that the Holy Spirit wants to reproduce in each of us. When we accept Jesus as Savior and Lord and are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit and He starts forming these characteristics in us because this is what God is like. God lives in us and these are the characteristics the Holy Spirit is forming in us.

God is love. He is never "not love;" He is always joyful. He is never stressed out or upset because He is always full of peace. He is always good because He is goodness. These qualities are the true nature of God.

In this world, there are going to be many things that upset many people. There are going to be racial tensions like the recent fights in Charlottesville. There are outbreaks of terror, recently in Spain and Finland. There is usually someplace in the world where there is political unrest, natural disasters and even the possibility of war (think Korea). The fear that is produced causes tensions to rise in us, but because God is all-knowing and is always peaceful; these things do not bother Him at all. His love and joy and peace are unchanged and His rule is secure and unshakable. He is still gentle and kind and even patient. What a wonderful God! Nothing bothers Him and it doesn't affect His desire to transform us into the image of God and produce these characteristics in us. He would really like to create nations of people with these characteristics.

Another characteristic of God not specifically mentioned in Galatians is that He does not condemn or criticize us. This is so different from

what I've experienced and how our world thinks. In Christ, there is no condemnation so He does not punish us when we fail. Rather He displays His gentleness and kindness and gives us a second chance.

He has a picture of what He is creating in us (the fruit of the Spirit). Let's say He wants me to grow in love and He puts me in a situation where I can practice love. I fail. I am not happy with how I did and it gives me incentive to communicate with the Holy Spirit to figure out why I failed. Then He gives me another chance to get it right. This process is repeated until I pass the test, and Jesus is patient and gentle until we learn.

It doesn't matter what characteristic He wants to produce in us; He just keeps giving opportunities to learn. He is so gracious and kind in the process. He treats us as we would treat a child learning to walk. We get excited (joy) when the child even stands without holding on and then, with each step, the joy increases. The focus is always on what He wants to create in us and what we will be able to do when we reach that goal. When one goal is reached, there is always another goal. Isn't it wonderful to have the Holy Spirit to walk with us as we learn? I believe that some of the joy in heaven is watching His children learning to walk by faith.

There are hints that judgment has been suspended during the age of grace. Jesus says to not judge. There is nothing in the fruit of the Spirit that would promote judging. If this is true, how would you live? Would you judge and condemn people or would you simply pray that God's will be done and that His kingdom of love, peace and joy would become a reality on earth?

Can you imagine a world where peace and joy as well as love are the predominant characteristics? That seems to be what God has in mind.



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mailbox by **October 8th**.

**Did Someone Say Picnic? Yes!**

*Our DBIC Church Family Picnic is planned for **October 1**
at South Middleton Park, Pavilion No. 1.*

Games and park activities begin at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5 p.m.

*We'll provide grilled burgers and dogs, drinks and table service;
you bring the whole family, food to share (salad, dessert, chips, etc...),
chairs, and maybe lawn or table games.*

*Inclement weather would move us to the Sanctuary
and Fellowship Hall.*

*Wherever we are, it will be a great time to introduce friends to your
DBIC family or just come hang out and eat and play together!*



**DBIC Women: Come welcome
Chris Douglass on October 28!**

What was the best day of Chris Douglass' life? (Other than the day she married Pastor Rob, of course!)

Come learn the answer to this and other intriguing questions at a Welcome Brunch for our new pastor's wife beginning at 10 a.m. **Saturday, Oct. 28** in the fellowship hall.

In order to help Chris get to know us better, please think of something about yourself that you would like Chris to know about you. We won't ask her to take notes or give her a quiz afterwards, but if what you have to say is memorable, we'll all learn more about each other!

Please look for the sign-up poster coming soon to the lobby area and let us know we can expect you! Sorry, guys, this is a women-only event.

For more information, see Carolyn Kimmel (432-4408).



New Hope Ministry Musings

by Ginny Spurrier

A blessed fall to all!

Farmer's Fair is right around the corner on October 20 & 21! New Hope is in need of volunteers to help with set up and tear down of tables and games, etc. Volunteers are also needed to help serve at the various tables and games offered during Farmer's Fair hours.

At New Hope it is once again time to plan for Thanksgiving Baskets to share with our neighbors in need. So, for the months of October and November our item for donation is gravy mixes/packets. We need to supply at least 155 packets by Thursday, November 16. It would be great to give more since one gravy packet is not going to go very far! Also, if you are available and would like to be more involved, volunteers are needed to help pack the Thanksgiving 'Baskets' on Friday, November 17 during the late afternoon and early evening and also for the Basket distribution on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dillsburg New Hope Center.

The process for volunteering for these events involves signing up online or letting the center know when you want to volunteer and unless you are a 'regular' volunteer you will need to complete a "Special Event Volunteer Registration" when you go to volunteer. The center phone is 717-432-3053 and the website is www.nhm-pa.org.

Visiting the New Hope website is a great way to keep informed about the various programs, ministries and happenings. Please pray about becoming involved as a volunteer on a consistent basis. There continues to be a shortage of workers to serve as receptionists and in the food pantry assisting guests. There is also a need for volunteers to prepare a soup, entree or side-dish . . . something nutritious that is offered daily for sampling and utilizes food that is regularly available in the food pantry . . . and also to provide the recipe.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing construction of the new center.

Thank you for all that you contribute in DBIC's effort to be a river of hope and healing through New Hope Ministries to our immediate community.



Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

During our August Leadership Council Meeting, we heard from Jeff Conrady and Emily Wingert regarding Something Different – later named Corner Life – as an opportunity for families to come to the church together for food, fellowship and then move to break out into various age groups. Leadership Council affirmed Jeff and Emily in this change for the first half of the school year, at least. Thrive youth group will meet every week as they always have.

Pastor Rob led a discussion regarding the vision for Dillsburg BIC, challenging us to think about what makes us unique – the reason has God placed us here and the potential of our church. He also challenged us with this question: If we knew in advance that we couldn't fail, what is one thing we would pursue for God? There was good discussion that will continue into future meetings.

We had discussion about funding for the purchase of the 27 E. York Street property. We also discussed setting the basement as a priority for the use of the Capital Campaign.

A motion was made and passed to give Pastor Rob permission to hire a worship intern who will work six to eight hours a week and will work closely with Rob and Jeff to coordinate worship. This position is on an as-needed basis.

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo, or Avis Whitesel.



In The Pew Next To You...

Derick & Laura Esch

Born and raised in....

LAURA: Elizabethtown

DERICK: Brownstown

A bit about my family . . .

LAURA: I have an older brother, Ryan, who is pursuing his MBA at Penn State, and my parents are Tim and Beth Shenk. We enjoy going on overnight bicycle trips and playing games.

DERICK: I have a younger brother, Devin, who graduated from Messiah last year, and my parents are Randy and Tracy Esch. We enjoy camping & hiking in the summer and taking ski trips in the winter.

I spend my days doing . . .

LAURA: Teaching K-4 English Language Development (ESL) at East Pennsboro School District.

DERICK: Creating video and graphics content for the Governor's Office and other state agencies throughout Pennsylvania.

How I became a Christian . . .

LAURA: I grew up in a small Church of the Brethren congregation and was baptized at age 12.

DERICK: I also grew up Anabaptist (Mennonite), so Christianity has always had a major presence in my life. I was baptized in ninth grade.

A time I really saw God work in my life was . . .

LAURA: We had a lot of transitions with jobs and moves during our first year of marriage. God granted us peace and new opportunities in His perfect timing.

DERICK: While a student at Messiah College where I was encouraged and guided in asking questions about my faith and developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

My biggest passion is . . .

LAURA: Working with children and people from other cultural backgrounds.

DERICK: Penn State Football.

I spend my free time doing . . .

LAURA: Reading, biking, cooking, playing with our cat and crafting.

DERICK: Playing volleyball, theatrical lighting design, hiking, & biking.

Favorite Bible verse...

LAURA: James 1:17 - Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

DERICK: Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is . . .

LAURA: The people! The congregation has been so welcoming, and we love the sense of community.

DERICK: The community feel and great mix of contemporary songs and hymns.

Something that might surprise you about me is . . .

LAURA: I bungee jumped over the Nile River while studying abroad in Uganda with Messiah College.

DERICK: I have backpacked over 200 miles on the Appalachian Trail in the last three years, with hopes of one-day completing a thru-hike.

My favorite song is . . .

LAURA: "Find You Here" by Ellie Holcomb

DERICK: Almost anything that can be sung in parts and acapella.

A prayer request I have is . . .

LAURA: For the Lord to calm my anxious heart during times of transition and new endeavors.

DERICK: That we would continue to feel at home and become connected to Dillsburg BIC and the local area.



HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

By Steven & Rachel Miller

*This month, we hear from Andi & Krishauna Brubaker, Guatemala
andibrubaker.blogspot.com*

"I (Andi) had the opportunity to lead games and a devotional for a group of 20 kids last Saturday. This was my first time leading a devotional completely in Spanish ... It made me step out of my comfort zone, but it was a good challenge! This was in partnership with a ministry called BuildinGuate. They work with these kids and families who live and work in a large garbage dump."

"We were supposed to be in Orlando, Florida for a "Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills" workshop. However, Hurricane Irma hit Florida exactly when we were supposed to travel. So the conference was cancelled and we will be attending the one in February."

"Next week I will begin having weekly meetings with PTR to talk about vision, challenges we are having, times of prayer, encouragement and support, accountability, and administrative items."

"We signed a contract/lease on a new house! The owner has to do some work before we move in, but October 1 is the date, Lord willing, we will move in! We have already started planning how our after-school program will work here! After looking at seven different places and running into many different roadblocks, we are so excited to be making this next step! This place has two bedrooms, two bathrooms (we will be working on another 1/2 bathroom), a large room for our after-school program, and a large room that we will be using as a kitchen/living room combo. It also has an amazing back patio along with some grassy area (pictured), and a place to park our truck."



THRIVE AT DBIC

Thrive youth group is looking forward to a busy October—and you can help! On Wednesday evening, October 4, we're offering **"Students for Sale"**! For just a \$5 donation (to be used toward our retreat fund), we'll send one or more students—along with a leader—to your home or business to help with light house work, yard work, cleaning, moving and storage, even light repairs (with some preliminary discussion!). We'll have students available between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. You could even purchase a student for a friend that you know could use some extra hands! Please contact Pastor Jeff for further information or to sign up to buy students! jeff.conrady@dillsburgbic.org or 717.877.8506.

We'll also be helping to setup for **Farmer's Fair** in Dillsburg on Thursday, October 19 and to tear down and clean up on Sunday morning October 22.

We're thinking we should maybe call it Service-tober? It's a joy for the Youth Ministries Team to have the opportunity to work with such an energetic, positive group. They truly are excited about the opportunity to serve, help, and be part of the DBIC and Dillsburg community!

THRIVE

Something Different is now Corner Life!

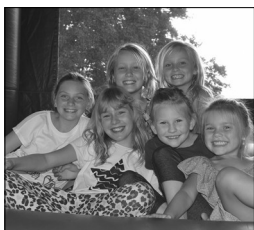
Last month you read Emily Wingert's excitement over our plans to launch a new event on the third Wednesday of each month. Renamed Corner Life, our first event was held on Sept. 20 and there are three more scheduled for this year.

We're inviting everyone in the congregation to join together on October 18, November 15, and December 20 for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship – for all ages!

We're especially excited to throw the doors open to friends and community members who may not have experienced the joy of our life together as a church family.

We call it "Corner Life"—thinking about how we do life and love here on the corner of Harrisburg and Chestnut Streets—an evening of eating, laughing, connecting, growing together. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. with fun, activities, and dessert to follow, all wrapping up by 8 p.m.

Come enjoy life together on the corner. Invite a friend. Corner Life.



Scenes from September Corner Life!



* The Baby Bottle Blast is winding down and we are thanking God for the results. At the time we are writing this letter, we have received more than \$103,000! If your church still has bottles out, we will be happy to take them, full or empty. The more we get back, the fewer we have to purchase next year. We know that the money is from God, but we also recognize that He uses His people to accomplish His works – and you demonstrated a heart for God with these bottle gifts. Thank you!

The Rev. John Shaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Center

* We were overwhelmed to receive your generous quarterly donation. Your gift helps us accomplish our mission of empowering families through relationships and skill building to move from homelessness to home.

Lisette M. Gonzalez, Executive Director, Family Promise of the Harrisburg Capital Region

* Thank you for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh in Burkina Faso. In the hands of our Father, each gift is multiplied to bless people and draw others to Jesus.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

* Thank you for helping us share love, help and hope to those who need it most! Your support of New Hope Ministries directly helps your neighbors in need and is critical for more than 7,600 families who rely upon our programs and services every day.

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

* Molding young people is tough work, but when we take our cues from the living words of Jesus, amazing things can happen! It can transform lives and turn unbelief to lifelong faith. We are so grateful to be part of God's work in these young lives. We are also grateful for you, the people who make it possible for us to continue our work, using sports to impact the world for Jesus Christ . . . One life at a time.

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock



The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

You will find all kinds of new books added to our library this month: books about the use of technology, an enriching spiritual memoir, two historical novels . . . and more. If these books are not already checked out, you will find them on the cart inside the library entrance. Happy reading!

NONFICTION

- ***The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place***, by Andy Crouch. Andy Crouch is executive editor of *Christianity Today*. From the back of the book, I quote, "Making good choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen-time limits for our children. It's about building character, wisdom, and courage rather than accepting technology's promises of ease and instant gratification." This book was recommended by one of our church families.
- ***My Sisters the Saints***, by Colleen Carroll Campbell. Also recommended by one of our church ladies, this book is a spiritual memoir telling of the author's 15-year quest to understand the meaning of her life and identity in light of her Christian faith. The book is a guide to navigating life's sometimes difficult and confusing journey.

FICTION

- ***The Writing Desk***, by Rachel Hauck. Tenley's first book was a bestseller, but now her second book is due and Tenley is weighted down with writer's block. When her estranged mother calls asking Tenley to help her through chemotherapy, she packs up for Florida where she meets Jonas, a furniture designer, and discovers the story her heart's been missing.
- ***The Return***, by Suzanne Woods Fisher. This book is the third and final book in the *Amish Beginnings* series. Based on true events, this series tracks the immigration of the Amish who first came to the New World at the invitation of William Penn, and settled in a corner of Penn's Woods. *The Return* gives a glimpse into the difficult days of prerevolutionary Pennsylvania through the eyes of two young, faith-filled women.
- ***The Girl from the Train***, by Irma Joubert. When 6-year-old Gretl jumps from a train bound for Auschwitz, her mother is unable to follow – and a long, desperate journey begins. Eventually, she's able to find refuge with Jakob, a freedom fighter, and her world changes. Will she ever know hope or love again?

See you in the library!



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"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Coming Soon: Congregational Corner

Got something to share with your church family?

Maybe you're getting married or your son just got married or your daughter graduated from college. Maybe you recently took a trip and want to share a couple of details about it. Maybe you've got a new job and you want to share your joy about that. Or perhaps you've got a prayer request that isn't time-sensitive and could be shared here.

Congregational Corner will be your place in the Doulos to talk to each other about things going in your lives that are important to you and that you want to share with others.

Please send your news to carolynkimmel@comcast.net or place it in her church mailbox. Pictures are welcome too!



Big news and changes at Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region!

On Monday, September 11, members of DBIC attended a Baby Shower and Send Off Party for Krissy Marshall, who served as Executive Director of Family Promise for seven years. Three days later, Krissy and her husband Matt welcomed their daughter, Eliza Betsy, into their family.



Over the past summer, in preparation for her departure from Family Promise to stay home with her family, Krissy and the Family Promise Board interviewed and hired a new Executive Director, Lissette Gonzalez, as well as a Director of Development and Programming, Eric Ziegler.



Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region
(Left to Right)

Lissette Gonzalez—Executive Director

Krissy Marshall—"retiring" Executive Director

Rafé Shearer—Case Manager

Eric Ziegler—Director of Development and Programming



Matt & Krissy
Amanda Bulley—Board President



THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough

Another quizzing year has started with practices in October. Our first quizzing event will be the **PA Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC on Sat, Nov 4**. This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on 1st Corinthians, Chapters 1-4.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

- ◇ Saturday, Dec 2—Practice tournament at TBD – 9 a.m.-12 p.m...
- ◇ Saturday, Jan 6—Mixer tournament with Allegheny and Atlantic Conferences, time and place to be determined
- ◇ Saturday, Feb 3—Practice tournament at TBD – 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- ◇ Saturday, March 3—Practice tournament at TBD – 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- ◇ Saturday, April 14—Allegheny Open Tournament at Meeting House-Carlisle – All day
- ◇ Saturday, May 5—Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day
- ◇ Saturday, May ?—Regional Conference finals at TBD – 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- ◇ Friday, July 13—Monday, July 16 – Denominational Finals at Messiah College

Verses of the month: 1st Corinthians 3:16-17 – “Do you not know that you yourselves are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” - BSB (2016)

Conference Quiz Directors Update: Judah Fickett will be the conference quiz director for Atlantic Conference; Chad and Emily Brubaker will take Judah’s position in the Susquehanna Conference as Conference quiz directors. Atlantic Conference is still in need of a director. In the meantime, Judah is serving as the interim director for the Atlantic Conference.

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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<http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media>



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Clarence & Mary Ann Brubaker	October 1
Brent & Avis Whitesel	October 3
Mike & Beth Beachy	October 12
Sam & Sylvia Klick	October 18

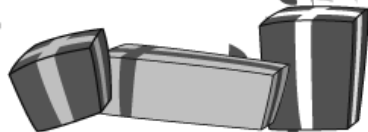


Birthdays of the Month

Piper Moesch	October 1	Jared Whitesel	October 20
Anne-Marie Brandt	October 3	Jeremy Straw	October 21
Arlene VanDyke	October 3	Jim Poole	October 21
Zoe Delp	October 6	Sharon Miller	October 17
Chris Douglass	October 7	Aaron Sieber	October 25
Grace Holland	October 7	Sam Stoner	October 26
Hannah Gustafson	October 8	John Long	October 28
Kenji Kanazawa	October 8	Toby Brubaker	October 28
Alexa Rank	October 12	Riley Wingert	October 30
Patty Cathro	October 17	Julianne Hoover	October 30
Sharon Miller	October 17	Ben Wiens	October 30



Happy Birthday!



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship 4 p.m. DBIC Family Picnic	2	3	4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	5	6	7
8 Doulos Deadline 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	9 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (201)	10	11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	16	17	18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Corner Life	19 6:30 pm Leadership Council	20	21
22 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	23	24	25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	26	27	28 10 am Women's Brunch
29 9:00 am Classes 10:15 am Worship	30	31				