



A Good Friday Miracle

By Rachel Miller

If you're like me, sometimes you wonder what is taking God so long. Why hasn't he sent Jesus back to get us? Has he forgotten about us? Have we made the whole thing up? This is the story of a young(er) me asking God if He was still alive.

If I have enough faith, it won't break. He says He can move mountains; He can keep this egg from breaking. Those were the thoughts that went through my mind right before I hurled a raw egg over my house one Good Friday morning. Then, heart thumping in my chest, I went around the house to see what had become of the pale-green farm egg and what would become of my faith.

The details of where I heard about this Good Friday trick are fuzzy now, but I somehow got it into my ten-year-old head (ridiculously enough) that on this special day, you could throw an egg over your house and it would not break when it hit the ground. This was not the middle school egg drop contest. This was a normal, unaccompanied egg flying 20 feet in the air before hitting the cold, hard ground in spring. This was a divine intervention in the Law of Gravity - or so I hoped.

Now, you have to understand, I was both gullible and zealous as a kid. As soon as I heard about this possibility, I was excited to prove that the Bible was true and that faith as small as a mustard seed could keep an egg from breaking. Because, to be honest, I had already said to the mountain out my window, "move," and it did not move (which I theorized was because I didn't tell it where to move, and which I decided was probably for the best because my pastor lived up on that mountain).

You should also know that this was not the first time I'd attempted this egg-throwing stunt. On the first Good Friday after I became determined to attempt this feat, we were with Dad on a trip for work-turned-family-vacation

and staying in a 15-story hotel. I'd waited almost an entire year for this particular day, but it was clear that I was not going to throw an egg over a 15-story building—not that I even had an egg. The next year rolled around and I was so excited to defy physics in the name of the Lord, but I was skeptical of my ability to actually get the egg over the house (if you'd seen me play softball, you'd understand). So, after some failed practice attempts with a racquetball, I asked my sister to do it.

"It won't work," she pointed out.

"I have enough faith for the both of us." I replied giddily.

She threw it. We zipped around the house only to discover a gooey mess. My heart sank. I was depressed all day. I don't remember talking about it, but I know my mom would have tried to debrief me to make sure my belief in God wasn't as broken as that egg's shell. Okay. So this Good Friday break in the Law of Gravity is not a thing. But isn't God bigger than the Laws of the universe He created? This should still work. I resolved to try it again.

Good Friday came around again—almost three years after I'd begun asking God to show me the impossible. This year, I was determined to do the egg experiment myself. No practice attempts; that signifies a lack of faith. No stand-in egg-throwers; this too suggests a lack of faith. Just a quick prayer and all my might sent through my arm and into that egg.



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What if it's broken again? Does it mean I don't have faith? How big IS a mustard seed? Please, God, please don't let it be broken. Please show me your power.

It felt like hours before we (my brothers and I) found the egg. I spotted it first. It was Whole. Uncracked. Perfect. I felt dizzy. My ears were ringing, my heart was beating hard and fast. I beamed all day.

God! You're Alive. Thank you for showing me.

Years have passed, but this experience remains with me. I can't explain it. I don't understand it. I thank God for it. How I felt when I found that egg is a bit of what I imagine Mary felt when she heard the "gardener" say her name on the original Easter Sunday. Jesus is Alive! Our Lord knows us and sees us (Psalm 139). He meets us where we are. Sometimes, he uses eggs.

P.S. Yes, I did eat the egg later. It was delicious.

**SERMONS & SCRIPTURES**

- APRIL 1 EASTER - THE GOD WHO WON'T STAY AWAY
MATTHEW 28.1-10
- APRIL 8 SEEING THE RISEN LORD: STEPS TO AN ATTENTIVE LIFE
JOB 40.1-5
- APRIL 15 SEEING THE RISEN LORD: STEPS TO AN ATTENTIVE LIFE
ISAIAH 58
- APRIL 22 SEEING THE RISEN LORD: STEPS TO AN ATTENTIVE LIFE
2 CORINTHIANS 8.1-14
- APRIL 29 SEEING THE RISEN LORD: STEPS TO AN ATTENTIVE LIFE
LUKE 15.1-10

*Did you know you can download and listen to past
sermons on our website?
<http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media>*

NEWS TO USE: HERE'S WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH AT DILLSBURG BIC

FIRST IN-GATHERING SCHEDULED

Leadership Council is planning three In-Gathering offerings this year. The first will be April 22. The funds will go towards the capital campaign. We are hoping to begin some projects this summer. As details become more specific about what projects we are pursuing and their estimated costs, we will convene the congregation for discussion and approval before any action is taken.

SECOND SERVICE EXPERIMENT DETAILED

It has been a blessing to have a full sanctuary most Sundays since October. We want to make sure that we are continually making room for the visitor and stranger. To this end, we are trying two services from Easter until the end of May.

While no plan is without its complications and confusion, we have made great efforts to have this experiment be as least disruptive as possible.

The plan for **April and May** is

9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

First Service that will include **Children's Church**

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship time

While coffee will be available at the welcome center between services, coffee and some kind of breakfast treat will be available in the fellowship hall between services.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Second Service

Adult and Children's Sunday School (occurring simultaneously)

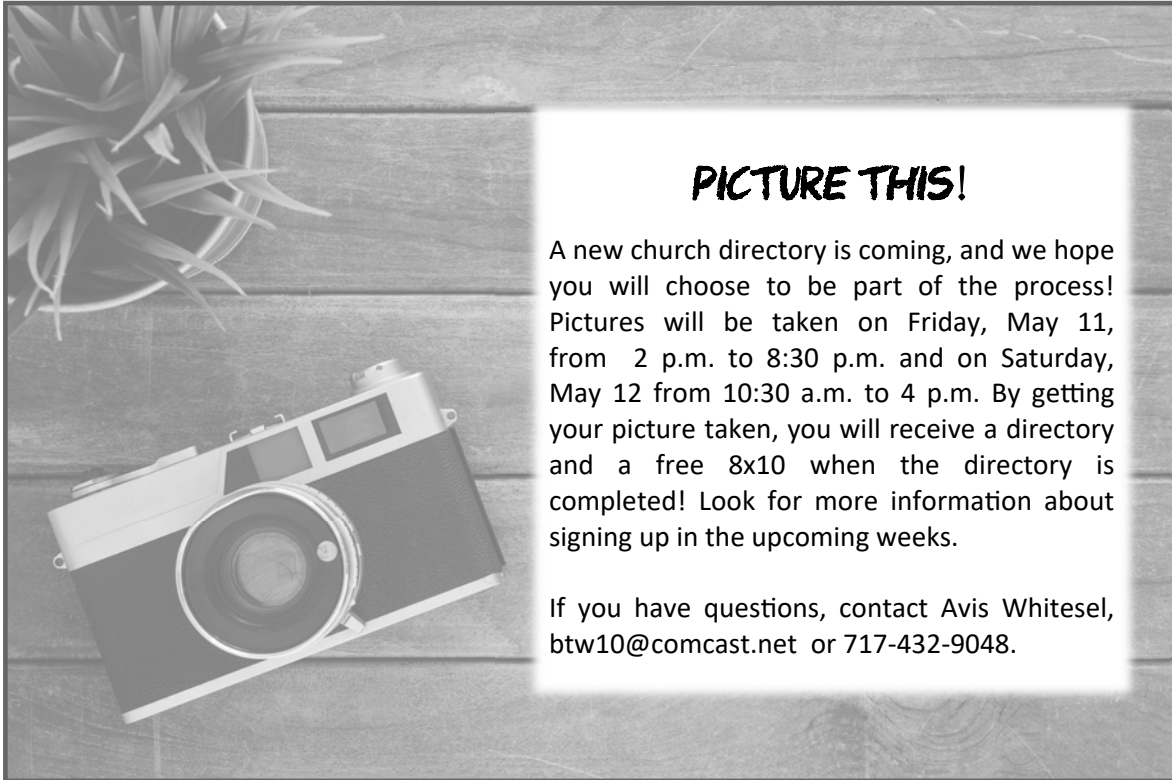
This means that if Sunday School is part of your spiritual formation, you will want to attend the 9 a.m. service.

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY ONLINE

Calling all young adults, defined as high school graduates through 30 years of age without children: We want to hear from you!

We have developed a survey to ask for your preferences and desires regarding a young adult ministry at DBIC. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4236190/Impact-DBIC-Young-Adult-Ministry>.

We would like to have your responses by March 31. You are invited to a Pizza and Possibilities party in the fellowship hall to discuss the results on Sunday April 6 after the second service. For more information, contact Chad & Em Brubaker, wearethebrubs@gmail.com, or Brent & Avis Whitesel, btw10@comcast.net.

A black and white photograph of a vintage camera and a succulent plant on a wooden surface. The camera is a rangefinder-style, with a large lens and a flash. The succulent is a small, spiky-leaved plant in a pot. The background is a wooden plank surface.

PICTURE THIS!

A new church directory is coming, and we hope you will choose to be part of the process! Pictures will be taken on Friday, May 11, from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. By getting your picture taken, you will receive a directory and a free 8x10 when the directory is completed! Look for more information about signing up in the upcoming weeks.

If you have questions, contact Avis Whitesel, btw10@comcast.net or 717-432-9048.

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

During our February Leadership Council meetings, we listened to a representative from a picture directory company and spent some time discussing the possibilities.

We discussed the capital campaign, building improvement projects and set a date for another council meeting to be held on March 18 during the Sunday school hour. This will be a short meeting to confirm nominees for some key ministry areas.

Looking ahead, we worked on establishing dates for some of the ingathering offerings for 2018.

Since our meeting on the 15th went so long, we had a second meeting in February to clarify some items regarding the upcoming Congregational Council.

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



NEWS FLASH: EAT 'N RUN RETURNS!

Eat 'n Run is back for the first and second Wednesdays of April and May, prior to our regular Wednesday evening activities.

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover will be co-leading and will be looking for assistance in setup, meal prep, serving and clean up.

Serving time is 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow reset time before the rest of the evening's activities. Helpers will eat together at 4:30 p.m. Exact dates are April 4 and 11 and May 2 and 9.

The meal is free and open to the community.

"We're excited to offer this opportunity for families to join together for a meal without the stress or rush of creating it," said Associate Pastor Jeff Conrady. "We hope to fellowship with current friends and have the opportunity to make new ones over a meal together. It's a great way to introduce friends – especially those with young families – to life at DBIC!"

APRIL 4, 2018

CHICKEN ALFREDO
CAESAR SALAD
FRESH VEGGIES
FRESH FRUIT
BROWNIES

APRIL 11, 2018

GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES
TOMATO SOUP
FRESH VEGGIES
ASSORTED COOKIES

MAY 2, 2018

MEXICAN RICE BOWLS STUFFED WITH
CHICKEN OR BEEF, RICE, BEANS
FRESH VEGGIES
FRESH FRUIT
ECLAIR CAKE

MAY 9, 2018

SLOPPY JOE SANDWICHES
POTATO CHIPS
FRESH VEGGIES
FRESH FRUIT
JELL-O POKE CAKE

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of Harrisburg Capital Region

Upcoming Host Week April 22-29, 2018

Come help us share the Love of God with our Family Promise guests.

*Mission: empowering families through relationships and skill building
to move from homelessness to home.*

- Set-Up Volunteers (April 22 - after Service)
- Meal Volunteers - Daily (Drop off at 6 P.M.)
- Fellowship Volunteers- Daily (6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.)
- Overnight Hosts- Daily (8:15 P.M. -6:45 A.M.)
- Takedown Volunteers (April 29 - 7 A.M.)
- Laundry Volunteers (week of April 29)
- Van Drivers - Daily
- Supply Donations

Family Promise Coordinators

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*Thinking about those sunny, warm days can help us get through the cold and ice of winter. It's good to know we can count on the near future. However, some of our clients don't find comfort in thinking about the near future. "How can I go through labor? How can I raise a child? Maybe abortion is a good option." Fortunately we have the information and encouragement they need to not only make the right choices but to look to the near future with hope and even anticipation. We recently received your generous gift. **Thank you!** Gifts like yours allow us to have a warm and safe place to minister to the women and men God brings through our doors.

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

*Every Sunday, a group of residents meets in the dining room to read the Sunday paper over a cup of coffee. It's a good time to catch up on all the news and discuss items of interest. Recently, a local, very violent event was splashed all over the front page of the paper, and some residents were talking about it. It was striking to hear one person's response: "You know, we're so lucky to be in a safe place and surrounded by nice people." Other residents nodded and made similar comments about how good it was to be in a safe and caring environment at Paxton Street Home. Your gifts are truly a blessing to us! **Thank you!**

Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

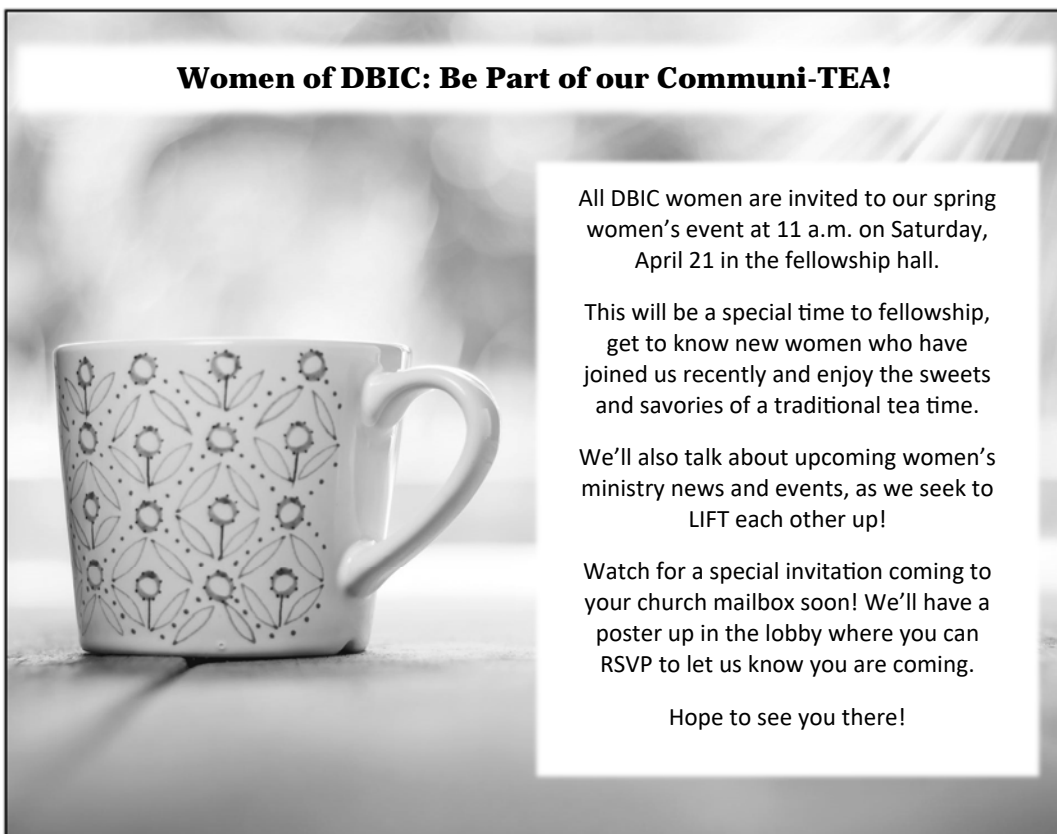
*Recently, our assistant disc golf director was able to reconnect with someone he had coached in basketball through their church 38 years ago! Now, this previous student athlete partners with us in ministry and recently went to Haiti to install a disc golf course . . . You might not know the fruit of your giving right away, but there's no denying the important role you play in partnering with us in ministry! **Thank you!**

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

***Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. Your compassion for people is encouraging!

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

Women of DBIC: Be Part of our Communi-TEA!



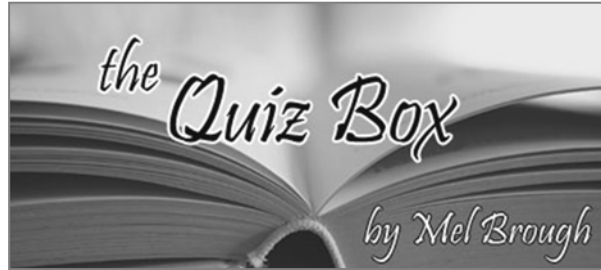
All DBIC women are invited to our spring women's event at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the fellowship hall.

This will be a special time to fellowship, get to know new women who have joined us recently and enjoy the sweets and savories of a traditional tea time.

We'll also talk about upcoming women's ministry news and events, as we seek to LIFT each other up!

Watch for a special invitation coming to your church mailbox soon! We'll have a poster up in the lobby where you can RSVP to let us know you are coming.

Hope to see you there!



On Saturday, March 3, the quiz team did not have to travel very far since the practice tournament was at Dillsburg BIC church. There were four teams from four BIC churches (Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Grantham, and Harrisburg). We started quizzing at 9:15 a.m. and were finished a little after noon. We quizzed every team two times, and one team we quizzed three times.

The Allegheny Open Tournament will be **Saturday, April 14 at New Hope BIC church**, 584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg. This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on 1st Corinthians Chapters 1-16 and 2nd Corinthians chapters 1-8.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, May 5 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day Regional Conference finals will not be held this year since there are only two teams in the Susquehanna Conference, Dillsburg and Grantham. Both teams are planning to participate in Denominational Finals at Messiah College.

Friday, July 13 – Monday, July 16 – Denominational Finals at Messiah College

Verse of the month: 2nd Corinthians 2:14 - "But thanks be to God, who always leads us triumphantly as captives in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." - BSB (2016)

ATTENTION all adults who would like to participate in Bible quizzing: Arlin Buckwalter (BIC Denominational Bible Quizzing Director) has announced that there are plans to have adult Bible quizzing at General Assembly, formerly General Conference, which is July 13-16. The material will be a section of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. If anyone age 21 or older is interested, please contact Brent or Mel.

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Helen Leach	April 2
Dave & Bev Murtoff	April 8
Nathan & Sarah Hoover	April 16
Jon & Diana Dale	April 29



Happy Birthday



Tim Horst	April 1	Tony Monko	April 17
Erika Pease	April 4	Ariela Vader	April 17
Aaron Poole	April 6	Ed Strayer	April 17
Ethan Beachy	April 9	Grace Horton	April 18
Jason Emig	April 9	Patti Miller	April 18
Tyler Monko	April 10	Sam Klick	April 18
Corie Thuma	April 10	Connor Engle	April 21
Mary Reed	April 11	Chris Eyster	April 23
Kayce Heck	April 12	Ana Wingert	April 24
Shelby Sieber	April 12	Ray Knepper	April 27
Thomas Walsh	April 14	Travis Moyer	April 30
John Reed	April 15		

LIFE GROUPS....

Often intergenerational, life groups care for one another, apply God's Word to their lives, and reach beyond the circle of the group. They are an important way in which we discover the love of God and share it together. Some meet in homes, others in the church building, and most gather about twice a month — creating opportunities to develop meaningful relationships that go far beyond the Sunday morning handshake.

For more information, contact the church office.

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:00 am Children's Church 10:30 Children's Classes	2 3:00 p.m. Middle School Monday 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (201)	3	4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Eat & Run 6:15 Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	5	6	7
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22 9:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:00 am Children's Church 10:30 Classes	23 3:00 p.m. Middle School Monday	24	25 6:15 Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	26	27	28 9:00 am Prayer Walk
Family Promise						
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