



# The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## *The Gift of an Unwanted Visitor*

*By Pastor Rob Douglass*

Have you ever had an experience of running into someone you did not want to see, at the worst possible moment, and having that encounter last without any idea of how or when it would end?

I had that experience recently.

What made this experience even more complicated and emotionally confusing is that my unwanted visitor brought me a gift that has created gratitude in me.

If you attend DBiC regularly or are connected with us in some way, you are likely aware that my younger sister is in a valiant battle with cancer. She is 46 and is dealing with two different kinds of cancer and what seems to be a never-ending list of complications from the fight.

Cancer is not a stranger to me or my family. He has come by for a visit before.

A little more than 20 years ago, my family walked a journey with him that included an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant for my dad.

As cancer has come by again for another visit, it has been interesting and painful to remember the feelings his presence brings. But the pain and fear of his last visit is not the only thing I am reminded of by his return, and this is the gift he accidentally brought.

When cancer is near, I cannot help but remember the preciousness and brevity of life. A great theologian named Jürgen Moltmann once wrote, "To push away every thought of death, and to live as if we had an infinite amount of time ahead of us, makes us superficial and indifferent. . . . To live as if there were no death is to live an illusion." Since cancer has come for another visit, I have found myself slowing down to a healthier pace, listening more intently, and hugging more.

When cancer is around, I am reminded that we are in a battle. The world that does not believe in anything it cannot touch, measure, or explain sees death as nothing but a biological process. Sigmund Freud taught that humans need to "make friends with the necessity of dying." However, we believe with Paul that death is the last enemy to be destroyed (1 Cor 15.26), and we believe that it will be undone one day. As Augustine wrote, we hope in God "until the day breaks, and the shadows are removed."

I love the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and I think Peter Jackson did a wonderful job bringing the books to life on film. The one scene I wish would have made the transition from page to screen was the conclusion of the Return of the King. After all the drama had been settled and evil vanquished, Sam Gamgee wakes up and is surprised to still be alive. He then sees Gandalf and is surprised that he too is alive. Sam says, "Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?"

This is such a wonderful picture. Not only will our struggle be over, but the wrong, bad, bent, dead things in life will be made right, good, straight and alive.

Cancer may come for a visit, but he is not allowed to take up residence. The Lord of Life will never allow cancer or death to have the last word, and for the gift of this reminder, I am strangely grateful for my unwelcomed visitor.



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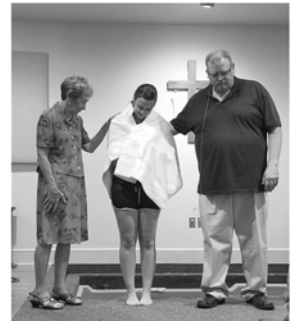


**Emily Wingert**  
Pastor of Children's  
Ministry

*Sermons  
& Scriptures*

- 8/5 Because of Christ our King – Heb 1.5-14  
Communion
- 8/12 For Christ our Lover – 2 Cor. 5.11-15
- 8/19 Tariq and Angelina Waris – guest speakers
- 8/26 Outdoor Service at Pinchot  
Behind Christ our Shield – Psalm 3

Emily Sowers' Baptism  
July 22, 2018

**Dillsburg Brethren in Christ**

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mailbox by **August 8th**.

**HARRISBURG SENATORS FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK**

**JOIN FAMILY PROMISE FOR A NIGHT AT THE SENATORS GAME**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 \$15**  
**GAME TIME: 7:00PM \* GATES OPEN: 6:00PM**  
**[HTTPS://GROUPMATS.EVENTS/EVENT/FAMILYPROMISE810](https://groupmatics.events/event/familypromise810)**



# Save The Dates!!

We have some summer events planned that we'd like to mark on your calendars now, and then please look for details in the coming weeks.

## Camping

You are invited to an **All-Church Camp Out/Retreat** at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle from **August 15 through 18**. We are joining some other local churches in this retreat, which includes devotional times, worship, crafts and lots of fun! Come for one night or every night! The camp fee is \$26 per night.

Whether you're camping or not, you're invited to a **DBIC Potluck at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 18** on site. We'll let you know more details on that later, but save the date!

## Outdoor Worship Service

Our annual Outdoor Worship Service moves back to Pinchot State Park on **Aug. 26!**

Our time together will include some baptisms and a meal—yet to be determined.

## Missionary Presentation

**T and A W** will be giving a missionary presentation on **August 19**. T will bring the sermon during the 9 a.m. worship service, and they both will share pictures and a presentation during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday School hour.

*Stay tuned for details!*

# Leadership Council Report

*By Avis Whitesel*

During our June Leadership Council meeting, we passed a motion and discussed several reports and updates.

- Motion was made, seconded and passed to ask Sharon Miller to serve as stewardship director on Leadership Council until the next congregational council when it will be brought to the congregation.
- We set the 2019 Congregational Council for January 19 and January 26 as a snow make up day. The plan will be to do ministry reports and budget at this meeting.
- We discussed the two-service format, VBS and the upcoming General Assembly.
- We received an update that the basement project is scheduled to start on time and the loan is in place.

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.

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



## VBS: Fast Facts and Stats from a great week

Thank you to the more than 75 volunteers who helped with decorations, set up, prayer team, tear down, tribe leaders, shop keepers, music leaders, sound people and greeters!

Here are some interesting stats from our VBS in June:

### Attendance:

Monday: 82

Tuesday: 76

Wednesday: 73

Thursday: 81

Friday: 76

93 different children attended

49 different families brought their children

Offering Totals to feed poor Single parent families in Iraq:

VBS kids, \$1,023.49

Congregation, \$805

**Grand Total: \$1,828.49**

*~Jaylene Shannon*

## ~ STOP TRAFFIC ~

By Marj Strayer

In the last issue of the Doulos, I promised an update on the young lady who was rescued from an abusive situation by Peace Promise. They are currently searching for a home that would provide some stability and security until she can find a place of her own. Please continue praying that the plans of the enemy will work for good, rather than hurting Peace Promise and this young lady.

On September 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Peace Promise will host a fundraiser and awareness event in a beautiful setting on the lawn of McBIC, with great food, live music and fellowship. There will be stands set up to explain Peace Promise outreach, vision and volunteer opportunities as well as stands featuring items for sale by Soaps by Survivors and Change Purse and a tent set up for prayer. This is a wonderful way to spend an evening learning more about one of our ministry partners and supporting the effort to fight exploitation.

Let's help Peace Promise continue in their efforts to provide aid to women who are in great need like the young lady above. You can purchase tickets from Christie Gustafson or me. Thank you!





\*I wanted to let you know that we received the cards and check for the Iraqi Children's project (VBS offering project). I will be forwarding the cards to one of our staff members in the region and the funds will go to the project early next month.

Please **thank** the kids and the church family for their generous support of this project.

*Many blessings in Christ, Keith and Rita Haywood, OM USA*

\***Thanks** so much for your recent gift. Your generosity will allow us to increase our impact in Zambia and around the world. What a privilege for us to have partners like you standing with us.

*David Walton, President, Push the Rock*

\*On behalf of the Brethren in Christ U.S., **thank you** for your gift. Ministry taking place within the U.S. and around the world is made possible through our church family's sacrificial giving. Thank you for your part in this great work.

*Alan Robinson, National Director, BIC U.S.*

\*Recently, you gave us a generous gift. **Thank you!** I praise God for your partnership . . . God bless you!

*The Rev. John Schaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Centers*

\***Thank you** for praying for us as we seek our Father's guidance, adjust to the changes and needs around the world and move forward in His plan for reaching the unreached. You are critical to this mission that we undertake together, and I never underestimate the completeness of our Father's full-circle plan to use all of us in this work—His work.

*Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA*

\***Thank you** for your generous gift. We are so grateful for your partnership with us. By sharing your resources, you enable Peace Promise to demonstrate real, genuine love to men and women victimized by sexually exploitation. It takes consistent and tireless work on behalf of our Peace Promise team to forge relationships of trust, hope and safety with these individuals. We're making a difference, and we couldn't do it without you.

*Susan Vigliano, President of the Board, Peace Promise*

*"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"*

# the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



Our church library regularly receives periodicals such as *The Bridge*, *Christianity Today*, *The Marketplace*, *Shalom!*, and *Sojourners*. In the latest edition of *Shalom!*, there is an interesting article explaining the Brethren in Christ statement on women in ministry leadership. This was a new statement released in 2017. To learn more, read the Spring 2018 issue of *Shalom!*

## NONFICTION

- ***Emotionally Healthy Spirituality***, by Peter Scazzero. The subtitle of the book suggests it is impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. The author outlines his own journey and the signs of emotionally unhealthy spirituality. He provides seven biblical ways to break through to the “life Christ meant for you.”

## FICTION

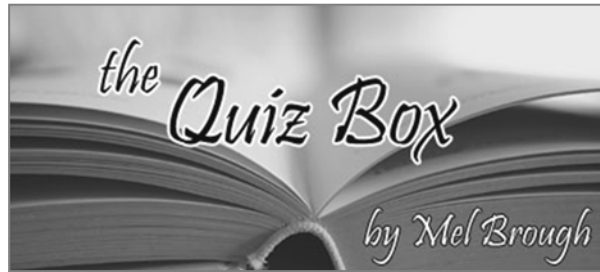
- ***The Solace of Water***, by Elizabeth Byler Younts. After leaving her son’s grave behind in Montgomery, Ala., Delilah has little faith that moving to her husband’s hometown in Pennsylvania, in the heart of Amish country, will bring a fresh start. The last thing she imagines is becoming friends with her Amish neighbor, Emma Mullet.
- ***Harvest of Rubies***, by Tessa Afshar. Afshar is one of the most favored authors of our DBIC library readers. She holds an MDiv from Yale University where she served as cochair of the Evangelical Fellowship of the Divinity School. In this book, the prophet Nehemiah’s cousin has been made the queen’s scribe, and in that role, Sarah comes to the very center of the Persian court. It’s a demanding lifestyle for a Jewish lady – including an arranged marriage!
- ***Harvest of Gold***, also by Tessa Afshar. This is a second book of a two-book series. You will want to read this one *after* the first. When Nehemiah was called to head up the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s broken-down walls, Sarah also is sent to Jerusalem. But what about the arranged marriage? You’ll have to read the book to see what develops in that relationship.

## DVDs

- ***The Hiding Place***. I received a request to purchase this DVD by one of our library patrons. I was glad to do it because the true story of Corrie Ten Boom is an awesome one. The sub-title is “The True Story of a family that fought the Nazi madness with the only weapon they had. Love.”

See you in the library!





Congratulations to our quiz team on placing second in Denominational Finals, held during General Assembly at Messiah College!

The following churches had teams competing: Dillsburg, Fairview Avenue, Grantham, Harrisburg, Nappanee and Souderton. On Saturday, July 14, there was a double round robin, with every team quizzed every team two times. We had five quizzes in the morning and five quizzes in the afternoon, finishing in second place with a record of 8-2.

The double elimination bracket was Monday afternoon, July 16. For the final quiz between Dillsburg and Nappanee that evening, Nappanee had come through the losers' bracket and Dillsburg had come through the winners' bracket earlier in the day. Dillsburg lost the first quiz 100-80. Since it was Dillsburg's first loss, there was a second quiz which Dillsburg lost 130-100. Both quizzes were very close. The teams finished in the following order: Nappanee, Dillsburg, Harrisburg, Grantham, Souderton and Fairview Avenue.

There were individual awards won also, several of which were won by our team members. Julie Douglass was the third top novice (first year) quizzier. Tyler Whitesel was the top quizzier on the Dillsburg team and also the third top quizzier overall. Ryan Brubaker was the sixth top quizzier.

Thanks to everyone who prays for the quiz team and coaches throughout the year. Also, thanks to everyone who came to watch quizzing on Saturday and Monday, as well as throughout the quiz year.

*Verse of the month: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:14 – "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." - BSB (2016)*

Angelina Waris (Ron and Jaylene Shannon's daughter) participated in the adult Bible quizzing on Sunday afternoon. There were four teams and also a few people who had never heard of Bible quizzing. There will be more opportunities for adults to quiz.

For the next quizzing season, we will be quizzing on John. Practices will probably start sometime in mid-October.

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



Jim & Beth Shelly	August 2	Dave & Christie Gustafson	August 14
Mark & Sarah Renard	August 3	J-Lynn & Harriet Conrady	August 14
Steven & Rachel Miller	August 5	Tim & Becky Horst	August 20
Jim & Jill Poole	August 7	Gary & Gloria Lebo	August 21
Adam & Tanya Moesch	August 8	Wendell & Nina Hoover	August 30
David & Ariela Vader	August 8	Jeremy & Nicole Rank	August 31
Tom & Susan Hatch	August 12	Mark & Carolyn Kimmel	August 31



Happy  
Birthday



Matt Walsh	August 1	Daunte Gard	August 20
Lloyd Sowers	August 2	Chad Brubaker	August 21
Clover Sell	August 2	Becky Kimmel	August 22
Jessica Raboci	August 4	Jake Heck	August 24
Kay Gasswint	August 6	Mel Brough	August 24
Matt Reitnour	August 7	Jack Leach	August 24
Randy Zwally	August 9	Karly Heck	August 24
Lorelai Renee Delp	August 16	Charlotte Thuma	August 25
Chuck Hill	August 16	Rosie Stoner	August 27
Jo Reichard	August 17	Elaina Pease	August 28
Cindi Brubaker	August 18	Bob Harlacher	August 29
Ruth Anne Engle	August 18	Gloria Lebo	August 31
Veronica Beers	August 19		



# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Doulos Deadline  Missions Day at Roxbury	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:30 am Impact	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm LIFT Book Club	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Leadership Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm All Church Pot-luck at Camp
					All Church Camp Out	
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Prayer Walk  Impact Service Project
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Outdoor Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	