



In His Image

By Becky Kimmel

Most of you who know me know I have somewhat of a one-track mind—and that one track usually has something to do with one four-legged canine friend or another. Volunteering at a local canine rescue has only magnified this line of thought. And those of you who know me have also probably noticed I am constantly, but shamelessly, peddling dogs on people.

"Do you have a dog?"

"Do you want a dog?"

"Do you want another dog?"

"Oh, but come on, you need a dog!"

These are common conversation starters for me with just about anyone.

I am dog-obsessed, and maybe it is irrational, but there's something about these animals that I can't get enough of.

Maybe it's that they don't say hurtful or critical things, and they always seem happy to see us, always want to be with us and seem always to be smiling. I've come to think that the nature of a dog seems pretty close to what every person should aspire to be.

I'm always amazed when dogs at the rescue, who come from unspeakably tragic and horrible situations, still greet me at their kennel door with a wagging tail.

Many dogs who find themselves in shelters can only equate humans with abuse or anger or neglect, yet they seem to forget all of that when they see a new face—a kind face.

Imagine if no matter how terribly others might treat us, we still showed love and kindness, grace and mercy, to all of the people we encounter.

I remember one night when the local dog warden dropped off a beautiful black and white pitbull at the

rescue. Now, think what you will about this breed, but I have never encountered so many loving, loyal and forgiving dogs as I have among the pitbulls throughout my years at the rescue.

This poor boy was terrified and immediately curled into the tightest ball I think he could manage in the back corner of his new kennel—not a luxurious place to find yourself, but probably preferable to the streets of Harrisburg where no doubt someone dumped him off.

He looked half-starved and had barely-healed wounds covering his body.

I sat outside of his kennel throwing treats in his direction for about an hour before he finally, slowly and cautiously, emerged from the safety of his corner and came to my hand.

He did a quick sniff, looked at me with uncertainty, then gave me a nice lick across the palm before returning to his safe spot.

This poor guy, whose backstory I would rather not try to imagine, only needed a matter of minutes to abandon his prior experiences with humans and trust again.

Over the next few months at the rescue, he transformed from that shaking shell of a dog to a confident and loving boy, who's now part of a loving family.



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Moments like these seem like tiny miracles. And I'm sure they're happening with thousands of dogs all across the country, every day.

It makes me smile, but also could bring me to tears when I think of what God had in mind when He created these beautiful animals.

He knew we would need an example of how to simply live in the present, not dwell in the past.

...An example of how to forgive, and how to love—everyone, not just those who look or act like us.

...An example of how to care for others around us.

He needed to give us an example of how to be more like *Him*.

And though Genesis tells us that God created us in His image, I tend to think he created dogs that way too.

Knowing humans are prone to error, he gave us dogs to remind us of Him.

And although we humans tend to think we rule this planet—that it's ours for the owning and the taking, that everyone and everything need learn from us—maybe we need to let our four-legged friends, and the other animals we *share* this precious planet with, teach us a thing or two about how to live a life that reflects the image of our Creator.

And how to do it with a warm smile and a loving heart — always.



Sermons & Scriptures

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Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the August Leadership Council:

- We discussed the timeline for the 2019 budget.
- We received a report from Pastor Rob.
- We celebrated the work that is nearing completion on the basement.

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.

SEPTEMBER EAT 'N RUN MENUS

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are co-leading and 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.

The meal is free and open to the community.

SEPT. 12, 2018

MEXICAN RICE BOWLS STUFFED
WITH CHICKEN, RICE, BEANS
FRESH VEGGIES
FRESH FRUIT
DESSERT

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HOT CHICKEN SANDWICHES
MASHED POTATOES
HOT VEGGIES
DESSERT

WE WILL HAVE
GLUTEN-FREE
OPTIONS!!

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

What Does Jesus Mean When He Says "I am"?



Join us this fall in our Women's Bible Study as we join author Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.

Through this interactive, in-depth study we will be trading feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is like never before!

We'll begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 12** in Room 201, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Whether you are new to Bible study or know your way around the Scriptures without peeking at the Contents Page, you're welcome to join us! Our study always includes time for personal sharing of prayer requests, encouragement—and, of course, snacks and plenty of laughter!

Join us! If you have questions, see Carolyn Kimmel or Naomi Smith. We are in the process of determining whether there is interest in resuming a Monday night Bible Study. Please let Jill Poole know if you are interested in meeting then.



Outdoor Service & Baptism Pinchot Park August 26, 2018



Baptized at Pinchot Park: (left to right) Toby Brubaker, Allie Engle, Jordyn Moyer, Spencer Sieber, Shelby Sieber, Julie Douglass



*Many college students and older adults served this summer somewhere in the world through SIM. Life-changing ministries are made possible in part because you and others pray, support and encourage them along the way. **Thank you** for your gift in support of Matt and Julie Walsh.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

***Thank you** so much for your generous donation toward our primary schools! The children are so grateful!

Angelina and Tariq Waris

***Thank you** for your recent donation. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness to Him!

Bruce Koblish, Vice-President of development & communications, Push the Rock

***Thank you** for your donation to Messiah College Collaboratory operations. The ongoing partnership between the Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church and the Collaboratory is deeply appreciated. Thank you for this extra donation of excess funds for missions and service. Your sustained financial help fosters our vision to increase hope and transform lives through the important work of the Collaboratory.

Kim Phipps, President, Messiah College

***Thank you** for sharing your gifts with your neighbors in need!

Sue Fornicola, Program Director, New Hope Ministries

***Thank you** for your gift to share Jesus' love among Muslims! We are thankful for your partnership with Operation Mobilization in Near East-Iraqi & Syrian Relief.

Andrew Scott, President, OM USA

***Thank you** for your generous gift to Peace Promise. By sharing your resources, you enable us to provide tangible resources and genuine love to men and women victimized by sexual exploitation.

Susan Vigliano, Peace Promise Board President

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



Listed below are the new books and a DVD that have been added to our library this past month. Come visit us in our church library. See what you could be missing!

NONFICTION

- ***A Call for Courage***, by Michael Anthony. The subtitle of the book expresses the concern of the author: “*Living with Power, Truth, and Love in an Age of Intolerance and Fear.*” Anthony calls each one of us to be agents of love and change in an age of intolerance and fear.

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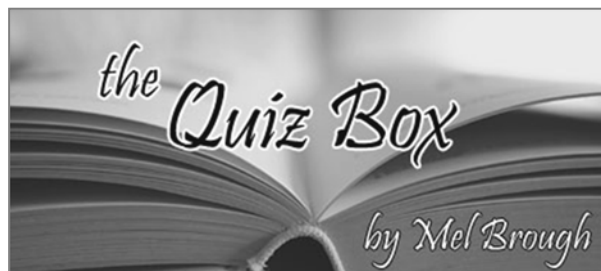
- ***The Good Nearby***, by Nancy Moser. To be “the good nearby” is to look for ways to help others. The book is full of stories of needy people; people who are hurting, and people who live in harmful circumstances. As you read the book, be aware of practical ways you can interact with others and be a blessing to them.
- ***Before We Were Yours***, by Lisa Wingate. This book was on *The New York Times* Bestseller list for many months. It is based on one of America’s real-life scandals. Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. The daughter of a U. S. senator finds out about her hidden past, and
- ***A New Day Rising***, by Lauraine Snelling. The dream of their own farmstead and a good life in America brought the Bjorklund family across the Atlantic Ocean to pioneer the area of Dakota Territory. Read about their struggles, their grief, and their joys.

DVD

- ***I Can Only Imagine***. The subtitle of this DVD is “*The Song You Know, and the Story You Don’t.*” Based on a true story behind MercyMe’s hit song, Bart Millard hits the road in a decrepit tour bus. It’s an amazing journey that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God’s love.

See you in the library!





The quizzers and coaches are taking a well-deserved break from studying and practices.

Quiz practice will start in mid-October. The first quizzing event will be the **Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC on Saturday, November 10**. This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-4. There may also be adult quizzing.

Verse of the month: John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” BSB (2016)

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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New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

To each of you who has so generously donated items for New Hope Ministries these past months, thank you so very much. Each donation is deeply appreciated, needed and used!

Please pray fervently for the New Hope center here in Dillsburg. They are in dire need of a new center director since Laurie Wentzel, who was director for more than 15 years, has moved on. Another current need is for volunteers for the food pantry, especially on Fridays.

Our donation request for September is dish soap. This is an item that is always in short supply or not even available in the New Hope food pantry.

May God continue to urge you to reach out and bless others as He continually blesses you!

September

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



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|------------------------|--------------|
| Phil & Ruth Anne Engle | September 5 |
| Preston & Chris Owens | September 7 |
| Scott & Cindy Raboci | September 9 |
| Landon & Grace Horton | September 13 |
| Tariq & Angelina Waris | September 20 |



Happy Birthday



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| Ryan Brubaker | September 1 | Victoria Hoover | September 13 |
| Ezra Brubaker | September 2 | Heidi Tucker | September 15 |
| Ginny Spurrier | September 3 | Andrew Douglass | September 20 |
| Lilliana Beers | September 3 | Ron Engle | September 20 |
| bj Martin | September 5 | Eric Thuma | September 21 |
| Rowan Brubaker | September 6 | Tracy Emig | September 21 |
| Nathan Hoover | September 8 | Julianne Douglass | September 21 |
| Pat Gasswint | September 8 | Lincoln Hill | September 22 |
| Robert Pomeroy | September 8 | Dave Gustafson | September 23 |
| Nevin Engle | September 9 | Nina Leister | September 25 |
| Rose Harlacher | September 10 | Mildred Brubaker | September 27 |
| Stan Eyster | September 11 | Arabella Hill | September 29 |
| Darius Gard | September 12 | A'Marie Gard | September 30 |
| Tom Hatch | September 13 | | |

September 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 No Classes 10:30 am Worship | 3 Labor Day | 4 | 5 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive | 6 | 7 | 8 Doulos Deadline 5:00 p.m. Impact |
| 9 9 am Classes 10:30 am Worship Dedication of Basement | 10 3 pm Middle School Mondays 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') | 11 | 12 9 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat and Run 6:15 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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