



The Gospel According to John

By Pastor Rob Douglass

February is a significant month for me. I realize that by the time you read, this January will already be a memory, but as I write it, I am still getting accustomed to writing "2019." So, like it or not, you are stuck reading about why January matters so much to me.

For starters, my dad was born on January 27, 1943. He was a good, honest, hard-working, straight-talking man.

Some of you have heard me tell the story that my mom and I became Christians through the ministry of a United Methodist church in Derry, Pa. A few weeks later that year, my whole family decided to visit this Methodist church. After the service, the pastor greeted my dad and asked how he was doing. My dad replied, "None of your damn business."

Thankfully, within a few months, my father came to Christ. When he did, he held nothing back.

As I recall that part of my life, my dad's growth as a Christian seems to have been unreal. Within a few years, he and my mom were leading small groups and teaching Sunday School. Sometime in the 1990s, my father was hired as the church's "lay pastor of visitation."

My dad visited everyone who wanted or needed a visit. He would regularly give time, energy and money beyond what he had to spare. In fact, the only thing he gave that he had an abundance of was love.

By December 1995, my dad was in Montefiore hospital in Pittsburgh, where he was undergoing a bone marrow transplant to treat his form of

leukemia. After celebrating Christmas as well as we could, he began to react negatively to a medicine he was given. By the end of the first week of January, his body was shutting down. On January 6, 1996, I told my dad the last thing that I know he understood—that Chris was expecting a boy.

On January 10, John Edgar Douglass' struggle with cancer was completed, and a few days later I co-officiated his funeral with his pastor and friend whom he had "told off" almost 18 years earlier.

His funeral service was wonderful testimony to who he was, but more importantly it testified to who his God is, not because of how well it was planned and presided over but because of who came.



Four generations: My paternal grandparents John Blaine Douglass (and Jean), John Edgar Douglass, and John Robert Douglass. The baby is Rebekah. Circa July 1994

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At my dad's funeral there were people from all walks of life—wealthy and poor, able and disabled, highly educated and not so well educated, people who knew Dad as their supervisor at Westinghouse and people who knew him as a janitor at the local hospital. The young were there together with the old. Some of the people there he had visited in the hospital, and some he had led to the Lord. They were all there because they had experienced the gospel of according to John.



Seminary Graduation May 1994

I think about and miss my dad frequently when January rolls around.

While the gospel according to John (Edgar Douglass) has been completed for more two decades, the gospel according to John (Robert Douglass) still has some pages to be written, and the gospel according to John (Andrew Douglass) is in its first chapters. And so, I can think of no better way to begin a new year than to commit to living the life of Jesus in our lives with the clarity that only comes from surrender and abandon.

Paul wrote, "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." – 2 Cor. 3.2-3 NIV

May it be so with me, with us.

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or place them in Carolyn's church
mailbox by **February 8th.**

Inclement Weather Policy Reminder



In case of inclement weather, the policy of DBIC is to cancel any morning activities if Northern York School District is on a 2-hour delay. This would not impact afternoon and evening activities. All activities will be canceled if the district is closed for the day or dismisses early due to the weather. If there are activities on the weekends or days when school is not in session, please check for radio and TV (ABC27) announcements or our website for information closures.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

By Avis Whitesel

- During our December Leadership Council meeting, we discussed preparations for the congregational meeting including approving the proposed budget for 2019.
- We heard a report from Pastor Rob who shared about the Property and Facility meeting. They will be purchasing more chairs for the fellowship hall.
- Pastor Rob also shared that there is a need for volunteers for Children's ministry, particularly Sunday school teachers.
- The loan for the 23 E. York Street property was preapproved.

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, Sharon Miller or Avis Whitesel.

FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY 13

PIZZA
VEGGIES
FRUIT
DESSERT

FEBRUARY 27

PASTA BAKE/SPAGHETTI
ASSORTED BREADS/ROLLS
SALAD
APPLESAUCE
DESSERT

WE WILL HAVE
GLUTEN-FREE
OPTIONS!!



***Thank you** to my church family for your wonderful cards, fellowship, prayers and support. Your love is greatly appreciated as I go on without Sam.

Sylvia Klick

***You** have shown your love on our family and I am sincerely grateful. The meal serving and pouring out of concern was humbling. **Thank you.**

Sharon and Preston Brandt, Jacob, Sophia and Samantha

***Thank you** so much for the beautiful vase of flowers for mom's memorial service and for your thoughtfulness.

The Keller Family

***We** asked some of the residents about what makes their holiday at Paxton Ministries so special. "Everyone's together and happy! I love eating turkey," said Gail. "Candied sweet potatoes with marshmallows—those are good," said Pat. "It's about food, family and football," said Henry. Staff member Ray said, "Here, residents gather with friends and we serve them a sit-down meal. It's special!" **Thank you** for your gift to Paxton Ministries. Your gifts make it possible for our residents to enjoy a warm, comfortable home for the holidays.

Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

***Thank you** for sharing your blessings with your neighbors in need at New Hope Ministries! Thanks to your support, you give hope. Here's a note from one of our families: "My sons are a part of your weekend backpack program. Each week, they receive a bag filled with healthy snacks that last us more than just a weekend. That has been a huge blessing to our family. And then, yesterday, we received everything we needed to make a feast on Christmas day ... turkey, stuffing, veggies and even dessert. Wow! We are so humbled by your generosity. Thank you so much for all the support you have give to our family. It has meant so much us."

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

***Thank you** to everyone that helped during our Family Promise hosting week. We love the willingness of our congregation to help with this ministry—in many different capacities. Thank you.

Anne-Marie Brandt & Sarah Hoover, Family Promise Coordinators



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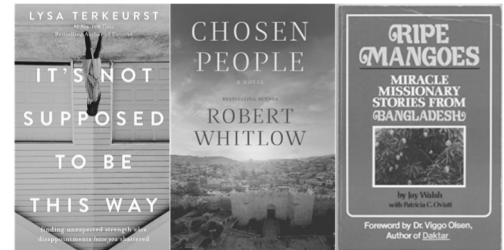
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THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT:
ONLINE VERSION
REMOVED DUE TO SECURITY REASONS.

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

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



There are some amazing books listed below. Let them enrich your walk with Jesus as you read them. They can be found on the cart inside the library entrance. Sign them out . . . and be enriched!

NONFICTION

- **It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered**, by Lysa TerKeurst. TerKeurst is a New York Times Bestselling Author and you will understand why as you read this book. Life often looks very different than we expected. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. TerKeurst invites us into her journey of faith, grit, and honest humor . . . and helps us to see our lives in the context of God's bigger story.
- **Ripe Mangoes: Miracle Missionary Stories from Bangladesh**, by Jay Walsh. Jay Walsh is the grandfather of our Matt Walsh who is serving with his wife and family in Burkina Faso. Jay Walsh was a missionary for many years in Bangladesh and his book contains mini-biographies of people who chose to follow Jesus and who became leaders in the church there.

FICTION

- **As the Tide Comes In**, by Cindy Woodsmall & Erin Woodsmall. You will travel in the south in this book; in Georgia and on St. Simon's Island in North Carolina. Tara's life is hard. She has experienced foster care, has raised her two half brothers and struggles as she reckons with past and present. Discover how the Glynn Girls and a determined firefighter help her find steady ground on the Island.
- **Chosen People**, by Robert Whitlow. An Atlanta attorney wants justice for an American man whose wife was murdered while visiting Jerusalem. They enlist the help of a private investigator in Israel, but can they trust him? Lots of legal maneuvering makes this a challenging read but a satisfying conclusion makes it worth the effort.
- **The Reckoning at Gossamer Pond**, by Jaime Jo Wright. For over a century, the town of Gossamer Grove has thrived on its charm and Midwestern values, but Annalise Forsythe knows painful secrets. As you read through the book, you will learn how Annalise provides a means for destitute people in her town to find grace and hope.

See you in the library!





Peace Promise, one of our ministry partners, will be hosting their annual fundraising banquet, For Love and Freedom, on February 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church.

This year our speaker will be Bethany Smith, Founder of Not in My Backyard (NIMBY). This is a Lancaster-based organization that focuses on raising awareness about modern day slavery and helping individuals and groups to understand how they can make a difference.

Her passion to abolish human trafficking began while helping to set up a refugee camp in Eastern Europe during the 1999 war in Kosovo. She learned of the issue of human trafficking from both the perspective of a woman who had been trafficked to a brothel in Italy and from a former trafficker who had abducted children for the mafia in Eastern Europe.

Upon returning to the US, she realized that trafficking is just as prevalent here. Her hope for NIMBY is that it would encourage ordinary citizens to take action against human trafficking in their backyards.

Bethany provides training on issues related to human trafficking to law enforcement, local advocacy groups, students and civic organizations. She is also very involved in the legislative end of trafficking. To find out more about our speaker and her organization go to <https://nimby.me/>

The evening will also include “In Her Shoes,” a compelling interactive presentation of the life of a girl who has been trafficked.

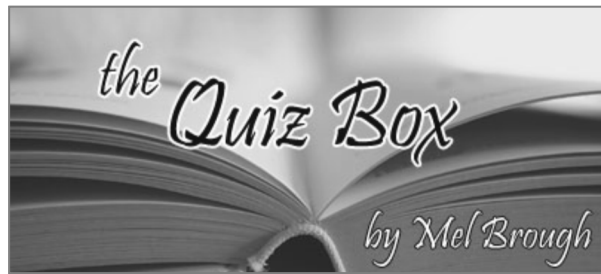
Tickets are \$30 per person and may be obtained from Grace Holland, Christie Gustafson or Marj Strayer or online at www.peacepromise.org/events.

Dillsburg BIC is a regular supporter of Peace Promise. In her latest thank you letter to us, Peace Promise Board President Susan Vigliano shared this graphic but important story of how our help makes a difference:

She was terrified and hiding. Her pimp had beaten her badly and shaved her head. She ran for her life with nothing but the clothing on her back . . . For three hungry days, she hid at a truck stop until someone noticed and offered to help.

That’s when Peace Promise received her urgent call. She had been one of our ladies from the clubs where Peace Promise visits each Thursday night to bring snacks, offer unconditional love and build relationships of trust and kinship. Immediately calls went out to the Peace Promise community, and rally we did!

We got her a prepaid phone, money for food and a bus ticket back to Harrisburg. When she arrived, we had a suitcase full of essential clothing and toiletries. We arranged emergency housing and began tending to her physical, tangible, emotional and spiritual needs. . . It will be a long road ahead, but because of your partnership with us, you gave hope and healing to a hurting soul in the holiday season. Thank you.



On Saturday, January 5, the quiz team went to Grantham BIC church for the annual mixer tournament. There were 28 quizzers from seven churches. Judah Fickett, Denominational Quizzing Director, divided the quizzers into seven teams. Each team had six quizzes in the morning. Lunch was provided by the Grantham BIC church. In the afternoon, everyone who wanted to could participate in group games led by Chad and Em Brubaker. It was a great day of quizzing, eating and playing together.

The next quizzing event will be a practice tournament at the **Dillsburg BIC church on Saturday, February 9 starting at 9 a.m.** Please note that this is the second Saturday of the month. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-12.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

- Saturday, March 2 – Practice tournament at Fairview Avenue BIC
- Saturday, April 13 – Allegheny Open Tournament at New Hope BIC – All day
- Saturday, May 4 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day
- Saturday, May ? – Regional Conference finals, if necessary, at location to be determined
- Friday, June 21 at 4 pm – Sunday, June 23 at noon – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Center, Carlisle

Verses of the month: John 14:1-3 – *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am."*

– Berean Study Bible

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



Jeff & Lois Conrady	February 15
Tom & Kathy Renard	February 26
Kay & Pat Gasswint	February 27
Bob & Rose Harlacher	February 27

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



*Happy
Birthday*



Rob Douglass	February 1	Christi Gard	February 15
Becky Horst	February 1	Deb Monko	February 16
Eliana Miller	February 2	Tyler Whitesel	February 16
J-Lynn Conrady	February 2	Benjamin Gustafson	February 21
Adam Moesch	February 2	Jan Kerstetter	February 21
Eleanor Poe	February 3	Tariq Waris	February 21
Britton Hill	February 6	Kendal Rank	February 23
Sylvia Klick	February 9	Mary Ann Brubaker	February 23
Emily Vader	February 10	Suzanne Erikson	February 26
Liam Gustafson	February 11	Jon Dale	February 27
Angelina Waris	February 11	Mary Hulbert	February 27
Diana Dale	February 12	Katie Renard	February 28
Annabeth Rotz	February 14	Beth Shelly	February 28

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