



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Eyes to See

By Rachel Pease

When Jesus spoke in parables to his disciples and to the crowds gathered to hear him, he often ended by saying "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." In other passages, Jesus talked about having eyes to see as well. In Mark, he said to his disciples, "Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts so hard? Having eyes, do you not see?"

So often, we think that what our eyes see is absolute reality. And yet, what we see can be influenced by our circumstances, clouded by our regrets, and veiled by our emotions. I know this is true in my own life. This past year, I have really struggled with having eyes to see what God has done and is doing in my life. In reality, I gave myself way too much credit for my own successes and failures. And, I was stuck in a pit of regret over career decisions I made in 2017 that led us to move out of state and then return back to Pennsylvania—all within six months. I spent a lot of time beating myself up over these decisions and the price we paid for them—and all my eyes could see were my perceived mistakes.

This started to change when I made the decision to share what I was going through publicly. During prayer time at church, I shared that I was struggling with a deep depression. Several people in the group reached out to me. One encouraged me to see my doctor about medication, which I did. Another talked to me and said she sensed I was living in the past and being very harsh with

myself. Talking about what I was going through—and getting some medical help—allowed light to pierce the darkness I was in. Gradually I began to see more clearly what God is doing in and through my circumstances.

Not long after this sharing occurred, I read these words in Isaiah 43, verses 18-19. These words seemed to leap off the page at me, as if they were written just for me.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. **See**, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not **perceive** it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Take note of all of the action verbs that are required of us in this passage. Forget. Do not dwell. See. Perceive. The reality is, God is doing a new thing all around us whether we notice it or not. But do we have eyes to see? Are we actively working to forget the former things? Are we making the decision not to dwell on the past? Are



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we perceiving God's reality or are we allowing our eyes to see what we have always seen – the desert, the wasteland, and the old things around us?

Asking for eyes to see the new thing that God is doing in my life has allowed me to perceive that the decision that I thought had ruined my career has actually set me in a new direction. At Messiah Lifeways, I am impacting God's kingdom through my work. I am meeting wonderful people who are using their gifts to bless others in meaningful, God-honoring ways. I no longer have to travel extensively to meet the demands of my job and be away from my family for 40 to 50 nights per year in order to meet my employer's expectations. I am more of a partner with Nathan in parenting our children, and I'm able to be there for concerts, performances, and family dinners.

Could it be that I never would have left the rat race I was in had I not made the decision to take the job in Indiana? Could it be that our family is more blessed now than we ever were before making that "mistake?" Is it possible that I am uniquely gifted and suited for my role at Messiah Lifeways and that God has used all I learned at various institutions over the course of 16 years to enable me to do this job at this time? Is there a purpose for me that I did not formerly see?

I am starting to believe the answer to those questions is yes.

I know I'm not alone in struggling with depression, living in the past, and dwelling on mistakes. These are realities we must talk about more in the church. It took a combination of prayer, sharing, and medication to allow me to break free of the depression that kept me in the dark.

If you are struggling with something similar, reach out. Ask for help. Talk to someone. Get medical help. Sometimes God uses outside interventions in order to give us eyes to see His hand at work, the ability to perceive how he is making a way in the wilderness of our hearts, and the recognition that he is bringing living water into the wasteland of our regrets and failures.

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

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

By Avis Whitesel

Here are highlights from the January Leadership Council:

- We finalized plans for the January 19, Leadership Council Meeting.
- We discussed the possibility of a second service that would be a very different service, noting that we would bring it as a discussion item to congregational council.
- We currently have a couple of bids to raze the 23 E. York Street house, and another one will be coming in.

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.

MARCH 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.

WE WILL HAVE
GLUTEN-FREE
OPTIONS!!

MARCH 13

TACO RICE BOWLS
CHICKEN, RICE, BEANS, CHEESE
TORTILLA CHIPS
FRESH VEGGIES/APPLESAUCE
DESSERT

MARCH 27

GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
VEGGIES
FRUIT
DESSERT



***Thank you** for your ongoing generosity to Messiah College Collaboratory operations. We are so thankful for your part in helping to foster the common good through the lives of our students and alumni!

Jon C. Stuckey, Executive Director of Development, Messiah College

***Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. I want to convey my sincere appreciation for your investment in ministry.

Bruce Johnson, President SIM USA

***With your financial gifts, we are blessed and given great joy as we think of how this will help us touch one more child, one more person with love, hope and encouragement. As we think about the hearts and minds that will be open to see the love of Jesus and their need for Him, we then are **truly grateful** beyond what any words can express.**

Bruce Koblisch, vice president of development and communications, Push the Rock

thank you — thank you — thank you — thank you — thank you

New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

Following is a numerical picture of some of what happened at New Hope Ministries at the end of last year. It is truly a blessing in our community and once again thanks to each and every one of you who donate items each month. You really DO make a difference in people's lives when you donate even one item!! Your generosity is deeply needed and appreciated.

Dillsburg Numbers for November-December 2018 combined

- 356 Households/Families served
- 860 Individuals served
- 90 families/279 individuals received Christmas Blessing Express
- 155 families received some type of financial help.
- 20 families attended Dollars & Sense Class (budgeting/financial management class)
- 206 families received a Thanksgiving/Christmas basket (combined)
- 59 families have tried nutrition samplings.
- 32 seniors (12 guests of seniors) attended the Senior Christmas Party.

Our item to be donated for March is **dish soap**.

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PA RELIEF SALE & MY COINS COUNT

April 5 & 6, 2019



Photo Courtesy of Grassroots Development Initiative

This photo was taken at Rae Kanyika Primary School in Kisumu, Kenya. Christopher Omondi, on the right, is conducting a session on leadership with the Student Leaders Council of the school. Christopher is a volunteer with Grassroots Development Initiative (GDI), a local organization in Kisumu that works to promote peaceful environments in schools.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Community. Creating Hope." Mennonite Central Committee is our Brethren in Christ relief agency. They give aid to victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. MCC also helps with economic development, agricultural methods and peacebuilding projects around the world.

The purpose of the relief sale is to raise money for MCC. The main attraction is the quilt auction, but there are lots of other items to purchase—flowers, food (come for supper Friday night or breakfast and lunch on Saturday), books, country auction, crafts and a Ten Thousand Villages store. All the proceeds go to MCC.

My Coins Count is counted at the Relief Sale. Last year's My Coins Count raised \$151,292.11. This year, the proceeds from My Coins Count will be designated toward MCC's peace initiatives. MCC believes God calls us to a life of peace and nonviolence. We actively promote the pursuit of peace as we:

- Teach conflict resolution skills and peacebuilding strategies
- Encourage people to courageously choose peace over violence
- Address systemic injustices that can lead to violence
- Facilitate interfaith dialogue and relationship-building across cultural, racial and ethnic divides
- Build resilience and respond to psychological needs through trauma healing
- Provide churches with educational and advocacy resources about peace
- You can join MCC in partnering with peacemakers around the world. A gift of peace gives people the skills they need to work for peace even in places torn by conflict. More information is available online at mcc.org/learn/what/peace.

The Relief Sale is open on Friday night from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the whole family!

Kimberly Tucker, MCC Advocate

UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**March—May 2019****ENCOURAGEMENT FROM EPHESIANS**

FAITHE SPURRIER

FELLOWSHIP HALL

WALK WITH US AS WE LISTEN, SHARE AND DISCOVER GOD'S GOOD WISDOM FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN THIS LETTER ABOUT POWER AND IDENTITY.

LOVE TO PRAY

BRENT WHITESEL

ROOM 201

DO YOU LOVE TO PRAY? IF WE ARE TRUTHFUL MOST OF US WOULD SAY THAT ISN'T THE CASE. DO YOU FIND YOURSELF REPEATING THE SAME PHRASES AND PRAYERS? WHETHER YOU ALREADY LOVE TO PRAY OR IT'S JUST SOMETHING YOU DO SOMETIMES, DURING THIS CLASS WE CAN ALL LEARN AND PRACTICE THINGS THAT WILL DEEPEN OUR PRAYER LIFE.

**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.

Messiah College Students**Have we got a van for you!**

Pick up at
Eisenhower Circle
every Sunday
at 10:00 a.m.



Return to
Eisenhower Circle
after the service.

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



Many new and interesting books have been added to our library collection this month. There truly is something for everyone . . . something you would like to read. So watch for the following books to appear on the NEW BOOKS cart inside the library entrance.

NONFICTION

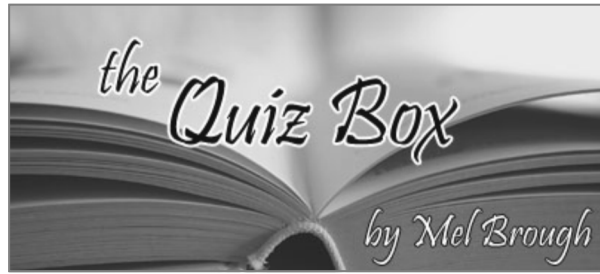
- ***Brethren in Christ History & Life, December 2018.*** This issue of the BIC denominational history was particularly interesting to me, and will be for many of you. You will read about the Macha School of Nursing and the Macha Hospital in Zambia. Many of us will be interested in the articles about “cradle BIC” written by individuals born into BIC families with deep roots in the church. And then there are four book reviews in this edition. Two of the books are written or edited by individuals in our congregation.
- ***Anxious for Nothing***, by Max Lucado. This book was ordered before it was chosen to be the text of a Sunday school class. If you are not in the class, you may be interested in reading it. Lucado is a favorite author of our library. About the book Lucado writes, “With God as your helper and Philippians 4:6-7 at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow.”
- ***Grandma Gatewood’s Walk***, by Ben Montgomery. Donated by Marilyn Smith, the subtitle of this hike is “*The inspiring story of the woman who saved the Appalachian Trail.*” Emma Gatewood was 67 years old and 5 foot 2, when she set out to walk the Appalachian Trail . . . walking in a pair of canvas Keds. Her journey is quite amazing. Read all about it!
- ***The Broken Way***, by Ann Voskamp. Discover and trust this broken way . . . the way to not be afraid of broken things. This book deals with the authentic way forward.

FICTION

- ***Auschwitz Lullaby***, by Mario Escobar. Many of our library readers enjoy historical fiction. This book is an excellent example of historical fiction based on a true story. In 1943, Helene Hannemann is preparing her five children for the day when the German police arrive at her home. Her worst fears come true when the police arrive under strict orders from the SS.
- ***Becoming Mrs. Lewis***, by Patti Callahan. When poet and writer Joy Davidman began writing letters to C. S. Lewis, she was looking for spiritual answers, not love. Joy was a New Yorker and seemed quite ill-matched for an Oxford don . . . the beloved writer of Narnia . Read the continued story.
- ***Ours for a Season***, by Kim Vogel Sawyer. Anthony and Marty Hirschler are part of an Old Order Mennonite community in Indiana. The couple has grown apart when a doctor confirmed they would never have children. Will they be able to overcome their differences to help ones who are hurting?

See you in the library!





On Saturday, February 9, Dillsburg BIC church hosted the February practice tournament. There were seven teams from six churches (Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Fairview Avenue, Grantham (two teams), Harrisburg and Souderton. We had six quizzes. Dillsburg finished with five wins and one loss. It was a great morning for quizzing. Thanks to everyone who came to watch and support the quizzers.

The next quizzing event will be a practice tournament at the **Fairview Avenue BIC church on Saturday, March 2, starting at 10 a.m. (Note the time change).** Address and phone number for Fairview Ave BIC church: 152 Fairview Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17268 (717) 762-3079. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-15.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

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 – Since there are only two teams in the Susquehanna Conference (Dillsburg and Grantham) and both teams will be going to Denominational Finals, it was decided to not have Regional Conference finals.

Friday, June 21 at 4 pm – Sunday, June 23 at noon – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Center, Carlisle

Verse of the month: John 16:27 – “For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.” – 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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March



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Mary Reed	March 12
Sam & Rosie Stoner	March 22

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy Birthday



Esther Spurrier	March 1	Audra Sieber	March 20
Emily Owens	March 6	Dan Brandt	March 20
Marj Strayer	March 8	Molly Van Dyke	March 22
Andi Brubaker	March 9	Steve Holland	March 26
Allison Engle	March 10	Tammy Leister	March 26
Emily Wingert	March 10	Rebecca Emig	March 27
Laura Esch	March 11	Georgia Nash	March 28
Jaylene Shannon	March 12	Lydia Horst	March 29
Riley Miller	March 13	Cecily Delp	March 30
Phil Engle	March 13	Sarah Renard	March 30
Mark Renard	March 18	Annika Pomeroy	March 31

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir rehearsal	4 3:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Pooles')	5	6 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	7	8 Doulos Deadline	9
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