



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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To Be Like God

By Naomi Smith

My ten-year-old daughter Gloria came home from school recently with a story that caught my attention. Gloria and a classmate had both completed a project that involved cutting shapes out of paper, and both of them had dutifully recycled their paper scraps. But some extra scraps ended up on the floor, and no one was eager to pick those up. When the teacher walked by and asked the other student to clean up the scraps, that student shifted the blame onto Gloria, who bent down and cleaned up the mess instead.

As I listened to my daughter tell her story, I was reminded of the way in which childhood is such good practice for adulthood. I empathized with Gloria over the injustice in the situation, but I also told her that she did the right thing when she chose to pick up the paper scraps. Growing into maturity requires a lot of swallowing pride and bending down to clean up messes—even messes that we did not make.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul encourages the believers to "follow God's example as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2). If love looks like Jesus, love looks like humility, submission, self-sacrifice... and ultimately, joy. We love because God loved us first. We serve because God served us first. We walk in the way of love as dearly loved children, trusting that as we put others first, we will know the abundance of life in God's economy.

Self-sacrifice does not play well with human nature, though. The first humans ran smack into this problem as they stood under a fruit tree and debated what God

really meant when he said they could eat fruit from any tree except the tree in the middle of the garden. Satan, in the form of a serpent, joined Adam and Eve by the tree and whispered, "You will not certainly die. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5). Adam and Eve ate the fruit, and they did indeed know evil.

I have sometimes wondered why God put that tree in the Garden of Eden. Why tempt humans with forbidden fruit, especially when everyone knows that forbidden things are the most desirable? In his book "A More Christlike God: A More Beautiful Gospel," Bradley Jersak shares this insight: "God's command was not about putting us in our place but, rather, lifting us to the image of the divine. God yields power to us by giving us the dignity of choice. Then by consenting to lay that power down, we become like him!"

One of the great ironies here is that Adam and Eve had a chance to "be like God," but not by listening to Satan. If Adam and Eve had chosen to obey God—if they had been willing to sacrifice their own desires and to trust God's intentions—they would have become like him. But they did not. Many years later, however, under a different tree in a different garden, Jesus was also tempted by Satan. Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted to take what he wanted: a way out that would avoid suffering and self-sacrifice. But Jesus chose the higher, harder calling. Jersak writes, "Satan offered a shortcut to power, bypassing the cross. But

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Christ saw through it, passed the test and truly fulfilled what humanity was destined for—the perfection of the divine image—by laying down power, yielding to the Father and mediating God's redeeming love to the whole world."

My daughter's struggles over a handful of paper scraps seem minor compared to Jesus' struggles in the Garden of Gethsemane. But I believe that every single time we choose to die to ourselves, we become a little more like God. Every time we choose to swallow our pride, to bend down, and to trust that obeying God's instructions will lead to life, God is glorified.

May it be so!



PRAYER & WORSHIP NIGHT
JUNE 5

Join with your church family in the sanctuary for a time of worship and prayer on June 5th at 6:30 pm.

Congrats to our High School Seniors!

Su Hyun Cho (Northern) - will finish high school in South Korea. Plans to join the Air Force Academy

Ryan Brubaker (Homeschool) - Messiah College (*Politics and International Relations*)

Tyler Whitesel (Northern) - Messiah College (*Christian Ministry and Business Administration*)

Molly Van Dyke (Mechanicsburg) - Rochester Institute of Technology (*Graphic Design*)



Summer Plans

HEY KIDS, HERE'S WHAT'S PLANNED FOR YOU THIS SUMMER!

Summer Sunday School:

There will be Children's Sunday School for most ages this summer, but it will look a little different than it currently looks. Parents, please be on the lookout for an e-mail with more details coming soon.

Cherub Church & Junior Church:

There will be Cherub Church and Junior Church throughout the summer.

VBS:

Vacation Bible School is happening! Mark your calendars for July 15 –19. Stay tuned for more information on the theme, coming soon!

Note to adults: Help is needed in all areas of VBS! If you are interested, please contact Emily Wingert at children@dillsburgbic.org

Also, **Cherub Church and Junior Church teachers**, if you will be away during your week to teach, please find a replacement for yourself in advance. Thanks so much!

SHARING OUR STORIES: COMING THIS SUMMER IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

The summer Sunday School session (June/July) will feature "stories of faith" from within our congregation.

The youth and adults will all meet together at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear how God is at work in the daily lives of people in our church family.

Come bring your story and join us!





Compiled by Steve & Rachel Miller

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: TONY & VERONICA BEERS ZAMBIA

HARD THINGS

We have had a lot of setbacks in the past few months. Veronica has developed epilepsy and has had several seizures since our last update. This has involved a family medical trip to the capital city to get imaging done and adjusting to her new memory challenges. We are still working out Veronica's new medications to combat this issue. We have hired a domestic worker so that there is someone in the house during the day who can get help if Veronica has a seizure when I am away.

The puppy that we got Lilly for Christmas died of Parvo virus three weeks after we got it. It was heart wrenching watching our puppy wither away to nothing over the course of a week. This was very hard on us.

Finally, the rains in Zambia this year have been very disappointing. They started late and never really worked up to full force and stalled out early. As a result, many local farmers are expecting to lose most of their harvest this year.

OUR GIRLS

Lilly is now in third grade here at Nahumba Basic School. She finished third in her class overall last year. Lilly has school in the mornings and finishes by noon. We also have a comprehensive curriculum book that she does work in outside of class to make up for the short days.

Lilly and Mutinta are neighbors and inseparable friends. They are always sharing meals together and exploring the neighborhood, picking wild fruits, and climbing trees.

Natasha is our little wild child. We never know what she is going to get into next. She frequently runs off. We usually find her at the neighbor's houses, eating cookies or nshima.

LANGUAGE STUDY

We are working on Citonga language study part 2... We have hired my friend Ginwell Yooma's son Benson to be our new Citonga facilitator. We have been using a grammar book to organize the lessons and have developed a card-based table game to help practice speaking and verb manipulation... Language study is going well overall but Veronica's seizures and resulting short term memory loss is causing frustration.

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Work is moving forward with the Compassionate Ministries projects. Much of Tony's time is spent working with water and agriculture projects.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that we will be able to manage Veronica's epilepsy effectively and that her memory will improve
- That Tony will be able to get his driving license [He has, praise the Lord!]
- That the BICCZ chicken project will help local farmers with income generation, especially considering this year's drought
- That the pump trainings will help communities to manage and maintain their handpumps
- That the long slow process of growing trees and grasses and learning conservation farming will have long-term benefits for the BIC church and its neighbors



FAITH FINDERS: YOU'RE RUNNING A SCHOOL!

WE MET OUR GOAL!! And you, the congregation of DBIC, helped us quadruple that goal!

At the beginning of this year, Faith Finders kids had a Cross Cultural Theme Night where they learned what it was like to be a child living in Pakistan. That night, we introduced the kids to our offering project to raise money to send Christian kids to school in Pakistan through the FGA Education Project.

We started a boys vs. girls offering competition and the kids ran with it. We set a goal of raising \$500, and in two months we met our goal. We then challenged the kids to raise \$1,000 with a promise of a pizza party at the last Eat N Run if they met their goal. It was close but on our last week before our finale, the kids reached their goal with a total of \$1,105.01! While the boys had some victories along the way, in the end, the girls won the overall competition bringing in \$587.99 vs. the boys \$517.02.

A few of our Faith Finders kids who attend Sunday School invited the adult Sunday School classes to partner with us in our offering project and challenged the adults to a boy vs. girl teacher offering (Brent's class vs. Faithe's class). Our challenge was accepted, and the following week Brent's class was victorious with \$634 while we received a close second of \$611 from Faithe's class.

After our final night of Faith Finders, the kids raised a total of \$1,255, and our grand total with additional adult giving was \$4,500.

This is enough money to run one school for an entire school year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who partnered with us to make this a reality.

- Emily Wingert





Announcing a new café! (Don't worry, Jeff, it's in Lemoyne). **Val's Café** is located at 324 Market St. The staff is all volunteer with all profits going to support women who are trafficked and exploited. The goal is to eventually train women from the clubs to be able to work there and earn an income. Several have already asked to be placed on the list.

The café was given to Patty Seaman's church, The Exchange. Patty is the director of outreach for Peace Promise. The young woman who owned the café, Valerie Spring, passed away almost a year ago. She attended The Exchange and loved it there. She also believed wholeheartedly in the ministry of Peace Promise.

Below is a section from the tribute to this young woman and expresses the heart of Val's Café:

"Valerie's heart, compassion and welcoming smile drew people to her. Her dream was to create a place where people of all walks of life could come together, laugh, eat, drink coffee, and share life. A place where all people would feel welcome. When you walked through the doors of Valerie's Café, she would make you feel like she had been waiting all day, just to see you. She always had an encouraging word for others and would take time to sit and listen if someone was having a rough day...."

Come and support women in need and enjoy a welcoming smile and a tasty latte. There is also a play area for your little ones.



Justina Albert, Pastor Jason Seaman,
Lydia Beiler

New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

Following is some current information about some of the programs that are offered by New Hope Ministries.

The CNA pre-clinical class was held at the Dillsburg center for 22 students. They are now ready to do clinicals. New Hope is looking for a registered nurse with experience in a nursing home setting to teach classes. Please let Lisa Byrne at Dillsburg New Hope Ministries (717-432-3053 ext.302) know if you know of someone.

The one-day forklift training program is coming up. After successful completion, the participant receives a certificate to operate a forklift.

Welding classes are coming up in August. They will be held two evenings/week for 16 weeks.

Our donation for June is **deodorant**.

Thank you for your faithful participation in sharing with your neighbors!!



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the April Leadership Council:

- Our meeting began by hearing from Ken Hoke, who is facilitating our visioning process. Our visioning weekend will be June 7 & 8.
- We celebrated the completion of the roof.
- Time was spent talking about ways to minister to those who attend our church and are neighbors.

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Ray Knepper, Gary Lebo, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker, or Avis Whitesel.

Planted in Christ

May 11, 2019

DBIC women enjoyed a morning of being challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ at the women's event, "Planted in Christ." Local Bible study teacher and author Tabitha Deller spoke about "sowing and growing," and then Messiah College plant expert Elizabeth Sobrevilla gave an informative and humorous presentation on how to choose the best plants for an outside planter that has "thrill, fill and spill"!

This event was sponsored by LIFT, the women's ministry of DBIC: Laugh, Inspire, Flourish, Trust.





Car Ministry Runs on Good Will

By Kimberly Tucker

“What a Blessing!”

If I heard it once, I heard it a dozen times from our neighbors who got their oil changed by our team of “mechanics” on the Saturday sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter.

Jon Gustafson, owner of Happy Cars, graciously supervised and allowed us to use his garage to change the oil in 13 vehicles. The oldest car was a 2000 Chevy Adventure.

Our first appointment was at 7:30 a.m., but George was 20 minutes early. He said that he had attended DBIC about 15 years ago. George currently does not have a home church, so he may show up some Sunday.

Thank you to our team—Jon Gustafson, Chad Brubaker, Glen Brubaker, Ryan Brubaker, Nathan Hoover, and Ron Shannon. (Levi Sowers usually also helps, but this year he was committed to staying home with Garrett and Emily.)

Thank you DBIC for generous giving that allows us to provide this needed service.



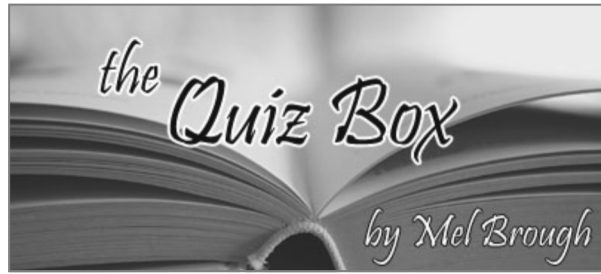
Glen and Chad Brubaker work on changing oil



Ron Shannon consults during oil change



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



On Saturday, May 4, the Dillsburg quiz team traveled to the Elizabethtown BIC church for the 40th Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament (formerly known as the Lancaster BIC Tournament).

There were five teams, Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Grantham, New Hope and Souderton/Fairview Avenue (combined team). After the round robin quizzing, we were in second place. After the double elimination bracket, we finished in second place; Grantham won. Tyler Whitesel was the top quizzier, and Ryan Brubaker was third top quizzier.

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

The next quizzing event will be Denominational Finals at the Bongiorno Christian Retreat Center, 430 Union Hall Rd., Carlisle. Youth quizzing will start Friday, June 21 in the evening and finish in the evening on Saturday, June 22. There will be adult quizzing on Saturday.

Here is the link to register for adult quizzing:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvesQRjmcFHYI41J45rN3tPMty-3lLO8vyTAOJFLJ7kqtXww/viewform?usp=sf_link

Verses of the month: John 20:30-31 – “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may life in His name.” – Berean Study Bible

For those of you who like to look ahead, we will be quizzing on Hebrews and 1st and 2nd Peter next year. Practices will start 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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Dillsburg BIC quizzers took second place at the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament. Left to right are Toby Brubaker, coach Mel Brough, Tyler Whitesel, Jesse Brubaker, Kalista Scharf, Connor Engle and coach Brent Whitesel.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Chris Douglass	June 1	Scott & Chris Eyster	June 16
Chad & Em Brubaker	June 11	Kenji & Meghan Kanazawa	June 20
Jason & Naomi Smith	June 11	Randy & Wendy Zwally	June 22
Joe & Kathy Bennett	June 11	Tony & Deb Monko	June 25
John & Esther Spurrier	June 13	Vern & bj Martin	June 25
Bob & Carmy Hess	June 14	Chuck & Deb Hill	June 26
Mark & Cindy Burkholder	June 16	Matt & Krista Reitnour	June 27
Randy & Sue Fish	June 16		

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy Birthday



Jim Spurrier	June 3	Sue Lawver	June 19
Donna Stoudnour	June 4	Brent Whitesel	June 22
Jill Poole	June 4	Zachary Poole	June 22
Jared Beachy	June 5	Isabella Moesch	June 23
Becca Douglass	June 6	Zoe Kamin	June 24
Oswald Miller	June 8	Emily Sowers	June 25
Krishaua Brubaker	June 10	Dianne Rudy	June 27
Carmy Hess	June 12	Jese Brubaker	June 27
Carolyn Kimmel	June 13	Emily Brubaker	June 28
Chou Gabikiny	June 13	Karen Pomeroy	June 29
Brianna Eyster	June 17	Tim VanDyke	June 30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	3	4	5 6:30 pm Prayer and Worship Night	6	7 4:00 pm Vision Develop- ment	8 Doulos Deadline 8:00 am Vision Develop- ment
9 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	10 6:30 pm Human Traffick- ing Meeting (Strayers')	11	12 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	13	14 6:30 pm Impact (offsite)	15
16 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	17	18 6:30 pm Leadership Council	19 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	20	21 6:30 pm Deacons	22 9:00 am Prayer Walk
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