



# The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What Would Jesus Do?

*By Becky Kimmel*

"What would Jesus do?" "WWJD"

It's a phrase many of us have heard since the dawn of our church-going lives. We hear it in Sunday School as children, and we hear it still as adults. In fact, as a child, I remember having a stuffed bear that, when squeezed, asked that very question. A question we are meant to ponder, and then act accordingly. But, do we?

I look around at our world today, as I'm sure many of you do too, and wonder what the answer to that question might look like in so many of the scenarios playing out in our society, our country and our world. But then I go on to look at the church, and to look at many people who associate themselves with it, and have to ponder whether or not they are forgetting to ask that question they've been hearing since infancy.

And I'm not talking about any specific church, or any specific people, or any specific political party – just situations unfolding and what the Jesus we know might do.

I look at our climate situation, one that affects every country and every person in every place. We don't often see the church speaking up about efforts to protect and preserve the earth our Father so masterfully created. We don't see many churches leading by example in the ways it will take to save our shared planet. And I wonder if that's what Jesus would do.



I look at our situation on the border of not only this country, but many others as well. We see other people,

who are children of God just as we are, who have children and families just as we do, who have hopes and dreams just as we do, and who have fears just as we have or have had. But, what I often don't see is the compassion we are so quick to extend to people in our lives, people whom we know and love.

Galatians tells us to bear one another's burdens. Deuteronomy says we shall open wide our hands to the poor and the needy. And 1 John asks how God's love can abide in one who sees a brother in need and closes his heart against him.

Yet we don't seem to see the church speaking out loudly against border crises all over the world – or showing an outpouring of compassion and empathy to our downtrodden brothers and sisters. And I wonder if that's what Jesus would do.

I look at children all over this nation "under God" who don't have access to the same education other children do simply because of the color of their skin. I see gun violence and a less-than- loving rhetoric towards people who aren't like us. I see violent wars around the world and prideful citizens who seem more interested in protecting what they have than protecting other people. And I don't think we see the church speaking or acting against these things, and many others, either.

And again, I have to wonder, is that what Jesus would do?

I don't think we can afford not to ask these kinds of questions when we know we are told to "do good, seek justice and correct oppression."

And as much as each of these issues shouldn't be about politics, they often are. We see politics divide our society, our friends, our families and the church.

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And maybe sometimes we focus more on the division than the consequences of our inaction. But I don't think that's who are – I don't think that's who Jesus would want us to be.

The church is at its best when divisions and partisan ideologies can be put aside and we can all remember the teachings that bring us to the same building every Sunday. A book and a God whom we have all chosen to believe. A belief we can agree on.

Though it can be hard to challenge beliefs we have always held, I think it might be harder to accept the way things are while knowing somewhere in our hearts that it's not the way things should be – not in a world where we attempt to show Christ-like love. It's one thing to love the people in our lives, but it's completely different to love people we don't know, people we don't understand and people we can't relate to – but isn't that was Jesus always did?

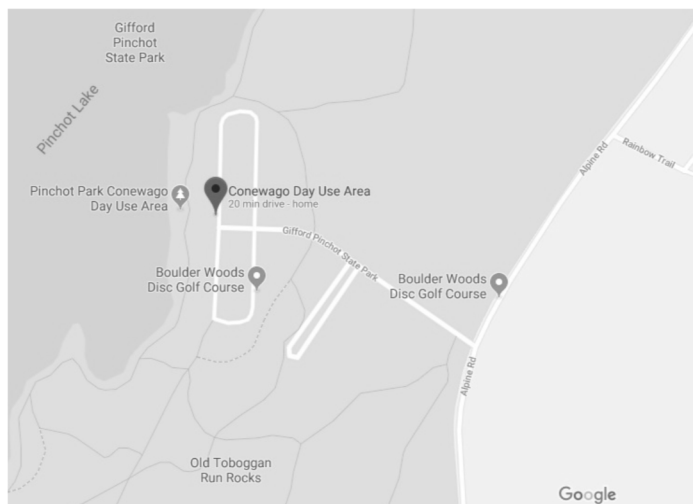
So here I sit again, watching the news and reading the headlines and constantly wondering, are we doing enough? Are we doing what Jesus would do?



## Outdoor Worship Service August 18, 2019

Breakfast will be at 9:30 with worship beginning at 10:30. We will be at the Sunnyside pavilion at the Conewago Day Use area of Gifford Pinchot State Park.

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring fruit or pastry; N-Z please bring a breakfast casserole. Hot and cold beverages and place settings will be provided.



### ***Dillsburg Brethren in Christ***

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





VBS Review and Mini-Concert  
Sunday, July 21, 2019

## ***Small Groups at DBIC - Yes, you can lead!***

As we get ready to re-launch small groups this fall, our ministry team is excited about helping to make the leadership load light.

We are suggesting that small groups discuss the most recent sermon, and discussion questions will be available for you to use, so you will not need to create your own content. Partnering with someone else to do the hosting may be another helpful way to share the challenges and joys of leadership.

We will be available to answer questions and share experiences all along the way.

The leadership commitment would just be twice a month from September to May. We would love to re-launch with lots of groups and leaders, so think about it, pray about it and drop a note to [smallgroups@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:smallgroups@dillsburgbic.org) if you might be interested.

Maybe you would be interested in sharing leadership by hosting, providing refreshments or leading occasionally – we want to know about that too. If email isn't your thing, you can talk to Jeff Conrady, Rachel Miller or Naomi Smith.



**THE BRAND NEW  
SHAREFAITH  
CHURCH APP**  
For iOS/Apple Devices

Did you know we have a smartphone app? Download "Sharefaith Church App" from Google Play or the Apple App Store and search for Dillsburg BiC. You will be able to access various features including News, Publications, Calendar, Sermons, and submit a Prayer Request right from your Android or Apple Device.



**\*Thank you** for your faithful giving to Messiah College Collaboratory operations.

*Warm regards, Jon Stuckey, Executive Director of Development, Messiah College*

**\*Thank you** for your continued partnership, which makes empowering those that were once the most vulnerable a reality.

*Susan Vigliano, President, Peace Promise*

**\*Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. Thank you for joining us in making a difference in the world.

*Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA*

**\*Thank you** for joining with us as we continue to provide help and hope to more than 22,000 people every year.

*Sue Fornicola, Program Director, New Hope Ministries*

**\*Thank you** to my DBIC family for the beautiful flowers sent following the passing of my sister, Chrissy Kulp. Heartfelt prayers and cards were also appreciated.

*Diana Dale*



## *New Hope Ministry Musings...*

*by Ginny Spurrier*

New Hope Ministries and Northern High School will be partnering to have a Back to School Event on Friday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a variety of activities/services provided at both locations (New Hope Dillsburg and Northern HS) on that same date.

### **New Hope** will be offering:

- Face painting
- Kids' Games
- Food (both inside and outside New Hope)
- Information Tables (health care information, SNAP food stamps, other information for families)
- Bike Safety/Bike Helmets
- IdentaKid (fingerprinting)

### **Northern High School** will be providing:

- Haircuts
- Clothing from its clothing bank
- Backpacks/School Supplies
- Books

If anyone would be interested in helping with face painting or preparing or serving food, please let New Hope Ministries Dillsburg Center Manager Lisa Byrne know.



Compiled by Steve & Rachel Miller

## THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: BRUCE & MERLY BUNDY SPAIN

For many years we have prayed for Spaniards to be integrated into the fold. God has heard our prayer and most recently has answered in extraordinary ways. In June, we held a baptism service in the Madrid mountains. Among the seven being baptized were Carlos and his wife, and five young adults, four of whom are Spaniards. They are receiving a lot of opposition from their families who feel betrayed for abandoning their faith. Please, pray for those being baptized.



*"Because I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you made me welcome. 36 I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to me." Mt 25:35*

It seems that these verses have been our church motto lately. We have had quite the influx of people in dire need of lodging and jobs. Many have come and gone. Nevertheless, some have stayed and have become part of our community. Just this week we had a Mennonite family from Colombia show up at our Sunday service. They were promised jobs and a place to live, only to find out that none of that was true, and now they are in desperate need of a place to live and work with no legal standing. What do you do? Well, we all got to praying because like Peter and John said, "Silver and gold have we none." We would ask that you pray specifically for JC and Di and their two young children as well as for Wilson, who continues without employment and a place to live. (In fact, Wilson is currently living with us.) Many of us at the Madrid congregation dream of being able to own a whole building where we could provide a safe place to be wholly restored. Meanwhile, we do what we can, and God is stretching our faith!

We are scheduled for home ministry for the first four months of 2020. This means that the countdown is on for getting the Madrid church ready for our leave because the initial goal is for us to return to Spain under a different assignment. Rather than pastoring the Madrid congregation, we will be pursuing other avenues of ministry as support to the national church. As the reality that we will not be returning to the Madrid congregation for a while sets in, it has caused a lot of reactions in the community. To quote one of our leaders, "People are doubtful, scared and threatening to leave the church." We ask that you pray for us and the church in this transition. We do want to do God's will and be sensitive to the needs of the congregation.







About a month ago we celebrated the birth of our nation. With that came the promise of freedom from the tyranny of a dominating entity exerting cruel and oppressive control over a people.

Peace Promise is also celebrating the rebirth of several of the ladies whom we serve, ladies who were no less oppressed but just by a different tyranny - the tyranny of sin, of pimps, of Johns, parents who either abused them or sold them into sexual exploitation, the tyranny of dysfunctional homes growing up, of drugs and alcohol.

Many of these ladies live with PTSD or CPTSD, causing a whole host of disabling conditions. The light at the end of the tunnel always seems to move away from them, never allowing them to reach it. I remember seeing this picture in my mind during prayer and lamenting the light at the end. I believe God gave me a word on that. I believe He said, "You don't have to wait for the light at the end of the tunnel. I am ready to shine my Light into the tunnel. I want my people situated in the tunnel to walk beside and help those who have been walking in darkness to find the path laid out before them." That path leads to freedom from tyranny to pursue wholeness. Since then I have changed the way I pray for those being oppressed in any given situation. I see how critical it is for God's people to be in position to help those stuck in the tunnel, to take a hand and walk with them in the light.

That is what the many, many women and men who are connected to Peace Promise do daily, weekly, monthly either through hands on with the ladies, setting goals with them, making meals, writing notes, collecting purses, donating financially or with time in a hundred different ways. They are walking through the tunnel with these ladies, the result being women who have been set on that path to wholeness and a freedom that they never thought was possible.

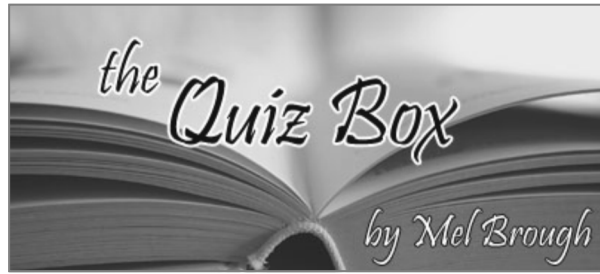
Who are they?

**Patty Seaman**, recently hired as executive director for Peace Promise in the area of outreach, now has the freedom to advocate, support, counsel, and love the ladies they serve:

- **'A'**, after being exploited as a young girl and young woman is now absolutely free. Christ lives in her, she speaks on behalf of others who have been exploited, she has her own business, is married and has a daughter and expecting a baby.
- **'R'**, after experiencing childhood sexual trauma and being assaulted while serving in the military before working in the adult industry, now has a new mindset, a fulltime job and is able to rent an apartment and buy a car.
- **'J'** is excelling in school, finding independence working part-time and is receiving counseling.
- **'R'** is setting goals, learning life skills, able to ask for family support, learning to eat healthy again. Best of all she has turned her life over to Jesus and is ready to attend church.
- **'A'** was tempted to return to the life of quick money. Instead she remembered how hard it was to break free from past exploitation, picked up extra shifts at work and budgeted and proved to herself she is capable.
- **'J'** now has a six-month budget that will allow her to eventually rent an apartment.
- **'A'**, after being introduced to the industry as a teenager by a family member, is now experiencing the fullness of life. She is dedicated to Jesus, has been married four years, has a rewarding job in health care and will experience her first baby in August.
- **'B'** has a new relationship outside the clubs who does not want her dancing. She just had a baby and has entered into motherhood with joy. She has a dream of one day owning a food truck business. She wants to begin attending church.
- **'N'** is currently in a rehab home and doing incredibly well. She is learning coping skills, job skills, budgeting and is working and going to school and excelling. She was baptized a few months ago.

None of these girls are being exploited anymore. They have been set free through the power of Christ and his people. That is something to celebrate!

Many more are on that path, still in the tunnel but being led out.



Denominational Finals were held at the Bongiorno Christian Retreat Center in Carlisle, June 21-22. The quiz team of Ryan and Jese Brubaker, Julie Douglass, Conner Engle, Kallista Scharf and Tyler Whitesel finished in third place.

The following teams were at Finals: Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Grantham, Harrisburg, Nappanee and Super Fab (a combined team from Souderton and Fairview Avenue).

There were ten preliminary quizzes (four on Friday evening and six on Saturday morning) that determined the seeding for the double elimination quizzing Saturday afternoon. Dillsburg lost a very close quiz to Grantham, which put us in third place. The final quiz was between Grantham and Nappanee, and Nappanee won.

Tyler was second top quizzier and also top scorer on the Dillsburg team. Ryan was sixth top quizzier.

We will be quizzing on **Hebrews, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter** next year, and practices will begin in October. The first quiz event of the new season will be the Capital Kickoff tournament at Harrisburg BIC church on Sat, November 16. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-5. If you are interested in quizzing, please talk to Mel or Brent.

*Verses of the month: Hebrews 1:1-2 – “On many past occasions and in many different ways, God spoke to our fathers through the prophets. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.”*

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 starting November 1 and ending October 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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# August

## 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

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



# Happy Birthday



Matt Walsh	August 1	Daunte Gard	August 20
Lloyd Sowers	August 2	Chad Brubaker	August 21
Clover Sell	August 2	Jay Smith	August 21
Jessica Raboci	August 4	Laura Austin	August 22
Kay Gasswint	August 6	Becky Kimmel	August 22
Matt Reitnour	August 7	Jake Heck	August 24
Jane Mylin	August 9	Mel Brough	August 24
Randy Zwally	August 9	Jack Leach	August 24
Lorelai Renee Delp	August 16	Karly Heck	August 24
Chuck Hill	August 16	Charlotte Thuma	August 25
Tom Renard	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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> 8:30 Impact Breakfast (Bakers') 10:30 am Worship	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm LIFT Summer Book Club (Basement)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Missions Day at Roxbury	<b>8</b> Doulos Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING						
<b>11</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Human Traffick- ing Meeting (Strayers')	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting (B1)	<b>17</b>
FAMILY PROMISE						
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Breakfast and Outdoor worship at Pinchot State Park	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Joint Meeting: Leadership Council & Ministry Council(201)	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> IMPACT Service Day 9:30 am Prayer Walking
<b>25</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm NAMI Family to Family Class	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>