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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

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What Occupies Your Days?

By Naomi Smith

This fall I sent my youngest daughter off to first grade, so for the first time in more than 11 years, I am enjoying regular times of solitude during the week. This has been a healthy change for me, but even welcome changes bring new questions and considerations.

As a stay-at-home mom, I find the question “What do you do?” a difficult one to answer. I wear many hats, including those of homemaker, student, freelance writer, ministry coordinator, teacher, and school volunteer. But that’s usually more than the other person wants to know. Years ago, a thoughtful stranger asked me instead, “What occupies your days?” I immediately felt relieved and grateful, and now this is the question I ask others. I find that it opens the door wider for the other person—regardless of age or employment—to share a glimpse into their life.

Even as a teenager, I was prone to over-analyzing my life. My mother once gave me gracious advice in the form of a Bible verse: “When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart” (Ecclesiastes 5:19-20). I think about those verses, and I wonder if someday I will be brave enough to answer the question “What do you do?” by saying, “Me? I am occupied by gladness of heart.”

I recently stumbled upon a podcast called *The Next Right Thing*, written and narrated by Christian author Emily P. Freeman. In every episode, Freeman offers a simple bit of advice about how to make thoughtful choices. She reminds her listeners that in an average day, each of us will make 35,000 decisions—and whether or not we realize it, those decisions will shape our lives.

I appreciate Freeman’s suggestions about creating space, talking to mentors, allowing for imperfection, and listening to God. But even more, I love the way that she reminds me to take off my crown, to shed my worry and anxiety, because I am not in charge of the kingdom of God. Some of the most-repeated words in the podcast are a few lines that Freeman borrows from one of her teachers, James Bryan Smith. He writes:

I am one in whom Christ dwells and delights.
I live in the strong and unshakeable kingdom of God.
The kingdom is not in trouble, and neither am I.

Isn’t that beautiful? The longer I sit with those words, the more I am convinced of their truth and power. Yes, I have many decisions to make today. I have work to do; I have people to love. But that is not my primary vocation. My deepest calling—and your deepest calling—reaches beyond any job, activity, or daily task. We are called to be people in whom Christ dwells and delights.

I find it notable that God the Father pronounces his blessing on Jesus the Son before he even starts his earthly ministry. When Jesus comes up out of the water after his baptism, he has not done anything remarkable yet. He has not healed the lame, or fed the five thousand, or raised the dead. And yet this is the moment when God chooses to say, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).



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Brothers and sisters, we are also children of God. God loved us before we had accomplished anything, and he will love us when we are no longer able to accomplish anything. No matter what occupies your days, I am convinced that this is true:

You are one in whom Christ dwells and delights.
You live in the strong and unshakeable kingdom of God.
The kingdom is not in trouble, and neither are you.





SAVE THE DATE!!

LIFT your mugs of cocoa,
your voices and your spirits at
DBIC Women's Ministry
Christmas event, planned
for the evening of
Thursday, December 12
in the Fellowship Hall.

Stay tuned for more details!

Want to Join the Group Effort?

New and refreshed DBIC small groups are beginning to gather and get rolling!

We're excited to see the number of leaders and participants who are connecting! There is still space for you to get involved if you have not yet.

If you would like to talk about the possibilities, please contact Pastor Jeff Conrady (jeff.conrady@dillsburgbic.org), Naomi Smith (jasonandnaomi@gmail.com) or Rachel Miller (miller.rachelkathryn@gmail.com).

Leaders, we're looking toward Sunday morning, November 10 during the Sunday school hour for a gathering of leaders. In the meantime, feel free to contact one of us if you have questions or concerns!



*We need your help!
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Upcoming Host Week November 17-24, 2019

Come help us share the Love of God with our Family Promise guests.

*Mission: empowering families through relationships and skill building
to move from homelessness to home.*

www.dillsburgbic.org/family-promise
Sign-up sheets online

- Set-Up Volunteers
(Nov. 17 - after Service)
- Meal Volunteers - Daily
(Drop off at 6 P.M.)
- Fellowship Volunteers-
Daily (6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.)
- Children Fellowship
Volunteers (play with kids!
Daily 6 P.M.-8:00 P.M.)
- Overnight Hosts- Daily
(8:15 P.M. -6:45 A.M.)
- Takedown Volunteers
(Nov. 24 - 7 A.M.)
- Laundry Volunteers
(after hosting week)
- Van Drivers - Daily
- Supply Food Donations

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New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

That special time of year is here once again! New Hope will be holding its 9th annual "Christmas Blessings Express" where guests will be able to shop for unwrapped gifts for the whole family. Then, if desired, volunteers will wrap the gifts at the center for the guests.

You will find the 'Giving Tree' in the Narthex with "ornaments" that designate needed items. If you want to participate, please take an ornament, purchase the item and place it UNWRAPPED in the New Hope container by the tree. Your gracious giving DOES make a difference in many lives and brings extra joy and blessings to the Christmas season.

The deadline this year is earlier. All gifts need to be in by Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Also, as a friendly reminder, more packets or cans of **turkey gravy mix** are needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. There are more guests to be served at New Hope this year, so the amount needed is greater. These donations can be placed in the box under the coat rack outside the office by Friday, November 22.

Thanks so much to each and every one who chooses to participate in blessing our neighbors in this way throughout the year. May God continue to bless you as you bless others in His Name.

THANK YOU





Join Family Promise at its annual fundraiser!

Friday, November 8, 2019

5:30pm

Holland Union Building
at Dickinson College, Carlisle

Join Family Promise for the sixth annual Art From The Heart Auction. It will be an amazing evening of great food, drink and fellowship as you find that perfect piece of art for your collection.

For more information feel free to contact our office at 717-737-1100. Each ticket purchase include entrance into the event, food and beverages. You will also receive a ticket for a chance to win door prizes.

Visit www.familypromisehcr.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

EAT 'N RUN MENUS

Meals are served 5:15 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

The meal is free and open to the community.

November 13

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER!

FRENCH TOAST

SAUSAGE

FRUIT

DESSERT

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are looking for volunteers to help with setup, meal prep, serving and cleaning up.

Volunteers will eat together at 4:30 p.m.



Ladies' Secret Pal Dinner Coming Soon!

Who's your secret pal? Got any ideas?



Come to the Ladies' Secret Pal Dinner on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to find out who has been blessing you all year!

This event is open to all women, whether you currently have a pal or not. Check out December's Doulos for more information about the Secret Pal program and the upcoming dinner! We would love to have you join us.



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Did you know we have a smartphone app? Download "Sharefaith Church App" from Google Play or the Apple 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.

VOLUME RISING: MEET DBIC'S NEW WORSHIP INTERN



This fall, we welcome Jacob Fitzmaurice as our worship intern.

You've seen him up front and heard his amazing voice for a couple of months now. Here's your chance to get to know him a little better.

Q: Please tell us where you are from, a bit about your growing-up years and your family.

I am from Syracuse, N.Y. I grew as up an only child with just me and my mom. I started music when I was in fourth grade with my school band and learned French horn. Later, I picked up guitar before entering high school. I would then lead worship at my church, compete in competitions for instrumental solos/dramas through the AG fine arts program, play in a jazz big band in my high school, participate in musical theater shows and play in all-county and all-state wind ensemble and orchestra festivals.

Q: What year are you in college, and what's your major?

I am in my third year of studying music and worship at Messiah College. This major functions to learn both music theory and theology of worship. My primary instrument for school is the French horn. While I lead in the Dillsburg BIC context, I will be playing guitar and singing.

Q: What got you interested in doing an internship here and what will it entail?

I was traveling with Messiah College Seven and we made a stop at DBIC. The loving community, hospitality of the church and relaxed atmosphere was something I was looking for in a church community of my own. So, I decided after the service to attend DBIC in the fall semester. Later I heard that there would be a possible internship opening and thought it would be a cool way to get involved in the community, so I emailed Pastor Douglass to ask if I could serve.

In the internship, I plan to serve the congregation through helping to run rehearsals, leading the DBIC community in songs of worship and finding ways to get to know and be a part of the larger community we call church.

Q: What do you love most about making music?

I guess it's just one of those things—I can't really think of a world where music wouldn't be involved, where someone could honestly say they never sang in the shower or tapped to the beat of a tune with a pencil. We all love to be a part of it. It's sharing that with my family in Christ that makes it mean something. It's the little moments when we are in a song worship and I can just step back from the mic, or look up from my hymn book and see my family singing together.

Q: How do you think singing/playing/hearing music enhances one's personal worship or relationship with Christ?

Music has always been historically in the church. The longer I worship and study God, the more I realize the corporate nature of what worship is. It's not hearing the music for me that brings me into the presence of God, but conversing with him—realizing who he is, being in awe of his goodness, responding to him, being called into community to faith. This is all worship.

Q: Do you hope to pursue a career involving music?

I do hope I am able to continue pursuing a career in music . . . whether in a church, maybe a rock band or as a solo artist. Who knows? Yet, I am certain God has called me to sing his name wherever I go. I do hope I am able to continue a pursue a career in music.

Q: What are your hobbies?

In my spare time, I enjoy journaling, writing my own songs, watching a good movie and most importantly eating good food!

Q: How can we be praying for you?

Please join me in the prayer that I am led to take the best steps to build our church and, as a student, I will never deny a prayer for strength and endurance to keep up with classes and homework.



Changing lives, one donation at a time: THANK You!

Our church family is very generous with supporting local ministries. This month we received a couple of great stories from organizations we support. They are a great reminder that the people we help are people just like us who need a helping hand at a certain point in life—and we are blessed to be able to extend that to them in some small way.

This story comes from Paxton Ministries in Harrisburg:

“People don’t understand why I have such a positive attitude after all I’ve been through,” says George. His story is difficult, and it would be easy for him to fall into self-pity and despair. He shares it in hopes it will be an inspiration to others.

Raised in New Jersey, George and his nine siblings lived with their parents in a one-bedroom apartment. He says that at age 10, he started drinking alcohol, smoking and doing drugs. He has no happy memories of his youth and no contact with any family members. “I was raised to believe I was a loser, not worth anything,” George says quietly.

Those feelings, coupled with his addiction troubles, contributed to his depression and suicidal thoughts, which led to multiple hospitalizations. He tried his hand at many different careers, including owning a restaurant, auto body work, home remodeling and factory jobs, but he faced disappointment when various jobs and ideas failed to flourish.

When his marriage ended abruptly several years ago, George was left on his own. He is reluctant to say much about where he lived after that, except that it was “not a good situation.” All of this took a toll on his health, and he started forgetting to eat and take his medications. In a short period of time, he went from living independently to “sitting in a wheelchair in a nursing home.”

As George regained some health, his caseworker helped him look for a new place to live. Paxton Ministries seemed like a great prospect, and his first visit left a good impression. Just a few weeks ago, George moved in. His remarkably cheerful attitude is helping him settle in well and make new friends.

He hopes to live independently again, but in the meantime, he gives thanks that his new home is “giving me a chance to relax, get my head together and start formulating plans for the future.”

He says, “I’ve had many, many situations when I should have been dead. This place has given me another chance in life.”

Thank you for making this possible! Thank you for partnering with us as we fulfill our mission to provide affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love!

This story comes from Susan Vigliano, president of the board, and Patty Seaman, executive director, Peace Promise in Mechanicsburg.

In the past month, we had an amazing opportunity to host a “family” weekend with one of our survivors.

During that visit, we went to a local café. As we were leaving, we had a conversation with a couple of women who were seated nearby. They read the survivor’s shirt, which said “Girls are not for sale” and asked about it. We explained that we work with Peace Promise to bring hope and healing to women exploited in the commercial sex industry in central Pennsylvania.

One of the women went on to say how horrible it is that women are brought here from other countries and sold. Our survivor was able to look at her and explain that yes, that is horrible, but also to ask if she is aware that most of the women being exploited and trafficked in our area are local girls. We were able to share that most of these women once went to local schools with our children, they shop in local stores and they even visit local cafes like the one we were standing in.

When we left, the survivor looked at me and said, “That was great, we got to educate them. Honestly, I used to believe the same thing – until it happened to me. Now I see where I was trafficked for years without even knowing it was happening.” And the women we had spoken with will probably never know they had just been educated on sex trafficking by a survivor from their own neighborhood.

Thank you for your recent generous donation. Your investment in these precious lives is making a real difference.





Compiled by Steve & Rachel Miller

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: WALSH FAMILY BURKINA FASO

Eighteen months ago, the Walsh family left the East for a 10-day trip and, due to the security situation, has not been able to return. This has created a challenge for Open Door Development: While our Burkinabe team has done a great job of continuing most core activities, even growing into new areas of work, managing ODD from a distance is both unsustainable and limiting the local team's ability to grow.

As a result, we've decided to transition the ODD team from employees to independent contractors. Each will now manage a particular area of work (water system, farm fields, equipment, etc.), allowing them to earn a living and potentially expand in new ways.

Moving forward, the new ODD model will allow us greater flexibility to expand into new areas and projects, while hopefully creating fewer expectations of financial assistance, as the work is more locally managed.

One new area we're working on is Better Bearings, a project in partnership with Aligned Works to test improved bearings for the India MKII hand pump. We've partnered with a church group that already actively maintains 100-plus wells in southwest Burkina, so they can draw on their network to test these bearings.

Village water update

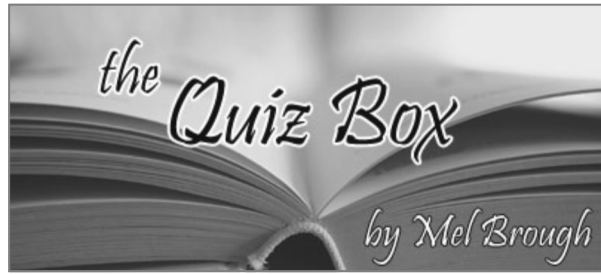
In our last newsletter, we shared about the village's upcoming decision to either accept a new water system funded by a large NGO or remain with the potentially smaller ODD system. Last week, Timoth  , who manages the water system, visited Matt and showed him a video of the vote. It was moving to see almost all of the 100-plus people raising their hand and chanting, "ODD! ODD!" We are grateful for the community's confidence in ODD despite our absence.



Praise & prayer

- Pray for the security situation in Burkina Faso, for all those affected by the violence and especially for those who have had to leave their homes.
- Pray that our team would not feel abandoned but rather emboldened by their freedom and the confidence we have in them.
- Pray for the drill rig prototype as we move into further testing and then begin building the production model.
- Pray for the partnership with the church denomination in the Southwest to test Better Bearings.
- Praise the Lord for the village's confidence in ODD! Pray that we'd continue to effectively manage the water system and have the resources necessary for ongoing maintenance.
- Pray that we'd adapt to the new government-imposed prices, taxes, and supervision of the water system.





Quiz practices have started on a new day and time. We will be practicing for one hour on Wednesday after youth group, starting no later than 8:15 p.m.

The first quizzing event of the new season will be the **Capital Kickoff tournament at Harrisburg BIC church on Saturday, November 16**. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-5. This will be an all-day event.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, Dec 7 - Practice tournament at Summit View BIC, 846 Peters Rd, New Holland, Pa.

Friday, Jan 10 to Saturday, Jan 11 – mixer tournament and quizzing retreat at Amherst Community BIC church in Ohio

Saturday, March 7 – Practice tournament, location to be determined, probably at Dillsburg BIC

Saturday, April 4 – Allegheny Open Tournament at Grantham BIC – All day

Saturday, May 2 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May ? – Regional Conference finals, if necessary, at TBD

Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 13 – Denominational Finals at General Assembly, Salina, Kansas

Verse of the month: Hebrews 3:1 – “Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, set your focus on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.”

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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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Kyle & Tammy Leister	November 4
Seth & Amy Miller	November 14
Paul & Patty Cathro	November 17
Dan & Anne-Marie Brandt	November 18
Tony & Veronica Beers	November 21
Ron & Jaylene Shannon	November 25

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy Birthday



Natasha Beers	November 4	Kathy Bennett	November 16
Harriet Conrady	November 4	Cindy Burkholder	November 18
Mike Lawver	November 5	Lois Conrady	November 18
Paul Tucker	November 8	Brandon Eyster	November 20
Isaac Tucker	November 10	Cheryl Heck	November 20
Glen Brubaker	November 15	Al Emig	November 23
Sue Fish	November 15	Lucy Miller	November 23
Andrew Cathro	November 16	Cory Brubaker	November 26
Olivia Kimmel	November 16	Mark Burkholder	November 26
Jazmin Leister	November 16		



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	2 5:00 pm Men's Gathering (Adelphoi)
3 Daylight Savings Time End 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	4 3:00 pm Middle School Monday 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study (Pooles') 7:00 pm Ministry Council	5	6 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:45 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	7	8 Doulos Deadline 6:00 pm Thrive Friday Fun Night	9 6:00 pm Impact Game Night
10 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study (Pooles')	12	13 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:15 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Missionary Update	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study (Pooles')	19 6:30 pm Leadership Council	20 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Missionary Update	21	22	23 9:00 am Prayer Walking 6:30 pm Game Night
Family Promise Hosting						
24 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Family Promise	25 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study (Pooles')	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 