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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2021

Join the Grand Reunion—and Pray!

By Pastor Rob Douglass

As you probably know, I am a history buff with a particular interest in (Chris would say obsession with) Gettysburg. They say that admitting you have a problem is the first step to getting help. I'm not there yet.

One of the reasons for my interest in Gettysburg is the fact that as a child, my family would go to Gettysburg for family vacations with some frequency. It was something that felt special but didn't require much travel from western Pennsylvania.

No doubt, another reason for my interest is my personal connection to the important history there. The three children on the left of the front row in the fuzzy old polaroid picture are my two sisters and me (yes, the one with a full head of blonde hair). As a descendent of Alexander Dobbin, my grandfather had been invited to come out from Indiana, Pennsylvania to cut the ribbon at the re-opening of the Dobbin House back in the 1970s. We were all there to share the honor.

On one of our many Gettysburg trips, something happened that I did not understand until years later. That year, we had come to Gettysburg from July 1-3, which is the anniversary of the battle. I remember that we went out to the field where Pickett's Charge took place, expecting to see a re-enactment of the battle. We waited and waited, wondering why no one else was there. After what seemed like forever, a man in a southern uniform walked across the wide field and walked up to the stone wall and shook hands with a man in a northern uniform. We assumed that this was the sign of the beginning.

Our anticipation grew, and we waited even longer. I have no idea how long we stayed. I just remember being hot, hungry, and disappointed.

I learned years later that what we had witnessed was not intended to be a re-enactment of Pickett's Charge but something else entirely.

Veterans from both sides of Pickett's Charge began meeting at the stone wall as early as 1887. Within a few years, the place that represented the height of the battle was becoming a place of healing.

This transformation took a huge leap forward during the 50th anniversary of the battle. More than 53,000 Civil War veterans came to Gettysburg in 1913. The culmination of the reunion was to be a re-enactment of Pickett's Charge on July 3.

When the time came, the Southerners stepped out from Seminary Ridge just like they had 50 years earlier. It was like 1863 but not exactly the same.

Philip Myers was 18 in 1913. He was attending the event as an assistant to a photographer who was there. He recalls that when the Southerners began their march, "we could see, not rifles and bayonets, but canes and crutches."

When most of the field had been crossed, the Southerners let out the rebel yell as they had so many years ago.

Myers noted that "it was then that the Yankees, unable to restrain themselves longer, burst from behind the stone wall, and flung themselves upon their former enemies. The emotion of the moment was so contagious that there was scarcely a dry eye in the huge throng. Now they fell upon each other—not in mortal combat but reunited in brotherly love and affection."

At the next reunion in 1938, there was another re-enactment. This time there would be no bursting over the stone wall or falling onto one another. Only about 25 Gettysburg veterans were alive and able to attend. The youngest was nearly 90. At this, the 75th reunion of



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Reminder: Worship Services begin at 10:00 am in our green space.

Please feel free to bring a comfortable chair or blanket to sit on! Leadership Council has decided that people do not need to wear masks for our outdoor gatherings. However, people should absolutely feel free to continue wearing masks if they want. Additionally, on Sundays when we move worship inside, the Fellowship Hall will be a mask-optional space, the Sanctuary will be mask-optional for vaccinated people, and the Orange Room will require masks.

the battle, the Charge would be simply represented by two soldiers from the opposing armies offering each other a kind handshake across the wall.

What was frustrating as a child, I now find profoundly meaningful. I had witnessed not a re-enacting of a famous part of the battle but a remembrance of the coming together of two warring factions in peace and friendship on the very ground where they once tried to kill each other.

Most people know the importance of Gettysburg as a turning point in the Civil War, but few are aware of the role that Gettysburg played in healing the nation.

While this is timely for July, how does any of this belong in a church newsletter?

It seems to me that the dividing lines in our country are as deep as they have been at any point in my lifetime.

For me, what I witnessed in 1978 is a beautiful picture of what is possible. Our country ought to remember or perhaps relearn those lessons. I believe that this is an example of what Christ does and what only God can do.

In Ephesians 2 we read, "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."

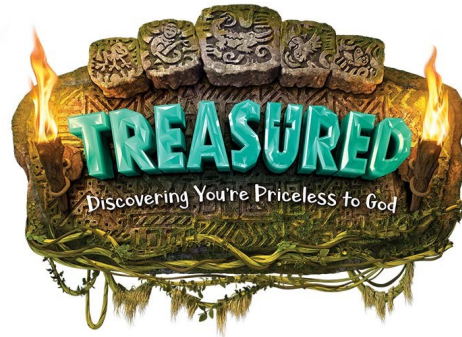
Followers of Christ have been reconciled to God and to one another. Even more, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5.18). Just like those veterans experienced, we are to be proof that a Great Reunion is possible, and we are to be God's agents helping others to discover it.

During this first part of July, please pray with me for our nation. Pray for God to have mercy. Pray for revival in the Church. Pray that it doesn't take another war and 50 years for our nation to be brought together in unity.





Hey kids, VBS is coming!



Mark your calendars for a "Treasured" Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m., July 19-22 (Monday to Thursday) out in our green space.



Join us at 6 pm for a light meal (free!) and stay with your children or connect them with one of our volunteer treasurer hunters for the 6:30-8 pm VBS time. We'll enjoy songs, games, crafts and more while learning about the lives of Biblical characters like David, Hezekiah, Esther, and Peter.

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids will dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them!

Come on a jungle quest to discover that you are priceless to God!

Register online: <http://www.dillsburgbic.org/vbs/>

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Here are some highlights from the May Leadership Council meeting:

- Some Financial reports of note:
 - General fund giving is right on track with budget!
 - Net operating income - \$14,000
- The following motions were made and passed regarding easing current COVID restrictions.
 - Motion was made, seconded, and passed to no longer require masks outside.
 - Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the mask policy will change as follows:
 - Fellowship Hall—masks are not required regardless of vaccination status.
 - Sanctuary—no masks required for those who are fully vaccinated. Those who are on the stage may take their mask off for leading singing, etc. This will also apply to other meetings that happen in the church.
 - Orange Room will be fully masked.
- Motion was made, seconded, and passed to increase the numbers in the sanctuary to 100 with good communication because the guidance has changed to less distance.

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: Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Randy Fish, Ray Knepper, Sharon Miller, Rachel Pease, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.

2021 Dillsburg Area Church Softball League Schedule

| DATE | GRANTHAM | HOPE GRACE | Bye |
|--------|---|---|---------|
| July 5 | 4-1 | | 5,8 |
| 6 | 2-3 | 6-7 | |
| 12 | 7-5 | 8-6 | 1,3 |
| 13 | 4-2 | | |
| 19 | Field | 6-4 | 1,2,3,7 |
| 20 | Not Available | 8-5 | |
| 26 | Seed 1 Division 1 vs Seed 2 division 2 | Seed 1 Division 2 vs Seed 2 division 1 | |
| 27 | Championship Game | | |

Division 1

1. SEAS
2. Dillsburg BIC
3. PPC
4. Grantham

Division 2

5. TMH
6. Hope Grace
7. CCC
8. Shepherdstown





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The Rev. John Shaffer, CAPC

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



Don't Be a "Chocolate Only" Christian!

Through Jesus you can also experience genuine peace within yourself. Internal peace is a sense of wholeness, contentment, tranquility, order, rest, and security. Although nearly everyone longs for this kind of peace, it eludes most people. Genuine internal peace cannot be directly obtained through our own efforts; it is a gift that God gives only to those who believe in his Son and obey his commands (1 John 3:21-24). In other words, internal peace is a by-product of righteousness. This truth is revealed throughout Scripture:

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you" (Isa. 26:3).

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever" (Isa. 32:17; cf. Pss. 85:10; 119:165).

"If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea" (Isa. 48:18).

These passages show why it is impossible to experience internal peace if you fail to pursue peace with God and peace with others. Internal peace comes only from being reconciled to God through his Son, receiving his righteousness and the power to resist sin, and then obeying what God commands. "And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us" (1 John 3:23). By God's design, the three dimensions of peace are inseparably joined. As one author expressed it, "Peace with God, peace with each other and peace with ourselves come in the same package."

Taken from [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict](#) by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 46-47.

Food for Thought

Authentic biblical peace is like Neapolitan ice cream. Peace with God is like the chocolate. Peace with others is like the vanilla. And peace with ourselves is like the strawberry. Some folks, when presented with a carton of Neapolitan ice cream, eat only their favorite flavor (usually the chocolate, right?) before putting the 1/3-empty package back in the freezer. When subsequent snackers drop by, they become crestfallen: Neapolitan without one of the flavors just isn't Neapolitan! Much of modern Christendom is like this. "Christian" is too often understood only to mean "at peace with God." Rarely are Christians encouraged to dig their spoons into the vanilla and strawberry dimensions of the faith: making peace with others and experiencing peace within. Sure, the chocolate is important--you might even say it's the "best part", but chocolate-only Christians will never change the world. Blessed are the true Neapolitan peacemakers, for they will not be confined to the freezer for long!

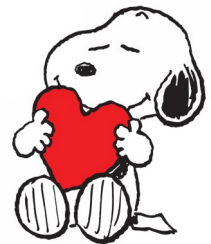
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


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|-------------------------|---------|
| Derick & Laura Esch | July 3 |
| Ron & Betty Engle | July 10 |
| Mike & Sue Lawver | July 15 |
| Terry & Donna Stoudnour | July 20 |
| Travis & Jordyn Moyer | July 23 |
| Dave & Patti Miller | July 23 |
| Levi & Emily Sowers | July 25 |
| Ed & Marj Strayer | July 26 |



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|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Mark Kimmel | July 01 | Rachel Pease | July 20 |
| Derick Esch | July 02 | Marilyn Smith | July 21 |
| Dwight Rotz | July 03 | Daphne Rank | July 24 |
| Cindy Raboci | July 07 | Bob Brubaker | July 25 |
| Sherry Eyster | July 13 | Elizabeth Hatch | July 26 |
| Rick Miller | July 14 | Meghan Kanazawa | July 26 |
| Deb Hill | July 14 | Mike Beachy | July 27 |
| Bobbi Delp | July 16 | Joe Bennett | July 27 |
| Bob Garlin | July 16 | Don Prowell | July 28 |
| Joyce Ehrich | July 18 | Dee Maxwell | July 30 |
| Gloria Smith | July 18 | | |



July 2021

| 7:30Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
|  | | | | 1 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm ZOOM Global Outreach | 2 9:00 am ZOOM Local Outreach | 3 |
| 4 10:00 am Worship | 5 6:30 pm Youth Girls Bible Study | 6 7:00 pm Women's Book Club | 7 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering | 8 Doulos Deadline All Day: Blood Bank (FH) 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm ZOOM Human Trafficking Meeting 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer | 9 | 10 7:30 am Pastor Rob's Prayer Team |
| 11 10:00 am Worship | 12 6:30 pm Youth Girls Bible Study | 13 | 14 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering | 15 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm ZOOM Leadership Council 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer | 16 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting | 17 |
| 18 10:00 am Worship | 19 6:00 pm VBS 6:30 pm Youth Girls Bible Study | 20 6:00 pm VBS | 21 6:00 pm VBS | 22 6:00 pm VBS 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer | 23 6:00 pm VBS (raindate) | 24 9:00 am Prayer Walking |
| 25 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Missions Update | 26 6:30 pm Youth Girls Bible Study 7:00 pm Ministry Council | 27 | 28 6:30 pm ZOOM Gathering | 29 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 7:30 pm ZOOM Prayer | 30 | 31 |

These events subject to change. Stay tuned for information from DBIC on any canceled or rescheduled events.