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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021

## *Saying Goodbye* *By Faithe Spurrier*

Each time I leave our daughter Rachel and her family in Maine, I learn something new about "goodbyes."

I always dread, as that time approaches, the emotions of separation. Yet I want to get it over with; want to move on to the next thing; maybe cleaning up after all the fun, or climbing in the car for the long ride home.

I also find that I worry less about my adult children if I don't know everything that is going on. So, maybe I trust God's provision for them at a distance better than I do seeing the day to day?



I have said goodbye to my parents in these last ten years, and they have been lovely goodbyes. I know that the pain in this life is ended, and they are going to a better place. And we will be together again someday in the Kingdom of Light.

Yet two of my good friends have lost their husbands too soon, and these are agonizing and difficult goodbyes.

How can I learn the lessons of trusting in God's provision and presence when goodbyes are hard, disappointing and filled with questions of "why?"

I know that I learn best with practice, but I do dislike practicing! And watching people I love suffer is too overwhelming, I just want to move on to the next thing.

Yet I feel God's tender reminders; His calming voice that steadies me. "Get ready," He says. For more goodbyes? For the next uncomfortable, humbling

experience? Or for His hand to move in amazing ways, without my worry or help?

I have learned that "last words" are important, so I try to say them; daily, monthly, finally. Because we never know whether we will see each again... And then I pray to find the courage to rest in His provision, when others have to live with final goodbyes.

God is with us, when we are close and entangled and when we are far away and wondering.

This joy sustains us, keeps us close to His heart and reminds us to say good and kind "final words" – whether for today or far longer – and know His peace in walking together to face what comes from His loving hand.



**HOW LUCKY I  
AM TO HAVE  
SOMETHING THAT  
MAKES SAYING  
GOODBYE SO  
HARD.**

*Where the Road*

*Yearlong*

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## CORNER LIFE

We welcome you to join us at Corner Life on the following Wednesdays—October 13 & 27. Enjoy a free meal served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and a program (with interactive games and Bible stories) for all ages after the meal.

To make things easier on our cooks and servers, the meals will be served from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. You are welcome to eat indoors or to take the food outdoors to the green space and eat on blankets and chairs. Weather permitting, the program will occur outdoors in the green space. In case of rain or cold weather, and as the evenings grow dark, we will transition to the Fellowship Hall. If you would be able to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal (this week or later in the fall), please contact Jaylene Shannon at [outreach@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:outreach@dillsburgbic.org)

*October 13*—Chicken and Gravy over seasoned rice  
*October 27*—Italian Wedding Soup

## Send up a prayer of appreciation!

One of the best ways we can show our appreciation for our pastors is by praying for them.

Toward that end, the DBIC Prayer Ministry Team created a prayer guide that everyone can use. It has direction and prayers for every day in October.

These guides were made available starting on September 26. If you have a church mailbox and want to make sure you have one, feel free to email Brent Whitesel ([abwhitesel@gmail.com](mailto:abwhitesel@gmail.com)) and he will put one in your mailbox.

We are excited for our church to join together and pray for our pastors.





\*Dear DBIC Family,

It's impossible to say how much it's meant to have you surround us in our loss of Steve. From the flowers, to the food, to the worship music, to the emails, to the cards, to the prayers, you surrounded us with love. It makes us want to serve God more and share with others in their time of need. Please accept our **thanks** and be blessed in your hearts. (And whoever gave me roses in the greeting line, please tell me who you are. I can't remember!)

*Grace for the Holland Family*

\***Thank you** for your gift to Messiah University Collaboratory operations and for partnering with us as we seek to transform the lives of our students through sharpening their intellect, deepening their Christian faith and inspiring them to action.

*Jon C. Stuckey, Vice President for Development, Messiah University*

\***Thank you** for your gracious gift in support of Matt and Julie Walsh. God is using your faithfulness together with SIM cross-cultural workers and partner churches to demonstrate the goodness of Jesus in many places where people otherwise live and die without having a single Christian who will be their friend.

*SIM International*

\*All indicators show that our Baby Bottle Blast is winding down, and I'm praising God for the results. Your congregation took 45 bottles, with six still out, and collected \$1,323. I praise His name and **thank you** and your church for supporting this life and death ministry!

*The Rev. John Schaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Center*

\*You are a true blessing! **Thank you** for joining us in sharing God's hope and love with those who walk through our doors.

*Molly Helmstetter, Director of Development, New Hope Ministries*

*I will  
Give Thanks  
to the Lord with my  
Whole Heart*



PSALM 9:1

**COVID-19 restrictions lifted:** Mask are no longer required and reduced occupancy limits have been eliminated. Please continue to be extra-attentive and sensitive to others' personal space. Offering plates will not be passed but have been placed in each worship space to receive your offering.

## IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU . . .

### MEET CHERYL AND RAY CROSS...

#### Born and raised in . . . .

**CHERYL:** Akron, Pa.

**RAY:** New Paris, Ind.

#### A bit about my family . . . . .

**CHERYL:** I am an only child, and my parents are both deceased. I lived in Akron for 65 years! I was a licensed practical nurse for 10 years, a unit secretary for four years, and in food service at an intermediate/middle school for 22 years.

**RAY:** I recently retired from Conestoga Wood Specialties after 36 years. We have one son, Nathaniel, who is married to Lauren, and has a daughter, who is 11 months old.



#### I spend my days doing . . . . .

**CHERYL:** Since August, I have been keeping our granddaughter two days a week, making our house... home!

**RAY:** I like doing projects around the house, woodworking, playing musical instruments, reading.

#### How I became a Christian . . . . .

**CHERYL:** During revival services, I gave my heart to our Lord at age 12 and was baptized after going through classes on membership.

**RAY:** In my senior year of high school, I gave my life to Christ on the way home from a Bill Gothard seminar. I was baptized about six months later.

#### A time I really saw God work in my life was . . . .

**CHERYL:** In November 2020, Ray became sick with COVID-19. He needed to be admitted to the hospital due to being low on oxygen. He was not improving after one week, needed to go to the UICU, diagnosed with blood clots in his lungs, as well. I had a call that night from an ICU nurse that his oxygen went too low and they needed to put him on a ventilator. He was sedated on a vent for eight days. I could not visit. I brought him home 21 days later. How my faith was strengthened! I had to let go and let God provide what Ray and our family needed.

**RAY:** Through my COVID experience, I saw the power of prayer at work as friends, family, brothers and sisters in Christ and co-workers lifted me up.

#### My biggest passion is . . . . .

**CHERYL:** Being a friend but always wanting to stand for Jesus Christ.

**RAY:** Music.

#### I spend my free time doing . . . . .

**CHERYL:** Reading, visiting elderly, walking, playing the piano.

**RAY:** Woodworking, walking, biking, playing instruments.

#### Favorite Bible verse . . . . .

**CHERYL:** I can do all through things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13

**RAY:** The book of Philippians.



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**My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is . . . . .**

**CHERYL:** I love the messages from the pastors and the music.

**RAY:** I enjoy the commitment to Scripture throughout the worship services.

**Something that might surprise you about me is . . . . .**

**CHERYL:** I enjoy roller coaster rides, especially in Cedar Point, Ohio.

**RAY:** I was once robbed at gunpoint in Mexico.

**My favorite song is . . . . .**

**CHERYL:** I don't really have a favorite now, but in past years, I appreciated "I Can Only Imagine."

**RAY:** I enjoy many styles of music and have favorites in all of them.

**A prayer request I have is . . . . .**

**CHERYL:** That my brother-in-law, Toby, will say 'yes' to Jesus.

**RAY:** Good recovery from cataract surgery that was planned for Sept. 23.

## Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the August Leadership Council meeting:

- Some Financial reports of note:
  - Because of generous giving, the loan balance should be paid off this year!
  - The summer ingathering offering was \$38,400.
  - With unspent budgeted expenses and giving above budget. we are at about \$50,000 net operating income currently.
- Report was given regarding ministry and programming for the fall.

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.



Youth Group gathering on  
Wednesday, September 15th.





Celebrating a month of LOVE for our volunteers, our families, and our community!

**We are visiting Dillsburg BiC  
on October 17.**



We will be collecting paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes) as house-warming presents during the month of October. Feel free to drop them off at your local hosting congregation, or bring them along on October 21st.

### In-Person and Virtual House-Warming Party

**October 21, 2021**

**5:00 PM—6:00 PM—Day Center**

in-person (subject to change)

**6:30 PM— Zoom Meeting**

Virtual tour of Day Center and Meet-and-Greet begins

Link will be posted on-line on website

We will be having our House-Warming Party both in-person and virtually to officially welcome our new Executive Director, Matt Wagner, to our team!



**Our women's Bible study groups have begun** on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings this fall. Take a look at the options below and join us!

**Tuesday evenings:** Joyce Jones is leading an inductive study of the book of Ruth. This group will begin on October 5 and meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month (with potential gatherings on the "off weeks" for social events or service projects).

**Wednesday mornings:** Carolyn Kimmel will lead a study of the book of Joshua called "Winning the Worry Battle" by Barb Roose. This group began on September 15 and meets by Zoom from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

Feel free to reach out to Pastor Naomi ([naomi@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:naomi@dillsburgbic.org)) with questions or to get connected.

**The Men's Book Study group**, currently studying the book One Life, resumed their biweekly meetings via Zoom on Tuesday evenings on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm. They will be discussing chapter 7 through the end of the book, and several books are still available. If you want to join them or have questions, please contact Dave Jones ([dave@partnershipstraining.org](mailto:dave@partnershipstraining.org)).





## THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT:

This month we check in with:  
*Andi & Krishauna Brubaker*  
*Guatemala*

*Compiled by John and Esther Spurrier,  
 DBIC Global Outreach Commission*



This month, we hear from Andi and Krishauna Brubaker, celebrating five years of ministry in Guatemala with some fun facts.

- 458 official days of the after-school program (2018, 2019, shortened 2020, 2021 to this point).
- 86 different kids served through for our program (not counting friends of kids for special events)
- 37 PTR Guatemala T-shirts given out to kids for Christian Character and Sportsmanship awards
- 26 different volunteers/helpers/interns who helped us out more than two times
- 4 different locations of hosting the program
- \$3,120 worth of food given out to 35 families associated with the program during COVID
- 45 different games played at the court
- 420 times a Bible study or story happened and dialogue and conversation happened as a part of it. Seeds are constantly being planted.
- 46 different people or families who have or are currently partnering with us financially
- Hundreds of people who have or are currently lifting us up in prayer

Your prayers, financial support and encouragement have been so crucial during these past five years. We are so blessed to have partners like you. We look forward to seeing many of you this November when we will be back in Pennsylvania for a trip.





## Can Rights Be Wrong?

Here again the concept of stewardship serves as a helpful guiding principle [in thinking about your rights]. Rights are not something you deserve and possess for your own benefit. Rather, they are *privileges* given to you by God, and he wants you to use them for his glory and to benefit others, especially by helping them know Christ. As a steward, it is also appropriate to consider your needs and personal responsibilities (Phil. 2:3-4). Thus, whenever there is a question about your rights, you should ask yourself questions like these:

1. "Will exercising my rights honor God by showing the power of the gospel in my life?"
2. "Will exercising my rights advance God's kingdom--or will it advance only my interests at the expense of his kingdom?"
3. "Will exercising my rights benefit others?"
4. "Is exercising my rights essential for my own well-being?"

*Adapted from [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict](#)  
by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 94.*

### ***Food for Thought***

Have you ever heard someone say (or have you yourself said), "I have my rights--and it wouldn't be *just* to let him off so easily. He doesn't deserve it!"

This kind of thinking--focusing on our own rights--is pretty typical in conflicts. We think in black and white terms: "I'm right. He's wrong." And when we're thinking about rights, we're usually thinking about justice. We want justice. Now.

Of course, that justice is to be meted out on the *other* person. See, here's the problem. We are quick to want justice to be executed on others, but slow to seek that same justice for ourselves. In that situation (and every situation, for that matter), our only hope is the *gospel*. When we remember that we deserved justice but instead received abundant mercy, we are free to extend that abundant mercy to others. Praise the Lord that we do not receive what we truly deserve!

Yes, there are times to exercise rights. But there are also times to lay them down. Re-read the questions that Ken asks above. Then think about a situation you face where you are tempted to assert your rights. In doing so, can you honestly answer these questions in the affirmative? If not, then pray and consider how you might lay down your rights for *God's* glory, imitating Christ, who lay down his rights (and his very life) for *your* sake.

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Please use this address to connect with the church leadership about any needs you may be experiencing during this time.





## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


Clarence & Mary Ann Brubaker	October 1
Brent & Avis Whitesel	October 3
Don & Nancy Prowell	October 3
Mike & Beth Beachy	October 12
Tom & Amy Austin	October 23
Andi & Krishauna Brubaker	October 25
Russ & Joyce Ehrich	October 29



Piper Moesch	October 1	Sharon Miller	October 17
Anne-Marie Brandt	October 3	Cheyenne Storm	October 19
Arlene VanDyke	October 3	Jared Whitesel	October 20
Zoe Delp	October 6	Jim Poole	October 21
Chris Douglass	October 7	Betty Engle	October 22
Grace Holland	October 7	Aaron Sieber	October 25
Kenji Kanazawa	October 8	Sam Stoner	October 26
Dave Jones	October 11	John Long	October 28
Alexa Rank	October 12	Nathan Pease	October 28
Amy Miller	October 15	Toby Brubaker	October 28
Patty Cathro	October 17	Julianne Hoover	October 30



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