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TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

New Castle First Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Easter”

Only God knows the depth of love that we have for Him. He said of King David, “He is a man after my own heart.” (Acts 13:22) Yet we know that David was a man of war. He lied, had a man murdered, and on at least one occasion, committed adultery. How could God love such a man? Better yet how could God allow this man to rule over the nation of Israel? The answer is wrapped up in one word: **grace** - not ordinary grace but God’s grace, which is something we cannot earn on personal merit.

Despite his failures, David had a passionate love for the Lord. He could not help but love the One who gave Him life and offered forgiveness for his sin. Though he failed many times, the desire of his heart was to love and obey God. And it was this love that propelled King David to greatness and allowed him to petition his heavenly Father when he was utterly underserving.

If we are ever to abide with our heavenly Father the way David did,



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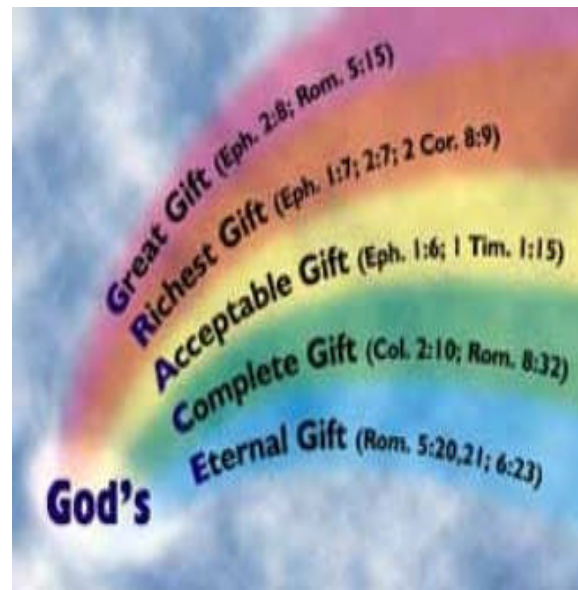
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we must first come to a place where we realize our complete helplessness before God. It was impossible for David to be “good” apart from the goodness and love of the Lord. The same is true for us. We cannot live the Christian life independently of God’s grace.

Easter is a time when we come face to face with the reality of the cross, where God’s passionate love for humanity was displayed. It was here that Jesus died for our sins and, in doing so, erased all of our guilt and shame. This does not give you a license to sin - your transgressions will always produce consequences. But no sin is so great that it can keep you from experiencing the Father’s mercy, if we repent and ask forgiveness. The choice is yours. When God could have turned away from you, He chose instead to reach out to you in tender care. His love is stronger than any offense. No sinner is so far removed from our heavenly Father that he cannot come home to God.

If you haven’t already done so, take time during this Easter season to consciously accept Christ’s atoning sacrifice for you. If there is anything standing between you and the Lord today, bring it to the altar. Jesus said, “The one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out” (John 6:37). For all eternity, God’s love and passion have been fixed on you. No matter who you are or where you have been, His love reaches out to you. If you will accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, realizing His atoning death paid the debt of your sin, then you will be saved. This will be the most important decision you will ever make in your life. God bless you and yours this Easter Season.



Pastor Bill & Carole



Important Meetings In March:

Underground: Sun., Apr. 3: 12:30 PM

Council: Tues., Apr. 5: 6:30 PM

Relay For Life: Sun., Apr. 10: 12:30 PM

Preschool Promo: Sun., Apr. 10: 12:30 PM

Trustees: Tues., Apr. 12: 6:00 PM

Shhhh.... It's A Surprise!!!

You are invited to a SURPRISE Dinner to celebrate Pastor Bill's Retirement from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the beginning of his regular, full-time Non-Bivocational Pastorate HERE, at the New Castle First Church of God. Pastor Bill's Retirement Dinner will be April 10th in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please plan to celebrate this special day with Pastor and Carole and their church family. If you'd like to volunteer to make a dish, see Leah Magee, Linda Grass, or Alice Palmer. If you have any questions see Sharon Bromley.



Palm Sunday Breakfast Sunday, April 17 @ 10 AM

Come and enjoy a time of food and fellowship during the Sunday School hour before church as we celebrate the Easter Season together. Please see Carole Hunley to sign up to bring something.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please call the church office if we do not have your information!)*

Birthdays:

Apr. 3 - Emily Maxwell

Apr. 4 - Bobby Gudyk

Kayla Arnold

Apr. 6 - Brad Panella

Apr. 11 - Tiffany Bromley

Apr. 15 - Andrew & Ben
Stansfield

Apr. 17 - John Maxwell
Jaden Boyer

Apr. 23 - Bud Boyer

Hannah Shearer

Apr. 24 - Virginia Fosnaught

Apr. 28 - Jim Maggi

Apr. 29 - Donna White

Carley Weigel

Apr. 30 - Scott Harlan

Lois Jameson

Anniversaries:

Apr. 16 - Mel & Donna White

Apr. 22 - Bobby & Stacy Gudyk



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bible Explor- ers & Youth 5:30 PM, Men's Bible Study 6 PM	4	5 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM, Council Mtg 6:30 PM	6 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	7	8 Underground— 6-10 PM	9
10 Bible Explor- ers & Youth 5:30 PM, Men's Bible Study 6 PM	11	12 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM, Trustees Mtg 6 PM	13 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	14	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt & Penny Carnival 11AM—1 PM
17 Palm Sunday Breakfast 10 AM	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	20 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	21	22 The Passion of the Christ showing— 6-10 PM	23 Easter Egg Hunt (Rain Date) 11AM—1 PM Underground— 6-10 PM
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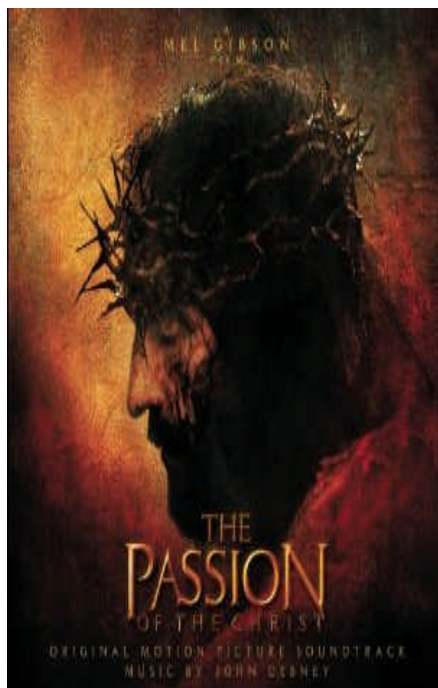
Getting Extreme @ The Underground Refuge Friday, April 8 @ 6-10 PM

This will be a very exciting night with a skateboarding demo by Brandon McConnell, games, and so much more! Come out and get extreme with us! There will be plenty of time for games in the rec. area and food at the cafe.



The Passion of the Christ will be showing at the Underground Refuge Friday, April 22 @ 6-10 PM

This movie is such a real reminder of the love and sacrifice of God's plan of salvation. Come out on this "Good Friday" and experience the fateful events of that day nearly 2,000 years ago. There will be an interactive journey to the cross after the movie for anyone who is interested in participating. The Café & Games will not be open on this night.



Happy Easter @ The Underground Refuge Saturday, April 23 @ 6-10 PM

Because He LIVES, we can face tomorrow!

Because He LIVES, all fear is gone!

Because I know, He holds the future!

And life is worth the living, just because HE LIVES!!!

We will have an Easter Party as we celebrate Christ rising from the grave! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, so you won't want to miss it.





Preschool News



We cannot believe that it is April already! There are only two more months of school left this year. We are so proud of how far all of our precious children have come, and are blessed to have been a part of their journey. March flew by. The children learned about Kings and (Q)ueens, (R)ainbows, (S)enses, and (T)ransportation. The children have also started their Caterpillar to Butterfly Project.

They will observe and document the transformation by drawing pictures in their Butterfly Journals every day as to what they see. There have been many projects, experiments, and fun party days in the past month, but Miss Stacy and I have been busy planning our 1st ever Preschool graduation for 6 of our students!! Our other 12 students are either moving up into our next class level or out to new pre-k programs, so we will be celebrating their accomplishments as well. If any of our church family would be interested in attending this graduation/celebration, please talk to Miss Stacy or I and we will get you more information. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

~ Love, Miss Stacy and Miss April



Men's Monday Golf League:

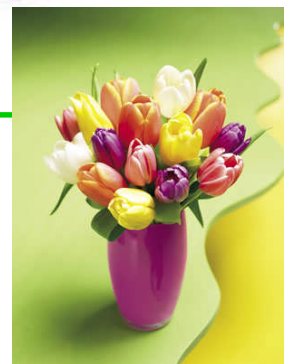
Men, want to join a Monday Golf League? The league plays at Borland Par 3 on Monday afternoons at 4:00.



The league will begin around April 25. If interested see Greg Miheli or Fred Harlan.

Easter Flowers:

Order forms are now in the bulletins. Help to beautify our sanctuary while honoring or remembering a loved one. The cost is \$7.00 each, and you can choose from Easter Lily, Tulip, or Hyacinth. Please turn in all order forms and money to Carole Hunley by Sunday, April 17th. Thank you!



Church Business *Directory*



Do you sell Tupperware, Avon, Pampered Chef, etc?

Do you offer a service to others (Reality, Tax-Prep, Cleaning, etc.)?

If so, please put an ad in our new Church Business Directory! This directory will enable us to have a point of contact for a service or a product in which we are looking to use. The directory would be made up of businesses of the members within the church. This would include everything from realtors to daycare providers, and even members selling products such as Tupperware or Avon. It is FREE to submit your ad!

The directory is published and updated on a regular basis. Everyone will have access to their own copy, and it can also be emailed to those who would want to be on an email list.

Church *Give & Need List*

In addition to the business directory, there will be a Give & Need list within our church family published as well. The blessings within the church members are ongoing. But, the needs within the church members are ongoing as well. If there was a listing of the “extra treasures” that people were giving away, as well as the needs of the people, we could hold each other up. Having a list of what we can give and what we need (all items and services being FREE as well as in working order); we could help each other out.

If you are interested in publishing in the Business Directory, Give & Need list, or you would want to be on the email list – please contact Cynthia Deep at cynthia.deep@live.com or at 724-658-9395.



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Easter Egg Hunt & Penny Carnival Saturday, Apr. 16 11 AM—1 PM

If it rains on the 16th,
we will reschedule
this for Saturday, Apr.
23rd for the same
time.

But, there will be an Easter Story, Craft, and Egg
Hunt. Then there will be a penny carnival with
games, TONS of prizes, food, and so much more
fun!!! Bring your pennies. There will be a nominal
fee for food.

Stacy and I would like to thank everyone who has do-
nated money towards the Easter Egg Hunt so far, and
we are still accepting candy or monetary donations.
This event was HUGE last year, and we are expecting
to have even more children and families this year! So,
we need as many volunteers to run
games, serve food, greet people, etc.
as possible! Please let Stacy or me
know if you are able to spend a few
hours on a Saturday reaching out to
the children and families not only in
our own church but the entire commu-
nity. Thank you, Stacy and April



Help Japan!!!

Feel helpless?
There is something
you can do! Donate
to the relief and re-
covery effort
through the First
Church of God.

There is a special
offering Sunday,
Apr. 3rd.

Youth Yard Sale—April 29th & 30th:

Look around your house for nice things (no junk
please) you don't really use anymore, and consider
donating them to our Annual Basement Sale! The
room over the kitchen is already getting full, so please
wait until a week or so before the sale to bring your
items. You can see Ginny Butchelli for more info.

