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PASTOR'S CORNER

## “Confidence - An Empowering Emotion”

TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

# New Castle First Church of God

Unfortunately, emotions are often seen in a negative light. This is not surprising, the pain and anguish brought on by feelings of doubt, fear, lust, jealousy, and hostility, to name just a few. When we allow our emotions to control our lives, we are in for trouble.

However, God did not intend for us to be governed by our emotions; rather, He gave them to us to enrich our lives. While negative emotions tear us down, positive emotions work to energize, strengthen, and enable us to do whatever God has called us to do. When thinking about the amazing impact of positive emotions, I am most drawn to the life-changing feelings of godly confidence, which empowers us to face life with a rock solid faith in almighty God.

Confidence is a bold belief that drives out fear, doubt, and anxiety. Once the worry has been removed from our lives, what is left is an unshakable sense of assurance. It is this quality that enables us to



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## Pastor's Corner (continued)

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weather the storms of life, because we know our firm foundation of Jesus Christ cannot and will not be shaken.

The apostle Paul is an example of someone who forged through life with an unwavering faith in God's ability to overcome any obstacle. This was a man who underwent many trying times. He regularly faced imprisonment, persecution, endless travels, public debates, and personal insults. However though it all, Paul held tightly to a lesson he learned through faith and experience.

Philippians 4:13 is the cornerstone of his confidence, "I can do all things through Him (Christ) who strengthens me." What a bold statement! Note what Paul is not saying. He does not say that he has the ability to do absolutely anything that he wants to do. Also, he does not say that God has given him full authority to decide what should and should not be done.

Paul never separates what he can do from his relationship with God. Instead, he means, "I can do, and God will enable me to do. I can work, and God will enable me to work. I can speak, and God will enable me to speak." Whatever God led him to do, Paul knew that God would also empower him to do it. And God intends for every one of His children to approach life with the same confidence.

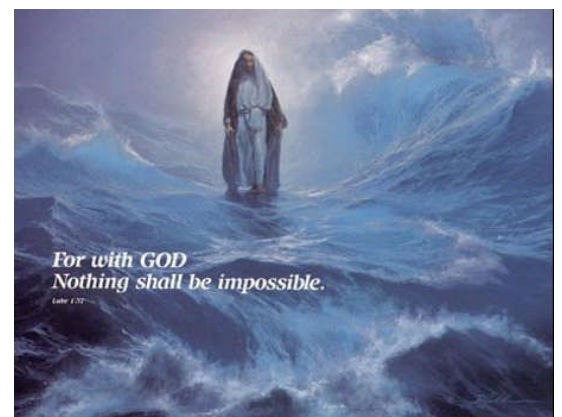
The proper basis for our godly confidence, then is not what we can do but what Jesus Christ can do in us and through us. Let me give you four specific reasons for our bold confidence in the Lord.

- (1) We have the assurance of the presence of the Lord. (Philippians 4:5)
- (2) We have confidence because of the peace of God. (Philippians 4:7)
- (3) Our confidence is assured because of the provision of God. (Philippians 4:19)
- (4) Our confidence is strengthened by the power of God. (Philippians 4:13)

This confidence is God's gift to you, His child. Why would you ever want to refuse such a powerful offer? Claim His name today, and walk boldly into life renewed, revitalized and divinely renewed.

Be confident with God,

Pastor Bill & Carole





# Mission Trip To Jamaica

## Team Jamaica

### July 9th—16th

**Matthew 28:19-20**

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Eight members of our congregation: Susan, Stephanie & Kylee Horvath, Cami & Allison Schaubroeck, Cara Print, Brittany Panella, and Chris Hare have been preparing spiritually, physically, mentally, and financially to serve the Lord and others in Jamaica. Greg Marshall, Children’s Pastor from New Life Baptist Church will be leading our group as he has made several trips in the past. They will be teaching Bible School to approximately 150 students, visiting and providing supplies to an orphanage, and will be in charge of a Sunday Service: worship, preaching, everything at the local Church of God. Thank you for your continued support, and please pray for safety, wisdom, and blessings for Team Jamaica and the lives they touch now and throughout this week.

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

### Birthdays:

- July 2 - Cody Toy
- July 6 - Michele Palmer
- July 7 - Jonathan White
- July 8 - Jeff Deep
- July 11 - Kylee Horvath
- July 14 - Fred J. Harlan
- July 15 - Fred L. Harlan
- July 18 - Destiny Johnson
- July 19 - Sharon Giancola

- July 22 - Allyson George
- July 24 - Sharon Bromley
- July 25 - Elaina Walker
- July 27 - Jean Freed
- July 31 - Charlotte Maggi

### Anniversaries:

- July 4 - Jeff & Cynthia Deep
- July 17 - Rich & Eleanor (Sis) Ward
- July 19 - Tim & Sheryl Bromley
- July 20 - Ron & Michelle Reiter
- July 25 - Doug & Connie Garver
- July 27 - Steve & Jamie Adams
- July 29 - Jim & Sharon Bromley





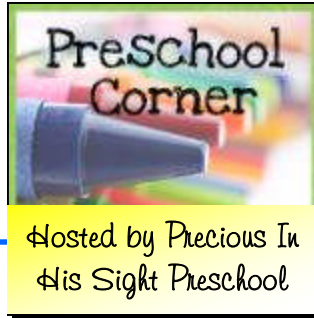
# July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Happy 4th of July! 	5 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	6 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	7	8	9 Patsy B., Jon & Jeff G. Grad. Parties }
10	11 Mission Trip to Jamaica	12 CEC & Trustees Mtg. 6:30 PM	13 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	14	15	16 }
17	18	19	20 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	21	22	23
24 Church Picnic @ Pearson Park 3-9 PM	25	26	27 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	28	29	30 Preschool Open House 10AM - 12PM
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**Preschool Open House -  
Saturday, July 30  
@ 10 AM - 12 PM**



**Important Message  
from the Underground:**

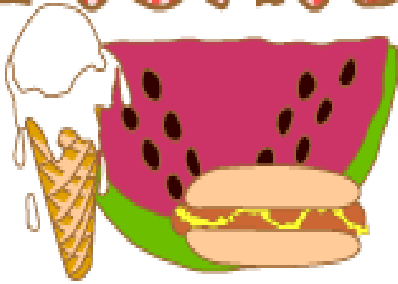
We are inviting ALL families with children ages 3, 4, and 5 to join us for a chance to learn more about our Pre-school program and what we have to offer.

There will be a tour of the preschool facilities, a craft, a snack, games to play and tons of fun!

The Underground Refuge will be closed in July, but plans to reopen August 20th from 6-10 PM for a Campfire Night! Bring a pack of hotdogs, bag of marshmallows, chocolate bars, or graham crackers to share with everyone. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the campfire with us on that night!



**PICNIC**



**ALL Church Picnic - Pearson Park Shelter 5:  
Sunday July 24th @ 3-9 PM  
\*We will be eating around 5 PM\***

Everyone is invited to enjoy a time of fun, food, and fellowship together at Pearson Park. The main dish will be provided, but please bring a dish to share. Please see Carole Hunley to sign up to bring something.

**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
For Adults & Teens

The Underground Staff is looking for more people who want to have fun, listen to music, eat food, and do God's work.

If you are interested in joining our team and you are 16 years of age or older, please see April for more details.



**Underground Work Day  
Saturday, July 23rd  
10 AM - 12 NOON.**

Donuts & Coffee before and Lunch after will be provided. Anyone who is able is invited to come and help. We will be doing some cleaning, and fixing some of our equipment, so both men & women can help. **ALL Staff please plan on attending.** Thank you!



# 2011 Whitehall Camp Meeting July 30 - August 7



This is a wonderful time of relaxation and refreshing. If you've never been to campmeeting before, talk to someone who has and make arrangements to come up. [CORN ROAST - WED. AUG. 3 @ 4PM.](#) Bring your lawn chair & a dish to share. Plan to stay for the service afterwards too!

## TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

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**Rev. Bill Hunley - Pastor**  
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## Transforming Power of the Word



*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ~ Romans 12:2*



Guest Speaker  
**Dr. Ronald Duncan**  
General Director  
Church of God, Anderson, IN

Guest Worship Leader  
**Dale Gruver**  
Worship Pastor at First Church of God  
Greeneville, TN



**Camp Meeting 2011**  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup> at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center  
Eminton, PA  
Evening Services at 7:00PM

## Kids Korner 2011



- Where:** WPA Ministries State Camp Meeting at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center  
**When:** August 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM  
**Who:** Children 4 years Old - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**What:** Come and find out how WILD God is about you. There will be Bamboo Games, Treetop Treats, Music, Wild Bible Adventures and even a visit from Chadder the Chipmunk and Boomer the Panda.

Teenagers have their own  
Youth Service in the Barn  
& there is nursery available for  
babies and toddlers.