

Welcome to the New Paris Church of the Brethren

March 4, 2018

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"We say we believe God's Word, but do we act like it?"

GATHERING TIME: Peacefully prepare our hearts for worship.

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP: Please sign the attendance book.

GUESTS, please be sure to include your FULL address.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/INVOCATION PRAYER

* Please stand if you are able.

* HYMNS "How Firm a Foundation" #342
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #452

CHILDREN'S STORY Holly Kuhn

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY
* DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMNS "Blessed Assurance" #416
"God Will Take Care of You" #368

MORNING PRAYER TIME

TIME OF PRAYER PREPARATION
MORNING PRAYER

* SCRIPTURE Romans 4:20-25 Sally McFarren

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY "If God Says It . . ." Pastor Stan

CLOSING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" #601

BENEDICTION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please give your prayer concerns to Pastor Stan.

Individuals Serving You Today

Pastor Stan Godfrey
Worship Leader Rachel Stiver
Chorister Pam Reedy
Organist Vera Everett
Pianist Teresa Smith
Children's Church Leaders Janet Showalter, CJ Drake,

Natalia Freund & Zoe Zimmerman

Head Usher Lee Kurtz

Acolytes Micah Barton & Lydia Griffith

Greeters Sandi Bollinger & Betty Miller

Sound Board Jason Miller

Nursery during Worship Jenni Godfrey

Nursery during Sunday School Emily Barton

Church Members "Minsters that Serve Others"

Today's Activities



9:00 AM Morning Worship
9:20 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
11:15 AM Chimes Choir Practice for 3rd grade and up
All Day Camp Mack registrations are due.

COFFEE KITCHEN FOR MARCH - CLASS 15

This Week

Mon. All Day GNNS Hacienda Give-Back Day. See announcements for details.
Tues. 5:30 PM Witness Commission meets
6:00 PM Nurture Commission meets
6:30 PM Stewards Commission meets
7:00 PM Worship and Ministry Commission meets
Wed. 5:30 PM Awana
6:00 PM Youth
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study in the cabin
Fri. 6:15 PM Camp Mack's Annual Fundraiser Dinner

The Week of February 25, 2018

Attendance		
Worship – 137	Sun. School – 91	Wed. Eve – 136
Offering		Budget (per Sun)
General Fund:	\$3,900.00	Needed: \$4,340.54
Backpacks:	\$30.00	Given: \$4,332.48
SPA Ministries	\$50.00	
Awana	\$20.00	

Next Sunday – March 11, 2018



Daylight Savings Time begins

- 9:00 AM *Romans Series Continues*
Message: "Faith Triumphs in Trouble"
Scripture: Romans 5:1-5
- 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 AM Chimes Choir Practice for 3rd grade and up

Worship Leader	Worship Team
Chorister	Worship Team
Children's Storyteller	Kay Method
Scripture Reader	Katie Kuhn
Acolytes	Natalee Lambright & Logan Miller
Greeters	Bob & Pam Reedy
Head Usher	Lee Kurtz
Sound Board	Skip Smeltzer
Nursery during Worship	Nadine Godfrey
Nursery during Sunday School	Kayla Freund

Large-Print Resources



Please let an usher know if you are in need of a large-print bulletin.



Large-print devotionals from the Daily Bread are available on the table outside of the nursery.

For Your Notes on Today's Message

"If God Says It....." Romans 4:20-25

Scriptures referenced: Daniel 3:17-18; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21

1. The Holy Spirit helps us _____ and overcome opposition; strengthening our _____ muscles. Victories over sin and temptation help _____ our _____ in Christ.
2. Abraham trusts a God he cannot _____. He _____ Him, believes His promises and _____ for the Lord God to keep his _____.
3. At what _____, in my life, are my convictions about God's _____ and faithfulness _____ put to the _____?"
4. Abraham believes the Lord God. Christ _____ His own righteousness into Abraham's _____, recorded in the ledgers of _____. Christ _____ Abraham is now a righteous man.
5. Who is Christ? The Holy Spirit _____ to believers that Christ is the _____ of _____ who _____ for our sins.
6. Does our faith _____ an understanding of God's _____? The Lord God most clearly shows this _____ when He _____ Christ from the dead.
7. Our only _____ is in Christ's _____ to do what we cannot possibly do; make ourselves sin free for a _____ Lord God. Do you _____ He can save you?
8. The Resurrection: if _____ has not been raised from the dead we are not _____ because the plan of _____ is not _____.
9. Nothing _____ a true believer more than seeing a new believer be suddenly overwhelmed with the _____ condition of their _____ and _____.
10. The Great Exchange: Christ _____ our sins and _____ us His righteousness and forgiveness. There is nothing we can do to _____ this. Only through Christ can we _____ His righteousness.



February 18: "No Law, No Sin" Romans 4:13-15 – The whole *nation* of *Israel* is put under the law at *Mount Sinai*. If living by the *law* makes the Jews the only *heirs* of God's promises; then Abraham's *faith* and God's promises are *worthless*. *Anyone* who tries to add something to the Gospel of Grace, (faith + nothing) *cancel*s out the *work* of the Cross *Christ* has done for them. *Faith*: we study the *Scriptures*, recognizing the fact that God has said it and I with all my *heart* say, "Lord, I *believe* it." Being under *Grace*: does this *mean* I don't need to keep the commandments or pay *attention* to the *Law*? NO! Holy Spirit *defined* love: seeking the *other* person's *highest* good. In the *Old Testament*, we don't see an *abundance* of love. The reason? Love isn't the *key*, the *commandments* are. As *soon* as we get into *Grace* what do we find? Love, love, love. Have you *noticed* the *difference*? The *law's* function: help people realize their great *sinfulness* and to give out *penalties* to those who *disobey* and break it. *Grace*: when the punishment required by the *law* is redirected to *Christ*, then we are *judged* "not guilty."

February 25: "Faithful Promises" Romans 4:16-20a – The *Grace* of God: His undeserved *love* and *kindness* to *mankind*. Many people are *totally* ignorant about eternity, saying when asked where they will *spend* eternity; I never *think* about it. In *hell*, I guess. *Salvation* by grace means we keep our *hands* out of it. Our salvation is completely *paid* for. We cannot *add* to or take away from it. Spiritually *speaking*, the Lord God energizes our *spirits*. Without Him, we are *nothing*, but the Lord God makes us *useful* to Himself. We live in a fast *paced* society. It's easy for our faith to weaken when illness, death and accidents *strike*; when life overwhelms us and we don't sense *His* presence. If you are not sensing *Christ's* presence, *calm* down, take time to remember how He *works*. His wheels grind *slowly*, but surely. Israel's *unbelief* causes them to not enter the Promised Land. They don't *believe* what God says, saying to *Moses*, send in *spies*. If they say we can go in, we will go in. Great *White Throne Judgment*: there will be many *good* people there. What is their sin? *Unbelief!* They will not believe what God says concerning the work of His *Cross*. It's difficult to *grasp* that every *human* being that has ever or will ever live has already been *pardoned* by the *work* of the Cross. People say: if I can *clean* up my act, if I can just *change* my ways, then I'll become a *believer*. But, that's not the way we do it. We accept Christ's gift while we are still *ungodly*.



Experiencing Loss of Loved Ones: the Schrock and Miller families in their loss of Mel Schrock, Merv Miller's brother-in-law

Experiencing/recovering from health problems: Skip Bauer; Howard Bixler; Evelyn & Kerri Bowman; Max Eisenhower; Randy Fudge; Dave Fuller; Jordan Hatfield; Chuck Hernley; Jane Holdeman; Hunter; Don, Margaret & Shirley Juday; Kaydei & Mike Kurtz; Eleanor & Zach Lantz; Nadine Lengacher; Joyce Lindsey; Lynn Marchand; Jason, Judy, Melanie & Willy Miller; Brian & Max Mishler; Sarah Moore; Tony Neff; Tom Perkins; Mike Reedy; Dorothy Rogers; Doris Runyan; Teresa Smith; Henry and Sandra Schrock; Connie Swald; Joel Valencourt; Martha Weaver; DeeAnn, Doris & June Whitehead; Jackie Yoder; Zoe Zimmerman; those suffering with the flu

Babies-Toddlers: Bells Ministry; Bauer, Piper & Reed Gorshuch; Madilyn LaFollette; Josh Lambricht; Manly Adoption; Leo Miller; Henry Nolt

Other Concerns: Jolene Bollinger; Clark family; Stacey Darr; those going on the Dominican mission trip; McFarren Family; Jordan & Erin Smeltzer – 1 year in Guatemala; Ken & Wanda Weirich's move; Burundi; Kidnapped Nigerian girls; COB CHURCH in Nigeria; Our 2017-18 Youth & Leaders; world food crisis; unnamed requests; natural disasters

Those living with serious illness: Alzheimer's: Stan Godfrey, Sr; **Diabetes:** Luke Krafton; Jerry Nettrouer; Vera Reynolds **Cancer:** 5th grade student at Millersburg Elementary; Carol Alleshouse; Phyllis Bosler; Dave Fuller; Joan Gang; Jan Huber; Elberta Landenberger; Nancy Leatherman; Rosetta Laudermilk; Dale Manges; John Martin; Bray McClain; JoLinda Petko; Kai Sanborn; Barbara Shrock; Judy Shumaker; Dan Swartzell; Anna Schwalm; Lon Symensma; Glen Yoder; Virginia Wysong **Heart:** Bill & Ruth Alfrey; Ted Carroll; Susan Conrad; Bonnie Drake; Norma Hershberger; Marilyn Hughes; Marge Neterer; Evelyn Nettrouer; Alberta Presley; Norm Reynolds; Phyllis Showalter; Phil Wagoner; Opal Weaver; Wayne Whitehead; Bob York; Melissa Zimmerman; Simon Zook **Liver:** Jerrold Kauffman, Kathy Scott; Ray Whitehead **Lupus:** Lillian Hughes **MS:** Barb Arbor; Fran Gingerich; Pat Hammond; Sandy Thurn **Parkinson's:** Jim Altizer; Dorrie Godfrey; Gerry Gooch; Mike Neff; Sandra Schrock

Our Shut-Ins: Wilbur Bowman; John Loucks; Jean Mishler; Loyal Rogers; Marilyn Smith; Jack & Shirley Unley

Our Missionaries: The Bells (Kenya, Africa); Sharon Brubaker (Alabama); David & Veola Bucher (Alabama); Jason & Nicole Hoover; IU Christian Fellowship; Linc & Kay Myers (Budapest Hungary); Pat & Karen Myers (Philippines); Karen Neff (Taiwan); Zach & Monika Nolt (Maine); TNT China; Brandon Wenger; Ken & Janet Winebark (Texas).

Our Country, Government & the children of this community

Those in Leadership: Pastor Stan and family, Deacons, Church Board & Commissions.

In the Armed Service: Pat O'Keefe; Chad Sechrist; Daniel, Owen & Lindsey Stech

Announcements

THE GNNS WILL BE HOSTING A HACIENDA GIVE BACK: is tomorrow, Monday, March 5 (all day). Hacienda will give GNNS 20% of the orders with a token including gift card orders. Last year, the gift card orders really boosted our earnings by almost \$200.00! There are sign-up sheets in the classroom to order gift cards (please give your money to Janette Griffith.) The tokens are available in the narthex. Thank you so much for your support.

CHIMES CHOIR: Our church is blessed to have 3 octaves of chimes that are different from the colored bells played by the children and different from the brass bells played by the adults. Let's put them to use on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Teresa Smith has prepared one song with color-coded music that anyone 3rd grade or older can play. We will practice for a short time in the sanctuary after Sunday School on March 4th, March 11th and March 18th. Come and discover whether you have this joyous talent.

CARD MAKING CLASS: The Women's Fellowship is hosting a card making class taught by Candy Slabaugh, Mary Mishler's daughter, on March 22 at 6:30 PM. You will make two cards and maybe a third if time permits. See the examples on the bulletin board outside of the nursery. There is no cost to attend. Please register for the class using the signup sheets in the Sunday school classrooms. Registration is due by March 18. Please contact Mary Mishler at 831-2857 for additional information.

WOMEN & GIRLS GAME NIGHT is on April 20 from 6-9 PM. There will be a light dinner/snacks available. There is no cost to attend. Bring games and puzzles that you love and your friends. It will be a great night of fellowship and fun.

YOUR 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY is in your church mailbox. Please let Angie McFarren know if you want an additional directory for a family member or friend.

ADDRESS UPDATE: Matt & Teresa Weirich's new address is 18138 Sunbrook Way Westfield, IN 46074. Teresa's cell phone number is 317-730-6105.

ADDRESS UPDATE: Angi Belsley's current address is Apartment 208, 4536 N Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60613

BIRTHDAY ADDITION TO THE DIRECTORY: Please add Madison J. Mommer to the birthday section of the church directory. Her birthday is April 3, 2017.

ADDITION TO THE DIRECTORY: Please add Janet Showalter as one of the Children's Church leaders on page 19 in your church directory.

Save These Dates

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| 3/15 | 3:00 PM | Greencroft Bible Study |
| 3/16 | 10:30 AM | 60+ Seniors meet in the cabin |



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| 3/17 | 8:00 AM | Men's breakfast at the Angel's House of Pancake |
| 3/18 | 9:20 AM
11:15 AM | Children's Church
Chimes Choir Practice for 3 rd grade and up
Registration for the card making class is due today. |
| 3/20 | 1-6 PM | Blood Drive at Sunnyside Park |
| 3/22 | 6:30 PM | Women's Fellowship Card Making Class |



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| 3/25 | 9:00 AM | Palm Sunday
Youth Sunday |
| | 4:00 PM | Love Feast and Communion – childcare provided |
| 3/30 | All Day | Good Friday |
| 4/01 | 7:00 AM | Sunrise Service at Maple Grove COB |
| 4/03 | 5:30 PM
6:00 PM
6:30 PM
7:00 PM | Witness Commission meets
Nurture Commission meets
Stewards Commission meets
Worship and Ministry Commission meets |

How to Contact New the Paris Church of the Brethren

Please call the church office (831-2434) if you have concerns to be put on the prayer-line. The prayer-line may be called 24 hours a day at 831-5950.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
Email: npcob@bnin.net

Phone and Fax: 831-2434
Prayer- Line Church: 831-5950
Parsonage Phone: 831-2524
Web Site: www.npcob.com

OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 AM – 12 NOON
Monday – Friday



The New Paris Church of the Brethren Purpose and Vision Statement

New Paris Church of the Brethren



The New Paris Church of the Brethren PURPOSE STATEMENT, as adopted by the Church Board: The New Paris Church of the Brethren exists to proclaim God's Word, share God's love and acceptance, and encourage spiritual growth, for the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

Vision Statement: Serve others



It's Time to Order Tulips!



We will be ordering 6-inch tulips from Countryscapes Floral and Nursery (previously Fashion Farm) in Ligonier. Please place your order by **March 18**. The cost is \$13.00 each. Please provide payment for the tulips when you place your order.

1. Complete the form below.
2. Place the form and your payment in one of the pew envelopes.
3. Mark the envelope "tulips" and place it either in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk in the church office.

Your name _____ # _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

Don't forget:



Daylight Savings Time begins March 11