

FROM ME TO YOU . . .

- *We are in the midst of a sermon series addressing our mission and priorities.*
- *We have a new webpage: chapelhillchurchofgod.com*
- *We have a new mission statement: "Developing Christ followers who love God and others."*
- *We have a new motto: "Loving God and others."*
- *We have four priorities that focus us upon our mission:
Weekly Worship, Daily Devotions, Growth Groups, Meaningful Ministry.*

I am putting the finishing touches on creating Leadership 101. Leadership 101 is a four week (1.5 hour per week) training course for growth group leaders. It will help existing leaders become more effective and will give new group leaders a good start. Growth group leaders will also meet for 1.5 hour Support and Training (SAT) meetings on odd numbered months. (i.e, Jan. Mar, May, July ...). We aim to equip well-trained, growing, and motivated group leaders who will be leading a variety of growth groups that will help us to "Develop Christ followers who love God and others." We will birth groups that will minister to persons both within and outside of our congregation.

Here is what you can do to help us move forward:

- Pray for me, our church, and our growth group leaders as we seek to fulfill our mission.*
- Consider whether God wants you to be trained as a growth group leader.*
- Be ready to get involved in a growth group.*
- Apply yourself to our four priorities: Worship, Devotions, Growth Groups, Ministry.*

I believe God wants to do special things in and through our congregation in 2016 and beyond,

May Jesus be glorified!

*Love,
Pastor Randy*

SPIRITUAL ACROSTICS *

"Man's heart was made to be God's home."

FEBRUARY - CUPID

"Is the line ready on the right? Is the line ready on the left? All ready on the firing line? Shooters, mark your target!" Or, should I say, "Cupid, draw your bow back and be ready to shoot your love arrow!" Have you told your spouse that you love them today? Did you buy your spouse a rose? Or did you share the ultimate Rose with someone today? "I AM the Rose of Sharon . . ." (Song of Solomon 2:1) If not, you may be Cupid's target! Cupid, a Greek God defined as a God of desire, erotic love, attraction and affection.

Do you remember the sad day in Chicago in 1929 which was the St. Valentine's Day massacre? Do you know that the word "arrow" is only found in the Old Testament? I like to think of Valentine's Day as Jesus Day! "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!" (Ps. 118:24)

Is Valentine's Day another Christmas or Easter holiday? So many share loving acts this month I feel with their focus on a false god when we should be doing these random kind acts of love with our focus on the true living god, amen! This is a special time of reflection in loving others. Maybe you know someone who is all alone having no family, an orphan or a homeless person. Christ showed His love by dying for us and we show ours by living for Him! Our words are a window to our heart while kind words make good echoes. The best way to conquer an enemy is to use the strategy of love! Several years ago I can remember Pastor Randy sharing testimony on how he won our neighbor's love and respect when we purchased the ground where we built our churches parsonage. Pastor Randy won our neighbors love by not using words but, with his body language in showing our neighbor love. A world of love makes a world of difference! Jesus didn't draw His bow back to shoot an arrow of love at you. Jesus was nailed to a cross, bled and died for you to show His love for you! Christ (the) ultimate peace in deliverance!

That love thy neighbor thing . . . I meant it." - God*

In His Service,

Bro. Jeff <><

A piano sits in a room, gathering dust. It is full of the music of the masters, but in order for such strains to flow from it, fingers must strike the keys ... trained fingers, representing endless hours of disciplined dedication. You do not have to practice. The piano neither requires it nor demands it. If, however, you want to draw beautiful music from the piano, that discipline is required . . .

Light won't automatically shine upon you nor will truth silently seep into your head by means of rocking-chair osmosis.

It's up to you. It's your move.

*- Charles Swindoll
The Finishing Touch*

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2016

With all the problems the world is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Here are ten predictions for the upcoming year that are sure to come true!

- 1. The Bible will still have all the answers.*
- 2. The Holy Spirit will still move.*
- 3. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.*
- 4. God will still honor the praises of His people.*
- 5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.*
- 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.*
- 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.*
- 8. There will still be room at the cross.*
- 9. Jesus will still love you.*
- 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him**

With all of the holiday chaos behind us now, it's time to assess where our lives and hearts are. There are challenges being posted on social media sites currently asking "What will be your word or saying for 2016?" I've decided that Psalm 46:10 will be my prayer for the year. It seems that my daily life has become so hectic with activity and commitments, that "being still" falls way down the list of things to accomplish.

The New Year brought us ads and commercials that we need to exercise more, work harder, be more organized, run a more efficient household, network more, earn more, and on and on. It's always the push to do more and be more, more always being the theme. Of course, with all of this, there is a long list of stuff they want to sell you. But after much thought, what I really want is more time for prayer and drawing close to our Lord. I've started 2016 with a conscious effort to reduce and eliminate some of the busyness in my life. Doing this is different for each person. The world would have us believe that "more is better." But so much activity distracts me from where I believe my focus needs to be. So this year my goal is "Be still and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10. Truly a case of less is more.

Here's to Savvy Living!

CHUCKLES

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

**As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.*

**I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.*

head. She would catch a little flour in her hand and sprinkle it in. She would take the salt shaker and give it a few shakes. She'd take a cap off a bottle of vanilla and pour a splash into the mixture. I always felt a little uneasy as I watched her work. "Mom, are you sure you're putting in the right amount of ingredients?" I would ask.

She would smile confidently and say, "Don't you worry, Bob, it will come out right!"

Faith is mixing the ingredients before you can be positive that the outcome will be satisfying. That's a dynamic principle of success. As you expose your mind to new truths from other disciplines, can you be sure that your philosophy of life will accommodate and absorb those new truths?

When we live by faith, we are essentially declaring that we have enough confidence in God and in ourselves to mix all of the ingredients of life together in a way that we believe will result in something new - something that is harmonious and productive.

Dare to invest time, energy, thought and treasured resources into a new recipe for life, and in the process, you'll grow spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally.

- Robert H Schuller

Father, I know that real faith calls me to step out of my fear and just trust You for new and great things to happen. Thank you. Amen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .

PAUL & LINDA CLAPSADDLE ~ February 20 ~ 51 YEARS!

WOW!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

4 Kimberlee Ahlers

- 11 **Carrie Rice**
15 **Lindsey Kutz**
Carol Lobaugh
16 **Danielle & Hannah Ako**
Carol Vines
Lois Zeigler
23 **Mary Mansberger**
29 **Mary Ahlers**
Genesis Center Rm 329
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Is YOUR birthday missing? Or your anniversary? Wrong date(s)? Please, drop a note in Mailbox 14 or contact Joyce LaRue as it is important to recognize every members birthday/anniversary correctly!

BITS ' PIECES . . .

An Alphabetical Name and Address Listing is available for you in the Foyer. Pick up a copy. Updates may be available as information changes.

Also, please note, when there is a color page change for the MAILBOX LISTINGS it signifies some mailbox numbers have changed. The changes are made throughout the year. The recent change made in January 2016 will be different than that made in March 2016 and so on. Extra copies are made available at the Mailbox Center wall hanging.

Did you know . . . that the new Rutter's Store in Heidlersburg gave our Food Pantry \$1,000.00? As our Food Pantry Co-ordinator, Ken LaRue, was glad to accept that HUGE check!

THANK YOU to the Food Pantry crew who gave Ken and I a monetary gift plus a weekend stay at the unique, retro 1930's furnished Schoolhouse Haven Guest House! No TV or internet! A great time to reflect and meditate on our Lord. If interested in this get Away email: raisingkane@centurylink.net or (717) 677-6004

Please check out the Church of God News at the website chognews.org

> *If you wish to use the Fellowship Hall or Picnic Pavilion, please, be sure to let Joyce (717-528-8846) know so there is no double dating and a disappointed family/group!*

> *Just a reminder: If your Prayer Request has been answered please let Pastor Randy or Joyce know keeping our list current. TNX*

OUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2016 ARE:

Chairman - Len Lobaugh

Vice-Chairman- Ted Decker

Secretary - Fqank Mccollum

Members: Denny Adams and Ed Ommert and

Pastor Randy

Property Steward - Tom Ahlers

Custodian - Ann Runyan

Envelope Secretary - Ed Ommert

Treasurer/Bookkeeper - Annette Boyer

STANDING DATES:

***** Second Tuesday of each month "Look Behind the Walls" Tours from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. . To schedule a tour please call Chaplain Olsen at 717-334-7671, Ext. 173**

***** Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM York Springs Senior Center meets at the YS Lions Building**

***** Fridays 10 AM - 12 Noon Ladies Bible Study at the home of Bev Martin. Contact Lisa (528-7675) or Dianne (334-9736)**

***** Sundays 6 - 8 PM BOOST. Classes for all ages.**

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

February 4 9 AM - 4:30 PM Food Pantry Distribution

February 7 RSVP needed for Valentine's Dinner. This is a Youth Fundraiser for Creation. Cost? \$30/couple See Michael or Sue

February 13 6 PM Valentine's Dinner

IS YOUR GROUPS ACTIVITY NOT LISTED? If not . . . please submit your activity one of three ways: call (717) 528-8846, place notice in Mailbox 14 or email me at jml15@embarqmail.com. Listings are needed by the second Sunday of each month for the Courier or by Wednesday evening for your activity to be included in the Sunday church bulletin.

Thanks,
Joyce

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JESUS SAVES!

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Priscilla J. Owens, 1829-1907

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:22,3)

The heart of the Christian gospel is a person, not a church or a system of doctrinal interpretation. To evangelize is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ -- that He came to this world, died for our sins, and was raised from the grave according to the Scriptures. And, as the reigning Lord, He now meets every human need with His forgiveness of sins and the indwelling gift of His Holy Spirit to all who repent and believe.

Today, however, many false teachers claim that a God speaks equally through all religions and ideologies. Those who believe this do not consider a personal faith in the person and work of Christ to be essential. We must reject as derogatory to our Lord and His gospel every teaching that makes this boast. The Bible is dogmatic: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Priscilla J. Owens, a Baltimore public school teacher for 49 years, wrote these stirring soul-winning words for a missionary service in the Sunday School of the Union Square Methodist Church. Fourteen years later, William Kirkpatrick wedded his vibrant music to her words. Through the years they have challenged God's people with the urgency of soul winning.

(Read the words to this song and let them sink in. . .)

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Bear the news to every land; climb the steeps and cross the waves; onward! -- 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide; Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Sing, ye islands of the sea; echo back, ye ocean caves; earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! By His death and endless life, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Sing it softly through the gloom, when the heart for mercy craves; sing in triumph o'er the tomb; -- Jesus saves! Jesus saves

Give the winds a might voice; Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Let the nations now rejoice, -- Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves; this our song of victory, -- Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

*Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions
- Kenneth W. Osbeck*

*Thankfulness that is put into words has a healing effect upon the soul and has a good effect upon those who hear. - A.
W. Tozer*

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**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THE CHAPEL HILL CHURCH OF
GOD (York Springs, PA) FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER, THE COURIER!
MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY IN THE LORD!**