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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER- PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

### The Opposition

As Nehemiah and his army of laborers work on the wall, opposition comes. A man by the name of Sanballat comes to mock the work of the workers! [What is a man names Sanballat mocking anyone for? ☺] This one that came to accuse the workers, called them "feeble" (4:2) and made fun of the construction. The laborers had a great response-they prayed and kept working! (4:4-6) God had given the workers a "mind to work." (4:6) He was enabling them to do what they needed to do to accomplish His masterful plan. As opposition increased, prayers increased! Eventually, the builders had a "sword girded by his side and so builded." (4:18)

In the Christian life, we have an "adversary" (I Peter 5:8) who "walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He comes to "destroy" (John 10:10) and to accuse the brethren "before God day and night." (Revelation 12:10) He is a "murderer from the beginning" and "a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44) Satan will come to mock your work for the Lord. The unregenerate world, called "children of wrath" in Ephesians 2, will hate the work you are doing for the Lord and will try to hinder it in many ways. They are blinded by Satan himself as they follow his ways. (2 Corinthians 4:4) **BE ENCOURAGED BRETHREN!** When the opposition increases, let your prayers increase! Keep on working for the Lord! With the "sword of the Spirit...and the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) at your side, submitting unto God and resisting the devil (James 4:7, I Peter 5:9), "fight the good fight of faith." (I Timothy 6:12)



Conference 2019 will be June  
28-July 3, 2019.

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*5700 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE*

*Grand Rapids, MI 49546*

Room Rate is \$75.00 plus tax

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If you would like to make your  
reservations on line, please see  
the link on the CGBCI website.

## 2019 CGBCI CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2019 Children's Conference Theme: *Singing Truth into Tender Hearts*

Service Opportunity: If you would like to serve the CGBCI by assisting with Children's Conference or Nursery, please contact Pastor Jonathan Edwards at [jsewards07@gmail.com](mailto:jsewards07@gmail.com). He will send you an application to complete and return. There is a small compensation for those who assist with Children's Conference or nursery area.

### Requests for Display Tables

Any individual or any panel chairman desiring to have a display table for conference should contact Pastor Chris Knight at 814.483.9384 or by email at [chrisk4Christ@gmail.com](mailto:chrisk4Christ@gmail.com).

### Conference Sound Equipment

There is a need to upgrade some of the sound equipment. If you would like to help with this need, please send gifts to Pastor Ike Graham (2200 Paradise Road, Orrville, OH, 44667.) Please make your checks payable to Grace Brethren Church with a note marked, "Sound Equipment."

## NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

### GBC of Irasburg, Coventry, VT-Pastor Scott Libby

2019 is here and our eyes are on returning to Papua New Guinea. We are prayerfully surveying the many tribes without the Gospel to determine where we will be moving our families and beginning the process of planting a church. Between now and then we are serving in our local church up here in VT, speaking in area churches, praying for the Lord to bring in the rest of our needed support, and making plans to go back to PNG. I was invited to speak at a mission's conference and a Christian school for five time slots in West Palm Beach, FL this January and the church is very interested in taking us on as missionaries. This was very encouraging and exciting! Please pray the Lord would raise up more missionaries!

We have finally adjusted to the dry cold of New England and greatly enjoyed the privilege of being with family over the holiday season. We plan to be in VT until sometime in April when we will move to Ohio. While in Ohio we will be spending a lot of time with our co-workers writing out our strategy statement for going into the tribe, planning our tribal houses and shipping needed items to PNG. We will also be visiting churches that would like to have us come share an update on the ministry and the future plans. Please be in contact with me if you know you'd like me to come share.

We have about \$32,000 in cash we need to raise to cover the costs to build our house in the tribe. (\$10,000 of that has been pledged, but we are only counting "income" not "if-come".) Praise the Lord we have the money already to fly back to PNG, government paper work, vaccinations, buying equipment for the house and other outfitting. It's just the rest of the house building funds we need to raise. If you feel led to make a special donation towards our house

building, you can make a note and give it through your church's offering or go to [www.finisterrevision.org/donate](http://www.finisterrevision.org/donate) and donate that way. Make a note that it's for "Noyes"

Humanly speaking, the single biggest piece between us and getting back to the field is regular monthly support. We will have a more accurate number in February, but we will need around \$2,000 a month of regular support to cover the costs of living, plane tickets, helicopter rides to the tribe, taxes, medical insurance and evacuations, etc. If the Lord is leading you to be part of our team, please go to the same website above and sign up.

We have felt loved by so many of you and are greatly looking forward to seeing you all this year. We are planning to be at conference and will have a lot to share! God bless.

Love, Craig, Sara, Ashea, Solomon and Piper

### **Listie GBC, PA-Pastor Chris Knight**

We are so grateful for the opportunities we had this past month to celebrate the Savior's coming to Earth. The Ladies of Truth group met for a special monthly meeting and luncheon. The Awana classes presented a Christmas program on December 19<sup>th</sup> - it was a great blessing! On Christmas Sunday, the Sunday School classes brought poems and a song for the opening. It is always great to see little ones get involved in worshipping the Lord! On Christmas Eve, the church hosted an Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with oil lamps in the windows and the choir presenting a cantata entitled, "Good News from Home." Truly, the news of Christ coming to earth is GOOD NEWS!

### **New Troy GBC, MI-Pastor Bob Mensinger**

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. We continue to minister to our elderly in assisted living and those confined at home for health issues. We have had new visitors for the past month and two additions to our lower grades Sunday School classes. Our Christmas Program had 30 people in attendance and the feedback was very encouraging.

One of our ladies is facing the possibility of going on dialysis if her kidneys don't improve. Please be praying for Caroll S. that God will restore her kidneys to a level that dialysis will not be necessary. Also, my older brother, Pastor Eddie Mensinger has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray that it has not spread and can be treated and eradicated.

So far the New Year has gone pretty well. While we have had some of our congregation miss our services due to illness, the general health has been okay. Praise God for His goodness! We are thanking the Lord that we have not had to cancel any services yet due to weather.

### **Orrville GBC, OH-Pastor Joshua Steiner**

#### Live-Stream Class on Christ and the Holy Spirit

The class will be held Saturday mornings 8:30-10:30 a.m. from February 23, 2019 to May 19, 2019.

This course will be taught by Pastor Ike. He may include Dr. Whitcomb's videos also. This is the second of 6 theology courses covering the major theological topics of the Bible in a systematic

fashion. Hence, it is call "Systematic Theology." This course focuses on the Person and work of Jesus the Messiah and the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

A student is not required to have had Hebrew or Greek for this course, so it is available to anyone who would like to participate, either for credit or audit. Those taking it for credit will have collateral reading assigned and also will take a mid-term and final exam for the course grade. If you are planning on taking this course, please register with Pastor Joshua Steiner by February 8, 2019 so that you can obtain the required course materials on time for the first class. You can reach him at [strivingforphilippians314@gmail.com](mailto:strivingforphilippians314@gmail.com) or by calling 330-683-3526.

### **Niles GBC, MI-Pastor Ronald Welsh**

Please be praying with us as we have an immediate need for a Church Treasurer. We have an individual from another church who is assisting us for a short time. We also have a need for a pianist and for a couple to be Youth Leaders. Presently, we have 8 young people attending our meetings on Sundays from 5:15-6:30 p.m. We have potential for more youth to attend. Lord willing there are possible opportunities to join with other youth groups in our area.

We have committed as a church to be praying for 5 new families to join us.

We ask for prayer concerning our financial needs at our church. We have had to make some changes which include a reduction in the Pastor's salary. Pray that the Lord provides. Our God is faithful and we see to do His will. Phil. 4:13

### **Albany GBC, OR-Pastor DeLane Miller**

Pastor Phillip Moeller, son of Pastor Dan and Mary Lou, and Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Pastor DeLane and Sharon, were joined in marriage on Friday evening, January 11, 2019. Pastor Les Vnasdale officiated. The bride's and groom's fathers participated in the ceremony. The couple were attended by siblings, cousins, and friends. A lovely reception followed immediately in the basement of the church building. Pastor Phillip plans to continue serving the Cornerstone GBC in Mansfield, OH. Pastor Phillip and Elizabeth returned (during Ohio's first major snow storm of the season) to establish their home together. Their address is 28 Chestnut Court, Mansfield, OH 44906. The website to see their wedding pictures is <https://moellerwedding.shutterly.com>.

## **NEWS FROM NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM (NET)**

Please be in prayer for the continued planning for this year's ministry. Be praying now for those whom they will be contacting with the gospel as well as for the team to grow throughout the experience. More details next month!

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