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PRESIDENT'S CORNER- PASTOR DAVE BLEVINS

One of the heroes of the faith not mentioned by name in Hebrews 11 is Daniel. He, along with his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, are certainly alluded to in verses 33 and 34 where it says, "who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire.." I can remember hearing these Bible stories as a little boy in Sunday School, presented HD "flannel graph." Daniel was my favorite. He was not just a man of faith, he was truly a man of prayer. In Daniel chapter 6 when his enemies tried to find fault in him, verses 4 and 5 say, "So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this

Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.'" Now that is a real hero! If someone was looking for fault in your life, would they have to settle for your faithfulness to God? In Daniel's prayer in chapter 9, God sends Gabriel, while he was still praying, with this amazing word from God in

2018 CGBCI CONFERENCE
JUNE 29TH-JULY 4TH
ERLANGER, KY
"HEROES OF THE FAITH"

verse 23, "At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to

tell you, for you are greatly beloved..." Praise the Lord for these kinds of examples of faith!

I encourage you to make plans now to join us in Erlanger, Kentucky for the 25th annual CGBCI Conference June 29- July 4 as we focus on Heroes of the Faith. Don't forget to check out the monthly promotional videos on the CGBCI YouTube page. Just go to YouTube and type "CGBCI" in the search bar. Don't forget to subscribe so you can get email notification each time a new video is posted.

2018 CGBCI CONFERENCE LOCATION

Northern Kentucky
Holiday Inn-
Cincinnati Airport
Erlanger, KY

June 29th-July 4th,
2018

Call the Holiday Inn to reserve your room (Mention that you are with the CGBCI Conference)
1-859-746-5608

Room Rate: \$89 + tax per night

The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum are close to the Hotel.

NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

Listie GBC, PA-Pastor Chris Knight

Listie GBC will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary. All are invited to attend the celebration at the church on October 21-22, 2017. There will be an open house on Saturday with many historical

displays and pictures followed by an old-fashioned hymn-sing and refreshments at 6:00 PM. Jordan Bradley, from Peru GBC, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, followed by a meal, and a special

dedication service at 2 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris Knight at 814.279.0067 or email at chrisk4christ@gmail.com.

Peru GBC, IN-Pastor Dave Jodry

We had the pleasure of hosting a Prophecy Conference with Mike Wingfield in September. With a large attendance of the church and the community, Mike shared such timely topics as "Current Prophetic Developments." Especially relevant for today was his presentation "The Battle for America." We appreciate Mike and his heart for the church and

the world as we live in the last days.

Pastoral Position Available: Peru GBC is seeking a man who has thorough Biblical training/education to join our team of Elders as a full-time Associate Pastor. We would like for him to have a heart for family/children's ministries and in particular, lead our youth ministry.

He will also share in the preaching, teaching and worship service ministries with the Senior Pastor. This Associate position includes, but is not limited to, these areas of responsibility. Please send letter of interest and resume to: The Council of Elders, Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 South Broadway, P O Box 552, Peru, IN, 46970.

GBC of Irasburg, VT-Pastor Scott Libby

Please pray for our missionaries the Noyes and the Krans as new plans are being developed for their future ministries. The Foreign Missions Panel will be meeting on

October 19 to discuss the most recent developments with the Noyes. Jeff and Marlene will be at Irasburg on October 22 to meet with the church and the Elders. By

the end of this month, we will be able to share more detailed plans for each. May the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified!

New Troy GBC, MI - Pastor Bob Mensinger

We have had a very busy month at New Troy GBC. Pastor Bob made numerous hospital and nursing home visitations for several of our elderly.

We had a fantastic concert with a gospel group out of Nashville, TN called the New Legacy Project (formerly the Blackwood Legacy) led by country gospel Hall of Fame singer Rick Price on Aug. 16. We had

people from all over our area in attendance and some from our sister churches of Niles and Mishawaka. They desired to come back next year and the response from the audience was tremendous.

We showed a film on Sept. 9 for our Fellowship/Film Night and had a good time of fellowship and food along with the film.

We are planning on having our former pastor Rick Hartley and his family from Brookville, OH for special meetings on Oct. 8. Pastor Rick is just as excited to come as we are to have him. He will be speaking on "The Gospel and Suffering", "The Gospel and Love for People", and "The Gospel and Marriage." God is continuing to bless as we move forward at New Troy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS SUPPORT-STEPHEN BURNS, FMP FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We serve a great and mighty Lord and He has chosen the CGBCI to spread His gospel around the world. At this time the Lord has opened doors for us to minister in: Cameroon, Uganda, Kenya, India, Myanmar and Papua New Guinea. And there are other countries who have contacted the Foreign Missions Panel who want their men to be trained so they can preach the gospel and plant Conservative Grace Brethren Churches.

Now the Lord could fund these ministries on His own. He could have the church planters catch fish with coins in their mouths as He did with Peter. But He has given us the privilege of supporting CGBCI missions through our giving in the local church.

This year's support level are:	Country	Monthly Support	Yearly Support
	Africa	\$7,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
	India	\$3,920.00	\$ 47,040.00
	Papua New Guinea	\$4,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
	Myanmar	<u>\$ 685.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,220.00</u>
	Total Need:	\$15,605.00	\$187,260.00

Now that is a lot of money. So how can a small group of churches raise that much support?

Do you realize that if we had 521 families or individuals who committed \$1 a day (\$30.00 a month) to Foreign Missions we could support our mission's ministries with a little to spare.

$$\text{Team 360 } (\$1 \text{ a day}) = \$30 \times 12 = \$360.00 \times 521 \text{ givers} = \$187,560.00$$

Now some will say, "I already support Foreign Missions above \$360.00 a year." Praise the Lord.

Let me challenge you to consider Team 720, Team 1080, or even Team 1440.

$$\text{Team 720 } (\$2 \text{ a day}) = \$60 \times 12 = \$720 \text{ yearly}$$

$$\text{Team 1080 } (\$3 \text{ a day}) = \$90 \times 12 = \$1,080 \text{ yearly}$$

$$\text{Team 1440 } (\$4 \text{ a day}) = \$120 \times 12 = \$1,440 \text{ yearly}$$

Look what the Lord could do:

$$250 \text{ Team 360} = \$90,000.00$$

$$100 \text{ Team 720} = \$72,000.00$$

$$25 \text{ Team 1080} = \$27,000.00$$

$$5 \text{ Team 1440} = \underline{\$7,200.00}$$

$$\text{Total Support} \quad \mathbf{\$196,200.00}$$

The best thing about this is that you don't have to sign up anywhere or mark your envelope or offering check differently. You just begin giving to Foreign Missions through your local church. If your church is only supporting one or two fields encourage them to consider another field as they look to the new year.

The Lord told us that the harvest was ready, and He needed workers. We have the workers but we need their support. Please pray and consider what the Lord would have you give for Foreign Missions ministries.

NEWS FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS

India Ministry Update

For quite some time now, a number of you have contributed to the care of the orphan boys and foster care boys in the Agape Home orphanage in Coimbatore and for the children in the Torbay House orphanage in Paruvakkudi south of Coimbatore. Growing needs and the potential loss of financial support from a large donor have brought us to the place where we need to make a change in the "Konnnect with a Kid" program. Beginning January 1, 2018, we are seeking to have 100 donors who will commit to giving \$25 per month to the care and education of the boys at Agape Home for the boys and girls at Torbay House. Some years ago, the Foreign Missions Panel of the CGBCI endorsed this ministry for 2 reasons. One was the avenue for contacts and evangelism that it provides in the communities where the homes are. Secondly, it provides for a Christian education of the children in these homes. Over the years, this has proven to be a fruitful ministry as parents and children have come to know the Lord. Just a few years ago, you may

Cameroon Update

Please continue to pray for the situation in Cameroon. Pastor Keith Merriman reports that they have postponed their trip in January because of the political turmoil in both Cameroon and Kenya. Also, please pray for Pastor Salomon for wisdom and safety as he talks with the northwest pastors. Pray for harmony and unity among the pastors in Cameroon.

remember, 3 teens from Agape Home were baptized.

If you are currently involved in giving to Konnect with a Kid, would you consider changing your giving to \$25 per month? If you are not currently involved with Konnect, would you consider this opportunity and investment? The monthly amount of \$25 would begin for January 2018. If you would like to participate in this, you will receive a picture of the child whom you are helping and an address to write him/her. To sign up for this program, contact Grace Steiner by email at konnnectwiththekid@gmail.com or you could call her at 330.749.7156. If 100 people or units (families; 2-3 go together) commit, then we should be able to meet the needs of the children.

You may send financial gifts for the ministry in India to: CGBCI Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 217, Grimes, IA, 50111. For more information about the ministry in India, contact Pastor Ike Graham at ikeg327@gmail.com.

Pastor Salomon continues to work with the Mfomakap church where there are nearly 40 youth in the church that he is encouraging to serve the Lord. He also has 12 men in his practorium.

The Ekounou church in Yaounde, pastored by Pastor Ngah, is planning an outreach in November. Please pray that many disciples will be made.

NEWS FROM HOME MISSIONS

National Evangelism Team (NET) Highlight

One of the aspects of NET each year that is a highlight is that of team devotions. It is most common for the team to gather as a group for this with Bible and team handbook in hand. Once or twice in the trip, for a change of pace, the team splits up into smaller groups for devotions. There is a passage of scripture assigned for each day and a place in the handbook to write down observations and comments about the passage and particular verses. We go around the table and share what part of the reading had the most impact on us. This time of sharing is always an encouragement to our hearts.

The first year of NET we got started on this way of doing things. Joshua Steiner (now Pastor Joshua Steiner) suggested the idea and it has been a significant component of team life ever since.

Please be praying about NET 18 in Vermont. The last time we were there in 2010, there were a number of decisions for Christ. Please pray that the Lord will open doors and hearts in Irasburg and Morrisville. If you have any questions about this ministry please contact Pastor Del and Grace Miller by phone at 330.857.2595 or by email at pastordelmiller@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL

Please be in prayer for the Executive Panel who will be meeting in Erlanger, KY, October 16-18 for the Conference planning meeting. The committee is: Dave Blevins, Steve Burns, Chris Knight, Scott Libby, Larry Williams, and Davy Troxel. Also, Tim Cover, who is the 2018 Youth Director.

COLLEGE OF PASTORS INFORMATION

Men, every year at Conference your Annual Membership Dues for the College of Pastors become due for the next year. If you have not received your 2017-2018 Membership Card, it means that you have not paid your dues for this year. Check your Membership Card. If it does not say: Expires 07-15-2018 then you need to send your \$60 to Stephen Burns. You can make your check payable to: College of Pastors.

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