New Beginnings Church of God



April 2011 Newsletter

Pastor Harold's Herald

Dear Church Family,

This month we celebrate the most important date on the Christian calendar— Easter. This month would be a great time for you to reach out to those who do not know Christ in your sphere of influence and invite them to attend one of our services with you. Eternity rests in the balance and we have to love them enough to extend an invitation.

Edwin Powell Hubble was born in 1889 and was the astronomer who discovered and developed the concept of an expanding universe. He was the first to demonstrate that the universe contains star systems other than our galaxy, The Milky Way. His contribution has been called "the most spectacular astronomical discovery of the twentieth century." In tribute, the Hubble Space Telescope, was deployed from the US Space Shuttle Discovery and named after him. It enables us to see farther in space than we've ever seen before.

While Hubble's discoveries are astounding they cannot compare to the thrill of finding Christ. Paul tells us in Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Paul clearly outlines the path to salvation, to be saved and he mourns for those who have rejected Christ. The book of Romans helps me to see God's deep love for those who do not know Him. It is perhaps the most significant theological letter ever written. Augustine, the most influential of the early church fathers, was converted upon reading it. Martin Luther was studying Romans when he learned that faith alone justifies us before God. John Wesley was converted while reading Luther's introduction to Romans.

My friends, it is not enough to be religious; we must personally know God, the Bible helps us to know God, to experience His salvation, and both require a personal faith in Jesus Christ. This is why we exist as a church! Our purpose is to Know God, Follow Jesus, and to Serve Others. This Easter, bring some seekers with you so they can see and experience the glorious risen Christ in our midst! So they have an opportunity to know Him, then follow Him and then serve others through His love.

We love you,

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Leadership Training-April 10th @ 9 AM

Topic: "Are You Worth Following"

Place: Room 101, Welcome Center

Instructor: Pastor Harold

All are invited the 2nd Sunday of each month to come and be better equipped in making an eternal difference in the lives of others.

Basic Training Recognition-Sunday, May 1, 2011

Those that already have completed Basic Training and have your shirt, please wear them for Basic Training Recognition.





Basic Training – Know God, Follow Jesus, & Serve Others

Three classes to help us better understand and be able to accomplish our 2020 Vision!

In **KNOW GOD** you will learn how we can really KNOW GOD and make Him known through worship, prayer, and the Word of God.

In **FOLLOW JESUS** you will learn what it means to walk in this world like Jesus walked. And as we do, we will become more and more like Jesus. In **SERVE OTHERS** you will learn how to use your God-given gifts and talents to minister to others.

Next Date: May 22nd , 2011

PURITY WEEKEND Continued -

A 6 week follow up study in conjunction with "A Call to Purity" is being offered for those that attended the Purity Weekend. We will be using the materials that were given that weekend. Men and women will meet separately and work from the workbooks they received. If you are interested, please sign up on the FCC cards.



Classes to begin on Monday, April 11th, @ 6:30 PM, at the Meadville Campus.

Phone the Counseling Centre for more information at 814-337-6180.





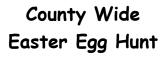
Friday, April 1, 6 PM @ the Meadville Campus Veggie Tales Family Event - 'Twas the Night Before Easter'

Join the Veggie Tale crew as they get EGG-cited about the real meaning of Easter and the importance of helping others.

Outreach Opportunity: This event will be duplicated in each of the Elementary School's After School Programs the week of April 11-14 from 3-5 PM. We are Looking for volunteers to oversee games, snacks and crafts as well as interact with children. Please contact Pastor Barb if you could serve any of the days mentioned.

Saturday, April 16, 1 PM @ Green Acres Golf Course Both Campuses Welcome—Invite Guests!

You won't want to miss this huge egg hunt with face painting, food, crafts, and prizes. And best of all it's FREE! Come to Green Acres Golf Course, 39272 PA 408, Titusville, PA





Separated By Ages



Thursday and Friday, April 21 & 22, 6:30 PM @ Meadville Campus Christian Passover Celebration

Join us this year as we share this time of remembering Christ's last meal with His disciples. What a special time of worship as we share this symbolic meal together as the Family of God. It's sure to be a highlight in your Easter celebration.

Childcare available for children 5 years old and under by reservation. Please indicate which night you will attend on your FCC card. If you are interested in serving by helping with childcare either Thursday or Friday or helping with food prep and/or set up please see the opportunities listed and sign up on your FCC card.



Easter Sunday Services

April 24th

6:30 AM – Sunrise Service at Mount Hope Golf Course Rt. 27, Guys Mills, PA (11 miles East of Meadville) Both Campuses Welcome

9 AM and 11 AM - Meadville Campus

10 AM – at the Rink, Titusville Campus

Please remember: No Saturday Evening Worship, April 23rd

Mark Your Calendars

April 1 Veggie Tales Family Event

> April 11-14 Elementary School Outreach

April 16 County-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

April 21&22 Christian Passover Meal

April 17 — April 24

Palm Sunday Easter Sunday

April 30 Community Service Day

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POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

- To nurture your children spiritually as they grow up physically.
- To help your children know that Jesus is their personal Savior and best friend.
- To help you make Easter all about Jesus—and about sharing Jesus with others.



KID'S NEWS

at New Beginnings

Help Children's Faith Grow

On Easter, we remember the pinnacle of our Christian faith: Jesus' resurrection from the dead. His victory assures us of forgiveness and eternal life—two things worth celebrating! You can use the Easter message as a springboard to share God's good news with your kids all year long. Let kids know that Jesus is their friend and He invites them to live forever in heaven with Him.

Follow these tips:

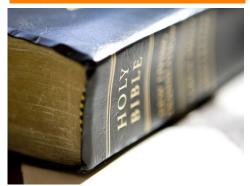
• Realize that kids understand God—and Easter—in vivid, literal images. Don't dismiss tough questions. Instead, read the Bible together.

• Tweak your traditions. Turn your usual Easter celebrations into opportunities to learn more about God and His Word. For your egg hunt, for example, fill plastic eggs with Scripture verses as well as candy.

• Know that it's never too early to share the good news. Don't wait until your kids can communicate to tell them about Jesus. Remember that children can discover God from infancy (see 2 Timothy 3:14-15).



Parent LINK



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY TO CHILDREN IN OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

We have been given the opportunity to bring the Veggie Tales Easter Event to the Elementary Schools in the Meadville area.

The week of **April 11-14** from **3-5PM** we will be showing the **MOVIE** and providing **GAMES/CRAFTS/SNACKS.**

If you would like to volunteer to help on any of these days, please contact Pastor Barb at 724-5074 ASAP.

A PREP DAY is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at 1PM.



Community Service Day April 30 — 2-5PM

Be sure to include your children in this opportunity to serve others in our community. Let Pastor Barb know if you need child care for younger siblings when you sign up to SERVE. "We have been born again because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance."

(1 Peter 1:3)

Because Jesus rose from the grave on Easter, everyone who believes in Him has hope, peace, and the promise of life

COUNTY WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT—April 16 — 1PM



You won't want to miss this huge age-divided egg hunt with face painting, food, crafts, and

prizes. And best of all it is FREE. Come to Green Acres Golf Course, 39272 PA 408, Titusville, PA.

Be prepared for quite a walk after parking your car.

ANNOUNCING 2011 FAMILY VBS

PANDAMANIA—

Where God is WILD about YOU!

This summer your **WHOLE** family, with the help of trained guides, can explore the bamboo forests of China for 5 whole days. You will be sure to connect to God and grow in your faith.

As you explore Psalm 139, you will experience God listening to you, watching over you and loving you—**NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.**

Again this year, we will be offering the **TWO** week option to choose from with the same program being offered each week. Our church will be transformed into an adventurous bamboo forest with a real live Chinese market. As you travel, you better watch out, you may stumble upon a **PANDA** or two.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! SUNDAY, JULY 10—THURSDAY, JULY 14 6:30-8:30PM SUNDAY, JULY 17—THURSDAY, JULY 21 6:30-8:30PM





Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" Our goal is that the LIFE group would become a source of strength and support as we live out this life to the full as Jesus intended.

"It is my heart's passion to see people get connected and grow in their faith in a community of believers. I encourage you to not pass by on this opportunity to participate in this ministry as it can change your life." *-Pastor Curtis*

If you have any questions, you may call Pastor Curtis at 724-5074 or <u>email</u> him at curtis@newbeginningschog.com.

Mixed Adult Groups									
Group Name	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Meeting Frequency	Group Leaders					
Burns	Monday	7:00 PM	Weekly	Darlene Burns & Jane Burrows					
Butcher	Thursday	7:00 PM	Weekly	Cliff Butcher & Debbie Butcher					
Byham	Sunday	3:00 PM	Weekly	Ellen Byham & Russ Byham					
Clark Frenchtown	Thursday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Curtis Clark & Cathi Clark					
Clark Meadville	Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Denise Clark & Walter Clark					
Croll	Thursday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Dona Croll & Bob Croll					
Donovan/Forbes	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Erin Forbes & Cliff Forbes					
Edge	Sunday	6:00 PM	Weekly	Bonnie Edge & Don Edge					
Ewing	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Alice Ewing & Kerry Ewing					
Ferguson	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Weekly	Brenda Ferguson & Gerry Ferguson					
Ferraro	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Barb Ferraro & Harold Ferraro					
Jarrell	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Weekly	Joyce Jarrell & Temple Jarrell					
Kinder	Thursday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Brenda Kinder & Jack Kinder					
Palmiero	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Weekly	Brandy Palmiero & Tracy Palmiero					
Pavlik	Monday	7:00 PM	Weekly	Judy Pavlik & Tom Pavlik					
Robertson	Thursday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Andy Robertson & Emily Robertson					
Russell	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Rick Russell & Susan Russell					
Schlaudecker	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Weekly	Dusty Schlaudecker & Mark Schlaudecker					
Wensel	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Weekly	Amy Wensel & Kyle Wensel					
Ladies' Groups									
Laura's Ladies Dolly's Girls	Wednesday Thursday	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	Weekly Weekly	Judith Rodgers & Laura Schmalzried Dolly Young					
Men's Groups									
Men of Purpose	Monday	7:00 PM	Weekly	David Cease & Dean Sherman					
Friday Morning Men	Monday	5:30 AM	Weekly	Russ Byham					

Life Group Notes



Calling the Church to 40 days of prayer and fasting

Many of us have committed to a time of prayer and fasting during the 40 days leading up to Easter (March 16–April 24). It is not too late to still participate in prayer and fasting. God will meet you wherever you are.

Imagine the transformative power that could be unleashed if the church united in a time of deliberate prayer and fasting. How many lives could be changed? How many congregations could be healed and empowered for the sharing of the Good News of Christ? Imagine what could happen if Christians humbled themselves in submission, sacrifice and prayer?

Focus 40 is a call for the church to join together for just such a period of worship and obedience. What will happen here in Crawford County as we participate?

TRANSFORMING PRAYER—"With Christ my Leader, I will boldly move forward. Loving, teaching, reaching, those in my world and beyond, as we transform culture, one soul at a time."

-Church of God Ministries

There is a terrific article, "Focus 40—some Fasting Facts and Tips" by Randy Montgomery on



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Weekend Worship Saturdays at 6PM Sundays at 10PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 6-8:30 PM	2
					Veggie Tales Family Event	Communion 7:30 Plan B
3 Communion <i>"The Relation-</i> <i>ship Choice"</i>	4	5	6 6:30 PM Mom's Next	7 9-11:30 AM MOPS Meadville MFP	8 7 PM Collingsworth Family Concert (Free Ticket Required) No Men's BB	9 Pastor Barb Kid's Out- reach Prep Day @ 1 PM
10 9 AM Leadership Training—Are You Worth Following <i>"The Growth</i> <i>Choice'</i>	11	12	13	14	15 Titusville MFP	16 CPR Classes— Rm 116 1 PM Titus- ville Egg Hunt @ Green Acres Golf Course
	Outreach 6 PM— Scrapbooking	in our elemen 7PM Leadership Meeting	tary schools 3	-5 PM	6:30 PM 50 Plus Tureen and Laughter	
17 "The Sharing Choice' Palm Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
				6:30 PM Passover Meal No MIT	6:30 PM Passover Meal	No Saturday Service
246:30 Sunrise, Mt Hope Golf Course 9 & 11 AM— Meadville Campus— 10 AM Titusville "Believe"	25	26	27	28	29	<i>30</i> 2-5 PM Community Service, 5PM Dinner
EVERY SUNDAY 10AM Worship 12:30PM Deaf Ministry	EVERY MONDAY 7PM DIVORCE CARE	EVERY TUESDAY 9AM QUILTING Noon-1PM LIVING FREE Drug & Alcohol	EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30-8PM ELEVATE Grades 6-12	EVERY THURSDAY Noon-1PM LIVING FREE Drug & Alcohol Group 4 PM MIT	EVERY FRIDAY 9-11 PM Men's Basketball	EVERY SATURDAY 6PM Worship



Mercy House News

Drug & Alcohol/Mental Health Counseling 13180 Leslie Road, Suite 2 Meadville, PA 16335 Phone: 814-337-6180 Fax: 814-724-7681 Email: cindy@newbeginningschog.com Website: www.mercyhousemeadville.org

Mercy House Day Program Now Meeting

This is the program that launched Mercy House nine years ago, and is therefore the most tried, tested, and proven to get results. Yes, we are sentimental! Weekly schedule includes a combination of therapy groups, process groups, education, relationship and spiritual direction groups. Individual counseling is also available. Suitable for individuals desiring to live fuller lives, those in crisis, those struggling with anxiety and depression, those who wish to cope better with stress



The Day Program meets Mondays from 9:30AM-1PM Tuesdays from 9:30AM-12:45PM And Thursdays from 9:30AM-12:45PM

and achieve mental, emotional, relational, and spiritual healing by understanding the past, exploring the present and embracing the future. Suitable also for family members of those with addictions who are, themselves, in need of support, understanding, and healing as well.

Please call us at 814-337-6180 if you would like more information. We would be happy to help!

Stress Management—Ways to Reduce, Prevent, and Cope with Stress

It may seem that there is nothing you can do about your stress level. But you have a lot more control than you might think. Managing stress is all about taking charge of your thoughts, your emotions, your schedule, your environment, and the way you deal with your problems. Identify the sources of stress in your life and take a look at how you currently manage and cope with the stress in your life.

Here are 6 strategies that may help with stress management.

Number 1: Avoid unnecessary stress. Learn how to say "no" in both your personal and professional life. Also, if possible, avoid people who stress you out.

Number 2: Alter the situation. If something is bothering you, communicate your concerns in

an open and respectful way. If the problem is your time management, learn to plan ahead and don't overextend yourself.

Number 3: Adapt to the

stressor. If you can't change the situation, change yourself. Try to view stressful situations from a more positive perspective. Focus on the positive. Take a moment to reflect on all the things you appreciate in your life.

Number 4: Accept the things you cannot change. Some sources of stress are unavoidable. Many things in life are beyond our control—particularly the behavior of other people. Also, learn to forgive. Accept the fact that we live in an imperfect world and that people make mistakes. Let go of anger and resentment.

Number 5: Make time for fun

and relaxation. Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of life that you forget to have fun. Set aside time in your daily schedule for something that you enjoy. Keep your sense of humor. Be able to laugh at yourself.

Number 6: Adopt a healthy lifestyle. You can increase your resistance to stress by strengthening your physical health. Exercise regularly, eat a healthy diet, and get enough sleep. Try to reduce your caffeine and sugar intake. Their temporary "highs" often end with a crash in your mood and energy. Don't self-medicate with alcohol or drugs. They may seem to provide an escape, but the relief is only temporary. Deal with problems head on and with a clear mind.

Information taken from www.helpguide.org

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Staff Members:

Cindy Kightlinger, Director

Joel Kightlinger, Clinical Director

Beverly Kerr, Lead Therapist

Christine McWilliams, Therapist

Brittany Mears, Therapist

Julie Panchura, Office Manager

Sherri Crowl & Mike McKeown, Interns

Greg Richards, MD Highmark Medical Director

Available Options at Mercy House & The Counseling Centre:

- Individual Counseling
- Marriage Counseling
- Counseling for Substance Abuse
- Intensive Outpatient Programs
- Living Free– Drug/Alcohol Psycho-education Group that meets on Tues. and Thurs. from 11:45AM-1PM.
- Now accepting most insurances. Give us a call at 814-337-6180 and we can coordinate your benefits for you.

Parents Play Key Role in Teenagers' Faith Growth

When children morph into teenagers, many parents feel like they've lost their ability to influence them. But nothing is further from the truth. In fact, recent studies show that parents make a lasting impact on teenagers *and* that kids value parents' input and involvement.

Nowhere is this more important than in faith growth. Families are key to teenagers' Christian identity. When parents exhibit "all in" behavior, it's hard for kids to resist. Here are essential ways to nurture your teenagers spiritually as they're growing physically: Lead by example. Let your life speak louder than your words.

- 1. Connect with your kids. They want relationships with purposeful engagement.
- 2. Help them understand and articulate their beliefs.
- 3. Make faith relevant. Provide bridges between biblical truth and everyday life.
- 4. Pray for your kids—and help them listen to God's leading.

God has placed some very important people into the lives of your children. They are concerned for their well-being, both spiritually and physically. Your children are going to emulate them. Christianity is not always a learned behavior. Often times it is a caught behavior. Those people I mentioned, are also known as parents. As in you. You are the ones that your children watch and learn from. Are they seeing Christ in you? Are you trying to show them Christ when they're around you, and then acting differently when they are not? They're on to you. You're not fooling them. You are the one that needs to teach them what you want them to know. You have been given the responsibility to raise them to follow the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6

Direct your children onto the right path and when they are older they will not leave it.

For Discussion:

How important is your faith to you? How relevant does it seem to your everyday life, and why?

What kinds of spiritual examples do you experience, and how do they affect you?

How has your faith grown and changed recently? How has your faith been challenged?

How can I better support your relationship with God?



Elevate our faith and knowledge of God through worship and Bible teaching.

Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm

-Pastor Andy andy@newbeginningschog.com

Men's Information:

Men's Life Groups: Mondays @ 7 PM—Men of Purpose, call David @ 336-3709 Friday @ 5:30 AM—call Pastor Curtis, 724-5074 for more info



Men's Gym Night–Basketball in April will be April 1st, 15th, and 29th, 9–11 PM. No basketball on April 8th and April 22nd.

Mark your calendars for the "Men's Rally in the Valley" - May 7, Covelli Center, Youngstown, Ohio— \$15.00/person (Promise Keepers style event)





Sewing/Quilting Group - Tuesdays, 9AM -2PM, Rm. 116 More info call Doris at 763-3802

Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) - April Date: Thursday April 7th 9-11:30AM. Christian mentoring and fellowship – fun! Questions? Call Brandy at 337-5105 or Becky at 398-2689.

MOMS Next – This is for mothers of school-age children. Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30PM. There is a time of teaching, craft, fellowship, and snacks. April Date: April 6th . Want more info? Call the office at 724-5074.

<u>Scrapbooking</u> - Next Date: Monday, April 11th @ 6 PM Questions? Call Erin at 789-2027.

Ladies Life Group-meets at the church: Wed. @ 9:30 AM, call Laura at 763-6067 Thursday @ 9:30 AM, call Dolly at 547-5812

Moms In Touch (MIT) - Prayer Group of moms with college and/or career students – Every Thursday @ 4 PM. Questions? Call Cindy at 337-0830.

50 Plus Event: Friday, April 15th at 6:30PM Springtime Night of Laughter

Please join Pastor Temple and Joyce after a long and cold winter of staying indoors and fighting the snow for a **Springtime Night of Laughter**!





Let's start with a tureen supper – bring a dish to share, the table fixings will be provided – and view Tim Hawkins via DVD. He is a Christian comedian and guaranteed to lighten our spirits! Great food (always), great fun (you betcha) and great fellowship (that warm fuzzy feeling) – sign up on your FCC card if you plan to attend. (If you are age 50 or up – single or couple, male or female – you are welcome and... we encourage you to join us!)





SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 2– 5 PM

Be sure to mark your calendar and watch for more exciting information in the bulletin

Dinner at the church at 5 PM for those that participate!

Praise & Testimony Service @ 6 PM, Meadville Campus



Community Info

Tri-State Christian Productions presents... The Collingsworth Family-

Friday, April 8, 2011 @ 7 PM, New Beginnings Church of God, Meadville campus.—An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the concert. No charge for tickets but they are needed to reserve seats. For tickets call Marlin & Donna Fuller, 814-337-2044 or email tristatecp@zoominternet.net

Gaither Homecoming Spring Tour 2011 with the new all-star Gaither Vocal Band

Featuring Bill Gaither, David Phelps, Michael English, Mark Lowry and Wes Hampton along with many special guests. Friday, April 8, 2011—7 PM, Louis J. Tullio Arena, Erie, PA—All seats reserved. Tickets on Sale now! Order tickets online at www.premierproductions.com or by phone 800-745-3000. Please see flyer on the Community Bulletin Board.

Saturday, April 16 - **CPR Classes**—Room 116—recommended for Nursery, Children's workers, Ushers, Greeters, and those needing credentialing. Look for further information in the bulletin.

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TITUSVILLE CAMPUS NEWS

Titusville Easter Sunday Services

6:30 AM, April 24th, Easter Sunrise Service—Mount Hope Golf Course, Rt. 27, Guys Mills (27 miles East of Meadville)

10:00 AM April 24th @ the Rink—FREE 8 x 10 Easter Sunday Family Portraits taken by a Professional Photographer

Titusville Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry

The Titusville Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Friday, April 15, 2011. Volunteers are needed. If you can come and help, please e-mail Pastor Cliff at cliff@newbeginningschog.com. Also, if you know anyone who can come and help, please bring them along. Please be at The Rink by 2:30 PM. See you there!

Titusville Life Group

A great group of folks meet on Tuesday evenings at the Donovan home (6:30 PM) for fellowship, digging into God's Word, and experiencing life! It's not too late to join!