



New Beginnings Church of God

August 2011 Monthly Newsletter

News

Pastor Harold's Herald

Dear Church Family,

I ran across what I thought was a great recipe to usher in joy every day of our lives. It comes from a book written by George Sweeting entitled, "Don't Doubt in the Dark."

1. Start each day reading a chapter of the Bible. What food is to the body, the Bible is to your spirit. If possible, at a set time, in a reasonably quiet place, read the Bible. D. L. Moody said, "The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible."
2. Cultivate the habit of daily prayer. Prayer is our personal communion with God. It is a two-way conversation—listening as well as talking to Him. When I pray, I try to include adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. The word ACTS helps me remember these four areas.
3. Resolve to help someone each day. Psalm 37:3 suggests, "Trust in the Lord, and *do* good." The best cure for stress is activity for the good of others. Worry, not work, kills people. Work is healthy. The apostle Paul, Timothy, and Titus all encourage us to do good works. "*Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work*" (Titus 3:1).
4. Complete some task that you have delayed to do. Delaying what we ought to do deprives us of peace and poise. "Do it now," whenever possible, is a good habit. Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted and the silence of those who should have spoken that has allowed evil to have a field day. Do what you know must be done today.
5. Practice the art of complimenting someone each day. Mark Twain said, "I can go for two months on one good compliment." Wherever possible and honest, use "life" words rather than "death" words.
6. Review your blessings. Someone has written, "I had the blues because I had no shoes; till upon the street I met a man who had no feet." Count your blessings today. Look around you. Be grateful for your loved ones, your job, your country, your health, your possessions, your church, the Bible, and your personal faith.
7. Lastly, don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy your position as a child of God. The apostle Paul reminds us that we are the children of God. "And if children, then heirs—of God and joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). And besides all this, heaven is our ultimate home...and that's worth being happy about!

We love you,

Pastor Harold

Western PA Camp Meeting July 31—August 7, 2011

We highly recommend attending! Dr. Duncan is a mighty man of God highly respected by our NBCOG staff. We will be driving the church bus each night— meet at the church at 5:30pm—bring a sack lunch or already have eaten supper. We will arrive shortly before evening worship and probably return approximately 10pm. First 25 people signed up at the INFO CENTER by July 31st in the church lobby gets the seats!! Bus going Sun-Sat.

Quarterly Mission Focus



Gwen Smith, missionary to Sierra Leone, AFRICA—As a church family we have enjoyed supporting Gwen’s endeavors in Sierra Leone through the Transformation Education efforts. Gwen is in her 5th year serving and part of a ministry that is changing lives – pointing teachers to better classroom methods with a foundation in Christian principles. This is one of the quarterly missions that New Beginnings Church of God financially supports and we ask you to prayerfully consider a love offering for this ministry the weekend of August 6/7. Her co-worker, Samuel, will be with us in worship giving us a glimpse of what is happening currently in Sierra Leone.

More Transformation Education Information

Africa Youth Challenge—Sunday, Aug 7 @ 7PM
New Beginnings Meadville Campus

Missionary Samuel Sesay to challenge the local youth to serve the poor and needy locally, in Africa, and around the world!

5th Annual Transformation Event—

Friday, Aug 19 @ 6:30-8PM
at the Lew Davies Building, Park Ave., Meadville, PA

Please pray for...

TE Event Aug 19	BBC Curriculum Publishing
Samuel’s visit	Finances & Stewardship
Shipping of container	Graduate Studies for Gwen
Teacher Training Events	Staff Development
Add’l Long-term Volunteers	

Call 282-4010 for more information.



Join us for Worship at the Crawford County Fair Youth Arana 9AM on August 21, 2011
Free admission to the Fairgrounds if attending the 9AM service.
Meadville Campus will still hold its regular 10AM service at the church

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

General Fund:

Meadville	\$13,370.82
Titusville	\$ 880.13
Weekly average needed to reach budget	\$15,781.06
Average Monthly Attendance Meadville	629

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

Building Fund:

Meadville	\$4153.22
Titusville	\$ 66.25
Weekly average needed to reach budget	\$3,491.00
Average Monthly Attendance Titusville	35

Our Church



Men of Purpose (Men's Life Group) -

Mondays, 7PM, at NBCOG Meadville Campus. Questions call David at 336-3709.

Morning Men's Group -

Fridays, 5:30AM—Join us! Questions, please call Pastor Curtis at 724-5074.

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

Scrapbooking - Next Date: August 8 @ 6 PM - Questions? Call Erin at 789-2027.

Ladies Life Groups-

NBCOG Meadville Campus:

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM - call Laura at 763-6067

Thursday @ 9:30 AM—call Dolly at 547-5812

True North Archers

3D Shoots
2011 Summer
Schedule

8AM to Noon
Aug 6
Sept 3

Game Dinner in
September.



Contact
Kris Stafford,
763-5445

ALL CHURCH FAMILY – ALL AGES!! INVITE NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!!

Diamond Tour Bus Trip to Biltmore Estate and Asheville, North Carolina

6 days and 5 nights for ONLY \$465 : November 27 (8am) – December 2, 2011, Sunday through Friday
Package includes: 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of Asheville, NC including Grove Arcade, full day at Biltmore Estate (during the Christmas decorated season!), guided drive along Blue Ridge Parkway, visits to Folk Art Center, St. Lawrence Basilica, Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$100 August 15th, \$100 September 15th, \$100 October 15th, and balance due November 15th!

(Travel insurance available for an extra cost)

upcoming events

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Info for Teens and Parents of Teens

HELP TEENAGERS FORM THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Conformity and peer pressure threaten to squeeze the individuality right out of teenagers. As they're confronted with choices and expectations, kids are often terrified to be identified as different. Discouragement and hopelessness can leave teenagers even more vulnerable to unhealthy, unsafe pressures.

In *The Religious Life of Young Americans*, George Gallup Jr. and Robert Bezilla offer these six things teenagers need when facing challenges and pressures:

1. The belief that life is meaningful and has a purpose. For Christians, the ultimate meaning and purpose are found in a relationship with Jesus.
2. A sense of community. "Radical individualism" leads to loneliness. Kids need deep relationships with positive, supportive role models and peers.
3. To be appreciated and loved. The closer people feel to God, say the authors, the better they feel about themselves. They also have a happier outlook
4. To be listened to and heard.
5. To feel like one is growing in faith. Young people need support as they pass through various "faith passages."
6. Practical help in developing a mature faith. By partnering with your church and youth minister, you can guide teenagers into owning their faith.

Important Dates:

- *Aug 31. - 6:30PM—Kick off night
- *September 9-11 - Ignite Festival
- *September 16-18 - Live Weekend

Celebrate your teenagers' uniqueness with these insights from youth leaders Steve Argue and Dave Livermore:

- Avoid saying, "When I was your age."** That will just cause kids to shut down. We can't make our own experience the primary reference point for teenagers.
- Value your teenagers for their "in process" selves.** Don't focus just on the future and on the person your son or daughter is becoming.
- Be willing to tackle the "messy reality" of faith.** When you talk about your own journey, be sure to include failures as well as successes.



Elevate faith Encourage others Extend love



August 2011

Weekend Worship
 Saturdays at 6PM
 Sundays at 10PM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 8AM to Noon 3D Archery Shoot
← WPA Camp Meeting July 30 thru August 7 →						
						Communion Gwen Smith Quarterly Mission
7 "Spiritual Sincerity" Communion 6PM Youth Shadybrook 7 PM Kid's Center Gwen Smith/TE Africa Youth Challenge	8 6PM Scrapbooking	9 7PM Leadership Team Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 "Hope in Discouragement" Noon—Musical Lunch & Video Noon—6PM AC Rental	15	16	17	18 Meadville MFP	19 Titusville MFP	20
21 "Simplicity" 9AM Fair Service 10AM Serv. Mdl 50+ Chautauqua Trip 6PM Youth Shadybrook	22	23	24	25	26	27 Milestone: 6th Grade Promotion to Youth
28 "Solitude" Milestone: 6th Grade Promotion to Youth Lorne Matthews Concert 6PM	29	30	31 1st Youth Group w/ new 6th graders 6PM Musical Auditions			

Life Group News...

August 2011

Looking for a Group...

The Summer is almost over (I know a little disappointing) but the good news is that Life groups will be starting up again in the fall. September 16th through the 18th when we will be launching our 2012 Life Group year with 30+ groups meeting throughout the county.

We look forward to what God is going to do as we continue to **KNOW GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, and SERVE OTHERS** in our groups.

Group Leaders

Some Stuff You Should Know...

We are going to be using a new way to connect between training events. RightNowTraining.org is a new website based training that gives us the chance to interact as well as watch inspiring videos from nationally known pastors. Be watching your email this month as you will be receiving an invitation to join this training site from me. Thanks for your hard work this year.

One More Thing

Coming up

Live weekend will be happening September 16th – 18th and part of their program is a Saturday morning coffee in people's homes. Be thinking about who in your group can host this as this is a great opportunity to invite new people to get to know your Life Group. Thanks.


Pastor Curtis



The challenge is simple. Love others like never before!

Fall Launch . . . September 17th — October 30th

LOVE AT LAST SIGHT CHALLENGE



The movies and TV make it look easy. Matchmaking websites have it down to a science. Two people connect—love at first sight—and the relationship is magic from then on. But the truth is, strong, deep relationships that last a lifetime are not based on the mysterious alchemy of two personalities. Real love in relationships—friends, married couples, siblings, parents—isn't a magic act. It's a journey. A great relationship grows from an investment of time and effort. Join us as we look at what it takes to make relationships works and study Love at Last Sight!

Upcoming events

FIFTY-PLUS - Trip to Chautauqua Institution

Sunday, August 21

Free Admission to the grounds

Items of Interest to attend:

2:30PM Barbershop Harmony Parade

5PM Vespers with Rev. Matthew Watley

8PM Sacred Song Service entitled "The Gospel Train:

A Night of Hymn-Singing with Martha Jane Weaver and Jared Jacobson

Bus will leave NBCOG at noon – bring a lunch along or eat at Chautauqua.

Bus will leave Chautauqua 9pm and arrive here 10:30pm

There are shuttle buses and trams for transportation on the grounds (or walking, bicycles and motor scooters to rent as well).

Our bus will not be allowed actually "on the grounds."

Cost will be a donation towards gas for our bus –

\$5 PER person if you can.

ALL Church Erie SeaWolves Event!

Tickets \$5 each

\$2 donation per person towards gas for the church bus Tuesday, August 16th - It's BUCK NIGHT!! Hotdogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Pop – each for a BUCK!

It's a DOUBLE-HEADER game too (7-inning games)!!!

Game one begins at 6:05pm then a 30 minute break and game two begins.

Bus leaves the church parking lot at 5:15pm!!

Sign up on your FCC card and PRE-PAY at the church office. Money must be received to order tickets on Wednesday, August 10th.



Lorne Matthews Ministries

Keyboards for the King



Loren & Jimmie Ruth Matthews

At New Beginnings Church of God
13226 Leslie Road, Meadville, PA
Sunday, August 28, 2011 @ 6:00PM

Two BIG Events in September



Country Roads

Country Campus of

New Beginnings

Church of God

Taking you home... to a New Beginning

For More Information:

Phone: 814-724-5074

Web: www.newbeginningschog.com

Email: walter@newbeginningschog.com

**Starting
September 20th**

A Country Style Church
Meeting every Tuesday night at 6:30PM

**13226 Leslie Road
Meadville, PA 16335
(Just down from the fairgrounds)**



We are adding a new dimension to this year's Fall Launch!! Fall Launch is when all the Life Groups study the same topic while the weekend sermons coincide as well! The whole Church Family being "on the same page!" What an exciting time to be open to God's leading and hear from Him . . .

ALSO! LIVE Weekend brings many fellowship and encouragement opportunities!

Friday evening all church dinner followed by testimony and music

Saturday morning coffee groups meeting in homes all over the county!

Saturday mens' and ladies' luncheons and much, much more!

We are looking forward to the blessing of meeting lay persons from other Church of God congregations — as they share God's blessings, direction, and strength in their lives.

Be Accepted ... Be Loved ... Be Challenged ... Be Encouraged ... BE WITH US on Sept 16-17-18!



BACK TO THE MANGER

We need the gifts and talents of NBCOG's **Adults, Teens and Children** for this year's **Church Wide Christmas Musical...**

The setting of "Back to the Manger" is a "Caroling Outreach" where the people in a community church show tangible tastes of God's love to others in their community. In a variety of time periods (and through some very unique musical styles) the children learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, AND our neighbor as ourselves.

Because the time machine malfunctions, the children are tossed around in time through the 1970s, 1990s, 1980s, 1950s, 1940s, and eventually travel all the way back to the birth of Christ. I hope you all have a LOT of fun embracing the very different musical styles and costumes of these decades, while ultimately traveling back to the reason we celebrate Christmas- a holy child born in a manger.

We need actors, soloists, choirs, stage hands, costume designers, set builders, prop finders and much more. If you are interested in being a part then join us for a free lunch and an exciting preview of the entire musical on video and find out what this is all about.

Sunday August 14th @Noon – Meadville Campus

Tryouts will be on Wednesday August 31st @ 6PM

Strengthening Families Program

Open to Parents, Foster Parents and Caregivers for Parents and Youth ages 10-14

***Beginning Thursday, September 15 thru October 27, 5 – 7:30 PM -
at New Beginnings Church of God, Meadville Campus!***

Child-To-Family Connections offers this program to Crawford County! It is a great way for parents and youth to learn together many different and effective ways of communicating and getting along through these transition teen years! Whatever the state of your household relationships - there is always room for improvement!

No Cost to attend—just the commitment to attend.

The Theme of Strengthening Families Program . . .

sing Love and Limits

Empathy, parent to youth & youth to parent

Rules/Responsibilities to Reach Goals

Expressing Appreciation to Family Members

Open and Clear Communication

Protecting Against Substance Abuse

Learning through this program, parents are more likely to . . .

Set and clearly communicate expectations & consequences for substance abuse

Manage anger & strong emotions

Involve children in family activities & decision making

Improve communication with their child

Improve child management

Improve parent-child affective quality

FOR MORE INFO call Bonnie at 398-8178! Please contact Pastor Barb for registration, only 10 spots available and it is first come first serve basis.

Hmmmm..... What could our family glean from this time spent together?



Upon completing the session, students were asked: "What was the most valuable thing you learned?"

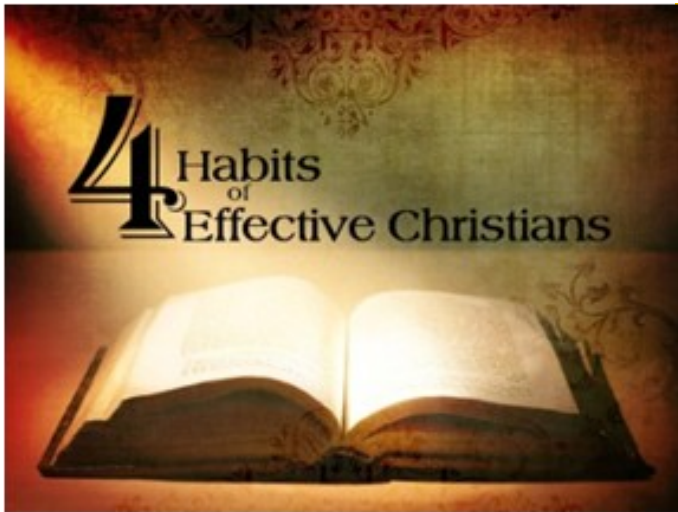
"To listen and try not to react negatively when I talk to my parents, to work together to try and solve problems."

"I didn't realize how much my mom cared about me."

"I learned that my parents are fun to be with."

"I learned to respect my parents and realize money doesn't grow on trees."

"I learned what to say if someone is trying to get you in trouble."



Upcoming Sermon Series

August 20/21 – Simplicity

August 27/28 – Solitude

September 3/4—Submission

September 10/11—Servanthood

Honduras Info

Contact Information

New Beginnings Pastoral Team

Harold Ferraro, Senior Pastor

Barb Ferraro, Pastor of Children and Ministry

Cliff Forbes, Pastor of Titusville Campus

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