



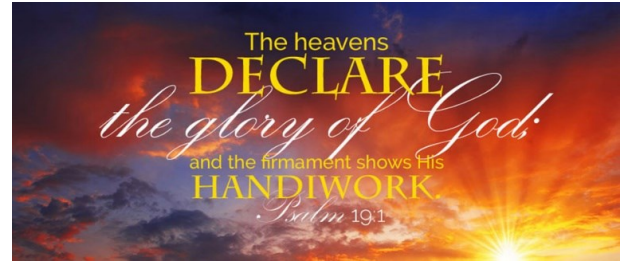
THE Lamplighter



Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

If the heavens and the earth declare HIS GLORY,
today, what do your eyes behold?

I was away on vacation a few years ago. As I sat there by the fire looking up into the heavens and witnessing God handy work staring at the stars, this thought from Psalm 19 came to me. **"If The Heavens And Earth Declare His Glory, What Do I See?"**



Psalm 19:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

As we are now entering the season called Fall, it will not be long until we see the beautiful colors of the leaves. What about the big picture of Life, and the changes that you and I go through.

Stop and think about the bigger picture of the whole cycle of the tree from death to life to bud, blossom and bloom, to leaf then fruit and the colorful changes of the late season and then of course the falling leaves for food and nourishment for the next generation or season of life. This is a grand design of the Great CREATOR and HIS Masterpiece spread out all over the earth for the world to see HIS GLORY.

Too many times in life we only look at the season we are facing and miss out on the bigger picture. I love the verse (s) so often repeated throughout scripture that says, **"AND IT CAME TO PASS"**.

We need remember that whether facing mountain top (full color) experiences or the shadows of the deepest darkest depths of winter. HE is there shaping our lives to HIS purpose in History. And all these things will soon pass. But it's what we do with that moment, whether we learn or turn, whether we remain steadfast and faithful or deny HIS presence. HE said in HIS WORD, I will never leave nor forsake you,

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God told us in His Promise.

It is that HE will continue to do the work that HE has started in us, we can live the full life HE offers if we would only surrender to HIS will, power, and presence in our lives.

So as we enter into the season of Fall, take your time and look at the brilliant colors of Autumn that is to come, do you see HIS GLORY. As I think through each season in the life of a tree and ponder my own existence... as I go through these seasons in my life, I still see HIS GLORY in my very own life. HE is molding me with HIS personal touch as the Potter with the clay; Sharpening me with the two edges of HIS WORD.

Leading me by the still small voice of HIS SPIRIT; And showing me HIS GRACE AND MERCY and LOVE by HIS own blood on the cross. HE has everything I need. All I 'have'...is Jesus. Without Christ, I 'have' nothing. No forgiveness, no grace, no hope, no future. So, if I have nothing, I 'am' nothing.

I want us to realize that with Christ, we 'have' everything, we 'have' it all and more than what I could ever imagine. Our lives are made completed by HIM. Therefore to 'have' Christ, is to 'have' everything. If I have everything, then my life is important here. I am somebody!

HIS GLORY IS ALL I HAVE NEED OF IN MY LIFE. And in that day when I enter into HIS Presence in ETERNITY, I will know and experience the fullness of HIS GLORY.

So, today, strive to 'see' HIS GLORY revealed by HIS GRAND DESIGN all around us all. Today, HIS BLESSINGS AND GLORY encompass and surround you...run, walk, stand, sit, lie down and rest in it.

Be Blessed in your spirit today...

Pastor Don

Promotion Sunday is Sunday, September 10 at 11 AM. We will recognize the children who will be promoted to the next Sunday school class and all those who had perfect Sunday School attendance this past year.

YOUTH PICNIC

The Youth and their parents gathered at Crooked Creek State Park for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and games.



CBC Youth Make an Impact!

During the recent Annual Meeting and Worship Conference, the youth of the Covenant Brethren Church were also meeting. It was a time of blessed Bible study, worship, fun, planning, and service. They focused on the theme of the importance of worship in a teen's life. They shared their own stories and views of the impact of worship and God's work in their lives. Though they started out as kids from five different regions of the country, by the end of our time together, they were one group, working together to be a blessing and to grow in their faith. They set goals that include mission trips, disaster trips, getting the CBC youth from across the nation together for some kind of fellowship, and other possible forms of service. During this event they formed a national youth council that will be working together to plan national events.

During the conference, one of the projects they undertook was packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The word went out asking people who were going to attend the conference to bring an item to be packed in a shoebox. The conference attendees responded generously and enough came in to pack 102 boxes with a large box of filler material left over.



There were too many things that went on during the conference to clearly portray all that took place. One of the most amazing things that happened was when the youth agreed to share some drama ministry with the entire adult conference. They spent a lot of time rehearsing the dramas, even going back on their own during free time after dinner on Friday to practice more before

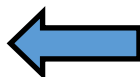
worship time. It paid off. During the Youth and Adult Fellowship report on Saturday they performed the dramas. Both dramas carried a powerful message, but the second one left people in tears all across the room. One boy commented, I have never had so many people thank me for doing something. As a result of this powerful time together one of the girls in attendance went home and gave her life to Christ the following Sunday.



While a national youth program cannot replace a local one, it can offer encouragement and a big picture. That is what the youth of the Covenant Brethren Youth National Youth Ministry are trying to do. **Submitted by Craig Howard – Publications Committee**



Center Hill Youth Attendees:



Ciara Renzo,
Chloe Crissman,
and Alexa Bowser



Beef and Lentil Chili

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) stewed tomatoes, chopped
1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 ounce semisweet chocolate
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup dried lentils, rinsed
2 cups water

Directions:

1. In a Dutch oven, cook ground beef and onion over medium-high heat until beef is no longer pink, 6-8 minutes; crumble meat. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.

Drain. Add next 5 ingredients; bring to a boil. Add lentils and water. Reduce heat; simmer, about 1 hour, stirring often. Add water if mixture seems too dry.

Test Kitchen Tips:

Serve this on top of Tacos, Corn Chips, or with fresh onions, grated cheese and a dollop of sour cream. If you want a little more heat, add some cayenne powder.

Cooking With Pastor Don



The Vision Quartet will be performing here at the church on Saturday, September 9 at 7 PM. The concert will benefit Elizabeth & Madelyn's Armstrong High School marching band trip/performance at Universal Studios Theme Park in Orlando Florida. Their trip is scheduled for next spring. A love offering will be received.

Church Picnic, Pig Roast & Corn Boil

On Saturday, September 16, we will hold our church picnic gathering at the home of Randy & Cheryl Bowser, 254 Gormley Road, Worthington beginning at 4 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share and a lawn chair. There will be fireworks display weather permitting.



YOUTH GROUP:

The youth will begin meeting again on Sunday, September 10 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring a friend!

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING :

The September board meeting will be held Monday, September 10. Commissions meet at 6:30 PM, Board meeting at 7 PM. Please have your board reports to the church office by Wednesday, September 6.



Men's Fellowship...

Men' Fellowship will meet on Tuesday,

September 27 at 7 PM.

All the men are welcome to join in.

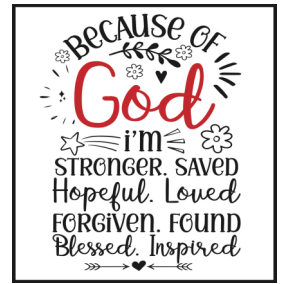
Women's Fellowship:

We will be having Women's Fellowship on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 PM. All ladies are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship.





Our Youth spent a lot of time and effort to create a youth meeting space in the basement of the Fellowship Hall that they can call their own. Each youth member personalize a wall and here is a glimpse of their artwork. There will be an open house on Youth Sunday so you can visit the new youth space .



Sunday, September 24 @ 11 AM

Joining us will be Craig Howard and the Youth from Brake Covenant Brethren Church. Our Youth and Brake CBC Youth will be participating in our morning worship service. Pastor Craig will be bringing the message that day. Following Morning Worship, we will host a covered dish meal for a meet and greet with the Brake CBC youth and Pastor Craig.



Brock & Brady Bowser had a fun time showing a winter and a spring Holstein. Brock won Reserve Jr. Champion. Brady also had a good showing with his pig.

Isabelle Claypoole was there to show a Holstein.

The kids really enjoy fair week with the animals and all the judging opportunities to win a ribbon.



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