



Evergreen News

July 2017

Pastor Mick's Musings...

Summer Pleasures

Sunshine beaming golden heat
For lots of fun outdoors;
Vacations, for a sweet retreat
To mountains, plains and shores.

Kids in constant summer motion,
Free from teacher's rule,
Head to toe in suntan lotion,
At the beach or pool.

Inflatable rafts on which to float,
Camping and fishing gear,
Rowing or sailing or
waterski boat,
Tell us summer's here.

Things we can't do the
rest of the year
Are summer's special treasures;
Oh summer, summer, linger long,
And give us all your pleasures!

By Joanna Fuchs

More than Conquerors!

"We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37b

There are conquerors and then there are those who are more than conquerors. The proper definition of the word conqueror in Webster's Dictionary goes like this, "1) to gain or acquire by force of arms, 2) to overcome by force of arms, 3) to gain mastery over or win by overcoming obstacles or opposition, and 4) to overcome by mental or moral power." Certainly they all make sense. You can conquer by winning a territory. You can conquer and defeat an enemy. You can climb a high peak and "conquer the mountain." I know some who have "conquered" their greatest fears. But Paul tells us that we are more than conquerors. How does that work for you and me? What am I conquering?

I believe that these two questions are answered by a few questions that Paul shares with us just a few verses prior to this wonderful truth that we are more than conquerors. The questions are, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" He follows that question with the next, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

Answer these two questions and you have the answer to why Paul regards all believers as more than conquerors. First question: "If God is for us, who could be against us?" Wow! Let that sink in for a moment. This Creator of the universe, this all-powerful Being, this eternal Spirit, the One who is and always will be, IS FOR US! He is on our side. When you wake up in the morning to start the day and the earth turns as the sun appears on the horizon and all is as it should be, God, who makes all things, is there waiting for you to acknowledge Him and say, "Hello!" He wants you to prosper and be filled with joy every day. He wants you to delight in Him and He wants to give you the desires of your heart. He thinks you are beautiful, the cat's meow, the cream of the crop! It is nice to know that no matter what happens in life, our Father in heaven is there for you. We tend to fall away from His presence and forget that Almighty God is always with us. The power of the universe, the power of the resurrection, the power of all things is given to us through our Father in Heaven. There is nothing that can stand against that!

Second question: "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" Our heavenly Father is not only for us, HE LOVES US! This Creator of the universe, this all-powerful Being, this eternal Spirit, the One who is and always will be, demonstrated His love for us by giving up Jesus, His Son, to die on a cross so we can be reconciled to Him. So our Father, along with Jesus, will certainly provide all we need to make it through our journey in this world to be with Him in the next. Almighty God only wants the best for you. God will do anything for us because has already done everything for us.

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VBS is coming!!!
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed Independence Day 	5 No Youth	6 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	7 Sr. High Outing 6 pm	8
9 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Jr. High Pool Party	10 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	11 Commissions 7 pm Board 8 pm	12 Youth 7 pm	13 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am	15
16 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	17 	18	19	20	21	22 
Gadgets & Gizmos Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm						
23 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Baptism	24 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	25 Deacon Mtg. 7 pm	26 Youth 7 pm	27 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	28	29
30 Pew Com- munion Early Service 8 am Breakfast 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	31 WWW Bible Study 7 pm					



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

In just a few short weeks WGT will open it's doors for Gadgets & Gizmos Vacation Bible School! Plan to join us July 17th through July 21st from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each night. Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome to attend. This year, we will learn how we are uniquely wired & wonderfully made.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. We need many hands to make this VBS a smooth operation. Sign up sheets are available in the church lobby that offer opportunities to serve during the week of VBS and also opportunities to donate items needed to transform the church or feed snack to the masses.

Items needed for decorating: solid primary colored plates, vinyl dryer tube, primary colored latex paint, large cardboard boxes, primary colored poster board, corrugated cardboard, empty soup & coffee cans, primary colored tissue paper, & pool noodles. Donations may be placed under the registration table in the lobby.

Registration may be done online by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-green-tree-vbs-2017-registration-34772942808> or by paper form located at the registration table in the church lobby. Thanks!

Allison Huber
VBS Coordinator



Pastor Mick's Musings (Continued from cover)

So we are more than conquerors because we believe that God is for and He loves us! We rely on our loving God to be with us through every battle, defeating every enemy and vanquishing our every fear. Exodus 14:14 says, *"The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still."* We are more than conquerors because we believe that the battles have already been won and our journey leads us to eternal peace and joy. Paul puts it this way:

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

Paul is convinced and so am I. How about you?

May God bless you and keep you this day and always,

Pastor Mick

Summer is fully upon us. There are a few dates to keep in mind for our youth at WGT.

Wednesday, July 5 – No Youth Group.

Friday, July 7 –

Senior High Outing ** Meet at WGT at 6 p.m., we will travel together to Hershey Adventure for mini golf and ice cream. We plan to return to WGT by around 8:30 pm. Permission Waiver is due by Wednesday, July 5th. Cost is \$5 per person.

Sunday, July 9 –

Junior High Pool Party ** Beginning shortly after 2nd service until 3 pm, at 55 Prospect Rd, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. We will do a cookout. Please bring one of your favorite picnic foods to share.

Monday, July 17-Friday, July 21 –

Vacation Bible School Ministry ** We will not have normal Wednesday night Youth Group – the youth are encouraged to sign up with this awesome opportunity to serve the children of our community. There are a wide variety of volunteer activities.

Sunday, 7/23 - BAPTISM

Sunday, August 20 –

Youth Ministry Get Air Event ** Beginning shortly after 2nd service.

From the Church Office

Some things to keep in mind...

- Please be sure to inform the church office if your contact information has changed. This includes address, phone, and email.
- If you are not receiving mass emails (including prayer requests, weekly reminders, newsletters, etc.) please let the office know that you would like your email added to receive these.
- If you are currently NOT using giving envelopes and would like to receive a statement at the end of the year tracking your givings, let the office know & we will see that you receive giving envelopes.
- If you don't have a church mailbox & would like one, contact us!



Anniversaries

- 7/11 - Jeff & Dori Schwanger
- 7/12 - Jerry & Julie Ruhl
- 7/14 - Evan & Liane Sucharski
- 7/19 - Scott & Christie Farmer
- 7/24 - Don & Rose Marie Thompson
- 7/26 - Dave & Phyllis Becker
- 7/26 - Dustin & Dana Youtz
- 7/31 - Dennis & Linda Gerdel

Birthdays

- 7/1 - Lloyd Hemperly
- 7/2 - Nora Grove
- 7/6 - Constance Kowalski
- 7/8 - Polly Shumate
- 7/10 - Nicole Gordon, Peggi Hiller
- 7/14 - Jackie Hollinger
- 7/16 - Matt Collman, Ann Saylor, Derwin Thomas
- 7/17 - Amy Peffley, Kari Slater
- 7/18 - Jim Gruber, Kathy Martin
- 7/20 - Scott Farmer, Helen Weber, Sarah Sheetz
- 7/21 - Marion Hess
- 7/22 - Michele McClenaghan
- 7/25 - Lisa Embly, Betty Walmer
- 7/27 - Abigail Schwanger
- 7/30 - Zavier Cannon, Julie Ruhl
- 7/31 - Colton Brown, Daryl Harnish, Jerry Ruhl

Camp Swatara
Weekend
August 11th - 13th
See Linda Tripp
to reserve a spot!

July Servants

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Scripture & Sermon	You Are a Child of God Ephesians 4:1-16	A New Creation Ephesians 4:17-32 Pastor Mick	I Am a Child of God Ephesians 5:1-14 Pastor Mick	We are the Body of Christ Ephesians 5:15-30 Pastor Mick	Workers for the Lord Ephesians 6:1-9 Pastor Mick
Pianist/Organist	Brenda Geib	Ryan Arndt	Leslie Allen	Ryan Arndt	Leslie Allen
Special Music	Audrey Garber			Piano/Organ	
Chorister	June Kolp	Regena Tripp	Regena Tripp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp
Greeters 8 am	Phil & Donna Hollinger	Duane Bender & Jim Spickler	Carey & Paula Brandt	Henry Harry & Ralph Daniels	Cindy Collins & Yvonne Johnson
Greeters 10:30 am	Bill & Regena Tripp	Don & Ruthie Hollinger	Colton & Brienna Brown	Walt & Lois Schwanger	Helen Weber & Katherine Gebhard
Welcome Center 8 am	Phil & Donna Hollinger	Jim Spickler	Steve Hiller	Ralph Daniels	Cindy Collins
Welcome Center 10:30 am	Regena Tripp	Ralph Daniels	Colton & Brienna Brown	Glenn & Sylvia Weaver	Linda Tripp
Worship Leader	Scott Farmer	Brenda Axe	Linda Tripp	Allison Huber	Greg Seitz
Ushers	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class	
Deacons/ Anointing	Clint & Julie Arndt	Dennis & Ann Saylor	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Jeff & Dori Schwanger	June Kolp
Sound Room 8 am	Nick Sieber & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber	Jerry Huber & Duane Martin	Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz
Sound Room 10:30 am	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Duane Martin & Jeff Schwanger
8 am Nursery/Toddler	Polly Shumate	Donna Weaver & Julie Ruhl			Cindy Collins
10:30 am Nursery/Toddler		Doug & Darlene Breneman			Chad & Audrey Garber

May & June Stats

	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18
Total Worship	169	131	183	None Provided	140
Sunday School	92	82	118	64	88
General	\$3,215.00	\$5,069.00	\$5,448.00	\$5,209.00	\$4,247.00
Building			\$520.00	\$4,762.80	
Deacon	\$230.00		\$70.00	\$55.00	
Seminary	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$200.00	\$90.00

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Our Purpose Statement

*"We intentionally develop friends of
Jesus Christ by sharing God's love
through words and deeds."*

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Service Times:

Jr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm

Sr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm