



# Evergreen News

July 2016

## Pastor Mick's Musings...

### Freedom

Freedom is that which we  
cannot attain  
We labor to find it  
but our search is in vain.  
When I say we can't reach it  
it's a bit of a lie.  
But all that WE do  
will fall slightly shy.

Not being born  
is where freedom lies.  
For in our birth,  
our own freedom dies  
And when we die  
it is us that they mourn.  
But in our death,  
our freedom is born.

In Christ we live,  
and we are free.  
But our freedom  
the eye cannot see.  
Our freedom is this:  
being bound to His will.  
To have living water  
and to drink our fill.

by Jurgens Krause

### An UnTRUTHful World

*"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." Colossians 1:15-20*

Truth and peace seem to be a hard commodity to find these days for most of the world and especially here in the States. In our culture, peace has eluded us even though we are a highly educated, wealthy and articulate country. Tragedies are becoming more frequent and are followed by accusations, perplexity, and confusion. It is during these tragic times that people sense loss and bewilderment - even hopelessness. What exacerbates the confusion is the pervading belief system we live in and its consequential world view that follows. Our post-Christian world view proclaims that there is no truth; that all religions lead to God and we can find peace within ourselves. We have become a non-Christian society. We cut the lines that are attached to the truth and have become untethered in a sea of untruthfulness. Truth has become fluid and we drift in a ocean of doubt and uncertainty.

And yet, those who believe in Jesus know the truth. We are not tossed around by the waves of doubt and confusion. Our truth can be found in a person - Jesus Christ. Based on His words found in the Gospels and the words of His followers inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can know the truth and it DOES set us free! I am convinced that there is no peace in the world without the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The liberal world seems to believe in something totally different.

Let's look at one example. The bumper sticker that reads, "Coexist," and uses the symbols of world religions to point out the idea that all faiths are true and lead to God and ultimately to peace.



We should all get along! That sounds wonderful and we should. Although it is a nice sentiment, it is a naive way at looking at religion or peoples' beliefs. Every religion has a different truth. They are mutually exclusive. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the only way to heaven, Muslims believe that Allah is God alone (had no son) and judges those who go to heaven, the Buddhists believe there is no God and no heaven (you become a drop of bliss in an ocean of forgetfulness), the Hindus believe that you may one day become a God; and it goes on and on. They cannot all be true. And the consequences could be devastating.

I was talking about religion to two young ladies in ninth grade and they told me that one of their friends has just decided to be a Buddhist. We had just discussed that Jesus is the only way to heaven and that those who do not believe in Jesus go to hell when they die. They accepted this as truth. When I asked them about their friend and her well being, knowing that if she died she would not be in heaven with them, they replied, "Oh, it's OK. She has her own truth and we have ours." I explained

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>July</b>						1	2
3 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	4 Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday	5 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	6 Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm	7	8	9	
10 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	11 WWW Bible Study @ Ramsey's 7 pm	12 Men's Bible Study Commissions 7 pm Board 8 pm	13 Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm	14	15	16	
17 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<b>Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</b>							
24 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	25 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	26 Deacon Mtg. 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	27	28	29	30	
31 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am							

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to them that this is not a "both/and" decision, this is about absolute truth and is an "either/or" decision. Both belief systems can not be right. One must be false and one must be true. It finally dawned on them that, like there is only one North Star, there is only one truth and they will try to tell their friend about Jesus.

I do agree that we need to get along. However, if I truly believe that Jesus is the truth, the way and the life, then I am going to do my best to persuade others. I hope that those who believe differently than I will try to persuade me that my truth is false. I will certainly persist to persuade them but if I can't, I will extend my hand of peace and resolve to agree to disagree. As Christians, we are called to love others. For me, the only way to true peace is found in a person - Jesus Christ. The passage above from Colossians points to the supremacy of Jesus and the way to peace. The way to peace is only found through Jesus Christ and His blood on His cross. I am convinced that if you want peace in this world, bring someone to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Do you want peace? Then tell the truth - that Jesus, and only Jesus, is the way to peace.

**June Kolp**

Arndt, Clint & Julie & family  
 Fellenbaum, Jere & Adrienne & Grace  
 Gantz, Kathryn  
 Garber, Chad & Audrey & family  
 Hinshaw, Carlyle & Jeannie  
 Hollinger, Jackie  
 Hollinger, Kelsey  
 Hollinger, Jean  
 Hollinger, Phil & Donna  
 Hollinger, Laura & Kaylee  
 Huber, Gerald & Allison & family  
 Hiller, Steve & Peggi  
 Johnson, Walt & Vonnie  
 Keener, Charles & Marilyn  
 Keener, Helen  
 Kile, Chet & Ella Louise  
 Kopp, Donald & Sandy  
 Longenecker, Glenn & Sharon  
 Weaver, Don & Donna

**Dennis & Ann Saylor**

Farmer, Scott & Kristi & Family  
 Grove, Zachery & Heidi  
 Ruhl, Jerry & Julie & Connor  
 Schwanger, Walter & Lois  
 Seitz, Greg & Cindy & family  
 Shumate, James & Polly  
 Smith, Steve & Mindy & family  
 Spickler, Jim & Linda  
 Stoppard, Kenneth & Margaret  
 Stumpf, Ned & Margaret  
 Sucharski, Evan & Liane  
 Swarr, Lloyd & Betty Jane  
 Tripp, Jessica  
 Tripp, Bill & Regena  
 Tripp, Linda  
 Weaver, Glenn & Sylvia  
 Williams, Cyrus & RaErin  
 Williams, Mellanie & Trisha

**Matt & Heather Haverkamp**

Daniels, Ralph  
 Garber, Dick & Nancy  
 Geib, Mel & Brenda  
 Gruber, Jim & Ruthanne  
 Heistand, Ryan  
 Hernley, Dale & Lois & family  
 Hess, Marion  
 Kolp, James & June  
 Kolp, Sarah  
 Landvater, Jean  
 Leonard, Jason & Holly  
 Martin, Duane & Kathy & family  
 Martin, Matt  
 McClenaghan, Merv, Mary Jane & family  
 Metzler, Chris & Nicole & family  
 Miller, Barry & Sheila  
 Sieber, Todd & Tammy & family

**Clint & Julie Arndt**

Axe, Brenda  
 Becker, Dave & Phyllis  
 Bender, Duane  
 Bender, Steve & Nel  
 Bender, Warren  
 Bowers, Ellen  
 Breneman, Doug & Darlene & family  
 Brooks, Sue  
 Brosey, Larry & Linda  
 Brubaker, Doug & Sandy  
 Burkhart, John & Amy & Collin  
 Carlson, Ruth (Skip)  
 Cicero, Mike & Robin & family  
 Clugston, George & Sarah  
 Clugston, George, Jr & Traci & family  
 Collins, Gary & Cindy  
 Brown, Colton & Brianna  
 Haverkamp, Matthew & Heather & family  
 Todd Shelly & Lisa Embly

**Jerry & Julie Ruhl**

Collman, Matt & Steph & family  
 Drescher, Charlie & Tracy & family  
 Dupler, Gary & Dawn & family  
 Dunkelberger, Bob & Shirley  
 Fazenbaker, Dick & Erma  
 Grieger, Vera  
 Groff, Charles  
 Groff, Michelle  
 Gruber, Michele  
 Harnish, Daryl & Angie & family  
 Harry, Henry & Nancy  
 Hawthorne, David  
 Hawthorne, Justin & Nicole & family  
 Hawthorne, Mike & Marcia & family  
 Hawthorne, Nate & Hunter  
 Hess, Milt & Luetta  
 Schwanger, Jeff & Dori & family  
 Schwanger, Abigail  
 Schwanger, Cody  
 Stauffer, Amanda

**Deacon News**

After ten years of dedicated service as head deacon June Kolp has decided to step down from this position. Marlin & Rose Hibshman have been called to fill the position as head deacons. Please take a moment to thank June for her many years of service a head deacon.

A few members of WGT mentioned they were not sure who the deacons where assigned to them. Included on this page is a complete list of current deacons with the members assigned.

**Jeff & Dori Schwanger**

Hemperly, Lloyd & Jackie & family  
 Hibshman, Marlin & Rose  
 Gephard, Kathryn  
 Gerdel, Dennis & Linda  
 Ginder, Randy & Karen  
 Mease, Justin & Beth & family  
 Nauman, John & Judy  
 O'Brian, Shawn & Mandy & Noelle  
 Peffley, Amy & family  
 Ramsey, Greg & Julie & family  
 Riggelman, Charlies & Charlotte  
 Risser, Patsy & Kathy  
 Rolls, Melinda  
 Sprenkle, Jean  
 Thompson, Don & Rose  
 Townsend, John  
 Youtz, Dustin & Dana & family  
 Youtz, Randy & Anita & Lexi  
 Youtz, Dane & Lauren & family  
 Youtz, Dick & Kathy

**Marlin & Rose Hibshman**

Allen, Mick & Leslie  
 Cannon, Shawn & Lisa & family  
 Dickason, Dick & Sandy  
 Drawbaugh, Brad & Brenda & family  
 Drawbaugh, Ken & Cindy  
 Garber, Tami (Lisa's sister)  
 Hollinger, Don & Ruthie  
 Hollinger, John & Laurie  
 Kershner, Marlin & Lisa & Kayley  
 Miller, Jenn & Nick  
 Myers, Deb & Gabriela  
 Sachs, Jeff & Daphne  
 Saylor, Dennis & Ann & family  
 Shoemaker, Raymond  
 Slater, Jason & Kari & family  
 Walmer, Eugene & Betty  
 Weber, Helen  
 Youtz, Blaine & family  
 Zeigler, Jeff & Jordan  
 Zeigler, John

IN GOD'S LOVE,  
 WGT Deacon Body

### Senior High Youth News

The Senior High Youth and Advisors would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated money, food and baked goods for the bake sale and to everyone who came out to eat and have your cars washed. We raised \$1,466.00!

Upcoming events:

The Senior High youth and Advisors will be heading to Creation June 28th to July 3rd. Please keep them in your prayers on those days.

Annual Sr. High Beach weekend is August 5th to the 7th.



### Vacation Bible School

In a little more than 2 months WGT will be transformed into a cave with stalactites, stalagmites and cave critters galore! Registration for our young explorers is available now. You can access that by going to the WGT website and click on the VBS section. We need your help to ensure the continued success of this outreach. There are many opportunities to help out during that week. We are also looking for donations to help with the transformation of our beautiful church into a cave. Please place items in the VBS Donation Bin which will be located in the narthex near the welcome center.



#### 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
- 7/31 - Dennis & Linda Gerdel

#### Birthdays

- 7/1 - Lloyd Hemperly
- 7/6 - Constance Kowalski
- 7/8 - Polly Shumate
- 7/10 - Nicole Drawbaugh, 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
- 7/21 - Marion Hess
- 7/22 - Michele McClenaghan
- 7/25 - Lisa Embly, Betty Walmer
- 7/27 - Milt Hess, Abigail Schwanger
- 7/30 - Zavier Cannon, Julie Ruhl
- 7/31 - Colton Brown, Daryl Harnish, Jerry Ruhl

- Cans of Spray Foam
- Pool Noodles (will not be returned)
- Large Rolls Colored Cellophane (Red, Green, Yellow)
- Large Cardboard Boxes
- Large Rolls of Brown Paper
- Different sizes of Cardboard Tubes

Thank you for your continued prayers & support for VBS.

Allison Huber

### July Servants

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	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Scripture &amp; Sermon</b>	Acts 7 Shawn O'Brien	Acts 8 Pastor Mick	Acts 9 Pastor Mick	Acts 10 Pastor Mick	Acts 11 Pastor Mick
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Sylvia Weaver	Ryan Arndt	Ryan Arndt	Leslie Allen	Brenda Geib
<b>Special Music</b>	Glenn Weaver		Dawn Dupler		Audrey Garber
<b>Chorister</b>	June Kolp	Regena Tripp	Regena Tripp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp
<b>Greeters 8 am</b>	Jim & Polly Shumate	Todd & Tammy Sieber	June Kolp	June Kolp	John & Laurie Hollinger
<b>Greeters 10:30 am</b>	Matt & Heather Haverkamp	Steve & Nel Bender	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Barry & Sheila Miller	Henry Harry & Ralph Daniels
<b>Worship Leader</b>					
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class	
<b>Deacons/ Anointing</b>	June Kolp	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Jeff & Dori Schwanger	Matt & Heather Haverkamp	Jerry & Julie Ruhl
<b>Sound Room 8 am</b>	Duane Martin & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Jerry Huber & Ryan Arndt	Jerry Huber & Jeff Schwanger	Jerry & Allison Huber
<b>Sound Room 10:30 am</b>	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Jeff Schwanger & Jason Leonard	Duane Martin & Andi Collman	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Duane Martin & Jeff Schwanger
<b>8 am Nursery/ Toddler</b>					
<b>10:30 am Nursery/Toddler</b>	Chad & Audrey Garber		Glenn & Sylvia Weaver	Jason & Holly Leonard	

### May & June Stats

	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12
<b>Total Worship</b>	164	127	183	138
<b>Sunday School</b>	119	70	104	95
<b>General</b>	\$4,706.00	\$5,357.00	\$5,834.00	\$2,468.00
<b>Building</b>		\$50.00		
<b>Deacon</b>			\$20.00	\$150.00
<b>Seminary</b>	\$100.00		\$100.00	

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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