



# Evergreen News

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## Pastor Mick's Musings...

### The Truth and Nothing but the Truth!

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6

In today's culture, truth is very relative. Like water, it can be different for anyone and we all fit into our own truth container. It is hard to push forward a belief when the truth is so "liquid." But for Christians, we find truth in a person - Jesus Christ. What Jesus said to us on earth is true. His truth is absolute.

I was teaching a Senior High class a few years back. We were discussing the reality of heaven and hell. Based on Scripture, we realized that those who believe in Jesus were covered by His blood and go to heaven. Those who do not believe in Him, go to hell. It is plain as day in the Bible. Two young ladies in the class brought up their friend who just converted to Buddhism. Their friend told them that when she dies, she will go to eternal bliss - that she will be like a drop of joy in the ocean of happiness. I told the two young women that the belief in Buddhism is a false religion and they need to talk to their friend to tell them the truth about Jesus. To my surprise, they both said they didn't need to because, "our friend has her truth and we have ours."


So there is the dilemma! Our present culture teaches that there are no absolutes. I proceeded to explain the Law of Non-contradiction. It states that contradictory statements cannot both be true in the same sense at the same time, e.g. the two propositions "A is B" and "A is not B" are mutually exclusive. There was a blank stare for the ladies so I said to them, "Do you believe that those who do not believe in Jesus go to hell?" They said, "Yes." I continued, "So that is the truth." They said, "Yes." So I concluded, "That means that your friend's statement about the afterlife must be false and if it is true than what we believe must be false. You can't have both." They got it and decided they needed to tell their friend about Jesus.

My friends, when Jesus said that He was the way and the truth and the life, He meant it. When Jesus said that no one comes to the Father except through me, He meant it. That is the truth, absolutely! And there is so much freedom when one knows the truth.

"You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

Much love in Jesus,  
Pastor Mick

### Sweet Spring



When the gloomy gray sky  
turns to clear azure blue,  
And the snow disappears  
from the ground,  
When the birds start to sing,  
and our moods start to lift,  
Then we know Spring is coming  
around.

When the first flower bulbs  
poke their heads  
toward the sun,  
Golden daffodils,  
hyacinths, too;  
When the brown grass turns  
green, and the  
wildflowers bloom,  
Then sweet Spring makes its  
showy debut.

Once again we awake from  
cold winter's pale dream,  
As our minds and our  
bodies revive;  
We rejoice and delight in  
spring's colorful sight;  
Each new spring makes us  
glad we're alive!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

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# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 First Wednesday 6:30 pm	2 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	3	4 3M 7 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 am - 5 pm
5 Youth Sunday Sunday School 9:15 am Combined Worship 10:30 am	6 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	7	8 Youth 7 pm	9 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm  Tiny Timbers Conferences	10  Tiny Timbers Conferenced	11 3M 7 am  Confidence Conference  
12 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	13 WWW Bible Study Tiny Timbers Board Mtg. 7 pm	14 Commis- sions 7 pm Board 8 pm	15 Youth 7 pm	16 Tiny Timbers Open House 6 pm - 8 pm Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day  	18 3M 7 am De-Clutter Day
19 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	20 WWW Bible Study 7 pm  	21	22 Youth 7 pm	23 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	24	25
26 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	27 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	28 Deacon Mtg. 7 pm	29 Youth 7 pm	30 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	31 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6 pm	April 1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 am - 3 pm



### Anniversaries

3/2 - Shawn & Lisa Cannon  
 3/3 - Colton & Brienna Brown  
 3/5 - Walt & Lois Schwanger  
 3/15 - Mike & Robin Cicero

### Birthdays

3/1 - Katherine Gebhard  
 3/3 - Charlie Mitchell  
 3/6 - Sandra Dickason  
 3/8 - Mandy O'Brien  
 3/9 - Randy Ginder  
 3/10 - Dean Garber  
 3/12 - Gary Collins  
 3/13 - Heidi Grove, Jennifer Lefferts,  
 Sheila Miller  
 3/19 - Jeanie Hinshaw  
 3/21 - Traci Clugston, Linda Gerdel,  
 Charlotte Riggelman  
 3/23 - Justin Hawthorne, Kelly McCle-  
 naghan, Trisha Williams  
 3/24 - Abigail Ramsey  
 3/31 - Erik Sucharski, Lauren Youtz

### Tiny Timbers Tidbits



commandment.”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest com-

Matthew 22:37-38

The children made & decorated Valentine's bags. They mailed their Valentines to their friends during the Valentine Class Celebration.

February is guest reader month. Family members are invited to come to read to the children during circle time. The children loved listening to the great stories.

We had Show n Tell last month. Each child took a turn bringing in their favorite toy or stuffed animal. Sharing the history of it's origin. Class members were called on by the child as questions were asked. The interaction was fun to watch.

Here at Tiny Timbers, we are blessed to have an amazing group of leadership as we teach, learn, and pray with the children.

Yours In Christ,  
Miss Cindy

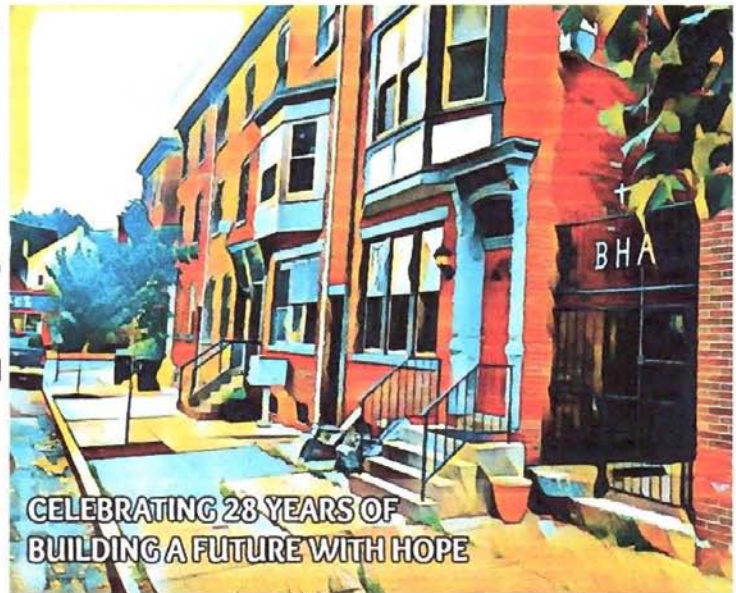
The  
Egg Hunt  
is here!

Saturday, April 8th

@ 10 am

## 28<sup>th</sup> Year Challenge

A house provides shelter; a home, security. A home is not just "where you live," it is where you feel safe, it is your refuge. A home is where stable and sustainable life lays its foundation. Unfortunately, there are many families who do not have a home and live in constant uncertainty and fear. BHA has provided a place to call home for families who are experiencing homelessness for 28 years. Since 1989, through the grace of God, we have been able to serve over 1000 adults and children; touching their lives, meeting their basic needs, and helping them to reach their God given potential. To celebrate BHA's 28 years of service, we are highlighting our organization's history during the month of February. Each day we are sharing new information about significant events and



people in the history of BHA on our website and Facebook page. In order to know where you are going, you must know where you came from. BHA has a rich history of dedicated and faithful people coming together to serve others. Through all of the growth, progress, challenges, and obstacles, we are thankful for what we have learned and the impact we have had on people's lives and our community.

You have made BHA what it is today; every prayer said, dollar donated, item given, and hour volunteered has made this work possible. You are a crucial part to our past, present, and future. We are committed to continuing to invest in the lives of families experiencing homelessness, but we cannot carry out our calling without your help. With you on our families' side supporting and praying for them, they can build a future with hope. They can begin to build their home.

In honor of our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary, take part in the 28th Year Challenge. **The goal of the 28th Year challenge is to have 28 people (or more!) commit to a recurring monthly gift of \$28.** Every dollar makes a difference and helps to provide a family with a place to call home and the tools and support systems to change their life. We hope learning more about our journey will inspire you to become involved in the vision moving forward. Please follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/brethrenhousing](http://www.facebook.com/brethrenhousing) or our website at [www.bha-pa.org](http://www.bha-pa.org) to see the daily posts about BHA's history of service in the community. If you would like a paper copy of the reflection on BHA's journey, please feel free to contact me at 717-233-6016 or [cbrown@bha-pa.org](mailto:cbrown@bha-pa.org).

Blessings,  
Crystal Brown  
Executive Director

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11.*

### March Servants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
<b>Scripture &amp; Sermon</b>	Youth Sunday	I Am the Gate John 10:9 Pastor Mick	I Am the Good Shepherd John 10:11 Pastor Mick	I Am the Resurrection & the Life John 11:25-26 Pastor Mick
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Leslie Allen	Brenda Geib	Sylvia Weaver	Ryan Arndt
<b>Special Music</b>	Youth	Audrey Garber	Choir	
<b>Chorister</b>	Youth	June Kolp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp
<b>Greeters 8 am</b>	Jason & Kari Slater	Bill & Regena Tripp	Doug & Darlene Breneman	Laurie Hollinger & Luetta Hess
<b>Greeters 10:30 am</b>	Mel & Brenda Geib	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Doug & Darlene Breneman	Jason & Holly Leonard
<b>Welcome Center 8 am</b>	COMBINED	Kathy Martin	MaryJane McClena- ghan	Mandy & Noelle O'Brien
<b>Welcome Center 10:30 am</b>		Don & Ruthie Hollinger	Todd & Lisa Shelly	Holly Leonard
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Youth	Linda Tripp	Marline Hibshman	Greg Seitz
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class
<b>Deacons/Anointing</b>	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Matt & Heather Haver- kamp	Jerry & Julie Ruhl	Clint & Julie Arndt
<b>Sound Room 8 am</b>	COMBINED NO SOUND ROOM	Jerry Huber & Cody Du- pler	Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt
<b>Sound Room 10:30 am</b>	Shane Schwanger & Nick Sieber	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Jeff Schwanger & Nick Sieber	Duane Martin & Shane Schwanger
<b>8 am Nursery/Toddler</b>	COMBINED	The Cannon Family		Linda Spickler & Hailey Tippett
<b>10:30 am Nursery/Toddler</b>	Brenda Axe	The Huber Family	Chad & Audrey Gar- ber	Jason & Holly Leonard

### January & February Stats

	January 22	January 29	February 5	February 12
<b>Total Worship</b>	177	191	174	207
<b>Sunday School</b>	125	142	111	124
<b>General</b>	\$4,380.00	\$4,165.00	\$6,912.00	\$4,042.00
<b>Building</b>			\$1,040.00	
<b>Deacon</b>				
<b>Seminary</b>	\$200.00		\$25.00	

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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