



# Evergreen News

May 2016

## Pastor Mick's Musings...

If...

If the world were full of Christians who studied their Bible daily, who really did believe God's commands applied to them, who put what they learned in God's Holy Word into practice, their actions reflecting that Word, then earth would be close to heaven.

If the world were full of Christians who knew that being a Christian is more than going to church, who lived their lives according to God's will, service to Him their main purpose, who practiced Jesus' teachings every day, with everyone they met, loving and helping their neighbors, then the earth would be a place of heavenly harmony and peace.

By Joanna Fuchs

### Being Jesus

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2*

I always find it fascinating that throughout the four Gospels, it is the tax collectors and sinners who gather to Jesus. So the question is, "Who are the righteous here - those who know that they are sinners or those who believe that they are better than sinners?" This is not a trick question because we all know the answer. The tricky thing about this passage is understanding the thoughts and views of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. I believe that most of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were not bad people. They were not out to crush those who were not "clean." They just could not remain in company with those who were not abiding in the Hebrew laws (many of which they created by themselves.) I believe that they were very religious people who dressed the right way, who did the right things, and who swayed away from sin and sinners. They were caught up in their religiosity. They were so fixed on following the "law" that they did not recognize the very One who wrote the law.

Sometimes I sense that the church has been caught up in the same religiosity. We have our own rules and regulations and may have forgotten our first love. We tend to think of sinners as "those people." However, we have one thing that the Hebrews do not have. We have the very light of Christ IN us! We have the Holy Spirit - GOD - working IN us. When the Pharisees and the teachers of the law reached into their hearts, they had the law. We have Jesus.

Jesus answered the mutterings of the Pharisees with the parable of the lost sheep.

*Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Luke 15:3-7*

There is an important lesson this short passage that we need to hear. I believe that as followers of Jesus, the Great Shepherd, we are to **GO AFTER** the lost sheep - the sinners. After all, we are his shepherds on earth; entrusted with the good news for all people and to care for their eternal well being. So we need to go where the "sinners" are. First, West Green Tree is filled with sinners - all of us. Let's never forget that. Second, we are repentant sinners, saved by the grace of Jesus Christ. Let's never forget that. Third, as followers of Jesus, we are to **go after** those who are yearning to be filled with the loving grace of Jesus. Let's never forget that. That is our mission.

How does that look? Let me give you an example. Let's say a family from our church has kids who are involved in soccer and they have tournaments on Sundays. So this family will miss the worship service and take the trip to the all day tournament. Those who are steeped in religiosity will **mutter**, "How can that family call themselves good Christians? They keep missing church. Shame on them." Whoa! That sounds like the Pharisees. So let's flip this scenario on its head and think like Jesus here.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Tractor Sunday 9 am Tractors Arrive 10 am Combined Service Meal @ Noon</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>WWW Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Commission Mtg. 7 pm Task Team Thank You 7:30 pm Board 8 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Autumn Saints 10 am Jr. &amp; Sr. High Clubs 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p> Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Tiny Timbers Staff Dinner 6:30 pm WWW Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Congregational Business Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Autumn Saints 10 am Jr. &amp; Sr. High Clubs 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women's Fellowship Evening of Pampering</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Jr. High Outdoor Movie Night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Car Wash &amp; Bake Sale @ Hostetters in Mount Joy</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Cody Schwanger Licensing Both Services</p>	<p>16</p> <p>WWW Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Clubs 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Tiny Timbers Last Day of School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tiny Timbers Last Day of School Old Time Revival 7 pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>WWW Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Deacon Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Clubs 7 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Pew Communion Both Services</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>31</p>				



### Anniversaries

- 5/3 - Dane & Lauren Youtz
- 5/5 - Mick & Leslie Allen
- 5/8 - Greg & Julie Ramsey
- 5/11 - Gary & Cindy Collins
- 5/14 - Richard & Nancy Garber  
Don & Donna Weaver
- 5/22 - Richard & Erma Fazenbaker
- 5/29 - Ken & Cindy Drawbaugh
- 5/31 - Marlin & Lisa Kershner  
Jason & Holly Leonard

### Birthdays

- 5/2 - Lois Hernley  
Zach Mitchell
- 5/3 - Megan Gutshall
- 5/5 - Merv McClenaghan
- 5/8 - George Clugston II  
Patsy Risser
- 5/9 - Jim Shumate  
Ben Youtz
- 5/10 - Luke Huber  
Lois Schwanger
- 5/14 - Travis Hernley
- 5/15 - Cindy Collins  
Don Kopp
- 5/17 - Duane Bender  
Luetta Hess
- 5/18 - Justin Mease
- 5/19 - Nate Arndt  
Noah Farmer  
Steph Ginder
- 5/20 - Matt Haverkamp
- 5/23 - Sandy Brubaker
- 5/25 - Brayden Raynes
- 5/26 - Collin Burkhart
- 5/27 - Laura Hollinger
- 5/28 - Claire Leonard
- 5/29 - Helen Keener
- 5/31 - Yvonne Johnson

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That family is heading out to a venue where there are a whole lot of lost sheep. They are on the mission field. That family has the opportunity to share Jesus to “those sinners.” So the family prays in the car as they go to the tournament to ask the Holy Spirit to lead them to be in the right place at the right time to share the Gospel. They have a church service in the car! They become friends with the lost souls at the soccer field. The soccer families get to know them and realize that they care for them. The big tournament is about to begin and our church family asks if they could pray for the safety of the soccer players. They gather around to hear the prayer. They gather around to pray to Jesus! Wow.

At church, the pastor tells the congregation that this family is not going to be in church today because of a soccer tournament. He tells the church that the family has asked for prayers for them as they share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. The family and the church are on a mission to save the lost sheep.

**That is being Jesus!** So if you can't be in church on Sunday, be Jesus where you are. Realize that when you exit the doors of our church building, you are entering the mission field. And remember, *“there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”*

All for His glory,  
Pastor Mick

### Tractor Sunday

Drive Your Tractor to Church Day is coming Sunday, May 1st! We are looking forward to seeing a display of all types of tractors, and to bless the farmers in our community. Darrell Graybeal of Jefferson, North Carolina will share the message and his amazing story. Special music will again be brought by Pleasant Passage. Plan to attend the service at 10 am and the fellowship meal following the service. The church will provide the meat, baked potatoes, and green beans for the meal. Folks whose last name begins A-M please plan to bring a salad. For those whose last name begins N-Z, please bring a dessert. If you plan to drive your tractor, please have it at the church by 9 am.





### Third Friday - April - Pie Night!

If you missed it...you missed a good one! It was the perfect ending to a glorious day! The table was filled with rows of pies: apple, pumpkin, strawberry, peanut butter...drooling yet? And the fellowship hall was filled with people, Farmers, Youtzs, Hesses, Harnishes and many more. Kids were on sugar highs, adults were going into sugar comas...it was a beautiful thing! Moderation went right out the door on this one, but we had a great time. Don't miss our next 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday event – "Revival" – with music and worship sure to lift your spirits!

Speaking of revival...

### Save the Date! May 20th - Old Time Revival

Join us for a real celebration of the saving power of Christ. Live Music, prayer, and plenty of spirit! Invite friends and family to join us for an inspiring night!



### Spring Cleaning!

As you look forward to warmer weather, and start your "spring cleaning", keep in mind WGT sponsors the Clothing Bank in June. If you have any clothing you'd like to donate to the Clothing Bank, it may be placed in the pavilion. Please separate and label accordingly (girls, boys, men, women, babies). If there are any questions, please contact a member of the Witness Commission. Thank you!

### Camp Swatara News

The early registration is approaching fast! Register your camper by May 2nd to take advantage of the \$25 savings. Ask Jim or June Kolp for your Good As Gold certificate. WGT will pay up to half the fee of a normal camping week for any of the camps offered including weekend camps. For questions about any camps offered, go to the Camp Swatara website, [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org).

**Congregational  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10th  
7 pm**

### Licensing

Plan to join with your WGT Family on Sunday, May 15th, as Galen Brumbaugh will be in attendance to commission Cody Schwanger officially in to Licensed Ministry! Be sure to congratulate Cody as you see him!

### Vacation

### Bible School

In just a few short weeks, it will be time once again to transform the church! Keep your eyes peeled...The VBS decorating team (AKA Jerry & Clint) will be meeting soon to work out details for transforming WGT into a cave for our Cave Quest adventures. If you are interested in helping out with behind the scenes planning of VBS we need you! Please contact Allison Huber with any questions. Volunteers will also be needed for many areas (registration, group leaders, crowd control, snacks, etc.) Please see Allison if you have interest in serving in any of these areas! VBS is a great way to reach out to the surrounding community.



### May Servants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Scripture &amp; Sermon</b>	Tractor Sunday Darrell Graybeal	"All for God's Glory" 1 Peter 4:1-11 Pastor Mick	Cody Schwanger Licensed Minister	"Why are You Just Standing There!" Acts 1 Pastor Mick	"Fire!" Acts 2 Pastor Mick
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Ryan Arndt	Ryan Arndt	Leslie Allen	Sylvia Weaver	Brenda Geib
<b>Special Music</b>	Pleasant Passage	WGT Choir	VBS Preview Song	Small Vocal Group	
<b>Chorister</b>	June Kolp	Regena Tripp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp	Ryan Arndt
<b>Greeters 8 am</b>	NO EARLY SERVICE/ COMBINED	George & Sarah Clugston	Jim & Linda Spickler	Dave & June Sauder	Ralph Daniels
<b>Greeters 10:30 am</b>	Zane Seitz & Matt Haverkamp	Charles & Marilyn Keener	Dennis & Linda Gerdel	Mel & Brenda Geib	Helen Weber & Katherine Gebhard
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Doug Breneman	Ralph Daniels	Allison Huber	Matt Haverkamp	Dick Dickason
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class	
<b>Deacons/ Anointing</b>	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Jeff & Dori Schwanger	Matt & Heather Haverkamp	Dennis & Ann Saylor	June Kolp
<b>Sound Room 8 am</b>	NO EARLY SERVICE/ COMBINED	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Jerry Huber & Jeff Schwanger	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Duane Martin & Zane Seitz
<b>Sound Room 10:30 am</b>	Mick Allen & Zane Seitz	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Duane Martin & Andi Collman	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Jeff & Shane Schwanger
<b>8 am Nursery/ Toddler</b>	NO EARLY SERVICE/ COMBINED				
<b>10:30 am Nursery/Toddler</b>			Marilyn Keener & Nick Ellison	Jason & Holly Leonard	

### March & April Stats

	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17
<b>Total Worship</b>	197	179	163	199
<b>Sunday School</b>	115	102	99	None Reported
<b>General</b>	\$4,934.00	\$5,662.94	\$5,108.00	\$6,041.00
<b>Building</b>		\$25.00		\$200.00
<b>Deacon</b>			\$40.00	
<b>Seminary</b>	\$50.00		\$40.00	\$75.00

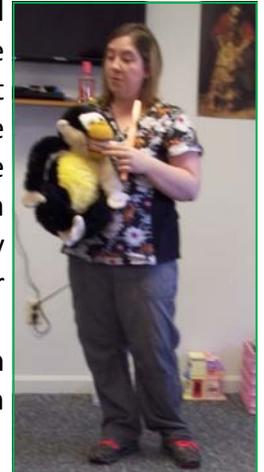
## Tiny Timbers Tidbits



The end of the year at Tiny Timbers Christian Preschool is quickly coming to a close. What a difference for me since last year with only one class to two full classes, but oh what a BLESSING ! With that I also had the privilege of working with Director Cindy Seitz as my teacher aide in the am. So grateful for her and her love of children and love for the Lord. Miss Ruthie continued to be my pm aide and again am so grateful for all they do to make the children our number one priority.

In February we had a visit from the Parkside Dentistry to help the children learn about good dental hygiene. She brought stuffed animals with full sets of teeth so the children could practice their brushing skills. They loved it!

End of February we said Bon Voyage to our beloved classmate Max who moved to Montana. We were thrilled for him and his family, but our TT little family still miss him. His Mom came in to tell us about the adventure that awaited them.



The AM class also had Clara's mom visit during our Pet and Farm Animal week with "Avery the dog" to showcase how to take care of other living creatures. Thank you Dr. Beki for a wonderful lesson.

We had a wonderful Easter Celebration of singing songs of praise to our Risen Lord and the EMPTY tomb. Hallelujah.

When our theme was Spring we learned our new season song it taught us about "new life" i.e. baby colts and little white goats and that's how we know its Spring. Bella and her mom brought into our PM class a baby goat and some very active baby chicks who loved climbing all over Bells's head. Thank you Miss Lindsay for sharing your love of animals.

The celebration is happening this next weekend and I am sure a great time of praise and fellowship will be had by all!

The TTh classes are looking forward to our final field trip to Juniper Village where we will minister to the clients by singing and making cards. We will bring them JOY!!

Thanks to all that have had a part, seen or unseen in the ministry of Tiny Timbers. A special thanks to Pastor Mick for his wonderful times of teaching.

Especially to our wonderful families who have entrusted these precious children to our care. Thank you for to all the prayer warriors and please keep praying.

Joy in Serving Jesus,  
Miss Natalie TTh teacher  
with Miss Cindy and Miss Ruthie, the TTh team



## Ladies Night of Pampering

Women of all ages, come out for an evening of pampering & relaxation. Enjoy a spa environment in our very own Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 12th, at 7 pm. Please sign up if you plan to come. See Mary Jane McClenaghan, Leslie Allen, Anita Youtz, Sarah Clugston, or Mindy Smith with questions.

## Thank You!

Over a year ago, the board formed Task Teams to look at & improve four areas within WGT. The areas of concern were: Electronic Media, Congregational Health, Property Planning, and Outreach. Many folks served on these task teams and their efforts and what has been accomplished is very much appreciated. To the following folks, we say THANKS!:



### Electronic Media

Phil Hollinger, Chad Garber, Jerry Huber, and Jason Leonard

### Congregational Health

Cody Schwanger, Greg Seitz, Steve Bender, Blaine Youtz

### Property Planning

Marlin Hibshman, Nancy Garber, Gary Dupler, Dennis Saylor

### Outreach

Clint Arndt, Dawn Dupler

Project 2016 was a branch out of Property Planning. All the folks listed below had some part in making this project a success.

Jere Fellenbaum, Julie Ramsey, Duane Martin, Dennis Saylor, Colton Brown, Brienna Brown, Dale Hernley, Lois Hernley, Pastor Mick, Gary Dupler, Marlin Hibshman, Anita Youtz, Cindy Collins, Leslie Allen, Sylvia Weaver, Dori Schwanger, Heather Haverkamp, Ruthie Hollinger, Brenda Axe, Regena Tripp, Jim Spickler, Linda Spickler, Richard Garber, Nancy Garber, Phil Hollinger, Paula Jones

Folks will be appreciated on May 3rd at 7:30 pm here at the church prior to the board meeting. If you didn't receive an invitation, please come!



**The Senior High Youth will be holding their annual Car Wash/Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14th (time TBA). Plan to stop in for them to clean your car & pick up some tasty treats while you wait! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards youth conference. Thanks in advance for your support of WGT's Youth!**

## Nursery/Toddler Volunteers

The future of WGT needs cared for! Consider volunteering in the Nursery/Toddler room & share the love of Jesus to the precious little future members! Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center. Criminal Background and Child Abuse History clearances are needed. If you don't have them, please contact the church office. We will help get the clearances you need, at no cost to you! Thank you!

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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