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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

### “What Prevents You from Making Disciples?”

As I have considered the mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ to “Make Disciples” (Matt. 28:18-20) for nearly 2 years now, I believe that there are three main barriers that prevent us from following Jesus’ command:

**1) Time:** In the command to “make disciples”, there are two phrases which require our time in order to be faithful to Jesus. The first is “go[ing] to all the nations.” We also call this evangelism: preaching the Gospel to those who are lost. The second is “teaching them to observe all that I command you.” Once a person is born again, the responsibility shifts from preaching the Gospel to preaching the whole counsel of the Word of God. The foundation for this teaching is the local church; however, a secondary means of teaching involves one-on-one or small group study, whereby an individual can be challenged to accountability and learn how to practice the truth that he or she has learned. Why is this a barrier to making disciples? Answer: we don’t give it enough priority in how we schedule and structure our lives. We don’t spend the time necessary to do evangelism or be engaged in one-on-one ministry...or, we find one easier than the other, and so we emphasize one and neglect the other. Let us consider our time management and how we can plan to make disciples.

**2) People:** Yes, believe it or not, people are a barrier to making disciples! Since people are the object of fulfilling the command, it appears strange that they could be a barrier. However, a trap that we can fall into is conditioning our own obedience to the command “Make Disciples” upon the response of people. When we sense that people don’t want to listen to the Gospel or be involved with one-one-one relationships, we get discouraged and quit. Or if we have had a bad experience in the past with a one-one-one or small group study, we may be hurt and decide risking future hurt isn’t worth it. Both attitudes are wrong and will not be an acceptable excuse when we stand in judgement before our Lord.

**3) Fear:** We allow our fear of man to overrule our fear of God. Jesus understood this when He sent His original disciples on a mission to evangelize in the nation of Israel. He told them, “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matt. 10:28) My dear friends, let us not shrink from Jesus’s command because we fear man. Rather, we ought to pray for hearts of boldness and courage and be willing to suffer persecution so that we can fulfill the Great Commission and be pleasing to our Lord.

Please register for National Conference using the Eventbrite link below. Either click on the link, or copy and paste into your browser window.

<https://cgbc2021nationalconference.eventbrite.com>

If you don't have access to the internet, a paper registration form has been included in this newsletter and you can mail it to:

Grace Brethren Chapel  
ATTN: Jonathan Edwards  
1820 SR 590  
Gibsonburg, OH 43442

### **CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE 2021 UPDATE – VICE PRESIDENT, PASTOR GORDY HARMON**

We are looking at our blueprint, breaking ground, ordering supplies and making ready for The Construction Zone. We are under 100 days to Conference, and we really need your help. Please take a moment and register your family for children's conference. At this stage of planning and preparation, this will help us tremendously. If you are interested in serving and helping with Children's Conference please call, text or email us. We will get back to you and work out the details of how involved you want to be. You will be compensated \$8/Hr. We would like to send you a music cd (both workers and families registering for Children's Conference) to familiarize you with the songs. They are great songs!! We are looking forward to being a blessing to the children and families at conference. Please be praying for us!! Please Register ASAP!

Pastor Gordy Harmon (call or text) 740-504-7932 email [bffpastorg@gmail.com](mailto:bffpastorg@gmail.com)

Jessie Harmon (call or text) 740-504-2248 email [jharmon18203@icloud.com](mailto:jharmon18203@icloud.com)

Register today at Eventbrite: <https://cgbc2021nationalconference.eventbrite.com>

### **CONFERENCE NURSERY – STEPHANIE KNIGHT**

Anyone interested in helping in the nursery at national conference, please contact Stephanie Knight at [ibelieve\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:ibelieve_01@yahoo.com). You will be compensated \$8/hour for your services. Thank You!

### **2021 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON – MEREDITH EDWARDS & JOANNE SIMPSON**

Don't forget to register for the 2021 Women's Luncheon (July 5<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2pm) through your Eventbrite or paper registration. You will select a fried or grilled chicken dinner as you register. The sides will be mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls with butter, homemade pies, drinks and coffee. The cost is \$16/person and should be paid at Conference Registration on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All post-high women of the Fellowship are invited to attend! Check your email inboxes this month for a printable flyer.

### **REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE MUSICIANS**

To all who have musical ability, please consider ministering this year at Conference. There are several opportunities available including supplying some special music. If you are interested please contact Pastor Philip Moeller by email [philipmoeller@juno.com](mailto:philipmoeller@juno.com) or by phone at church (419) 747-5012.

### **NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR BOB MENSINGER**

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy despite the challenges of health issues with some of our members. Pastor Russell Panico was ushered into the presence of our dear Lord and Savior last week. Please pray for his wife Kay and their children. Sister Carol Stuckey has been in and out of the hospital this past week and her husband needs care, pretty much 24/7.

Our dear brother Dennis Casto is at Pine Ridge Rehab Center recovering from a fall. His wife Flo also fell but is doing ok.

My wife and I were blessed at the Mid-Year Meetings in Orrville, OH. A big “thank you” to brother Ike Graham and the Orrville church for hosting the event. New Troy GBC will be hosting District Conference on May 1. Pray that everything will go well in this Covid atmosphere that we are dealing with. I am teaching through 1 Peter in the morning services, and 2 Kings in the evening services. I continue to put the morning messages on Facebook and YouTube, and on the church website.

Praise God our attendances and offerings continue to stay consistent. So far we have not had any Covid related health issues since resuming live services. Praise the Lord for His protection in that matter.

### **BEREAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP – PASTOR GORDY HARMON**

Choir Festival at Berean Faith Fellowship—Save the Date! Please make plans to join us on Sunday, May 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Meet with us in beautiful Mount Vernon for a wonderful evening of singing, praise, worship, and of course, sweet fellowship. We are located at 103 Madison Street, Mount Vernon, OH, and we would fully enjoy your presence. Contact either Pastor Gordy Harmon ([740-504-7932](tel:740-504-7932), [bffpastorg@gmail.com](mailto:bffpastorg@gmail.com)); or Jesse Bryant (740-390-1402, [bryant05@icloud.com](mailto:bryant05@icloud.com)) for questions/directions, etc. Look for more information to be coming in next month’s Voice Newsletter!

### **CAMP ALBRYOCA – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT**

We are making preparations for the church camp season. There have been some changes in dates since the last newsletter! We are hosting two weeks of camp:

Senior/Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

Director: Pastor Chris Knight

Junior (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) – July 12-17<sup>th</sup>

Director: Pastor Tom Johnson

If you would like a registration form or more information, please contact me at:

814-444-6709 or [chrisk4christ@gmail.com](mailto:chrisk4christ@gmail.com) We are also looking for counselors and junior counselors (11<sup>th</sup> grade and up) for Junior High week. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

## HOME MISSIONS

### NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Below are listed the NET 21 team members. Please be praying for the team as they begin to prepare for their time of ministry June 12-27, 2021 in Peru, IN; South Whitley, Indiana and several other stops still to be firmed up. The first week has the focus on training and preparing for the 2nd week. However, as I think was mentioned last month, we will be helping Peru GBC with their VBS during the same week as training. It will make for a lot of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with others.

#### Men:

Reuben Auten-Galion, Ohio

Clay Hannah-Denver, Indiana

Jacob Hochstetler-Orrville, Ohio

Jeremiah Hodgdon-Orrville, Ohio

Nicholas Kelley-Butler, Ohio

Benjamin Miller-Tualatin, Oregon

Jethro Geiser-Dalton, Ohio

Pastor Del and Grace Miller,  
Leaders-Wooster, Ohio

#### Ladies:

Grace Bolling-Fremont, Ohio

Angelica Hodgdon-Orrville, Ohio

Hannah Hodgdon-Orrville, Ohio

Tia Kelley-Butler, Ohio

Sophia Pearson-Denver, Indiana

Daria McAllister-Groveport, Ohio

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Carly Miller- Green Springs, Ohio

Amy Vanderpool-Winona Lake, Indiana

We have greatly appreciated your interest and help with this ministry in the past years. Next month we will have more details about which team members have been adopted and which ones still are available. As of right now it appears that around 40% of them still need to be adopted. In the meantime if you have questions please contact us.

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## **REVITALIZE VERMONT – UPDATE BY PASTOR BRYAN MALEY**

### **“Organizing Tools”**

Several years back, my tool box had tipped over and all of my sockets and wrenches fell out of place. It took me a long time to find the right size, and many times I just used what I found. I never stopped to take the time to reorganize it because I didn't want to slow down. Then my mom and dad came to visit and dad needed to use some of my tools. He couldn't take the disorganization of the wrenches and sockets. He pulled up a stool and sat there most of the day putting all the tools in their correct spots. He even found a few new ones that I forgot I had.

It is time to reorganize the tools we have at our disposal. As we have started to do so, we have found tools we have always had, but have not utilized. As we were reorganizing our tool box, God revealed a valuable tool to us - our men. Our men have not been properly disciplined. They have been left to fend for themselves and lead their families without support.

This is where Men of the Harvest was created. It is time to re-tool and march forward in the war against sin and the world. Pastor Scott and I will be teaching discipleship and Evangelism to a few key men based on the principles gleaned from the writings of Robert E. Coleman. In turn these men will go and do the same when they are ready. This teaching will be done side by side as Jesus trained His Apostles. This takes great sacrifice to join men where they are and work alongside them.

Please pray for us as we follow the path God has given us.

### **Other Prayer Requests:**

**Revitalize Vermont** – In need of another man to serve full time at LVGBC

**Lamoille Valley Grace Brethren Church** - Growth

**Pastor Ethan Kallberg** - he has taken a fulltime job to support his family

**Men of the Harvest** – to serve our community as we disciple men to be Godly fathers and husbands.

Please consider being a financial supporter. Send your support to GRACE BROTHERS CHURCH (REVITALIZE VERMONT): Pastor Tom Johnson, 222 Marker Drive—Somerset, PA 15501

### **MISSIONS GIVING - Pastor Tom Johnson Home and Foreign Missions Treasurer**

When I started in January, I was given a list of individuals and churches who had previously given to either Home Missions or Foreign Missions in the past. For Foreign Missions, there were forty-eight individuals and thirty-five churches that gave. So far this year, fifteen of the individuals have contributed, and thirty of the churches gave.

For Home Missions, there were nineteen individuals and thirty one churches that gave. So far this year, five individuals and fourteen churches have given. Some may give quarterly or even once per year, but I say this as an encouragement and a reminder to not forget or neglect to support our Missionaries. Don't forget to send separate checks made out for either "Home Missions" or "Foreign Missions" to Pastor Tom Johnson, 222 Marker Dr., Somerset, PA 15501.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**CAMEROON – UPDATE BY PASTOR SOLOMON ZAMBO**

Since 2016, Mary and I felt the calling to help Mfomakap GBC in the Cameroon. We have baptized about 30 people since then and about 10 will be baptized this month. Three men have prepared to take over the work. One of them just took his Pastoral written exam.

We opened the International Evangelism Bible School. It provides great opportunity to train men and women for the work of evangelism. Right now 45 men and women are training. This year, we will see the first fruits of the IEBS. The graduated are now considered as a team, ready to assist for any evangelization that the Cameroon CGBC decides to do! They belong to three different districts of churches. Three areas surrounding our churches recently were "invaded" by these saints. The Lord is quickly adding to our churches. Pray for the extension of this vision in all the districts of churches.

Our vision is to train as many saints as we can for the blessed work of making our feet beautiful in preaching the Biblical Gospel to the Lost World. Other Pastors help train those who are called to become pastors. However, our target is on evangelism training! May many Bibles and Tracts be distributed! May many disciples be made!

Pray for Mary's mom to recover from her stroke. Pray for the glorious ministry in the Eastern Cameroon led by Pastor Raymond to keep growing. Pray for Julienne Olinga, Raymond's wife, to get some relief from her chronic rheumatism. Pray for Pastor Roger and July Yoda ministry in Eastern Africa to achieve all their goals in the countries in which they minister. Pray for protection against Covid-19.

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