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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR LARRY WILLIAMS

In these troubled times, we need to remember God is still on the throne. Nothing takes him by surprise. He is fully aware of all that happens. I lost a first cousin in the last while, reminding me that life is fragile. She had the blessing just five years ago of being reunited with a daughter she was forced to give up for adoption as a baby because of financial restraints. What a blessing to see their relationship flourish and grow.

Please continue to pray for our 2024 Conference in Grand Rapids MI as the Executive Panel puts the pieces together. Remember our theme is "Gonna Let it Shine!" (please excuse the grammar), which should prompt us to be a lighthouse to the sin-darkened world around us.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars now for National Conference: June 26-July 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The hotel has given us a price of \$108 plus tax. This rate does not include breakfast, however, there is a wonderful breakfast buffet served in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is working on a great discount to offer us for the breakfast. A direct phone line as well as an online booking link will be available soon.

****RESERVATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE****

June 26 Executive Panel, June 27 Panel Meetings

June 28-July 3

DoubleTree by Hilton

Grand Rapids (MI) Airport

Call the hotel directly at 616-957-1543

And mention CGBCI Conference.

Deadline for special Conference rate: June 1

CONFERENCE MUSIC – PASTOR DELANE MILLER

I am putting together both an ensemble and a choir. The only requirement for choir members is that they sing on pitch. The ensemble will be like we have done in the past. I'm looking for brass and woodwinds (No need for percussion instruments and the only guitar is the bass). If interested, please email me at: millerdelane02@gmail.com.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

I am excited to be in the planning phase of YCON '24. The theme I have chosen is, "Access by Faith." We will be looking at Romans 5 which tells of the great blessings bestowed upon believers. We have access to God, to justification, to His grace, all through faith! What a joy to be a Christian! I have been in touch with a few leaders/staff and will be getting in touch with others in the coming weeks. I plan to have more information in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned! Pray for our youth!

GALION GBC – PASTORS BRIAN AUTEN & JEFF PENNINGTON

Our church has not had live music for nearly three and a half years. We do not have a piano player or music leader. We have been praying about this and thought we would ask our fellowship if there is anyone interested in filling this need for us. Maybe God has been directing someone to this ministry that we don't know about. We would like to put our need out there for prayer and, hopefully, help! If interested, please contact Pastor Brian or Pastor Jeff. Thank you!

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR BOB MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. We had five visitors in November; two have returned for other services. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers. God has answered our prayers for America Schmaltz and Gary Lozmack; both are doing well.

We had great meetings with Pastor Jordan Bradley – he is such an accomplished speaker for one so young. We are grateful for his challenging messages.

Pastor Bob is preaching a sermon series in Revelation. This series is timely for the days in which we are living.

Praise God for His faithfulness in keeping the work at New Troy going.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for your interest in the ministry of NET. It is already time to start thinking about NET 25! In the next few months, we would like to establish that location. If you could pray with us about that, we would greatly appreciate it. The upcoming NET 24 trip will be to Vermont with the ministry focus week at Lamoille Valley GBC in Morrisville (July 29-August 13, 2024). The last time to Morrisville in 2018 we tried something that was new to us. We did a "One Dollar" car wash right along the street that runs directly in front of the church building. It is almost as close as the road in Listie, PA! Those who pulled up to get in line were shocked to find out that they were being given a dollar for letting us serve them in this way. Of course, the gospel message was tied to the unexpected gift (2 Corinthians 9:15). This was Pastor Ethan's brainstorm and Pastor Philip Moeller helped to make it work as he met the drivers and gave the explanation about what was going on. When I spoke with Pastor Ethan earlier this Fall (at Benjamin Miller's wedding) about the upcoming NET outreach, we concluded that we should run the car wash again. That, of course, is only one of many activities and ministries that the team will be involved in during the week.

The application deadline for NET 24 is February 1, 2024. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact us right away. Thanks for thinking and praying about this. If any questions, please contact: pastordelmiller@gmail.com Ph. 330-234-1602

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