

Monthly grocery box give-away details...

Our next grocery box food giveaway will happen Saturday, MAY 28. Pick up time will be from 11am till NOON. Details are on our church website, www.landisville.church or you can call the office and speak with Candice to sign up... 717-898-8144.

Colossians 2:6, 7 (The Voice Bible)

Now that you have welcomed the Anointed One, Jesus the Lord, into your lives, continue to journey with Him and allow Him to shape your lives. Let your roots grow down deeply in Him, and let Him build you up on a firm foundation. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always spill over with thankfulness.

“Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.” Dr. Seuss

“Unstoppable Kingdom”



Even though Easter Sunday has come and gone, we are still celebrating the Easter season in our churches. For this season, we are discussing in the current sermon series what it means to be part of an “unstoppable kingdom”. As followers of Jesus, we will encounter problems of all kinds, but God’s presence and redemptive plan cannot be stopped. This is a time in the life of our church family when we recognize that the heavens and earth will be restored to glory, death will be reversed, and evil will be defeated forever.

This is good news! This is the message of the gospel! This was the mission of Jesus... “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19, CSB)

This is our mission as disciples of Jesus. To share good news with others, to release those who are held captive by lies, to restore clarity to those who are blind to the truth, to set people free from the earthly, sinful chains that hold them down. Our mission is to declare that this will be the season of the Lord’s favor!

Prayers from God's people...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (CSB)... "Rejoice always! Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

The Lord hears our prayers and answers our prayers according to His Will for our lives. Please pray for these concerns and praises shared from members of our church family.

- Praise God for His faithfulness to hear and answer our prayers.
- Hempfield school district and the challenges our community faces with gender issues.
- Bev Korman dealing with another small tumor on her brain; under going treatment.
- Steve Baker as he deals with Leukemia and ongoing health issues.
- Esther Jenkins (wife of Pastor Randy Jenkins, retired COG pastor) as she goes through chemo treatments.
- The future of our congregation; spiritual transformation and revitalization.
- Those who are wandering and need to find their way back to God.
- The persecuted church around the world.
- Our Church of God missionaries scattered around the globe.

Add this short powerful prayer to your daily time...

God, what do you want me to "catch" from You today? God, what are you asking me to "release" and turn over to You today?

Prayer to Follow Christ Wholeheartedly

Lord, you are all-knowing and full of wisdom. Your plan is masterful. Help me as your disciple to follow you in every thought, word, and deed. Give me a heart of obedience and trust that I would not get wrapped up in my doubt or what I think is the right choice.

Help me to recognize that your good and perfect will does not always look the way I think it should, but that doesn't make it any less good or any less perfect. I desire to be your disciple and follow you all the days of my life. Please give me the strength to do that. Amen.

What's Happening...

Sunday, May 8, 2022

- Landisville - Jen Rhine will be sharing inspirational words from God's Word as we celebrate Mother's Day.
- Real Life Church - 10:30am: contemporary worship gathering. Diane Hakes, member of the Multiplication Commission of the ERC will be sharing from God's Word as we celebrate Mother's Day. Gavin Smith will be leading worship.
- Pastor Tim will be preaching at the Swatara Church of God as that congregation works through a difficult season. Please pray for Pastor Mike Nelson and the congregation and their leadership team.

May is "mental health awareness" month. We are here to help you navigate all of life's challenges. Please contact Pastor Tim if you need help or assistance with someone who needs your help. Email... tcbistline@me.com or call/text... 717-341-4114.

FREE discipleship training event... Saturday, May 14, 9:00am till 2:00pm at Real Life Church of God; lunch will be included. We will be learning together how to be a disciple of Jesus and gain some "tools" and strategies to make disciples as Jesus commanded. RSVP to Pastor Tim ASAP.

Memorial Day... We will be participating in the community wide Memorial Day Yard Sales. Personal yard sale spaces are available for \$10 for Monday May 30th 6:30am to Noon. (A space is 2 parking spaces.) We will also be hosting a church table that you may donate household goods towards. (NO clothing, tires or large furniture will be accepted.) All proceeds will benefit future mission trips. To reserve a personal space or get more info, contact Susan Patzer by phone(717-892-1225) or email, susanpatzer@comcast.net

Sunday, May 15, 2022

- Landisville - 8:30am: traditional worship service; 9:30am: Sunday school for all ages; 10:30am: contemporary worship gathering with praise team. Pastor Tim will be preaching on God's Unstoppable Kingdom, from Revelation 21.
- Real Life Church - 10:30am: contemporary worship gathering. Greg Detweiler will be preaching on God's Unstoppable Kingdom. Gavin Smith will be leading worship.
- Landisville Camp Meeting... free choral concert @ 6:00pm. Food concessions will be open and a freewill offering will be taken to support the camp. All are welcome to attend!

On being a disciple of Jesus and making disciples with Jesus...

Clarifying terms as we think about the theme of “discipleship” ...

- A disciple - someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus (Matt. 4:19).
- Disciple making - helping people to trust and follow Jesus.
- Disciple maker - a Christian who enters into relationships with people to help them trust and follow Jesus.
- Discipleship-first (person/tribe) - those who see themselves through the missional lens of being disciples who make disciples.

“Jesus didn’t love individuals just to see their lives changed. He had a much larger mission in mind. He desired to do what He came to earth to do—to transform the lives of His disciples and everyone He met for eternity, empowering and equipping them to do the same for others. In the relatively short time that Jesus walked on earth with these faulty faithful few, He intentionally invested in each one to help him or her nurture an ongoing relationship with the living God—and a relationship that had a profoundly positive impact on everyone who encountered these followers. If we track what happened to each one, we see that these men and women went on to be used by God to change lives for eternity. Jesus made disciples who made disciples. Let that sink in. Our Lord didn’t just make disciples; He made disciple makers. He modeled what He calls us to do. Part of aspiring to be like Him is to follow in His example, making disciples who become disciple makers.” (From the book, *Becoming a Disciple Maker* by Bobby Harrington and Greg Wiens; www.discipleship.org)

Our vision for discipleship in the Eastern Regional Conference of the Churches of God, General Conference is to...Discover, Develop, and Deploy Disciple Makers as Jesus commanded.

The Core Commitments of this vision are as follows...

Discover... Hear and see the potential God sees in those we must reach.

Develop... Engage and Cultivate others toward whole life maturity in Christ.

Deploy... Send people and resource them on the mission God has prepared.

God loves you and we love you too,

Pastor Tim and the ministry staff