

FaithTalk



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Women's Ministries Report

Winter 2018 quarterly meeting with special guest speakers:

Diane Halverson – Area Director of Prison Ministries

Connie Reagan – Founder, Bread of Life Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter, Crossville

Diane gave a talk on her experience serving in a mission in Guatemala with the Mesquite Indians, as well as her job as Area Director of Prison Ministries, and what the ladies need. She thanked our Crossville church for providing yarn for the ladies to learn to crochet and knit in order to earn money when they reenter the general population.

Connie gave a very spiritually moving account of her work with the homeless women in the area, helping them transition from prison to the general population, how she has helped the homeless obtain homes, running the soup kitchen and how many are fed several meals a day. She also shared needs of the women in the shelter. She shared a bit of her personal testimony of being a single mother while her husband was in jail, and how he found Jesus there and came out a very changed man of God.

There were 26 women in attendance.

- Cathy Shannon



Prayer Meeting - every Wednesday at 6 p.m.





From the
Pastor

April Showers . . . May Flowers

“April showers bring May flowers” is a quaint, familiar quote that describes the reality of this time of the year. I must admit that when rain keeps coming, it can be annoying. No one really likes seemingly constant rain. But we do like its results—green lawns, blooming flowers, and blossoming fruit trees.

It’s no different in our Christian walk. Nobody likes the “rain” of health challenges, hardships, or trials (see 1 Peter 1:6). They can annoy or even discourage us; it’s hard to see the positive in them. Yet, this is the miracle of God’s grace in our lives. Like May flowers, God can “bloom” positive results in our lives if we only trust Him!

Peter reminds us: “May the God of all grace, Who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you” (1 Peter 5:10). “That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:7). True “May flowers” indeed—flowers of eternal worth!

- Pastor David Sitler

New Church Family



This month we do not have new church members to introduce. However, David Roy and Leah (Shulley) Knapp have recently become a “new family” within our greater church family.

On March 4, David Roy and Leah were married in our church in a beautiful ceremony performed by the groom’s uncle, Pastor Myron Johnson. Both of their families have long-standing membership in our congregation. David Roy and Leah both attended our Inez Wrenn Church School.

David has been active in church leadership and with the youth in Sabbath School, as well as other youth activities. Leah has also assisted with the church youth activities, and she has been a leader in the Junior Sabbath School division for the past couple years. Currently, David teaches math to the upper grades at Inez Wrenn and sometimes subs as well. He also is a fly-fishing guide, and Leah is a case manager for Mental Health Cooperative.

The Knapps are unpacking and settling into their first home in the Tansi area, and we are so happy for them, and want to wish God’s blessings on their marriage.

~ Marilyn Maples

Newsletter Suggestions Welcome!

If you have ideas or suggestions for our church newsletter, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Also, if you have items to include in future *FaithTalk* issues, please e-mail them to: mamaples424@gmail.com.

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SALE

Shaken Together has fresh rice and peanut butter available for sale. If interested, call Jack McNeilus at 931-265-2140.



Spring Planting Suggestions for Crossville:

Mid-April - Cabbage, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, radishes, turnips, onions, peas & spinach. Start tomatoes and peppers inside.

Late April - Beets, potatoes, broccoli, carrots, chard

Early May - Start cucumbers, summer squash, and melons inside.

Mid-May - Move tomatoes outside, and plant green beans and sweet corn after Mother's Day (last frost).

Late May - Move cucumbers, summer squash, and melons outside.



~ Franklin Cobos

Thoughts From His Word

*"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding."*

Job 38:4 (NKJV)

Are you an evolutionist?

Deistic evolutionists believe that God provided the spark of life and then exercised a form of benign neglect. Eventually, according to this theory, we evolved into our present state or form.

Many of us are deistic evolutionists in the practice of our Christian experience. We think that we must have God forgive us and start us on the way to salvation, but after that it is up to us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Accordingly, we fear and tremble but don't get much further than that. We hope to evolve into a higher form of Christian by trying to be good and by doing good works. Inevitably, these attempts fail and we wallow in self-pity until we feel we have punished ourselves enough. Stop trying to have good works in an attempt to earn salvation. Cast all your cares on the Author and Finisher of our course. Do it now, in your present condition. "He who comes to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37, var.).

Does the Lord offer us the assurance of eternal life and then expect us to evolve by our own good works through the process of "evolution" into what He would have us be? No! "He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6, NLT).

Let us die to the old man of sin so that God may set His seal upon us. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15, KJV).

Finally, we need to pray morning, noon, and night that He will recreate Himself in us. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10, KJV).

~ Gary Schwab

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*We'd love to have you come and
worship with us this Sabbath!*

9:15 a.m. Study & Praise

11:00 a.m. Worship



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