

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk: Seeing Him Who Is Invisible

"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible."

~ Hebrews 11:24-27

Even the worst and most painful family experiences become part of our identity. God had a plan in placing us in our particular families and cultures. The more we know about our families, the more we know about ourselves - and the more freedom we have to make decisions

about how we want to live.

If we ignore truth out of fear, we end up like Mrs. Havisham from Charles Dickens's novel *Great Expectations*. The daughter of a wealthy man, she received a letter on her wedding day at 8:40 A.M. that her husband to be was not coming. She stopped all the clocks in the house at the precise time the letter arrived and spent the rest of her life in her bridal dress.

"He persevered because he saw him who is invisible."

Even as an elderly woman, she remained crippled by the weight of that crushing blow. It was as if everything in the room and house had stopped. She de-



ecided to live in her past, not her present or future.

Moses' life had more than its fair share of pain and failure. Raised in a wealthy, privileged home, he murders a man, loses everything, and spends the next forty years of his life in obscurity in the desert. Yet, by faith, he "sees him who is invisible" and hears God's invitation to do something that will be a blessing to many.

What invitation might God be offering to you out of the failures and pain of your past?

Pastor Chris

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SEPTEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **October 4**
Mark 6:30-45
- **October 11**
Mark 10:35-45
- **October 18**
Mark 10:46-52
- **October 25**
Galatians 5:1

October Mission Spotlight: City Rescue Mission



New Castle's City Rescue Mission is a Christian ministry providing spiritual and physical care to the hurting, hungry, and homeless of our community. This organization has had a presence in New Castle for more than 100 years and has grown to include ministries that focus on men, women, youth, and families.

Kevin Green, Executive Director, will give us an update during worship on October 18. During the month of October, our congregation will have the opportunity to donate items for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets, the City Rescue Mission's largest outreach of the year. We will be collecting:

- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pie Filling (Fruit or Pumpkin)

Collection bins will be placed in Circle Drive and the Welcome Area from Sunday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 1.

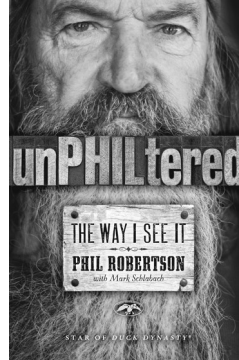
We will also assist the City Rescue Mission as they partner with Giant Eagle for the "Fall Food Share" food drive, held each fall at local Giant Eagle locations.

More details on both of these events will be published in the Sunday bulletins. For more information on the City Rescue Mission, visit CityRescueMission.org.

Men's Ministry

This fall, the men of Clen-Moore will study the book "UnPhiltered," by TV personality Phil Robertson.

Phil has his own company. He has had his struggles in life. One of his decisions helped Terry Bradshaw win 4 Super Bowls. He is the patriarch of one of the most visible Christian families in America. Phil Robertson - of *Duck Dynasty* - has an opinion on everything.



Join the discussion! October meeting dates:

Oct. 11

Oct. 25

Meetings start at 6 p.m. in the Church Parlor unless otherwise announced.

Women's Bible Study

On Wednesday nights this fall, the women of Clen-Moore will take part in the Advent Conspiracy. The discussion schedule is as follows:

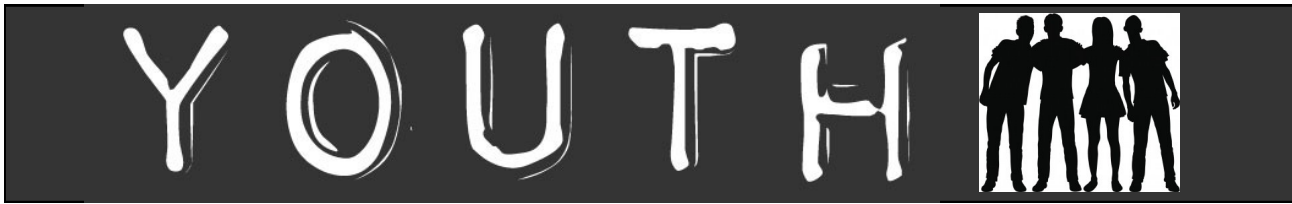
October 7 - Worship Fully

October 21 - Spend Less

November 4 - Give More

November 18 - Love All

Discussion & Bible study begins at 7 p.m. You are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for 30 minutes of walk aerobics through the church.



K.F.C./FlipSide

Sunday, Oct. 4 - "CORN MAZE"

We will meet at the church at 1:00 PM and depart for the Coolspring Corn Maze. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes regular admission and one pay attraction. More information is available on the web.

Bring your own money for more pay attractions and concessions. We will return to the church by 5:00 PM.

Dress for the weather; it is usually windy and a few degrees cooler there. (Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 10).

Sunday, Oct. 18 - "GYM NIGHT," 4:00 - 5:30 PM.

Meet in the youth room for snacks, Bible and prayer time, and then we go over to N.C.C.A. for gym activities such as dodgeball.

Save the Dates - Nov. 1 & 15

Hide-N-Seek Night, then Family Turkey Bowling and

Dinner, with mission event to come.

C.2G.S. (7th-12th Grade Sunday School)

We are learning, or reviewing, why to read the Bible devotionally and how to study the Bible through a thematic study on vices and virtues. An inductive Bible Gospel or Letter study will follow.

Health Ministry



October 18 - Blood pressure screening, 8:30am, prior to church breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

October 20 - Blood pressure screening for PrimeTimers at Clen Moore: 9:00am.

A huge thank you to all those who donated time, energy, money, and delicious desserts for the spaghetti dinner last month! Thanks, too, for attending the Health Fair put on by Life Lawrence County.

Autumn Blessings

*Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.*

*Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.*

*Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.*



*The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His
light.*

*God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!*

Bib Making

Last year, Clen-Moore received a large amount of fabric donated to the church, which we made into bibs for Alzheimers patients.

We are finally finished with the project. Our total was 101 bibs! We donated the bibs to several individuals and 8 nursing homes. (*including Haven Convalescent Home; see note >*)

Thanks to all who helped. The recipients really seemed to appreciate them.

September Mission Disbursements

\$3,000 - Caleb International Ministries

Thank
You

“A special note of thanks, straight from our heart.

Thank you for the beautiful bibs. Our residents appreciated all your hard work.

Thanks again for your kindness,

*Haven Convalescent
Home*

New Castle, PA”

Birth

A son, Isaac Seth Plyler, was born on August 29, 2015 to Seth & Christina Plyler. Grandparents are Steve & Amy Plyler and Tom & Debbie Reynolds.



Neighbor News

Our next-door neighbors at the New Castle Christian

Academy are gearing up for their biggest fundraiser of

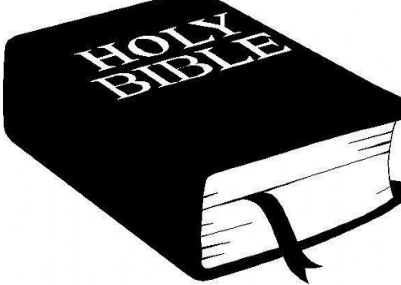
the year. The fall **pie sale** kicks off in October.

This well-known sale offers more than two dozen delicious frozen pies & desserts. All orders are guaranteed to be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. To place an order, see Joan Rapp or call the school at (724) 658-5858.

Also this month, NCCA students & families will celebrate fall with the annual Harvest Festival. This time of fun & fellowship includes trunk-or-treat, a fellowship dinner, games and music. This year's Festival takes place on Oct. 23.



Daily Bible Readings

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| 1. Jeremiah 48, 49:1-33; <i>John</i> 6:16-24 | Chron. 36:15-21; Jer. 39:1-14; 52:1-30; <i>John</i> 12:1-11 |  |
| 2. Jer. 36:1-8, 45, 36:9-32; 35; Proverbs 29:10-27 | 13. Ezekiel 1, 2; <i>John</i> 12:12-13:17 | |
| 3. 2 Kings 24:8-20a; 2 Chronicles 36:9-14; Jer. 37:1-38:13, 39:15-18; Psalm 89 | 14. Ezek. 3, 4; <i>John</i> 13:18-14:31 | |
| 4. Jer. 34:8-22; 49:34-36; <i>John</i> 6:25-71 | 15. Ezek. 5, 6; <i>John</i> 15:1-16:16 | |
| 5. Jer. 50, 51 | 16. Ezek. 7, 8; <i>John</i> 16:17-17:26 | |
| 6. Jer. 21, 22; <i>John</i> 7:1-52 | 17. Ezek. 9, 10; <i>John</i> 18 | |
| 7. Jer. 23, 24; <i>John</i> 7:53-8:47 | 18. Ezek. 11, 12; <i>John</i> 19 | |
| 8. Jer. 27, 28; <i>John</i> 8:48-9:41 | 19. Ezek. 13, 14; <i>John</i> 20 | |
| 9. Jer. 29, 30; <i>John</i> 10 | 20. Ezek. 15, 16; <i>John</i> 21 | |
| 10. Jer. 31, 34:1-7, 32 | 21. Ezek. 17, 18; <i>1 John</i> 1 | |
| 11. Jer. 33; 38:14-28; <i>John</i> 11 | 22. Ezek. 19, 20; <i>1 John</i> 2 | |
| 12. 2 Kings 24:20b-25:30; 2 | 23. Ezek. 21, 22; <i>1 John</i> 3 | |
| | 24. Ezek. 23, 24; <i>1 John</i> 4 | |
| | 25. Ezek. 25, 26; Prov. 30, <i>1 John</i> 5 | |
| | 26. Ezek. 27, 28; <i>2 John</i> | |
| | 27. Ezek. 29, 30; Prov. 31:1-9; <i>3 John</i> | |
| | 28. Ezek. 31, 32; <i>Revelation</i> 1 | |
| | 29. Jer. 40-42; <i>Rev.</i> 2:1-17 | |
| | 30. Ps. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 | |
| | 31. Jer. 43, 44, 52:31-34; <i>Rev.</i> 2:18-3:22 | |

In Memoriam

- J. Fred Rentz, August 19, 2015
- Keith Armstrong, August 30, 2015
- Mary Alice Stoner, September 1, 2015
- Martha Robinson, September 19, 2015.
- Mary Lou Fullwood, September 19, 2015.
- Gifts in memory of Fred Rentz were given by Dennis & Barb Richards, Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith, and Bill & Nancy Wright.
- A gift in memory of Minerva Rapp was given by the Irvine Bible Class.



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Messenger Correction

The September newsletter incorrectly listed Vern Dufford's date of death as April 22. The correct date is April 27, 2015.

Messenger Memo



The deadline to submit articles for the November *Messenger* is Monday, October 12.

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email; go to ClenMoore.org/newsletter.

October Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders

4 Janice McConnell, Nancy Natale
11 Clarence Jenkins, John Karmecy
18 Gail Keffer, Seth Plyler
25 Sharon Esposito, Debbie Book

Deacons of the Month

Barb Richards, John Purdy

Van Driver

If you desire transportation to worship, please call (724) 654-6657 by Friday at 4:30p.m.

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Deacons, Parlor 1-5PM KFC/FlipSide @Coolspring Corn Maze	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor	6:30PM Walk Aerobics (meet in Parlor) 7PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30AM Worship 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship 4-5:30PM KFC/FlipSide Gym Night	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Parlor 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor	6:30PM Walk Aerobics (meet in Parlor) 7PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Congregational Meeting 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor		9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		

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Nursery Worker Needed

Clen-Moore has an immediate opening for a person to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. until the end of morning worship (approximately 11:30 a.m.)

Qualified persons must have or be able to obtain the necessary clearances. If you are interested, please contact the church office: (724) 654-6657.

