The Journey

The Brownsville Church of God Quarterly Newsletter April - June 2022

A Message from the Pastor

Pastor Victor Johnson

Resurrection Power

The resurrection of Jesus is a witness to the immense power of God Himself. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can remove the sting that is death and the victory that is the grave's. The resurrection of Jesus is a testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is a basic belief of the Christian faith.

I Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

When Jesus died, His death not only provided a remedy for the penalty of our sin, but it also provided a remedy for the power of sin in our lives because our old man died in Christ at the cross. We no longer have to yield to sin. It no longer rules us.

Our union in Christ not only allows us to share in the Lords death but also His resurrection. It is the power of His resurrection that is the power to liberate us from sin and enable us to serve the Savior. ***Romans 8:11, But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.***

Ephes. 2:1, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

On that 3rd day morning, **God said it was time for His Son to get up.** Scripture tells us that there was a great earthquake and the angel of the Lord had descended from heaven and rolled back the stone.

Without the resurrection --- No Savior; No Sure Word of God; No Salvation; we are without hope beyond the grave.

How do I know that Christ is raised? What proof do I have that He is risen? He rescued me from sin's dark prison. I have been set free; I have now begun to live. Like the blind man, *I am able to say, "Whereas I was blind, now I see".* I declare to you today that: ***Jesus is risen!***

- The Pharisees couldn't stand Him; but they found out they couldn't stop Him.
- Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him; the witnesses couldn't get their testimonies to agree.
- Herod couldn't kill Him; death couldn't handle Him and the grave couldn't hold Him.

You can't live without Him; you can't get Him out of your mind. You can make peace with Him today; you can give Him your life.

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Churches of God General Conference

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided during worship service.
Worship Service - Online
6:00 p.m. (Facebook)

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study - Online (Facebook)7:00 PM

THURSDAY
Bible Study - On-site
7:00 PM

Congratulations to Wilma Weaver!

For those who know her and for those who don't, her name is Wilma Y. Clayton-Weaver. The latter was just too long for her business cards. (Wilma Weaver)

She has been awarded many awards over the years but this past year accomplishing Executive Council in the middle of a pandemic was very humbling. This year during an Awards Dinner on Friday, March 4 she was also awarded Agency Builder Award and the Established Life Case Rate Leader Award along with becoming a life time member of MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table) which is based on the number of clients and accounts she has under management.

She is a Southern girl by nature; born and raised in the great state of Virginia, which is where she received her early education. She and her husband, Ronnie Weaver, met in North Carolina while she was visiting a friend. Shortly thereafter they moved to Allentown, Pa as this was where most of Ronnie's family lived. That is where he started his 37-year career at Mack Trucks. Being very alone and away from her home, Wilma continued to go to school attending Allentown Business School and Cedar Crest College while working part-time. Six years later they became parents of their first son, Ron Weaver. In November of 1987 Mack Trucks moved them to South Carolina. It was there that she decided to go into the Insurance industry working for a large insurance company – Colonial Life. (Not to be mistaken for Colonial Penn).

This worked well for 14 years, but Mack Trucks had other plans. She came to Pennsylvania not knowing what to do and was invited to a job fair by the Mayor of Harrisburg, Pa. That is where she was recruited by an Insurance company; she received her license within three months. After two years with this company and learning more about the selling side of the insurance industry, she started her career at New York Life. She now has remained in the insurance industry for over 26 plus years and with New York Life since 2006. Being in the insurance industry for this long is an accomplishment for a woman since this industry is pretty much male dominated. Maintaining productivity and staying state compliant has become second nature to her. She has helped families during difficult times assuring them that it is very relevant to plan for the day that will undoubtedly come for us all. Over the years she has learned for most people having insurance is not a top priority; however, it helps to take care of this now so that it won't become another thing to worry about during the grieving process.

She is very proud and thankful of what she does and she has had clients tell her no one has ever explained insurance to them the way that she has, based on their needs and affordability. Her company also acknowledges the work that she has done as noted by the awards mentioned above. However, she gives God all the glory since some family members had doubt about her succeeding; she is so thankful and grateful for the blessings and favor God has shown her over the years.

She would say to all the graduates whether college or high school this is a very rewarding career, its really managing your own business. Wilma is willing to talk to anyone who may be interested in this career path.

There's a Confucius saying "When you choose the job you love you never work a day in your Life".

CAMP YoliJwa
YOUTH LIVING JESUS' WAY
Touching lives since 1934

Hike 'N' Rock

Saturday, May 7th, 2022
Camp Yolijwa

Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the Camp!

Earn up to a free week of 2022 camp when you participate! More details can be found at campyolijwa.org.

BCOG Youth News

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

From Dan Russell, Director, Franklin/Fulton Counties

"It is good to sing praises to our God" Psalm 147:1

One of my favorite parts of Good News Club is the singing. We start singing even before we get to church, and we have lots of ways to sing during the club.

You can see the boys & girls doing motions to songs in the bus photo. In the other club photo you can see children at Stevens Elementary singing along with a CEF video.

If you would like to see these videos yourself, you can go to our "U-Nite" channel on YouTube. You can also download the U-Nite app to get Bible Lessons and songs.

God bless
Dan Russell
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Franklin & Fulton Counties

CARNIVAL

CAMP YoliJwa

Chicken BBQ

Open House at Camp YoliJwa

Saturday, June 11th 1-5 p.m.

Carnival Games – Crafts – Pool –
Hayrides – Camp Activities
Camp's Famous BBQ Chicken!
All Are Welcome!

www.campyolijwa.org

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BCOG Youth News

Project Spreading Hope:
A Youth Education Ministry Outreach & Service Team Project

Did you know that over 150 million people are homeless? (Source: Wikipedia) That is over 2% of the world's population. Well, that is only how many are on the street. 1.6 billion homeless are living in inadequate shelters. So, you can probably imagine how crowded the shelters can be. Well, they are. With all those people, they are probably running out of supplies. Maybe the citizens in a community could supply them. The kids at the Brownsville Church of God, close to the area of Fayetteville, PA, did just that in *Project Spreading Hope*. *Project Spreading Hope* was about kids gathering items for the Franklin County Homeless Shelter from a nearby neighborhood and also from members of the church. The items the homeless shelter needed included dish towels, dishcloths, cleaning products, laundry products, and 30-plus gallon trash bags.

In my perspective, this project was truly a great cause because it taught the kids what it really meant to be homeless. For example, they don't have the necessities and basic things that we have in our homes. It also taught us to be grateful for what we have and to remember that other kids may not have what we have. Another lesson was that giving can be better than just always receiving. It was very inspiring too because it may encourage other churches to do the same. Also, the number of items given showed that God had truly touched some of the people to donate and help. It showed that in this crazy world some people still have compassion for strangers.

As you can see, *Project Spreading Hope* definitely helped the shelter a lot and taught the kids about homelessness. Maybe this will lead to other churches to do the same. It could also lead us to do more things like this. Stay tuned to find out.

-Aliya Weaver

Aliya *is the daughter of Deacon Ron & Sister Erica Weaver. She is a 5th grader at Scotland Elementary school & is an active member of the 3-5th Grade Sunday School Class at BCOG!*

Final thoughts

Pastor Victor & Sis. Katherine Johnson

The sixth Multiethnic Conversation Classes were held the last quarter of 2021. Those cohorts received their certificate of completion during service on Sunday, January 30, 2022. The next Multiethnic Conversation Classes begin on Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. for those signed up.

On Sunday, January 23rd we welcomed Chris and Anne Brown, missionaries in East Africa. We thank them for bringing us great news of God's work there.

On Saturday, February 19th, couples got together for the annual couples' dinner at Inn 94 in New Oxford.

For the "Spread the Hope" project the Sunday School youth, their families and other families participated in collecting supplies for the Franklin County Homeless Shelter.

On Saturday, March 19th, the Deacons' Wives held their 2nd annual Parade of Tables with the theme being "The Fruit of the Spirit".

Vacation Bible School :
Our first actual meeting to kick off this year's Vacation Bible School was held after service on Sunday, March 27th.

The enthusiasm for those in attendance again was awesome. Vacation Bible School is scheduled to be held Monday-Friday, July 25-29, 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. Registration information for participants and volunteers is scheduled to be available around mid to late April. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th after service.

We thank the Lord for a full bus for the trip on Saturday, May 7 to see the play "David" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.

The annual church picnic will include a Friends and Family Day this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 11. Please invite your family members and friends as we celebrate these relationships. We are looking for volunteers for this event. More information to follow.

Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, June 18.

Upcoming Events

Good Friday Service
April 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service
April 17th, 6:30 a.m.

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Newsletter article submissions may be sent anytime to the Editor at vbpra123@gmail.com. Articles for the next newsletter are due June 15th.

Our Vision: We envision a community of faith where: People are coming to Christ, finding love, acceptance, forgiveness, and experiencing Christian growth.

Brownsville Church of God

WE EXIST for the purpose of Worshipping God, Loving all people, making disciples for Christ.