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The Brownsville Church of God Newsletter **Spring Issue: April 2020**

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

Our Vision: To be a church where People are coming to Christ; finding love, acceptance, forgiveness and experiencing Christian growth for service that honors God.

Regularly Held Services

(All classes and services are suspended until further notice. Please go to our website www.brownsvillecog.com for updates and more information.)

SUNDAY 10:00 AM
Marriage Class – Sanctuary
Men's Class – Classroom 101
Women's Class – Classroom 102
Teen Class – Classroom 103
Children's Classes – Classrooms 104, 106, 107

SUNDAY 11:00 AM
Worship Service – Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Adult Family Life Studies - Sanctuary
Children's Bible Classes – Classrooms 104, 106, 107
Teen Bible Class – Classroom 103

Nursery (Pre-K) is available for Sunday and for Wednesday Evening Services – Room 105

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Churches of God
General Conference

A Message from the Pastor

Pastor Victor Johnson

Greetings in the Name of the Lord.

At this time the distribution of the newsletter will be sent to members via email with a limited number of hard copies being made. We will not assemble at church for your safety and will do our part in assisting those on the front lines treating and saving lives during this time. All activities at the church have been postponed until further notice.

We thank the Lord for his protection and care. We especially thank Him for coming into the world and dying on the cross for our sins. We celebrate his glorious resurrection.

John 11:25 King James Version (KJV): *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

Jesus has come to save us from our sins and to give us life.

John 14:6 King James Version (KJV): *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

In these perilous times, Jesus gives us comfort and peace. If you do not know Him today, ask Him into your heart that the peace and comfort that He gives may be yours and that you may have a home in heaven.

Romans 10:13 King James Version (KJV): *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Please note: Pastors will be doing their messages online at Brownsville Church of God Facebook page. Please check our website www.brownsvillecog.com for dates of upcoming messages.

May God Bless You,
Pastor Victor & Sis. Katherine Johnson

BCOG Youth Ministry

2019 Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship Recipient Named to MAC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Submitted by Ruth Delauder, President—Scholarship Committee

The Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Office released the 2019 MAC Fall Academic Honor Roll. The list honors student athletes from the seven MAC Fall Sports who completed a full season and earned a semester GPA at or above 3.2. Seventy-seven Eastern University student athletes from the six fall sports that Eastern offers earned spots on the list.

While only four fall student athletes earned perfect 4.0 GPA's in the fall, the overall academic accomplishments of the honorees were outstanding. Several of the teams saw their average GPA's oft the honorees well above 3.5.

One of the honorees listed was our very own Emmanuel Hewitt for Men's Soccer. Brownsville you should be proud to have provided financial assistance to help this young man obtain a college education. The Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship Fund committee continues to seek to motivate church youth to pursue higher education and act as a resource for exploring sources of funding.

Good News Camp 2020

As most of you are aware we, the Brownsville Church of God, host a Good News Club here at the church during the school year sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Youth in Kindergarten - 2nd grade come for one hour on Wednesday afternoons.

There are also several Good News Club Day Camps that take place during the summer. The camp in which we participate is held at the Mark Victor Teeter Memorial Park in Waynesboro and bus transportation is available.

The bus is parked here at the church the week of July 6-10. It transports participants to and from the camp; pickup is 8:20 a.m. and drop off back at the church is 4:05 p.m.

As of now camps are still scheduled to be held; further information, updates and registration forms are available at the Franklin/Fulton County website www.franklincef.com.

Camp YoliJwa News

Camp YoliJwa is making some minor changes to its ongoing registration process in advance of the 2020 summer camp season. We ARE still accepting camper registrations for our summer camps as they are currently scheduled. However due to the unpredictability that currently is associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not sending an e-confirmation packet to registered campers NOR are we processing any payments. Once we are able to get a more clear picture of what the summer holds for us, we will communicate that to you along with our hopes of sending e-confirmation materials to help you prepare for camp. We're praying for your health and for the hope that we can join together at Camp YoliJwa this summer. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact us.

With Hope,

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Vacation Bible School

July 27-31, 2020

Online Registration is now open for participants and volunteers at https://vbspro.events/p/events/explove. If a hardcopy of either form is preferred, please call or text Sister Katherine at 717-491-4834 or email at preacherswife2k@yahoo.com.

CelebrateRecovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program

Our **Goal** is to lead all people through a biblically balanced, 12-step program to heal their Hurts, Hang-Ups and Habits.

12-STEP STUDY: Since our report last Fall, we had postponed the start of the 12-step study until 2020. We are now working on the study at a very moderate rate taking our time with much prayer and contemplation. In light of the Coronavirus pandemic and the governor's mandate, we have not been able to meet. We will resume in May when that is lifted. In the meantime, some are still working on their recovery workbooks and encouraging others to overcome their Hurts Habits or Hang-Ups. The Step Study will remain open for others to join when we can gather together again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT THE JAIL: Several people attended the volunteer training at Franklin County Jail in November and are now certified to minister to the ladies as we are scheduled four times a month. The last time we were there was the second Saturday in March, just the day before the jail was closed to visitors. Praise the Lord for having a wonderful meeting with the ladies with worship and testimonies! Once the Mandate is lifted, our regularly scheduled meetings will resume at the Franklin County Jail.

If you missed the training at the Jail, there are other ways that you can get involved with this ministry. Please pray about getting involved and reaching out.

TESTIMONY: I would like to quote one of our attendees. "The best advice I ever received from someone was to attend Celebrate Recovery meetings...In addition to helping me overcome my addiction, it helped me find freedom in life...Lord gives me guidance through life's challenges I face on a daily basis. It helped me to know I am never alone."

For more information please call Mary Margaret Bittle at (717) 597-4777 or get information from the Celebrate Recovery brochures in the rack in the church Lobby outside Room 101.

Used Postage Stamps Needed

As published in the Gettysburg Area Merchandiser— February 19, 2020

The Stamp Project at Cross Keys Village currently consists of 40 assiduous volunteers who process over 1 million stamps each year. Donated stamps are carefully prepared, organized, and sold as "lots" to philatelic resellers.

Why does the group gather every week -since 1981 - to complete this painstaking work? It's all for a good cause: Proceeds from this activity net more than $4,000 in profit each year, generously given to the Good Samaritan Fund to help defray costs for healthcare residents, or used to purchase items that benefit the entire community.

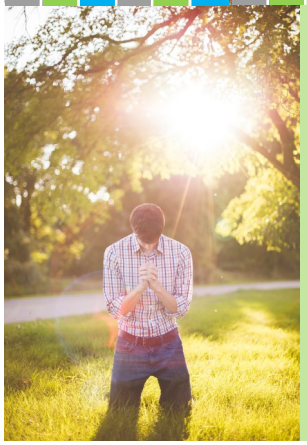
The group is appealing to businesses and individuals in the community to donate ordinary used and canceled stamps. Envelopes with cancelled stamps may be saved as is or cut with the stamp portion intact; leaving half-inch border (the stamp diminishes in value if it is cut too close). You may mail or deliver your collected stamps to:

Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community
Attn: Volunteer Services
2990 Carlisle Pike,
New Oxford, PA 17350

If needed, volunteers will pick up the stamps from your business location. You may call the Volunteer Services office at 717-624-5227 to arrange for this service or if you have any questions about this project. (You may also give them to Sis. Katherine and she will see that they are delivered.)

We hope you will be a partner with our group and an active part in this small program that makes a big difference in our ministry.

Matthew 25:34-40 New International Version (NIV)
34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Good Morning God
By Esther Ricker

You are ushering in another day
Untouched and freshly new.
So here I come to ask You, Lord
If You will renew me, too?

Forgive the many mistakes
That I have made yesterday.
And let me try again, Dear Lord
To walk the straight and narrow way.

final thoughts...

We continue to see God's blessings as he draws people to Himself through the Events which happen here at the church and elsewhere. Following are events that took place last quarter. Although some events had to be cancelled or postponed, God still received honor and glory in the ones that went on:

Baptisms – January 5
College Information Day for Students & Families – January 19
Women's Bible Study – January 25
New Members – January 26, February 9, 16 & March 8
Child Abuse Prevention Training – February 1
Congregation Meeting – February 23
Prayer Team Open House – March 15
Prayer for God's Guidance & Protection – March 22

As of the printing of this newsletter, we are uncertain about whether the services and events scheduled will take place at the Brownsville Church of God. Listed to the right are the events we have planned, but we ask that you continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates: www.brownsvillecog.com.

Upcoming Events

May 23: Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship Luncheon

May 24: Memorial Day Service

May 31: Youth Sunday

June 6: Jonathan White Concert

June 20: Church Picnic, Rhodes Grove

June 28: Congregational Meeting

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