

# THE PARK BENCH

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*  
*Matthew 28: 19-20*

We refer to the Scripture passage written above as The Great Commission. The resurrected Jesus Christ directed his remaining 11 disciples to meet him on a hillside in Galilee. It was there that Jesus made a profound statement to his disciples in verse 18: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” After stating his authority, he then proceeds to instruct the 11 disciples on what they are to do next – “. . . go and make disciples of all nations . . . .”

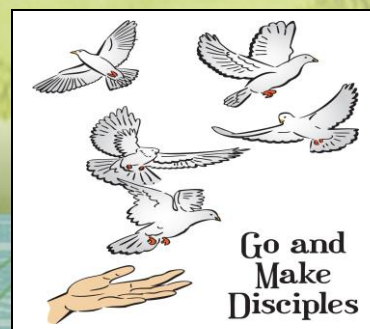
How could the disciples not do as they were instructed? It was coming from the authority Himself! The first eight chapters in the Book of Acts records some of what the disciples did in the time immediately following the commission. Tradition teaches that the disciples did spread out and begin their work of making disciples and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Not all of us have the call – the gift – to be missionaries. Its not for us to go to all nations and disciple and baptize. However, we read in Paul’s Letter to the Philippians what the Bible commentator, Dr. Henry H. Haley describes as a “most beautiful, exquisite and delicate touch” in Philippians 4: 17 as Paul thanks the Philippians for their monetary support. Dr. Haley wrote explaining the following: “In thanking them for the money, (Paul) tells them that he appreciated it, not so much because he needed it . . . but because it gave them a share in the rewards for his work that would be credited to their account. Because they supported him, his work was theirs. In the final days they would be rewarded for the multitudes of souls they had helped him to save.”

Not everyone can be a missionary, but everyone can receive credit to their account. The World Mission Offering is our opportunity to do just that.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Cunningham





**FROM OUR MISSION TEAM :**

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering in September.

There will also be a food drive coming up in the fall for a local food pantry. More details to come.

If you have a need (food etc.) during this time please reach out to Christy Nichols. All information will be kept confidential.

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*Our College Students Addresses*

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- 3 MILLIE & JOHN FLINCHUM ( their 15th)
- 4 RICK & SANDY HUGHEY (their 49th)
- 6 DOUG & PAM FRAZIER ( their 35th)
- 6 Ryan Cochran ( his 13th )
- 7 Brooke Merriman ( her 7th)
- 8 TOM & NANCY McNAUGHTON
- 10 CHRISTY & CLAY NICHOLS (their 9th)
- 10 LUCA DORIA ( his 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 14 Marlene Merriman
- 17 Andrew Stewart ( his 14th)
- 20 Sandy Bonham
- 21 Erin Meteny
- 21 Kristen Doria
- 21 Matthew Mowod ( his 15th)
- 23 Pam Frazier
- 24 Jack Meteny (his 6th)
- 25 SCOTT & JENNY MERRIMAN (their 16th)
- 28 Shelby Cunningham Roop
- 29 RON & MARLENE MERRIMAN



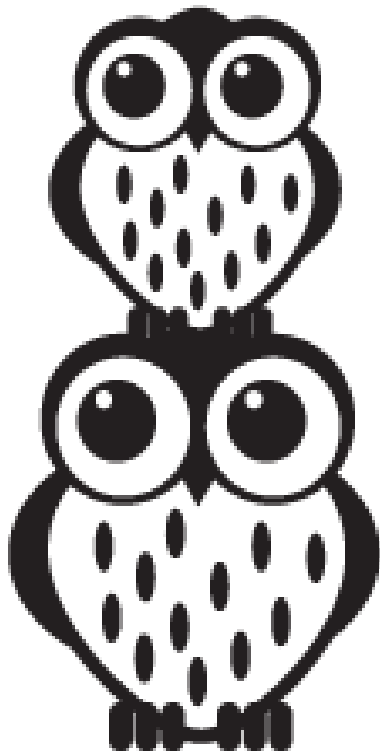


# PUZZLE

## WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

*Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.*



- school     — ○ — — —
- paper     — ○ —
- wisdom   — — ○ —
- read      — — — ○
- play      — — — — —
- learn     ○ — — — —
- grow      — ○ — — — —
- pencils   — — — — —
- pray      — ○ — —
- art       — — — — —
- student   — — — ○ — —
- kids      — — ○ — — — —
- apple     — — ○ — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful.”

**JOSHUA 1:8, NIV**

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

**PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 6</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Rev. Wray Fanton</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 13</b> <b>Begin 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Colin McRoberts</b>	<b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 20</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Rev. Tara Fanton</b>	<b>American Baptist Women's Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 27</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Scott Cunningham</b>	<b>Christian Education Sunday</b>



**Sunday School will resume at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The following classes will be offered:

**Triple L (Live, Laugh, Love)** For our seniors and retirees who desire a time for conversation, reflection, and learning. The class will use the Bible-in-Life curriculum offered by David C. Cook publishers. The class will meet in the comfort of the Upper Room (accessible through the gymnasium hallway). **Class leader: Scott Cunningham**

**New Adult Class – To Be Named** An opportunity for fellowship, growth, and study. This class will take a multi-media approach to selecting and presenting its lesson material. The class will meet in the spacious and open area of our downstairs social room with access to our kitchen facilities. **Class leaders: Wray & Tara Fanton**

**Mid-Fielders**

Too old for the little kids, too young for the high schoolers . . . we're just in the middle. This is an age where students learn not just with their eyes, and ears – but, by doing and exploring. The class will meet in the main classroom on the ground floor of our building. **Class leader: Robin McRoberts**

**Pre-K and K**

Lets color, lets sing, lets read a story. An opportunity for introducing our children to Jesus and the Bible, socialization and play. The class will meet in the playroom area on the ground floor of our building. **Class leader: Tawnee Koch**



**WORLD MISSION OFFERING - 2020****“I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE” Mark 8:22-26**

During the months of September and October, congregations and churches affiliated with The American Baptist Churches support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. The gifts and offerings received are used to support the work of 75 missionaries and missionary couples who pursue evangelism, teach discipleship and promote theological education.

Our American Baptist supported missionaries are working in some of the poorest, most remote regions on the earth. In addition to teaching the Gospel, our missionaries also help meet the most basic of human needs by teaching agriculture, engineering clean water, providing medical care, building schools, offering micro-loans for women, and caring for orphans – this good works is even longer that what is listed here.

Our inspiration for this year’s campaign comes from Mark 8 where Jesus healed the blind man. It was friends who brought the blind man to Jesus. Then, Jesus – away from the crowds, very privately proceeded to heal him. Jesus touched his eyes not once, but twice. Then, the man was blind no more. Likewise, we are the friends who bring those who need Him, to Jesus. Our missionaries do their work without public fanfare. Our missionaries stay engaged in their mission communities until they see results from their work.

Our International Ministries requires our financial support. While our gifts may be modest, when added together with the gifts of other American Baptists, we raise \$1.2 million each year. Such a sum allows us to send missionaries around the world and allows us to share credit for their work.



***Prayer needs and updates***

**Bill Smith** is at Concordia at Rebecca Residence for rehab after suffering another fall. Bill is getting stronger and says the food there “is OK”. The address is 3746 Cedar Ridge Road, Room 118A, Allison Park, PA. 15101 for cards or they can be sent to his home on Charles Wray Drive and his family will see that he gets them.

**Rich Hughey** had knee replacement surgery and is now dealing with a blood clot and infection in his leg. Prayers are needed for healing for Rick.

**Richard Frankenstein** will have out patient surgery at UPMC Passavant on Monday, August 31 to replace the battery in his pacemaker. He will then be on home recovery for 2 – 3 weeks.

**Sandy Bonham** has asked for prayers for her friend Roseanne who struggles with mental illness and is very concerned about her sister Carol who fell and has a brain bleed. They live in Delaware.

**Pam Frazier** had a CAT scan to determine if embolisms as a result of an infection in her port were decreasing. She was able to go home and remain on antibiotics for the next 6 weeks. She and Doug have bought property and are preparing to move in the next week.

**Alberta McGuire**, sister of Margie Douglass, passed away on August 19, 2020. We extend our Christian sympathy to the Hughey and Douglass families for their loss of this special lady.

**Austin Voit**, 17 year old high school senior, is the son of Dave Spurling’s cousin. He has been diagnosed with classic Hogkins Lymphoma (nodular sclerosis subtype) suspecting 11A stage but will not know for sure until after a PET scan next week. Then a standard of care chemotherapy will be determined after Labor Day. Prayers are appreciated for this very active young man and his family.

**Karen Ott’s father** continues to recover after having surgery to remove his toe and lower leg. Karen’s mom is not responding to the situation well. Please remember this family in your prayers.

**Our Church Family Shut-ins**

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| <b>Jean Downing</b>         | <b>June Elder</b>     | <b>Janet Eberhardt</b> | <b>Lois Exton</b>     |
| <b>Richard Frankenstein</b> | <b>Gloria Meinert</b> | <b>Eleanor Mooney</b>  | <b>Pete Neely</b>     |
| <b>Janet Tehois</b>         |                       |                        | <b>Shirley Wright</b> |

^ **Prayers for all the families** dealing with this pandemic and the results of being homebound.. Also for our loved ones out on the front lines dealing with the situation everyday and perhaps putting their own lives on the line. God please keep them safe and protected.

**Continued Concern For:** Darlene Dennis, Sally Cunningham, Janet Hofstetter, Marion Wolbert, Jean Willoughby, Erik Kolodziej’s Uncle Mike, Mary Fisher, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, Larry Cusak and his wife Dolores, Charlotte Hamm, Dave Bell, Matthew Valente, The Scott family, George Kriever, Lois Titus, Lauren Slick, Mary Glassburn, Katie Jones, Edith Yockel, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.

**Prayer for all** the first responders who are in danger as they are out there doing their job. Especially, **Shawn McNaughton** who is a member of this church family and a police officer in Cecil Township.

**Those With Cancer:** Tom Duffola, Matt O’Leary, Mary Ann Yoder, Lowin Willoughby.

**Life Is**

Life is an opportunity; benefit from it.

Life is beauty; admire it.

Life is our dream; realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty; complete it.

Life is a game; play it.

Life is a promise; fulfill it.

Life is sorrow; overcome it.

Life is a song; sing it.

Life is a struggle; accept it.

Life is a tragedy; confront it.

Life is an adventure; dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious; do not destroy it.

Life is life; fight for it.

Mother Teresa

***Pastor Elizabeth Murphy***

***Congregational Care***



***Our new pew cushions have arrived ! !***

**New Address :**

**Mrs. Lois Exton**

**Paramount Senior Living at Cranberry**

**500 Seven Fields Boulevard**

**Mars, PA. 16046**

***Margaret and Dave Kelly*** are fulfilling the duties of our Buildings and Grounds needs.



**Special dates**

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2020*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2020*
- National Grandparents Day, *Sept. 13, 2020*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15-Oct. 15*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2020*



**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday, September 6</b>	<b>Summer Hours 9:30 a.m. Worship COMMUNION</b>
<b>Sunday, September 13</b>	<b>RETURN TO REGULAR HOURS</b>
<b>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Blessing of the Backpack</b>
<b>Monday, September 14</b>	<b>Council Meeting 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 15</b>	<b>Keenagers in the social room 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	<b>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>	<b>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m.</b>

**Healthy families include grandparents**

Christian families strive to include grandparents in significant family activities. Not just reunions, weddings or anniversaries but when grandchildren participate in such things as recitals, dramas, school sporting events, graduations, birthday parties, family day trips and the like.

Why are grandparents greatly important to the raising of children? Dr. Terry Brazelton, an expert on child development, says grandparents are important to a child's sense of roots. Grandparents are storehouses of information about family history. They help the child to understand how he or she fits into the family saga and who the heroes and heroines of the family have been. For truth's sake - Jesus said the truth makes us free - even knowledge of a family "black sheep" can be told as a lesson to guide children toward more Christlike behavior.

Dr. Brazelton suggests parents prepare children for visits to grandparents who live at some distance. He writes to parents: "Use videotapes, phone calls, stories to keep grandparents close. Tell stories about your own childhood" (Family Circle). The Bible points to another contribution of Christian grandparents. Paul wrote to young Timothy these words: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you" (2 Timothy 1:5). Faith, too, can be a wonderful heritage from grandparents.