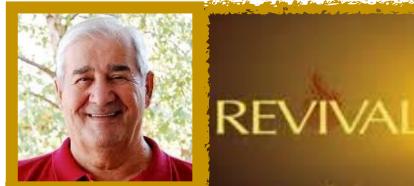
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October 2016 West Waynesboro Witness



Speaker: Harry Gill



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 "AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."

3 - Part Sermon Series Begins October 9th Music: West Waynesboro Quartet

Saturday, October 1st @ 7:00 PM Sunday, October 2nd @ 10:30 AM

> *Carry-in meal to follow Morning Worship.



God Loves

Deacons & Elders will meet October 4th 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM



NO Connection Cafe due to the Carry in Meal for the Revival.

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CHAD'S CHAT

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Someone once said, "Don't be afraid to change. You may lose something good but you may gain something better."

It's hard to believe, that summer is now officially over and we have entered into the Fall season, otherwise known as the all things pumpkin season. As I look back on this summer, I am grateful to God for a wonderful and eventful season of life. I am thankful for the wonderful events and activities that we as a church family had the privilege to participate in, from Vacation Bible School to opportunities to serve our community to a variety of youth functions and a wonderful church picnic out on the Dunlap farm. I am so thankful for the many ways that God has blessed our church family and how He is giving so many of us a strong desire to make our community a better place by shining the light of Jesus in all the places where you find yourself on a regular basis. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a summer to remember!

I am most thankful however, for the change that God has brought to the status of the Grondin family. Our family was forever changed, when on June 30th, we began the transition from being a family of three, to being a family of four! For the most part, thanks to the continued blessing of God, that transition has been fairly easy and a joy, but of course it did require change. This wonderful change to our lives meant that we had to be willing to tolerate changes such as the fact that Brady would now have to share mom and dad's attention, that our vehicles suddenly seemed to become smaller as we added another car seat and that the spare bedroom had to be cleaned out and organized to accommodate our precious baby girl, Eliana, among a whole host of other changes. As we are now 3 months into this change, Brady is learning to share attention, even though he may not always like it, but he is also finding joy in being a fantastic and protective big brother and the transition (and organizing!) continue, but without a doubt we would not give up this change in order to go back to the way life used to be.

On behalf of my family of four, **thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way** to make this transition, before, during and after our becoming a family of four. Thank you to all of you who so generously blessed us with a wonderful baby shower in celebration and in honor of our beautiful little girl!

This summer we have been learning in a very real way, that yes, change can be intimidating and at times not all that attractive, and yes, in the midst of the change you will likely lose something good. However, when we are open to the changes that God desires, we truly have a wonderful opportunity to gain and to experience something that is even better or at the very least has the potential to be even better. Today, in our culture, our nation is littered with churches that are dying and some that are already dying and on the verge of closing their doors permanently. Many find themselves in this desperate condition, because for many years they were afraid to change, probably because they were afraid and largely unwilling to give up something that had been good for many years, in order to gain something with the potential to be even better and serve the Kingdom of God for many more years.

My hope and prayer for you and for our church, is that we would not give into fear and choose to be comfortable and miss out on the personal and Kingdom blessings that come in God's timing, when we make a deliberate choice to trust God and put the future of His Church first. May we all fear less and trust more, so that our church family will grow, as my personal family has grown this summer.

Praising God As A Family of Four,

ANDREW'S ANTICS

Andrew Fisher, Associate/Youth Minister andrew@westwaynesboro.com

Recently in the Middle/High School Sunday School class we started a new curriculum called Bible Studies for Life. This will help the students learn how to relate the stories in the Bible that we talk about each week to their lives. It will also be a good discipleship tool for not only me teaching, but also for the kids to help them know how to talk to their friends about Jesus and be able to answer those hard questions that their friends ask. So far, the ones that have been in the class have really engaged well with the lessons and they have been following along more since they have books to look at.

One of the verses that we looked at in the first week of this series was Colossians 1:15-17 which says, "He is the image of God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things." (HCSB) The lesson was about how we have One Great Creator and that Jesus was there when God created the world. These verses are very comforting to someone who may be a new Christian or just learning about Christianity. As "mature" Christians who read the Bible and are in constant contact with God take this for granted. But there are people who are brand new baby Christians who have no idea where to start or what to do, and there are many times that we as "mature" Christians assume that they know what to do after a person gets baptized.

We have to show them the way and how to get to where they are going. We just can't tell them that there are verses in the Bible that talk about how to become a better person, we have to physically show them where they are, because there are many who don't know where the books of the Bible are. I have to remember that all the time when I am teaching, that the kids don't always know where the books are and I have to show them where to go. That is another good thing about this new curriculum that we are using in class, it helps them to know where to find the book that we are in for that day.

As I close out my section for this month I would like to give a shout-out to Courtney Billings for making the decision to follow Jesus and to be baptized. This is awesome and I couldn't be more proud of her. I would also like to encourage everyone else to support her in this new walk with Christ and give her a little encouragement every once in a while!

Chad

Youth News







Sunday School 9:15 AM

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