

One Family in Christ

The “Good News” of Good News Church Entering a Real Relationship with Jesus

1. Reality of God’s Desire

God loves you and invites you to a lifelong, relationship with Him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

2. Reality of our Problem

Being in a real relationship with God is not automatic, because we are by nature separated from God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

3. Reality of God’s Remedy

Jesus died on the Cross, taking the penalty for our sins and removing all barriers between a holy God and us. Then Jesus rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death.

For Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. (4)... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3b-4)

4. Real Response

When you respond by faith to Jesus as God’s remedy for your spiritual needs, Jesus comes to you in a real spiritual encounter and forms a relationship connection with you. He forgives you and makes you a member of God’s eternal family.

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirits that we are God’s children. (Romans 8:16)

You can respond to Jesus by praying. To keep it real, we’ve used ordinary words in this model prayer.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You died on the Cross and rose again so that I can be forgiven. I know that I am separated from You by the wrong stuff that’s in my life. I’m sorry. Please forgive me. Right now I turn from the wrong stuff and give my life to You. I ask You to come into my heart and take control of my life.

Welcome and Prayer

Worship Songs—Deryl Reinhold/Praise Band

God is On the Move

Resurrection Power

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Ministry Moments

Offering— *There is Power*

Ministry of Prayer

Message—Pastor Al Sones

Prayer that Cancels Selfishness
Matthew 6:25-34; 7:7-12

Closing Worship Song— *I Give You My Heart*
(Individuals may receive communion at the back table.)

Prayer

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Welcome Friends

We welcome all of our visitors and guests to our service!

Nursery

The Nursery is available during church services for parents with little children to use as needed. There is not a scheduled nursery worker. There is a video feed of the Celebration Service into the nursery, if a parent wishes to use it.

Sunday Morning Ministries for Children and Youth

Here is this week's Children's and Youth Groups Meeting Schedule.

Preschool through Grade 1—go to class (Room 5) at the Offering time

Grades 2—5—go to class (Room 5) at the Offering time

Grades 6—8—go to class (Room 3) after the Offering time

Grades 9 and up—go to class (Room 2) after the Prayer time

Group Meetings—Join a Group, or Start a Group!!

At Good News Church, we believe that every Christian has authority to speak the Good News of Jesus and to gather people together to encourage each other to live like Jesus. We “grow and go” better in relationship than in isolation. So “join or start a group!”

- ◆ The **Encouragers Group** typically meets for a potluck meal, and a time of worship and encouragement from the Word of God on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Most participants are in their golden years, but everybody is welcome to attend regardless of their age. **The next meeting is on Sunday, January 13th.**
- ◆ **Ladies' Bible Study**—*The group is beginning a new study entitled “God of Creation” by Jen Wilkin. Come and see how God reveals Himself through the Scriptures. The study will begin on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. See Eileen Sones to order your book.*
- ◆ **Men's 27:17 Group** – A men's breakfast group that meets at Peppermill Restaurant (1010 Wesley Dr #100, Mechanicsburg) from 6:30 until 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, friendship, devotional, and prayer. **The group will meet this Wednesday, January 9th.**
- ◆ **Intercessory Prayer Group**—meets from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. every Thursday to pray for the Kingdom of God to come and the will of God to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Everyone is invited. **We will meet this Thursday evening.**
- ◆ **Operation Matthew 25:35** —This outreach group is a team-based ministry that responds to the needs of homeless friends. There is a great need! The group is an *Intergenerational Connect Group and meets twice a month.* One meeting would be for spiritual growth and ministry planning. The other would be to volunteer to a specific group of homeless friends. See Pastor Al for questions or interest.

Big Game Party—Sunday February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Good News will be hosting a get together to watch the Big Game. This is a great opportunity to share as a church family, and to bring friends and family. If you are coming, please, RSVP via the Connect Card or by texting 202-531-2568, and bring a snack or dish to share if you can. **We will also have board games available for those not interested in football.** See Miriam Reinhold for more information.

Worship, Prayer and Meditation following the Celebration Service

Everybody is welcome to stay after the Service to spend time seeking and worshipping God individually. The Mixells are hosting this weekly event to bring us together in our journey into His presence.

A Thank-You Note

Pastor Al, Eileen, Pastor Deryl, and Miriam would like to thank you all for the generous gifts that were presented to them at Christmas.

“We are blessed by your love, trust and generosity. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you!”

Communion Offered Every Sunday Morning

We offer communion every Sunday morning for any individuals who want to partake. There is a table at the back of the auditorium where the elements of communion are available during the response song at the end of the service. A communion service for the entire congregation is offered monthly. Our Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

Financial Report Year-End 2018

The average General Fund offering each week through December 31, 2018 was \$3189. Total giving for 2018 was \$165,839. The total Jesus Birthday Gift offering, which will be used to fund the new part-time Ministry Staff Position, was \$10,624. The congregation owes \$140,538 on our mortgage which reduces by about \$1701 each month from the monthly payment of \$2294.

Upcoming Events

Wed	Jan 9th	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun	Jan 13th	6:00 p.m.	Encouragers Group
Wed	Jan 16th	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Sun	Feb 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Big Game & Table Games Party

How We Announce Weather-Related Schedule Changes- When weather impacts our schedule, we make a decision no later than 7:00 a.m. on Sunday about schedule changes, send and e-mail to the distribution list from goodnewsfmc@aol.com, and post information on the Good News Church Facebook page. If there is no e-mail or Facebook posting, this means there is no change to the service schedule. We also notify some local television and radio stations about our changes.

Check Your Mail Folder

We work hard to keep updating the church family's mail folder system. If you have been coming to church for some time, you probably have a mail folder under your name in the alphabetized boxes on the lobby table. Please check your mail folder today for Christmas Greetings. Giving receipts for 2018 are also there. If you don't yet have a folder, our apologies. Let one of the pastors know. We want you to have a folder!!