

## 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.

## Conversations with Jesus

### Welcome and Prayer

### Worship Songs—Cary Burkett/Praise Band

*Break Through*

*Let Your Glory Fall*

*Do it Lord*

### Ministry Moments

### Offering—*We Believe*

### Ministry of Prayer

### Message—Pastor Al Sones

Revelation 3:14-22 — People in Laodicea

**“Love the Giver, not the Gift”**

Jesus calls us to not coast spiritually in times of abundance

Love lifted me

### Closing Worship Song—*Refiner’s Fire*

*(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**—will not go to class after the Offering time today. Brandon is away.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 today, March 10th.**
- ◆ **Ladies' Bible Study**—*The group is focusing on a study entitled “God of Creation” by Jen Wilkin. Come and see how God reveals Himself through the Scriptures. The group will meet this Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.* See Eileen Sones for more information.
- ◆ **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, March 13th.**
- ◆ **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.

## Game Night— Sunday, March 17th — 5:00-8:30 pm

Let's get together for a Game Night next Sunday from 5:00 until 8:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Games will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite. **Please bring a drink and money for pizza. The pizza will be ordered soon upon arrival. If you will be coming late and would like to be included, please text Miriam Reinhold at 202-531-2568 to let us know.** Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

## DR Mission Trip 2019

Each year Good News Church ministers to up to 300 children, mostly orphans, at **two children's camps that we sponsor in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.** Is Jesus calling you to go? Susan Betcke is leading a team to the DR (July 5—15) to minister this summer. We now have DR Missions Team applications, as well as payment plans available. For additional information see Susan, Miriam or Pastor Deryl.

Is Jesus calling you to love the kids through your giving? The goal for this summer's camps is \$12,000.

## Mission Opportunity for the Youth

We would like to encourage our kids, ages 12-18, to join the **Joshua Generation Outreach** this summer, July 5th-21st. The outreach is organized by Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Pittsburgh. The trip consists of 7 days of training in Pittsburgh, followed by 7 days of outreach in Philadelphia. For more information, please contact Kelly, Miriam or Pastor Deryl. You may also talk with Daemon Reza for questions about his experience in previous years.

## Our Good News Church Webpage has been updated!

Please visit [www.GoodNewsFMC.com](http://www.GoodNewsFMC.com) for current announcements, archived sermons, and information about our church. You may also contact us and/or give an offering through our website.

## Young Adult Connect Group—Pizza and Movie on Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us to enjoy a fun and warm night-in watching a movie and making homemade pizza under the direction of Daniel Heath and Jessica Waller. Lots of laughter is guaranteed. Please feel free to bring something to add to the table to share and a friend or two! We will meet at the Sones' home.

## Winter-time Care Kits for the Homeless

Operation Mathew 25:35 has put together Winter-time Care Kits for the Homeless. These can be picked up at the church lobby by any individual who wishes to distribute them to the many homeless people that live in our area. Please, feel free to make a donation or to grab one free of charge.

## 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

The average General Fund offering each week through March 3, 2019 is \$2955. Total GF Giving YTD is \$26,593. The congregation owes \$134,997 on our mortgage which reduces by about \$1724 each month from the monthly payment of \$2294.

## Upcoming Events

Sun	March 10th	6:00 p.m.	Encouragers Group
Wed	March 13th	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		7:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Thurs	March 14th	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Sun	March 17th	5:00 p.m.	Game Night
Sun	March 24	5:00 p.m.	Young Adult Connect Group