

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.

Sermon in Song

Welcome and Prayer

Worship Songs—Pastor Deryl/Praise Band

Hosanna

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Introduction—Pastor Al

“Sermon In Song”—Mark Cable

Offering

Today’s Offering Includes our Regular Budget offering and a Love Offering for Mark Cable.

“Sermon in Song” Continues

Concluding 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) after Mark Cable's second song.

Grades 2—5—go to class (Room 5) after Mark Cable's second song.

Grades 6—8—will stay for the whole service

Grades 9 and up—will stay for the whole service

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 today, April 14th.**

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- ◆ **Ladies' Bible Study**—The group will not meet on Wednesday, April 17th or 24th.
- ◆ **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, April 17th.**
- ◆ **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. See Pastor Al for questions or interest.

Communion Will Be Offered Next Week

A communion service for the entire congregation Will be part of our Resurrection Sunday service. Our Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

Communion, Feet Washing and Prayer—This Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Join us this Maundy Thursday for a celebration of Jesus' Last Supper. We will celebrate communion and will wash each others feet, as part of our prayer meeting. People who cannot participate in feet washing, will be able to do hand washing instead.

Baptism and Parent-Child Dedication—Next Sunday April 21st at 10:30 a.m.

One of the most amazing experiences in our church is when someone is baptized. Before they are baptized, each person briefly shares (1) about their journey before encountering Jesus, (2) how they came to decide to follow Jesus, and (3) how a relationship with Jesus impacts life today. Don't miss this amazing time on Resurrection Sunday, April 21st at 10:30 a.m. **If you are interested in learning more about being baptized, please see one of our pastors** and take one of the booklets entitled "Preparing for Christian Baptism."

We encourage all parents to publicly dedicate your children to Jesus in the presence of the entire church. **For more information about Child Dedication, please see a pastor.**

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 love the kids through your giving? The goal for this summer's camps is \$12,000. So far, we have received \$845.

Mission Opportunity for the Youth

We would like to encourage all kids, ages 12-18, to join the **Joshua Generation Outreach** this summer, July 5th-21st. 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.

Young Adult Connect Group—Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to enjoy a fun and warm night-in with snacks, devotionals, a group game, and lots of laughter. 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.

Sunday Morning Hospitality

We need volunteers to **bring snack items** for our Sunday morning refreshment table. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Café.

Financial Report

The average General Fund offering each week through April 7, 2019 is \$2877. Total GF Giving YTD is \$40,279 The congregation owes \$133,266 on our mortgage which reduces by about \$1732 each month from the monthly payment of \$2294.

Upcoming Events

Sun	April 14th	6:00 p.m.	Encouragers Group
Wed	April 17th	6:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast
Thurs	April 18th	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Sun	April 21st	10:30 a.m.	Resurrection Sunday, Baptism & Child Dedication Service
Wed	April 24th	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Sun	April 28th	10:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker—Marie Monville, author
		7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Connect Group
Sun	May 12th	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day guest musician—Chiz Rider
Sun	Jun 2nd	10:30 a.m.	Guest Musician—Julie Nevel