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CHURCH NEWS

Living Water Fellowship

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KOINONIA – True Christian Fellowship A message from Pastor Doug

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**We pray 2010 will be a year of
HARVEST & EXPANSION!**



*Pastor Doug & Nathalie Dragan
...living life together!*

Join us at our NEW LOCATION
Bon Meade Elementary School
1595 Brodhead Road
Moon Township, PA 15108

Service starts at 10 am

Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am



Did you ever notice when you get to be such good friends with someone and you begin to know each other so well, that you seem to know what they are thinking: Nathalie and I have been together 22 years, 8 months and 3 days (and about 22 minutes). On May 27th we will have been married 21 years. When we have the opportunity to be around each other and spend quality time together we're like that. Having been together this long, we know what each other likes and doesn't like. I know she likes a certain kind of pop-Coke Zero, a certain kind of drink mix packet-lemon, and a certain kind of cereal-Raisin Bran. But when we first met all I knew about her was that she was home from college on summer vacation, she worked at the Passavant Home in Zelienople, and she loved God with her whole heart. Oh yeah, I knew she could sing and play the violin really well. But I didn't know her favorite color, her favorite foods, or what she liked to do as a hobby. I didn't know her testimony or her major in college. (She didn't want to share that and scare me away. She was a pre-med biology / mortuary science student.) I didn't know too much.

Getting to know someone takes time and effort.

When we aren't spending a lot of quality time together she may say something, and I take it the wrong way. I don't quite understand what she's trying to get at. When I'm trying to explain something to her, it's not getting through. We don't seem to be on the same page. I think most of you know what I'm talking about. But when we are in sync, spending time together, we do things for each other automatically, without even realizing it. Spiritually as well, we bear witness to each other when the Lord wants us to do something. When we are young in our Christian walk, we aren't sure about all of the things of God. We aren't sure if it is Him speaking to us. We don't know all His likes and dislikes. If we aren't spending quality time in prayer, listening, Bible reading, etc. we may misunderstand God. We may think He is saying one thing, when He means something entirely different

John 10:1-10 "My sheep know my voice." The only way we can recognize Him is to take time to listen.

1 John 1:1-4 The apostles actually got to eat, sleep, party, work, fish, and minister with Jesus himself. They handled the Word of life. They sat next to Him by the campfire singing kumbaya. They cleaned fish, cooked dinner, and fellowshiped with Him.

The fellowship we are talking about is more than sharing a meal; it's sharing your life!

There are days we have all experienced when we feel God is mad at us for something we did or didn't do. We don't talk to Him. We get angry and decide to ignore Him. Either way, we are wrong. The same thing happens in our marriages and relationships. We get offended at something silly, and we ignore that person and give them the cold shoulder. Life is too short to waste time not talking to each other and especially not talking to God. A lot of what we may be experiencing is condemnation from the enemy. We feel bad and think God doesn't want to talk to us. That is NEVER the case. He always wants to talk to us. So many times HE yearns for a little conversation from us- just to hear us say, "I love you." We aren't perfect people, and God doesn't expect us to be. He just wants us to love Him and show and share that love with others.

Act 2:42 The early church studied the Bible together, but also continued steadfastly in it. That means they lived out the Word of God together as best as they could. They had fellowship together which we see is more than just hanging out. It's getting to know God and each other on a much deeper level. It's living life and doing life together. They broke bread together which means they shared meals, and did it many times with a spiritual purpose in mind. They took communion together. They PRAYED. This is something we all need to do more as individuals and as a church. Christian fellowship is an intimacy with God and each other made possible by the Holy Spirit. If you attend Living Water Fellowship I encourage and challenge you to become a part of one of our fellowship groups so you can experience true Christian fellowship like they had in the early church.

LWF held a Winter Vacation Bible School in February. Despite the snowiest month ever for the Pittsburgh area, over 30 kids attended. Sixteen children heard the gospel preached and accepted Christ during these sessions. On February 28th we held the VBS program at Bon Meade Elementary School and 120 people attended. (See picture below middle) We trust the Lord to continue to touch the hearts of these kids and their families. On March 21st we received 27 adults into membership of LWF. Dr. Buddy Bell taught everyone about how to relate to your pastor. He also encouraged the new members to find their place in the body and use their gifts to glorify God and help others. (See picture below left.) We also moved into our new facility at Bon Meade Elementary School, Moon Township. The Lord has already begun to use this new location to grow the church. (See picture below right.)



MINISTRY UPDATES

No Walls Ministry- We continue to serve the homeless and less fortunate once a month in Pittsburgh. In March we were privileged to provide and serve the meal for 70 people. God blessed us more than we blessed them. Visit www.nowallspgh.com to check out this amazing ministry. We also have a team who go out Friday nights, under the bridges in Pittsburgh, to minister to the homeless, as well. If interested please call the church.

Children's Ministry- Our children continue to learn God's Word. They had a blessed time in February at our Winter Vacation Bible School. (See picture above middle) They also have a new meeting room in the new facility that will give the teachers a lot more flexibility and opportunity to minister to the kids in more effective ways.

RAPIDS Youth Ministry- The youth will begin meeting again every other Sunday morning starting April 11th. They are going to be discussing God's "indescribable" creation based on Chris Tomlin's song and a DVD by Pastor Louie Giglio. They will also be attending Acquire the Fire in May at the Peterson Event Center at Pitt.

Servant Evangelism - With the weather getting nicer we will be gearing up for our outreaches and free give a ways. These are great ways to share and show God's love with no strings attached, because salvation is a free gift.

PRAISE REPORTS! - First and foremost God opened the door for us to use Bon Meade Elementary School. While the Moon School District has always been gracious to churches, we are the first church to meet at one of their elementary schools. God is good! Along with the 16 kids who accepted Christ at VBS, we have had more salvations and at least 8 people rededicate their lives to the Lord at this new facility. Finally, we accepted 27 adults into membership.

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Happy Easter!

Upcoming Events

Water Baptism Service – April 18th @ West Hills Christian Church 6:30 PM

Outreach to the homeless No Walls Ministry – fourth Saturday of every month

RAPIDS Youth Ministry – Acquire the Fire @ Peterson Event Center May 7th & 8th

Servant Evangelism Outreaches - TBA

We currently meet Bon Meade Elementary School

1595 Brodhead Road, Moon Twp, PA 15108

Sunday morning 9:30 AM coffee & fellowship – 10:00 AM service