



FIRST CHURCH OF GOD CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS

Grow in and Go with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

From the Heart of PK

An amazing time of the year is upon us! Least important but enjoyed by many of us, March Madness basketball is taking place. Spring is starting, and the earth will be coming back to life. Our Easter celebrations are coming up. Exciting plans for our church are on the horizon. None of these blessings will be as good or enjoyable without you! You are a valuable component of our church family and God's work in and through us, so your presence and participation are needed. Many good opportunities for your involvement are included in this newsletter, and I am sure more will be added. Please pray about which steps of involvement you should take within the church and then take the appropriate steps. Like the earth in spring, when we faithfully follow God's leading and work together, we will see life blooming in dormant places. May that happen within Cambridge Springs FCOG! Amen.

Pastor Kevin Myers

Activities Center Renovation Update and Pledge Campaign

After receiving an overwhelming majority of votes toward doing so, we are moving forward with plans to obtain a loan for significant renovations to the church's activity center this year. Tom Mook is going to be our general contractor, and he is planning to start this project, which will take 4-6 weeks, at the start of Fall. Pastor Kevin and the church board are currently working on obtaining a loan ASAP since interest rates are likely rising significantly this year. Much communication will be given in the upcoming months regarding this important project as more details come together. For now, please know that **everyone's participation is greatly needed!**

This may appear to be a big mountain for us to climb, but it is far from insurmountable as we go forward together with eyes fixed on God, faith in His provision, vision of potential impact, sacrificial and cheerful giving, and anticipation of God's work. We serve a God who specializes in moving mountains when given even mustard seed sized faith. We should be excited to see how He is going to provide and excited to contribute to a project that will have long-term Kingdom impact. This project has potential to provide a great testimony of God's movement in and through this church! **Remember, at its core such a project is not about a building but is about the vision, growth, and impact God has for us.**

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While more details will be announced in the May/June newsletter, here are some important dates, which will be fully confirmed by the start of April, to put on your calendar. It is important for everyone to take part in these gatherings! On Sunday, May 22 we are going to have a “First Fruits” offering, and we will have a prayer gathering in/around the activities center following the worship service. On June 5 we are going to have our pledge event with a partially catered meal and a guest speaker. During this event we will commit to giving (beyond regular tithes/offerings) toward this project over a three-year period with a goal of at least half the \$70,000 loan amount. In the meantime, please be in prayer over this project and how God is leading you in giving toward it.

We hope you are also noticing and enjoying the other updates and improvements we have recently been able to make around our facilities. There are several more changes we are hoping to make this year and beyond as God provides funds. Please feel free to inquire about these efforts and how you can contribute.

Jesus is our Subject! The Gospel is our Message!



Pastor Kevin will start March by ending his current series, “What’s Love Got To Do With It?”. He is currently planning to then share a message or two on turning down the noise, using Jesus’ moments of solitude and silence as examples. Much of March and April’s message will focus on Jesus’ journey to the cross, culminating with concentration on Jesus’ resurrection on Easter (April 17). April will conclude with our combined worship service at CMA on the 24th.

Growth Studies

We will not be the disciples of Christ we are called to be by simply sitting in a sanctuary chair once a week while either enjoying or enduring listening to Pastor Kevin. As the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, we must “Do (our) best to present (ourselves) to God as one (s) approved, worker(s) who do not need to be ashamed and who correctly handle the word of truth.” And, we need to grow together as we share and serve with each other. Partaking in a growth study is a good opportunity to pursue growth together. We have a few such gatherings each Sunday at 9:30, and Pastor Kevin is leading a new one watching and discussing presentations on different apologetic matters at 9:45 in the youth room. After “The Art of Marriage” concludes, the small group video study called “The Art of Parenting” will be taking place on Tuesday evenings. If God is nudging you to lead a growth study, whether on Sunday morning or at another time of the week, fantastic! If that is you, please talk with Pastor Kevin about this.



Have you embraced Jesus Christ as Savior of your life but have yet to be baptized? If so, you have opportunity to be baptized on Easter Sunday (April 17), taking an important step of obedience and discipleship of Christ. Baptism is a beautiful celebration of a life made new through God's amazing grace, and there is no better way to worship our risen Savior than to testify to risen lives. If you would like to be baptized **please tell Pastor Kevin before April 10**, as he will be having a baptism class for everyone taking part that morning.

SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT POSITION

The church needs a new secretary/administrative assistant. This position, which is for 8-10 hours a week, plays an essential role in the life of the church by doing a variety of important tasks (such as putting together and distributing this newsletter). Pastor Kevin will be putting notice of this position on a couple websites, but a personal recommendation is often a better way of being led to the right person for such a position. Please let Pastor Kevin know if you know of someone (maybe yourself) who may be a good fit.



GROWTH STUDY FOR PARENTS

“THE ART OF PARENTING”

The family is the backbone of society, and the Church should be leading the way with strong Christ-centered families! Godly parenting is an artform, and it is needed from both mothers and fathers. Such parenting does not just happen! It requires intentionality and teamwork centered in discipleship. Considering all this, Pastor Kevin is offering another opportunity to invest in our families together with a growth study, “The Art of Parenting.” These gatherings will be taking place on **Tuesdays at 6:00 starting April 12**. All parents of children in their home are encouraged to participate, and grandparents may even find value in the teaching while offering the participating parents wisdom. A signup sheet will be available until April 10, and the workbook will cost \$10.



COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP & “GOOD FRIDAY” PRAYER WALK

The churches in the community, the overall Cambridge Springs Church, will again be joining together for Lent worship services on Wednesdays at noon. These gatherings, which all who can attend are encouraged to do so, will go from March 2 until April 6. The location of them are as follows:

March 2: First Church of God	March 23: CMA
March 9: Saint Anthony’s	March 30: United Methodist
March 16: Presbyterian Church	April 6: First Baptist

On Good Friday, April 15, there will be a **community prayer walk** starting at the Presbyterian Church. Individuals who cannot walk around town but would like to participate will gather for prayer in the Presbyterian Church’s sanctuary.



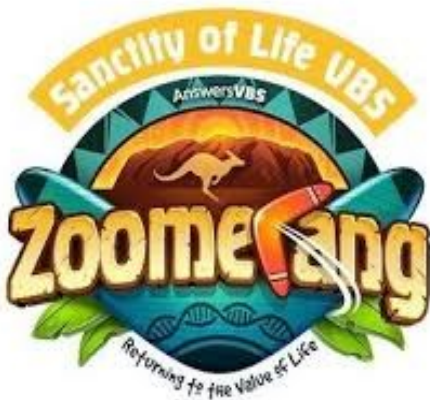
COMBINED & COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Our church will again be joining with the Cambridge Springs CMA twice this year for combined worship services. The first of these gatherings will be on **April 24 at CMA** with Pastor Kevin speaking, and the second will be on October 24 will Pastor Delroy speaking. Please plan to attend these times of worship with our brothers and sisters from across town.

Speaking of worshipping together, a second annual **summer community worship service** will be taking place Sunday, **June 26** in the high school’s auditorium. While this is a few months away, please mark your calendars and plan on participating in worship as the overall Cambridge Springs Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The community VBS **June 20-24** will be here before we know it! To plan a well-coordinated and impactful week, **we need commitment from volunteers ASAP**. Please contact the church office, Pastor Kevin, or Sarah Myers if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity. Also be looking for ways to register your children, grandchildren, neighbor children, any children you know. You will not regret serving in and sharing about this important ministry!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Our children have been learning many great truths while still “monkeying” around! If you go into the children’s ministry room, you will find posterboard with around fifteen names and plastic monkeys hanging with linked arms below the names. The students have been earning monkeys for attendance, remembering Bible verses, and other noteworthy actions. For every five monkeys earned a prize is given. As for their Bible lessons, the children have recently been learning about mind blowing stories of God’s supernatural work in individuals’ lives.

This **vital ministry** is currently in need of **volunteers**, both with elementary age children and in the nursery. Please pray over the possibility of God using you to invest in our children’s lives and what that may entail. If you would like to discuss possible involvement options, please fill out a connection card or talk with Sarah Myers. There will also be a **children’s ministry meeting Sunday, March 20** following the worship service.

“EGGSTRAVAGANZA” EASTER EGG HUNT

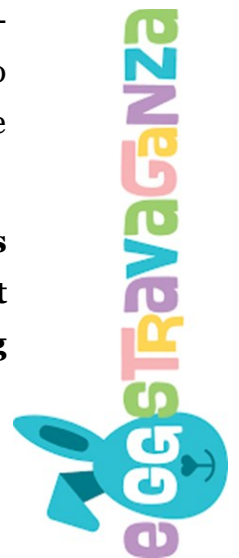
Calling all kids from 1-12 and their families! The second annual “Eggstravaganza” Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on **Saturday, April 9 from 1:00-3:00** at the Cambridge Springs Carnival Grounds. Even if you do not have a young child or grandchildren to take to the egg hunt, please help spread the word with the flyers in the church and in the printed newsletters!

Help is needed for the egg hunt! First, **we need snack size candy donations by Sunday, March 20**. Second, we will be having a **planning meeting March 14 at 5:00** and a gathering to stuff eggs on a date TBA. Third, we **need volunteers during the event**. Please talk with PK or Sarah Myers by March 13 if you are able to help.



Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day)

Child/parent dedication is an important action with significant biblical precedent that we have not done within the past couple years. Within this activity parents will bring children in front of the congregation for a prayer of blessing over their children while dedicating themselves to godly parenting. The congregation will also pledge to help the parents by holding them accountable and loving the children. Typically, parents bring babies for this, but older children are also welcome for dedication. **Please let Pastor Kevin know by Sunday, May 1 if you would like to participate.**



BENEVOLANCE TEAM



Do you like to show God's love to people going through difficult times? Do you like to do things such as cook, order flowers, send cards, or greet during a funeral/funeral meal? And, do you have some time to give? Then you are a perfect fit for the church benevolence team! This team has not been in operation the past couple years, and it is time to form it again. If God is leading you to serve in such a capacity, please fill out a communication card on a bulletin indicating

SPRING/SUMMER SERVING SATURDAYS

While we are not going to have as many of them, spring/summer serving Saturdays are back in 2022! We will be out in our community/area serving in Jesus' name at least a few times throughout the spring and summer. Let's be known as the church that is continually lovingly serving our community/area in practical ways! Not all such serving ideas need to be from Pastor Kevin, and you likely know people and organizations around us that need help. Therefore, please communicate any serving ideas you have ASAP. Please be looking for details to be announced in coming months and planning on taking part in these opportunities.



Grow in & Go with the Gospel of Jesus

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission)*

CONNECT CARDS & PRAYER CALLS

We cannot connect well with each other if we do not have updated contact information. For several newer families we have no contact information. Whether you are newer to the church or you have been with us for decades, **please fill out the connect card on a bulletin and put it in one of the offering boxes located in the church lobby.** The connect card is also a good way to communicate praises and prayer requests, questions, and ways you would like to be involved.

Did you know our church uses a **phone messaging system** to communicate prayer requests and praises, along with occasional announcements and reminders? If you do not currently receive these messages and would like to, please indicate that on a communication card.



The Pregnancy Center of Meadville Needs Volunteers

The Meadville Pregnancy Center is a wonderful pro-life organization with strong Christian leadership. They are providing numerous services to help families and expectant parents in our area. Pastor Kevin has been told of a couple ways individuals in our church could help the pregnancy center's efforts. For example, they need some godly men to simply be in their facility for an hour or so at a time in case a man comes in looking for a man to talk with, as men usually do not come back to their facility for a later appointment. What a great opportunity to be simply be available for God to move in and through you! Please talk with Pastor Kevin if you would like to pursue one of the ways to serve with the pregnancy center or call the center's director, Kendra Durfee at 814-333-6567.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

To Register: Call 814-573-5987 between 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mon.-Thurs.

Food Pickup & Volunteering: 4th Friday of every month (except Nov.) at the CS Carnival Grounds Pavilion from 12:15-1:30

Remaining 2022 Schedule: March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 23



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45



New Beginnings Church of God is hosting a hilarious improv group that will provide comedy for the whole family on March 25. Pastor Kevin and Sarah have seen 321 Improve perform, and they can attest to this group giving them a good evening of laughter. Follow directions on the accompanying picture to buy tickets. Individuals in the church are encouraged to let each other know they are going and sit together at the event if they would like.

Life in 6 Words/The Gospel

Birthdays

March

David Spaid	7th
Ron Eakin	10th
Rob Welker	11th
Alice Humes	13th
Kayla Hunter	26th
Philip Perry	27th

April

Elsamae Bundy	5th
Jackson Carico	6th
Rhianna Eakin	6th
Jason Davis	7th
Troy Bechtel	10th
Bennett Carico	11th
Ryan Welker	12th
Pat Fullerton	13th
Madison Royer	23rd
Sierra Spaid	28th

Anniversaries

March

Ken & Amanda DeArment	19th
Scott & Darla Spaid	20th

God created us to be with Him
Our sins separate us from God.
Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.
Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.
Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.
Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

This acrostic is a helpful tool in remembering and sharing the essence of the Gospel message, which is spelled out from cover to cover of the Bible. Cards with it are available in the church lobby.



Sunday Schedules For March & April

NURSERY

March 6 Lisa Harned, Madison Yanc
March 13 Mollie Yanc, Finley Rauscher
March 20 Kim Hurst, Madison Yanc
March 27 Lisa Harned, Finley Rauscher
April 3 Mollie Yanc, Madison Yanc
April 10 Kim Hurst, Finley Rauscher
April 17 Lisa Harned, Madison Yanc
April 24 CMA

PRAISE TEAM

March 6 Darla, Margie, Makenzie, Finley
March 13 Martha, Kim, Madison, Mollie
March 20 Darla, Margie, Makenzie, Finley
March 27 Martha, Kim, Madison, Mollie
April 3 Darla, Margie, Makenzie, Finley
April 10 Martha, Kim, Madison, Mollie
April 17 Darla, Margie, Makenzie, Finley
April 24 CMA

JUNIOR CHURCH

March & April: Tentatively Sarah Myers

WELCOME TEAM

Please take a schedule from the bulletin board in the hallway.

SOUNDBOOTH

March 6 Ken Hurst, Hunter Spaid
March 13 Clint Rauscher, Aidan Rauscher
March 20 Ken Hurst, Hunter Spaid
March 27 Kevin Whitney, Hunter Spaid
April 3 Ken Hurst, Aidan Rauscher
April 10 Clint Rauscher, Hunter Spaid
April 17 Ken Hurst, Hunter Spaid
April 24 CMA



WHO ARE YOU INVITING??

Many excellent opportunities of different varieties are shared in this newsletter. More important than any of these ministries and events, we are all invited to experience salvation through Jesus Christ and relationship with Him! Therefore, a logical question is this, "Who are you inviting?" Who are you striving to bring into our fellowship and, most importantly, into eternal fellowship with God? People usually will not come or respond if they are not first invited. If we truly care, we will share!

**But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?
Romans 10:14**

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