

Dolgeville Christian Fellowship Newsletter



Here we are, already June is upon us. I think of the words from "Carousel":
June is bustin' out all over
The feelin' is getting so intense,
That the young Virginia creepers
Have been huggin' the bejeepers
Outta all the morning glories on the fence!
Because it's June..."

Certainly, "June is bustin' out all over!" It was on June 4, 1896 that Henry Ford built the first Ford. "Juneteenth" was established in 1865 to celebrate African American Emancipation. By the way Juneteenth is on June 19th. Here is a list of other important June dates: June 2-Ascension Day (We will have a service at 7:00 pm to celebrate this almost forgotten event that is so important to the Christian faith.) June 6 is D-Day that remembers the invasion in 1944 that heralded the beginning of the end of WWII. Pentecost is June 12th. June 12th is also the day of the Violet Festival Community Worship service, held at the Gazebo. This year New Hope Church is leading with music and the Word will come from DCF. Flag Day is June 14th. June 19th is Father's Day, which gets less press than Mother's Day. Mark June 21st as the first day of summer, Hooray! Many of the area high schools hold their graduation ceremonies on June 25. Wowsers! See what I mean? "June is bustin' out all over!"

Since December 20th, the days have been lengthening a few minutes each day until we come to June 21st, the longest day of the year. Enjoy it to the full, for the next day the days begin getting shorter again. Long or short days, our God expects us to live each day to the full. This is only accomplished by living a life of joyful gratitude. When I was teaching at Pinecrest, I had the students keep a journal of "catching God in the act!" I challenge us now to be busy, spying on God. You will be amazed at how God sharpens our eyesight and our "heartsight" so that we indeed "catch God in the act" of blessing us in countless ways. We will be surprised that God is so busy, that we never noticed before. Our God wants to "be found out!" "His mercies are new every morning, His faithfulness never fails." As you spy on God you will then echo the words of Jeremiah, "Great is Thy faithfulness, the Lord is my Portion, therefore I will hope in Him!" Lamentations 3:22-24

With all the activities of this month let us not lose our focus. We are intent on "Seeing, Savoring and Serving Jesus." The first half of the church year from Advent to Pentecost is focused on SEEING AND SAVORING JESUS. With the coming of Pentecost we turn our attention to SAVORING AND SERVING JESUS. The Advent to Pentecost period is seeing Jesus and what He did FOR us and the remainder of the year from Pentecost to Advent we focus on what Jesus determines to do THROUGH us. I do want to emphasize full participation in our Ascension Day service. It is such an important event. Jesus said, "If I don't go away, the Holy Spirit can not come." So in a way the ascension kicks off our lives of being "witnesses unto Him, now that the Holy Spirit has come to indwell and infill us with God's glory and grace.

DCF News

Melody Boyd has been awarded her PhD in Sociology from Temple University.

Daniel Haas has just earned his Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University.

Congratulations to you both on these wonderful accomplishments.



A reminder...

Please think about contributing to this newsletter. Poems, meditations, favorite Scripture verses, church ministry reports, etc. Be a blessing...



Creative Corner - Poetry

Grace

By Amy Haas

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

*He was sitting on a park bench,
bundled in layers of smell-stained
clothes
that covered him up to his gray and
brown stubble
and mouth interspersed with teeth.*

*When the music truck curved the
corner,
dropping images of sundae cones
in childlike minds, he turned to smile
and look,
even raise a cracked, grubby hand.*

*His pockets were empty and gaping,
but the ice cream man looked and
grinned wide,
pulled on the brake and reached
through the window
to throw him some plastic-wrapped
grace.*

*He bent to the sidewalk and took it,
bowing down low, he raised it and
laughed
like a worshipper offering
unashamed thanks
while
the wealthy ones
wondered
and watched.*



Creative Corner Continued – Poetry

God's Rosebud

A new minister
was waling with an older,
more seasoned minister
in the garden one day.

Feeling a bit insecure
about what God
had for him to do,
he was asking the older preacher
for some advice.

The older preacher
walked up to a rosebush
and handed the young preacher
a rosebud and told him
to open it
without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher
looked in disbelief
at the older preacher
and was trying to figure out
what a rosebud
could possibly have to do
with his wanting to know
the will of God
for his life and ministry.

But because of his great respect
for the older preacher,
he proceeded to try to unfold the rose,
while keeping every petal intact.

It wasn't long
before he realized
how impossible
this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's
inability to unfold the rosebud
without tearing it,
the older preacher began
to recite the following poem...

"It is only a tiny rosebud,
a flower of God's design;
but I cannot unfold the petals
with these clumsy hands of mine."

"The secret of unfolding flowers
is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so easily,
but in my hands they die."

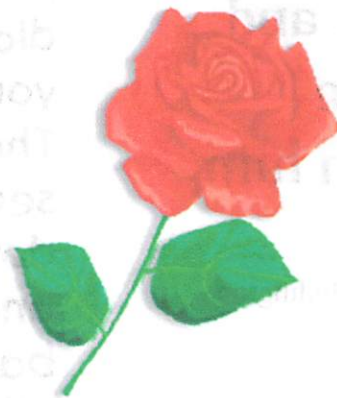
"If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
this flower of God's design,
then how can I have the wisdom to
unfold this life of mine?"

"So I'll trust in God for leading
each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
in each step of the way."

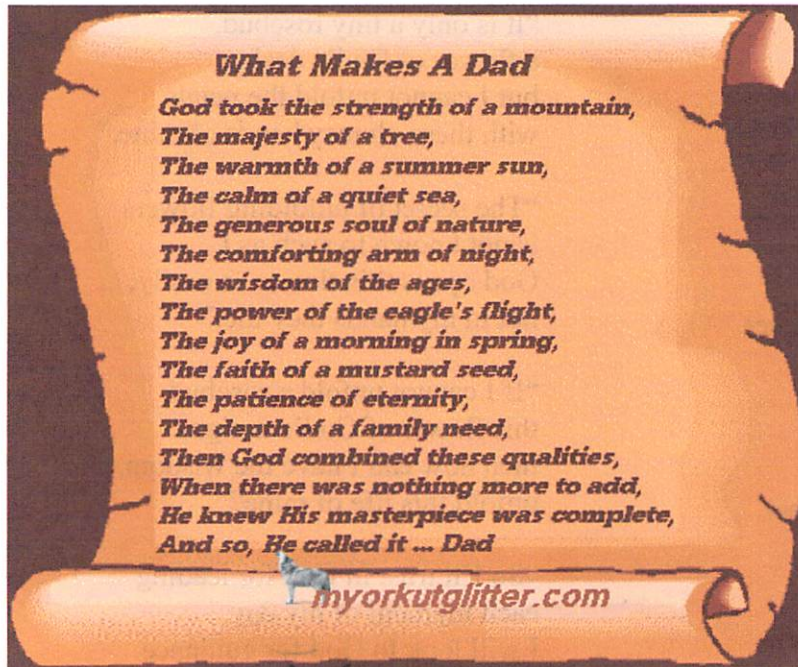
"The path that lies before me,
only my Lord knows.
I'll trust God to unfold the moments
just as He unfolds the rose."

Charlie Gilchrist

(Shared by Gail Whittaker)



The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad! - Author Unknown



He didn't
tell me how
to live; he
lived, and
let me
watch him
do it.

Clarence Budington
Kelland

On Diapering a Baby

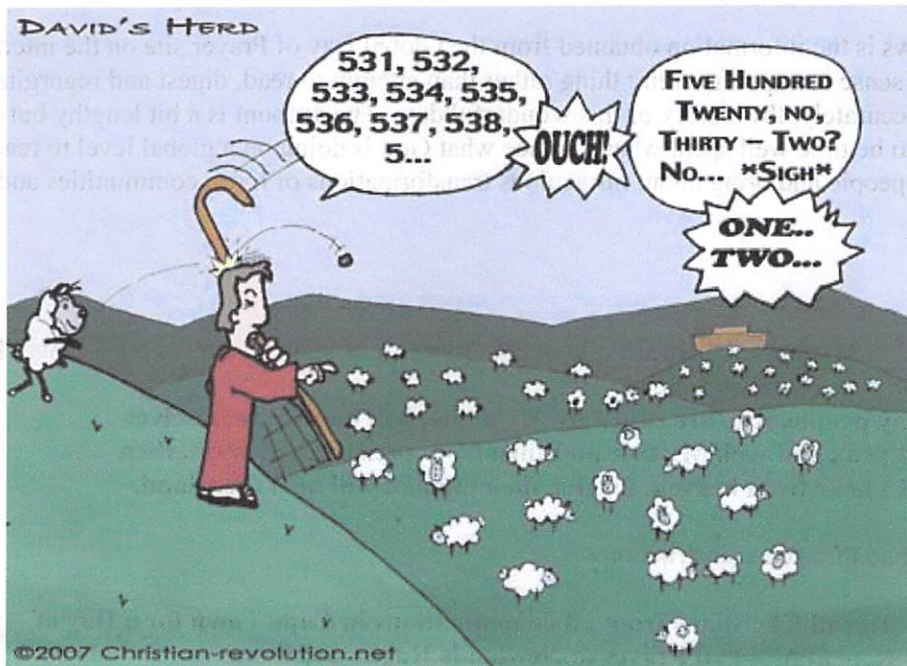
"Spread the
diaper in the
position of the
diamond with
you at bat.
Then fold
second base
down to home
and set the
baby on the
pitcher's
mound. Put
first base and

third
together,
bring up home
plate and pin
the three
together. Of
course, in
case of rain,
you gotta call
the game and
start all over
again."

Jimmy Piersal on
how to diaper a
baby, 1968.

JUST FOR FUN...

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.



Cartoon by Patrick Franklin

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Crossword puzzle solution

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GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER
PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

This is an important event to remember and observe as the conditions of the world grow more and more tense with each passing day. God is moving mightily yet we don't hear about it and, therefore, have a tendency to think He's eating bonbons and watching American Idol.

What follows is the information obtained from the Global Day of Prayer site on the internet. It made more sense to copy the entire thing rather than attempt to read, digest and regurgitate, perhaps inaccurately, the history of this wonderful day. The account is a bit lengthy but reading it will prove to be time well spent when you see what God is doing on a global level to reach millions of people and bring about miraculous transformations of lives, communities and countries.

History:

In July 2002 God captured the heart of a South African Christian businessman, Graham Power, with a vision based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 –

If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and will heal their land.

The vision had three clear instructions:

- 1. To call Christians from all denominations in Cape Town for a Day of Repentance and Prayer at Newlands Rugby Stadium.**
- 2. To challenge Christians across the rest of South Africa to unite in a Day of Repentance and Prayer.**
- 3. To challenge Christians in Southern Africa to unite in a Day of Repentance and Prayer.**

In March of 2001 more than 45,000 Christians united for a Day of Repentance and Prayer at Newlands Rugby Stadium in Cape Town. It was a day of intense intercession that transformed lives and was reflected in a changing city in the months to come. Testimonies of transformation caused the vision to be spread into the rest of South Africa and planning immediately started for similar prayer gatherings in 8 provinces of South Africa for 2002.

In February 2002 Graham Power had a second vision. This vision had an even bigger challenge: The whole of Africa was to gather in a Day of Repentance and Prayer, changing Africa to become a "light to the world". Eventually, Africa was to invite all the nations of the globe to unite in this move of transformational prayer.

In May of 2002 Christians in South Africa gathered in 8 different venues for a Day of Repentance and Prayer. Again, the testimonies of church unity and the healing of communities inspired leaders to expand the vision into the rest of Africa. At a Summit in September 2002, leaders of 9 African countries agreed on the vision "Africa for Christ".

At the same time it was clear that different prayer streams from across the globe were flowing in the same direction with a similar vision of community transformation through prayer. God was busy raising up a church of intercession in order to prepare communities for the revelation of His glory.

Across the African continent millions of Christians were inspired to participate in the process of transforming Africa. 77 South African regions and 27 African countries committed to a Day of Repentance and Prayer for Africa on the 1st of May 2003.

On 2 May 2004 history was made when Christians from all 56 nations of Africa participated in the first ever continental Day of Repentance and Prayer for Africa. Numerous communities, villages, towns and cities united in non-denominational prayer gatherings at different venues. In South Africa 277 communities participated. A flame of prayer was burning in Africa!

At a meeting of the International Prayer Council in Malaysia in November 2004, the invitation from Africa went out to the nations of the world to participate in a Global Day of Prayer process.

On Pentecost Sunday, 15 May 2005, Christians from 156 of the 220 nations of the world united across denominational and cultural borders for the first Global Day of Prayer. In the months following this day, Christians were overwhelmed by the testimonies of God's powerful work in answer to these prayers.

In 2008 millions of Christians from 214 nations united in prayer and on 31 May 2009 a miracle happened when this initiative miraculously expanded to 220 countries in the world. Together with the 10 Days leading up to and the 90 Days of Blessing following the Global Day of Prayer, there was a *sense that the call to unity and repentance is deepening* (my emphasis). This lay the foundation for God to fill the nations with His glory as His children from around the world cried out to him in unity.

23 May 2010 saw the 10-year celebration of the Global Day of Prayer. Whilst Christians from around the world united in prayer in Cape Town, where everything started, millions from 220 nations once again gathered in their own nations. The urgent call from Joel 2 echoed throughout the nations to return to God with repentance on a level never seen before. Yes, this was a time of rendering our hearts to God and to see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit on all flesh.

The growing momentum of the last 10 years has now laid the foundation to saturate nations in prayer. It's time to shift our focus from 220 nations to facilitate a lifestyle of prayer with as many people in as many places as possible. In this new season, we will no longer aim at the goal of having organized events in every single country of the world, but rather to **increase the number of gatherings on Pentecost Sunday in smaller settings**, such as local churches, family homes and businesses instead of stadiums and assembly halls.

Please join the world for the Global Day of Prayer on 12 June 2011 and may we see the fulfillment of Hab. 2:14:

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

Whew, the Lord is moving, folks. Let's find a way to join in so as not to miss this mighty move of God.

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ACROSS

1. I ___ them with ink in the book (Jer 36:18)
6. first month of Hebrew calendar (Ex.23:15)
10. consigning them to labor with ___ and with iron picks (2 Sam 12:31)
14. he sent forth a ____, which went forth to and fro (Gen 8:7)
15. rabbit (Deut 14:7) (KJV)
16. You hypocrites, why are you trying to ___ me? (Matt 22:18)
17. ___ that will not be moved; its stakes will never (1,4) (Isa 33:20)
18. I see ___ of an almond tree (1,3) (Jer 1:11)
19. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his ___ and fury commanded (Daniel 3:13)
20. ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and ___ (Dan 8:20)
22. the wicked are ___ by the work of their hands (Ps 9:16)
24. clean the inside of the ___ and dish (Matt 23:26)
26. devices used to secure a tent (Isa 54:2)
27. Woe to you who ___ fed now, for you will (3,4) (Luke 6:25)
31. as ___ was deceived by the serpent's cunning (2 Cor 11:3)
32. Saul ___ with Samuel that day (1 Sam 9:24)
33. If we ___ to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? (Job 4:2) KJV
36. Reuben and the children of ___ called the altar Ed (Josh 22:34) KJV
39. They cooked it in ___ or made it into cakes (1,3) (Num 11:8)
40. gods that are among you and ___ your hearts to the LORD (Josh 24:23)
41. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, ___ sabachthani?" (Mark 15:34)
42. affirmative response (Acts 22:27)
43. descended to the top of Mount ___ and called Moses (Exod 19:20)
44. Out of the ___, something to eat (Judg 14:14)
45. part of the foot (Lev 14:25)
46. a man of war, and ___ in matters (1 Sam 16:18) (KJV)
48. Solomon had four thousand ___ for chariot horses (1 Kings 4:26)
51. "You are the Christ, the ___ of the living God." (Matt 16:16)
52. and commit ye ___ after their abominations? (Ezek 20:30) KJV
54. the ___ and the baker of the king of Egypt (Gen 40:5)
59. ___ the curtain from the clasps (Exod 26:33)

60. forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and ___ (Gen 4:22)
62. tasteless, unrefined
63. the ax is dull and its ___ unsharpened (Eccl 10:10)
64. Roman Emperor
65. like an archer who wounds at random is he who ___ a fool (Prov 26:10)
66. Like a bird that strays from its ___ is a man who strays (Prov 27:8)
67. Jesus ___ in wisdom and Stature (Luke 2:52)
68. I have ___ my strength in vain (Isa 49:4)

DOWN

1. ___ your cloak around you and follow me (Acts 12:8)
2. is to be based on the ___ paid to a hired man (Lev 25:50)
3. I will make thee ruler ___ many things (Matt 25:23) KJV
4. commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of ___ (Deut 1:15)
5. Be careful, or you will be ___ to turn away (Deut 11:16)
6. you said "___" over my sanctuary when it was (Ezek 25:3)
7. he tore the lion apart with his ___ hands (Judg 14:12)
8. his feet with shackles, his neck was put in ___ (Ps 105:18)
9. framework for a bed (Deut 3:11) KJV
10. ___ sail, and so were driven (Acts 27:17) KJV
11. lips that speak knowledge are ___ jewel (1,4) (Prov 20:15)
12. earneth ___ to put it into a bag with holes (Hag 1:6) KJV
13. The creatures ___ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
21. Then thou shalt take an ___, and thrust it through his ear (Deut 15:17) KJV
23. King Solomon made a ___ of ships in Ezion-geber (1 Kings 9:26) KJV
25. Lot lived among the cities of the ___ (Gen 13:12)
27. thou knowest not what ___ may bring forth (1,3) (Prov 27:1) KJV
28. As soon as the grain is ___, he puts the sickle to it (Mark 4:29)
29. son of Seth (Gen 4:26) KJV
30. she began to ___ his feet with her tears (Luke 7:38)
34. As Jesus walked beside the ___ of Galilee (Mark 1:16)
35. or exalt themselves over me when my foot ___ (Ps 38:16)
36. small is the ___ and narrow the road that leads to life (Matt 7:14)
37. The God of peace be with you all. ___ (Rom 15:33)
38. projectile (Job 41:26)
40. bearing twelve crops of fruit, ___ its fruit every month (Rev 22:2)
41. I will send a ___, saying, Go, find out the arrows (1 Sam 20:21) KJV
43. From the ___ of your foot to the top of your head (Isa 1:6)
44. Esther's maids and ___ came and told her (Est 4:4)
45. to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a ___ (1 Sam 20:20)
47. Do not defraud your neighbor or ___ him (Lev 19:13)
48. It will be a shelter and ___ from the heat (Isa 4:6)
49. which he had taken with ___ from the altar (Isa 6:6)
50. Of how much ___ punishment, suppose ye (Heb 10:29) KJV
52. He sacrificed for their sins once for all ___ he offered himself (Heb 7:27)
53. LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life ___ than the first (Job 42:12)
55. men of violence who plan to ___ my feet (Ps 140:4)
56. See if you can ___ him into showing you the secret (Judg 16:5)
57. First home for mankind (Gen 2:15)
58. I will give him ___ from all his enemies (1 Chr 22:9)
61. ___ I know in part; then I shall know fully (1 Cor 13:12)



VIOLETS

SWINGIN' SINCE THE '50S

June 10—12

Food. Music, Parade, Fireworks,
Crafts, Horse Drawn Trolley,
Flower Show, Fun and a Whole
Lot More.

Remember the **Ecumenical Ser-**
vice on Sunday at Plowe Park
10:00AM.

Also be sure to stop by **Bethany**
Haas' booth. She sells beautiful,
hand-made jewelry.

Support the festival and enjoy
the weekend.