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# The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

## Jan/Feb 2022

## A Message from the Pastor

As we begin 2022 together, I am very excited that we as a church have decided to prayerfully choose a new vision statement. Having a clear, biblically sound, and easy to memorize vision statement is very important if a church seeks to actually live out what they sense is the vision the Lord is giving them. Our new vision statement is biblically sound, memorable, and I believe will become part of our DNA as Chestnut Grove. Our vision statement is as follows:

***Our vision as Chestnut Grove Church is to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ.***

This vision is biblically sound because as Christians we are

to be people of the light. We are to walk in the light (See 1 John 1:5-7). This means that we are to stay in close fellowship with God and to pursue living a godly and holy life. This happens through being intentional in our spiritual walk with Christ. The more intentional that we are in tending to our spiritual growth, the brighter our light will be.

Also, our vision statement makes it clear that we are called to let the light of Christ in us shine brightly towards others. All of us are called to share the love of Jesus Christ in our hurting and broken world. We have the answer and His Name is Jesus. As Christians, we are the light of

the world (See Matthew 5:14-15). Jesus calls His followers to shine brightly for Him on this earth. Our vision statement will help us as we plan events and outreaches and will be reinforced regularly in messages that are shared. Our vision statement will be in our hearts and minds as we seek to shine the love of Jesus everywhere we go. May the light of Christ our Lord burn brighter within us in 2022 than it has ever burned before and may this light be shared powerfully through our words and deeds. Christ our Lord goes before us friends; let us follow closely.

In Christ with you,  
Pastor Tim

Pastor's  
Message



## New Hope Christmas Blessing Express



What an amazing outpouring of love and support from you!! Thank you!! We continue to be abundantly blessed by our loving and supportive church community. You are the reason families in our community have food on the table. So many of you participated in bountiful food drives and gift drives for our Christmas Blessing Express. Thank you for helping make these loving moments possible for our neighbors in need! *New Hope Ministries of Dlsbg.*

## Youth & Children Led Service

On Sunday, **December 19**, The Youth & Children led our Worship Service. They shared The Gifts of Christmas and their wonder talents with all of us. Our attendance this Sunday was 73; how wonderful it was to have so many here to be blessed by their gifts. Thanks to everyone involved in making this day such a memorable occasion!

## Christmas Eve/Poinsettias/Decorations

Our Christmas Eve Service, **December 24**, was also well attended with 79 here to celebrate our Savior's birth! It was decided to donate 10% of the offering that evening to the Tornado recovery victims and 10% to the building fund. Thank you to everybody who ordered a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season and to everybody who helped decorate the church earlier in the month! Thank you and it looked beautiful!!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions for 2022

I would like to thank each of you for your generosity in support of our 2nd mile mission giving. Our 1st mile is giving towards our Shares of Ministry with the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our Shares of Ministry help support various missions that have been selected by the Susquehanna Conference. At Chestnut Grove, we have decided to continue our support in 2022 of the four 2nd mile missions that we supported in 2021. These missions are as follows:



**New Life for Girls** – January-March  
**Operation Underground Railroad** – April-June  
**Compassion International** – July-September  
**New Hope Ministries** – October-December

## Sermon Series

I am very excited to begin a new sermon series on Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew chapters 5-7. This sermon of Christ is so profound and in it He offers the path to living a true abundant life. As we seek to unpack these beautiful, life-giving words of our Lord, we will be slowly digesting portions of this sermon over the months of January and February. My prayer for all of us is that this Sermon of Jesus will become more and more internalizing in all of our hearts and minds. May God bless you as we take a deep dive into the world's best sermon ever!



## **January Bible Books of the Month – 1 & 2 Samuel**

Our Bible Books of the month for **January** is 1 & 2 Samuel. Samuel was originally written as one book, but it is normally divided in the Bible into 2 parts (as is the Old Testament books of Kings and Chronicles). Since it was written as one book, I thought that it would be fitting to have books 1 & 2 Samuel for the same month.

The Books of Samuel traces the history of Israel as a nation from the conclusion of the period of the Judges (which was when various leaders called Judges would lead Israel for varying lengths of time) to the rise and fall of Israel under a king.

The Lord Himself desired to be King over His people, but the people were complaining that they needed a king like the nations around them (See 1 Sam. 8). After warning Israel of the dangers of having a human king (1 Sam. 8 as well), God gives in to their request. Sadly, most of the kings that would rule over Israel and Judah would not be godly (thankfully with notable exceptions) and the nation would largely follow their lead into further disobedience.

One of the things that we can appreciate about the Bible is that it tells it as it is. God does not cover up the sins of His people. The Book of Samuel reminds us that faithfulness to the Lord is the real measure of a person. This book also reminds us that our Triune God desires to be our King. While we are called to 'give to Caesar what is Caesars,' so to speak (See Mark 12:13-17), our hope must never be in people or in government, but in our Triune God alone.

Finally, the Book of Samuel describes David being established with a kingdom that will never end. While the Davidic dynasty crumbles, Jesus the Messiah, according to His earthly family line, was of the line of David. Jesus Christ, in His perfect life, sacrificial death, and triumphant resurrection, now reigns on David's throne from heaven. Jesus' kingdom will never end and upon His return to earth, His kingdom will be fully established on earth as well.

As you read the powerful books of Samuel, may you be encouraged that in Jesus, God has become King once again. And this King is the perfect King who loves us and came to serve us and who will never fail us. For the month of **February** we will be in the books of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude.

## **Automated Telephone System**

We were in touch with the tech individual a few weeks ago and the plan is to have our automated phone system up and running in January (this month)! This will be another very beneficial and effective tool to get information to you (our members) quickly. It will be used for getting word to everybody when we need to cancel worship services due to inclement weather, etc. and also other events and emergency situations. When the automated phone system is up and running, Pastor Tim will test the system to be sure you all get the message and see how it works. We had compiled a list of phone numbers last year and have updated several recently, but if you want to be added to this system or your phone number has changed since last January, please let Pastor Tim or Deb Racer know.



## **Bring Your Grandkids To Church**

In 2022, we are continuing the theme of "Take Your Grandkids (and/or Great Grandkids) to Worship with you" the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month! So, for 2022, these Sunday's will be **January 9, February 13, and March 13**. This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and to worship our great God with them!



## **Testimony from Gretchen Grozalis about “The Chosen”**

In these days of uncertainty in our fragile lives as humans, we look for a common ground that we call normal. But what is normal in a human life with the word COVID, vaccines, and more vaccines, lockdowns, face masks, rising gas prices, food prices, inflation, etc, etc. Is your head spinning yet? Or is there a peace in you that is beyond all understanding?

Some receive peace from sleep, others from alcohol, drugs, etc. But the true peace is in and with JESUS CHRIST. If you know our Lord personally, the peace that we know is with HIM. Reading scripture, attending church and worshipping with our sisters and brothers in CHRIST, and staying tuned in to our Lord, help us to walk in peace.

One way to be in tune with God in this day and age, is a wonderful series called “The Chosen”. You can see God’s timing in this awesome series, which is perfect timing.

The series has been funded with donations of those who God has touched to carry out His plan. And what is that plan? To reach as many of His lost children, many children who are going astray from His path, to reaffirm their faith and firm loyalty to His Son JESUS. For our Father does not want to lose one.

**When I watched “The Chosen”, something stirred inside of me. I actually looked at JESUS and something told me inside that this is the way He truly lived and loved.** It may be hard to believe, but I fell in love with HIM more than I ever could imagine.

If you want to turn up your faith, please take advantage of tuning into “The Chosen” and our opportunities to see that here at Chestnut Grove Church.



### **Bible Study Group – The Chosen (Season 2)**

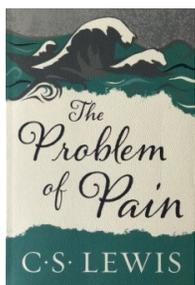
Our bible study group that meets **Thursday mornings at 10:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall will take a break from Matthew and begin watching and discussing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Season of *The Chosen* beginning **January 6, 2022**. All are welcome to join us, and if anybody needs a ride on any given Thursday, please let Pastor Tim know.

### **New Small Group for The Chosen (Season 1)**

I am excited to announce that there will be a new small group that is forming to gather at our church building to watch Season 1 of the Christian production, *The Chosen*. This group will be meeting Sunday afternoons from 3-5:00PM **February 20, February 27, March 6, and March 13**. This is an excellent opportunity, especially if you are unavailable during weekdays, to watch and discuss this powerful show that I believe is pleasing to our Lord and is faithful to the Spirit of God’s Word. There will be snacks and drinks provided. Please contact the church office or simply let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions.



### **New Book Study Group in 2022**



We will gather **January 10** at 6:30PM to watch the video about C.S. Lewis. Our next book discussion is titled, *“The Problem of Pain”* and we will meet in **February** for this book discussion. Order your book now so you are ready for the discussion in February. If you need help ordering this book (or any of the books we will read and discuss this year; there will be a different book each month), let Pastor Tim know asap. Also, please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending any of the book studies or would like more information.

## **Board Game Night**

Join us here at the Church for a fun board game night Saturday, **January 15**, beginning at 6:30PM. Bring your favorite family board game and we will provide snacks and drinks for the evening. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors!



## **Undecorating the Hanging of the Greens**

Even though our Christmas decorations enhanced the beauty of our sanctuary, these too must be taken down and preserved for next December. With that said, please stay after worship Sunday, January 16, to help take down the decorations. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Like when we put them up, it's a great time of fellowship with one another. Light refreshments will be provided.

## **Volunteers Needed for Cleaning**

We are in need of a few people to volunteer to help clean 1 or 2 Saturday's this year as we have a few open dates (**March 26, May 7, July 2, August 13, October 8, and November 19**). Please consider volunteering to help those who have faithfully participated in cleaning last year. We will have a brief meeting for all volunteers Sunday, January 30, at 9:00AM.



## **Soup & Sandwich Church Dinner**

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, **February 13**, for a Soup & Sandwich church dinner. The dinner is free to all, but to support New Life For Girls (2<sup>nd</sup> mile missions), there will be a "love offering" container in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to contribute to this worthwhile organization.

## **Renaissance Choir – February 2022**

The Dover Renaissance Choir will again be sharing their talents with us Sunday, **February 27**, during the worship service. Under the direction of Samantha Roberts, The Renaissance, the select choir at the high school, was started by Mr. Jeffery Snyder in 1975. We were so blessed to have the Choir with us last year in May, and it will be a real treat to have them back in 2022!



## **Ash Wednesday – March 2, 2022**

There will be a community Ash Wednesday service **March 2** which will be held at the Dillsburg Community Church in Dillsburg (formerly Arnold's UM Church) 412 Mountain Rd, Dillsburg, PA 17019. The service will begin at 7:00PM and Pastor Thadius Sales of Calvary UM Church will be preaching.

## **Directory Updates**

The directory changes that I have been made aware of since our last newsletter are:

- **Destiny Eslinger** – Address change to: 270 W Ridge Rd, Dillsburg, PA 17019
- **Robbin Pugh** – Address change to: 109 E Maplewood Ave, Mechanicsburg
- **Virginia Thran** – Address change to: 210 Big Spring Rd, Newville, PA 17241
- **Outreach Team** (pg. 22) – Add to the list: **Shawna Crone**

If your contact information changes, please email [omcgumc@gmail.com](mailto:omcgumc@gmail.com) or call the office 717-432-8243 with your new information. Thanks again for your support and cooperation in helping keep this valuable resource tool up-to-date. The plan is to work on a 2022 Directory in February/March.



**2022 Teller Schedule**

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
1/2/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
1/9/2022	Lorraine Hanson	Carolyn Myers
1/16/2022	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
1/23/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
1/30/2022	Lorraine Hanson	Carolyn Myers
2/6/2022	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
2/13/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson
2/20/2022	Lorraine Hanson	Carolyn Myers
2/27/2022	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven

**2022 Liturgist Schedule**

Date	Liturgist
1/2/2022	Candace Gerber
1/9/2022	Kyra Gerber
1/16/2022	Laurie Bush
1/23/2022	Steph Reynolds
1/30/2022	Keith Albert
2/6/2022	Blain Bargo
2/13/2022	Candace Gerber
2/20/2022	Laurie Bush
2/27/2022	Steph Reynolds

**2022 Soundboard/PowerPoint**

Date	Soundboard	PowerPoint
1/2/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
1/9/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
1/16/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
1/23/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
1/30/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
2/6/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
2/13/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
2/20/2022	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
2/27/2022	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone

**2022 Cleaning Schedule**

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
1/1/2022	Carol Clayton
1/8/2022	N/A
1/15/2022	Steph Reynolds
1/22/2022	N/A
1/29/2022	Carol Clayton
2/5/2022	N/A
2/12/2022	Brian/Dee Gerber
2/19/2022	N/A
2/26/2022	Tammy Strayer

**2022 Greeters/Ushers Schedule**

Date	Greeters	Ushers
1/2/2022	Ken Orth	Ken Orth
1/9/2022	TBD	TBD
1/16/2022	TBD	TBD
1/23/2022	TBD	TBD
1/30/2022	TBD	TBD
2/6/2022	TBD	TBD
2/13/2022	TBD	TBD
2/20/2022	TBD	TBD
2/27/2022	TBD	TBD

**Prayer Chain** - To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or [tklein@susumc.org](mailto:tklein@susumc.org)

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 Heavenly Hands Daycare email:  
[heavenlyhands5@verizon.net](mailto:heavenlyhands5@verizon.net)

## Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Thursday	1/6	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Monday	1/10	6:30PM	Book Study – C.S. Lewis Video
Thursday	1/13	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Saturday	1/15	6:30PM	Family Board Game Night
Sunday	1/16	after worship	Undecorate from Christmas
Monday	1/17	6:15PM	School Board Meeting
Thursday	1/20	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	1/23	after worship	Outreach Team Meeting
Wednesday	1/26	6:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	1/27	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	1/30	9:00AM	Cleaning Volunteers Meeting
Sunday	1/30	10:10AM	Communion
Thursday	2/3	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Thursday	2/10	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	2/13	after worship	Soup and Sandwich dinner in Fellowship Hall
Monday	TBD	6:30PM	Book Study – The Problem Of Pain
Thursday	2/17	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	2/20	3-5:00PM	The Chosen (Season 1)
Wednesday	2/23	6:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	2/24	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	2/27	10:10AM	The Renaissance Choir Performs
Sunday	2/27	10:10AM	Communion
Sunday	2/27	3-5:00PM	The Chosen (Season 1)
Wednesday	3/2	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service at Dlsbg Community Church
Thursday	3/3	10:00AM	Bible Study-The Chosen (Season 2)
Sunday	3/6	3-5:00PM	The Chosen (Season 1)
Thursday	3/10	10:00AM	Bible Study - Matthew
Sunday	3/13	3-5:00PM	The Chosen (Season 1)
Monday	3/14	6:30PM	Book Study



### January

- 1 – Virginia Thran
- 2 – Joanne Witmer
- 4 – Ron Brady

- 11 – Caydon & Grayson Reynolds
- 12 – Brian Gerber
- 13 – Gerry Holley
- 13 – Linda Klein
- 14 – Blain Bargo
- 22 – Brian Clayton
- 23 – Chris Faber
- 30 – Ruth Albert
- 31 – Levi Seik

### February

- 3 – Oliver Seik
- 11 – Rebekah Crone
- 13 – Laurie Bush
- 13 – Flo Hoffman
- 25 – Taylor Wilt
- 28 – Peter Thronburgh

### March

- 1 – Sophia Burns-Kline
- 2 – Wendy Bargo
- 5 – Anna Klein
- 8 – Jake Crone
- 29 – Ken Schoffstall
- 30 – Stephanie Reynolds



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