

NEW MINISTRY OVERSIGHT HAS EMERGED

Our Vision: To be a Christ centered church, empowered by the Holy Spirit to build lives that glorify and worship God by emphasizing the Word, Evangelism, Discipleship and Caring for the whole man.

Caring – Herb Dean

- Nursing Home
- Bereavement
- Christmas Card Exchange
- Visitation
- Golden Eagles
- Hospitality
- Church Fellowships
- Nursery Ministry
- Men’s Fellowship
- Ladies Fellowship
- Children’s Church

Evangelism –
Leroy Jackson & Roger Walton

- Visitors Reception
- Neighborhood Visitation
- Prison
- Salvation Counseling
- Veterans
- School Outreach
- Internet & Media
- Sunday School
- Youth Ministry

Discipleship – Dr. Charles Hart

- Counseling Ministry
- Missions
- Married Couples Fellowship
- Discipleship Program
- Deaf Ministry
- Ministry Coordinator
- Newsletter

The Word – Brian Grant

- Tuesday Bible Studies
- Home Bible Studies
- Retreat
- Young Adults Fellowship
- Anniversary/Events
- Worship Committee & Team

Support - Deacons

- Finance
- Buildings and Equipment
- Greeters & Ushers
- Van
- Information Desk
- Audio Visual
- Office Operations
- Emblems Prep
- Sanctuary Beautification



“I Am a Disciple”

By an African Pastor

Bro. Brian Grant shared this quote during the summer as part of his message, “What It Means to Be a Disciple, Part 1”.


“I am part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed. The decision has been made. I have stepped over the line.

“My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, tamed visions, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

“I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, plaudits or popularity. I don’t have to be right, recognized, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, live by prayer and labor with power. My face is set, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my Guide is reliable, and my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

“I won’t give up, shut up, let up or slow up until I have stayed up, prayed up, paid up and spoken up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. Amen!

“I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My banner is clear: I am a disciple of Christ.” ✧



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Art of Marriage Seminar Report

By The GCA Couples Ministry

Over the past few months, Family Life Today ministries have actively promoted video seminars for churches, families and communities in the Delaware Valley. On the weekend of October 18th GCA Couples Ministry, hosted this much publicized seminar, entitled The Art of Marriage, comprising of six video sessions, which were held on Friday night and all day on Saturday. This well attended seminar attracted a combination of couples of all ages and stages, from GCA as well as from neighboring churches.

This video event was outstanding, as experts in the field of marriage counseling covered a wide spectrum of marriage related topics.
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It Was Hard To
Kick Against The
Pricks

By Patricia Richards

Saul saw a bright light – The Illumination (Acts 9:3). He heard a voice – The Call (Acts 9:4). Then and only then was Saul’s heart moved – “Lord, what will you have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)

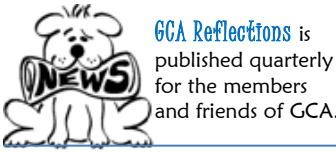
I did not see that bright light; neither did I hear an audible voice. It all started during the 2013 Missions Conference here at GCA.

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The Purpose of this Newsletter

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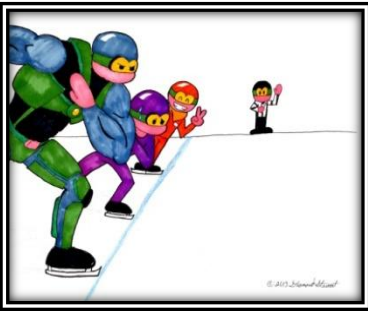
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Special Dates

- Election Day, Nov. 5th
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11th
- National Bible Week, Nov. 17-23rd
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th

What caption would you give this cartoon?



Cartoon created by Diamond Stewart

The following verses may be of help:

- Psalm 19:5
- Ec. 9:11
- I Cor. 9:24ff
- Heb. 12:1
- Phil. 3:14



"Naming me Solomon didn't work."

Art of Marriage Seminar Report

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The provision of childcare and meals helped to create a more relaxed atmosphere; hence, the participants were able to fellowship and engaged in meaningful discussions. Many expressed that they still needed more time to develop discussions on topics raised. The Couples Ministry is therefore challenged to launch follow-up sessions in the near future.



The feedback was tremendous as the following thoughts were expressed by seminar attendees:

- "We were reminded of the really important things we should keep on doing, to keep our love-life thriving and well."
- "Made us realize that there is always room for improvement."

SPECIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Out with the old, in with the new! GCA's brand new industrial stove and oven was dedicated to the Lord after a church business meeting on Sunday, August 18. Sis. Ann Ridenhour was there to cut the ribbon on behalf of her late husband, our dear Brother Bill Ridenhour, who was greatly involved in their procurement.

- The overall experience, content and quality met and exceeded my expectations."
- The event opened a wider view and will enlightened our marriage."
- "I believe our marriage will be better, having experienced this seminar."
- "Very positive and informative; I have been convicted and challenged in so many areas."
- "I came in thinking I was not going to learn anything, but God showed me where I was lacking and that every day is a growing and learning experience."
- "I learned that our marriages have far reaching implications and will impact the lives of our loved ones for generations to come...our legacy matters." ✧



It Was Hard To Kick Against The Pricks

Continued...

Listening to the endless, endearing, and sometimes dangerous duties our missionaries perform piqued my interest and once again I realized, truly, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37, 38)

My illumination.

For weeks I was pondering these thoughts. Then quietly one morning, I finally surrendered and said, "Lord where do you want me to serve?" We communicated for a few minutes and the Lord directed me to Vacation Bible School (VBS). The battle began and I remembered saying, "But Lord, I am not VBS material. Can I do something else?" He did not respond and I thought it was "end of conversation."

Approximately one week later I attended the Sunday School Teacher's meeting, where Bro. Roger Walton, the Sunday School Superintendent, began discussions about VBS. My heart seemed to "skip a few beats" but I listened and made a few suggestions. Surprisingly, Bro. Roger said that he thought I should be in charge of VBS this year. My response was not immediate because my heart skipped a few more beats. As I reflected on what Bro. Roger said, I remembered my conversation with the Lord, and I yielded to the Holy Spirit.

The Call!

"Lord, what would you have me to do?" The answer! – Direct VBS. I plunged right in and aggressively began preparing for VBS. "Jesus led me all the way". As I continued, the Lord kept sending help for each aspect of the work and that was a real blessing. It was not easy work but beautiful, especially when I consider what others endure for the Lord - not on a short-time basis only but every day, as they seek to minister in different areas.

Think especially about our missionaries, our church leaders, and everyone committed to serving the Lord. Let us be encouraged by the words of this hymn, penned by an 18th century British hymn writer, Isaac Watts, who rightly said:

*"... Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease?
While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?
Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
Since I must fight if I would reign, increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil; endure the pain, supported by Thy Word."*

My friends, we are on a battle field. Let's remember to "Put on the Whole Armor of God". ✧