



## From the Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> GCA Ministry Meeting

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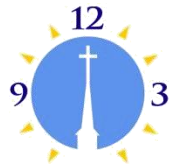
Work is being done to update the GCA website and also to start streaming our messages again on the website as well as on GOGF TV.

A new brochure is being designed to be used in our visitor's package and in our neighborhood outreach efforts. The brochure will give readers an introduction to GCA, highlighting programs and ministries that may be of interest to them.

The greeters and ushers will be working more closely together,

and details are being worked out to enhance the experience of a first-time visitor to GCA. A special reception for first-time visitors will be included in this packet. As a result, more ushers and greeters will be needed. Please contact Bro. Seymour Spence or Sis. Marjorie Byrd if interested in serving.

Since June will be our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Special Events committee has been hard at work in planning for this celebration. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 28-30 for our special weekend celebrations. ✧



### The New Sunday Schedule Starts May 5

8:30 – 9:25 am ~ Breaking of Bread  
9:30 – 10:30 am ~ Sunday School  
10:45 – 12:30 pm ~ Morning Worship



### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

GCA Youth Programs	Day	Time	Ages/Grades
Youth Bible Study	Tue.	6:45p - 8:30p	Ages 12 - 17
Choir	Thu.	7:30p - 9:30p	Ages 16 and Up
Sunday School	Sun.	11:15a -12:15p	All ages
Children's Church	Sun.	10:00a -11:00a	Grades 1st – 4th
GCA Dodge Ball	Sat.	3:00p - 4:00p	Girls ages 6 -10
Basketball Program	Sat.	11:45a - 2:00p	Boys ages 12 -14
GCA Soccer Club	Sat.	1:30p - 2:30p	Ages 4 - 5
Family Fun Night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri.	7:00p - 9:00p	All ages

## An Interview with Amy Dowling *Continued from page 3.*

I loved to tell stories, as long as there was someone to listen, and in a large family there was. Mom would ask me where I got these ideas. "They just came," I replied. We were never allowed to fight. I always loved learning. I loved my parents. I always wanted to be there for them. I wanted to die before my mother did, because I couldn't bear thinking about being without her.

**Q7: Is there anything special about being 90? Someone told me you said, "I've never been 90 before."**

**A:** Yes, it's exciting. I praise the Lord. As I look back on my trials, they were there to make me stronger. God is real. No one can tell me that God does not exist. I learned in elementary school:

*"If the task is once begun  
Never leave it till it's done.  
Be the laborer great or small,  
Do it well, or not at all."*

**Q8: Do you have a favorite verse?**

**A:** Phil. 4:6, 7 "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Amy has much joy in her heart!)

**Q9. Should we have an octogenarian club? Or is being a Golden Eagle sufficient?**

**A:** Golden Eagle (By the way there are at least 5 at GCA that qualify as octogenarians.)

**Q10: Have you ever thought about writing your life's story?**

**A:** Not really, maybe the last 10 years. ✧

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Germantown Christian Assembly

April 26-28, 2013

Theme: Let's Finish The Task!

Guest Speaker: Dr. Stan Farmer, His Mansion

### ACTIVITIES

Friday Night – Missions Around the World

Saturday – Workshops & Message: Continental Breakfast & Boxed Lunch

Sunday – Morning Message, Digital Workshop & Evening Message

*Answer to cartoon on page 2:*

6. Nothing's wrong—it's just a boy picking an apple from an apple tree.

*Cartoon created by Diamond Stewart*

# GCA Reflections

Quarterly Newsletter of Germantown Christian Assembly

## AN INTERVIEW WITH Amy Dowling



Amy Dowling, a GCA member for at least 25 years, recently celebrated her 90th birthday. As the third of 13 children, here is what she shares in an interview:

**Q1: This is a broad one—I guess everyone asks—How'd you do it? What's your secret?**

**A:** I am very conscious about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I heard that people who are challenged by weight are less likely to live as long. We should stay away from things that are not good for us.

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## Trip to Jamaica Organized

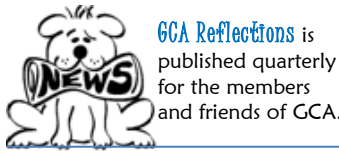
Wali Ahmad, BCM missionary, organized a short-term, mission's team to go to Jamaica to help BCM missionary, Dr. Monica Burgher. By the time you read this article, the team will be long back. This is how the mission looked before leaving for Jamaica:

**Q: How many are going?**

**A:** Fifteen volunteers are going including two from GCA; Robinson Angoy, leader and Francis Jones, working on construction.

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This Ministry Newsletter is intended to support the vision of the church—to be Christ-centered, 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. We hope this Newsletter will help bring the church closer together in helping to understand and encourage each other in ministry.



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A special thank you to all who contributed to this issue of GCA Reflections.

## GCA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Graduation Celebration

The Anniversary Banquet is

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

12 noon to 4 p.m.

at the North Hills Country Club

located at 99 Station Ave. in North Hills.

Our theme is

**"40 Years: Still Faithful, Still Trusting."**

Keynote speaker will be

Dr. Richard Allen Farmer.

Tickets are \$35 per person;

\$15 per child under age 11.

Please plan to attend.

IS  
ANYTHING  
WRONG  
WITH THIS  
PICTURE?



1. God created Adam as a man, not a boy.
2. Unknown fruit vs. apple.
3. Eve gave Adam the fruit.
4. Absence of Eve.
5. No outerwear vs. sandals & clothing.

See page 6 for answer 6.

## GCA Welcomes New Members Baptized Sunday, December 30, 2012



Wilson Roberts



Miguel Brown



Michelle Hall



Vincent Murray



Shari DaCosta

### An Interview with Amy Dowling *Continued...*

#### Q2: What was your life's profession?

**A:** First, I worked for the Federal Government in the navy yard, as a Riveter and Clerk for WWI. I needed the money but I also needed a creative occupation to motivate me. Later I went back to school full-time to become a teacher.

Third grade was my favorite. I would tell stories for behavior, or before recess. Once, I told the story about the Magic Carrot Plant, and that story lasted for 6 months. The stories were centered around rags to riches, or riches to rags themes, depending on my student group. Getting into the minds of kids is terrific. They were taught to design books, using the stories they created.

#### Q3: How and when did you get saved? What difference has it made in your life?

**A:** I got saved as a teenager, maybe 16. My mother was spiritual and had prayer with us. We attended a Baptist Church in Twin Oaks, PA, where I first went forward with a group, and later was baptized. It's taken a life time, of course, to know Him as I do today, my Friend. He made me know I could do what I wanted to do-- "Delight thyself in the Lord."

#### Q4: How is the Lord using you presently?

**A:** Praying. At my last job other teachers would come and ask me to pray with them. I'm always praying for somebody. Recently my grandnephew, who is studying to become a doctor, couldn't move on to the next step unless he passed the test on this particular book. "Auntie, please pray!" Of course I did. Afterwards he reported that he didn't just pass, he excelled! There is always something new in my life. These days I write poetry.

#### Q5: Is there a "life style" that contributes to longevity?

**A:** Yes. Never carry a grudge; have a forgiving heart; hold nothing against anybody; be quick to forgive, otherwise it's just extra baggage.

#### Q6: Do your teen years seem far away?

**A:** Yes. We went to BYPU (Baptist Young Peoples Union) at the church. There wasn't much to do as a teenager. We did not have TV to entertain each other. Everything was family-oriented.

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### Trip to Jamaica Organized *Continued...*

#### Q: Why are you going?

**A:** To visit BCM missionary, Dr. Monica Burgher.

#### Q: When are you leaving?

**A:** March 22-30.

#### Q: What are your plans for this mission?

**A:** Under the medical guidance of optometrist, Dr. Donna Elcock, one half of our volunteers will focus on the medical matters, especially eye examinations. We anticipate seeing over 700 to 1000 patients. Pharmaceutical items will be packed in every suitcase. About 500 pairs of glasses will also be packed. Some volunteers will do construction and rebuilding, while others will focus on evangelism and school visits. Four barrels of clothing are being shipped. Pastor Don Brittain, age 70, of Stony Bank Community Church in Glen Mills, will be the ministry speaker. *(Pastor Brittain is a dynamic leader. An additional assembly was formed as a result of his recent ministry to St. Vincent, not too long ago.)*

#### Q: Where will your ministry take place?

**A:** The ministry will take place in Port Maria and in the rural assemblies in the hills of the north and northeastern communities of Jamaica.

#### Q: Where will you stay in Jamaica?

**A:** The Lord provided a 3-star hotel including meals at \$27.00 per night.

#### Q: How did this team get together?

**A:** Dr. Donna Elcock chooses the team members. She takes 2 weeks each summer for missions, and demonstrates commitment as she closes down her own practice in Delaware County to fulfill the mission. When Dr. Monica Burgher requested a medical and construction team, Dr Elcock selected a team, which included some relatives and youths to help with the physical aspects and eye testing. She plans 2 visits to the location; returning the second year with prescribed eye glasses. When the Government of Jamaica tried to regulate the plans, Dr. Burgher was influential in maintaining the planned agenda. Hence the team ministered to the believers of the Assemblies, the schools, and then to the public in the designated areas.

*Theme verse - Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

Note: Trust you have been praying for the team, and Dr. Monica Burgher. Remember the other teams that Wali has going out to Antigua, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana and Zambia through August. ✧

