

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

## PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR JUNE

### Your Prayer Partner

*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."*

**Romans 8:26 NIV**



## *The Beacon*

*June 2016*

**The Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson, Pastor**

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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

In my very first Beacon message to you, I wrote:

I am excited at being called to serve you, and Kathy and I are eagerly looking forward to what Jesus has in store for all of us in the years ahead. Through you I have already caught a glimpse of the Kingdom of God in action and it is an honor to serve as your pastor.

Well, guess what? I am still honored and I am still eagerly looking forward to what Jesus has in store for you and for me, for all of us who have placed our faith and trust in Him. I have caught a glimpse of Him in you over the past several years. I know that as long as you stay close to Him and follow Him, you will have an inheritance in Him that is better than you can ever imagine.

He is the beginning and the end; the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world; the bread of life; the light of the world; the door; the good shepherd; the resurrection and the life; the way, the truth, and the life; the true vine; the great “I am,” God with us and on and on and on. It is God’s intention to unite all things in Him. That includes us.

Times change, pastors change, but He never changes. He is the same, yesterday and today and forever. Our paths are about to diverge but our destination is still the same in Him. Boldly proclaim Him to the world.

Let me close with a story. As you know I was recently awarded a Doctor of Ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. The Commencement took place on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Covenant Church in a suburb of Charlotte. It was an enormous church on an enormous church campus. The history of that church is instructive. Three families started the church in 1973. Amazingly, they were able to call a pastor. Unfortunately the pastor took ill and had to resign after the church had grown just a bit. They were faced with a choice, as someone told them: either disband or go bold. They went bold and the rest is history.

St. Andrew’s, GO BOLD. Get really, really excited about Jesus in your midst. Proclaim Him with all boldness and see what God does through you.

Kathy and I praise God and thank each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,

*John*

**To:** The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

**From:** The Rev. John G. Paderson

**Subject:** Report for April 2016

**Date:** May 11, 2016

**A. Service of the Lord's Day and Occasional Services**

- Prepared and led worship two of the four Sundays in April.
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Conducted a graveside Service of Witness to the Resurrection on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> for Mary Lou Brockenbrough at Head of Christiana Cemetery on behalf of The Rev. Steve Brundage who was in Ohio at the bedside of his dying mother Florence. Mrs. Brockenbrough was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Newark.
- I was on vacation from April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Randy Otto and the Rev. John Groth preached in my absence and Rev. Brundage was on call for pastoral emergencies.

**B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)**

- **Home Visits:** none (I curtailed all visits after coming down with a severe cold the first week of April)
- **Hospital Visits:** 1
- **Office Visits:** 0

**C. Administration**

- Moderated the April 10<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled session meeting.

**D. Christian Education**

- Led 2 Sunday evening studies during the month of April on the Spiritual disciplines.

**E. Ecumenical Activities.**

- None in April

**F. Denominational Activities**

- Attended the Healthy Boundaries refresher course required for all pastors in New Castle Presbytery. It was held at Head o Christiana Presbyterian Church on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yours at the Empty Tomb,

*John*

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

Rev. John Paderson was moderator and opened the meeting with prayer at 4:35 pm.

**Elders present:** Flora Atangcho, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild, Cindy Arnold, Julie Guns, Jane Wright and Brenda Saulsbury.

**Elders not in attendance:** Florence Fonjweng, Mary Anne Colbert and Emmanuel Ndifor.

**Quorum present**

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed and approved pending audit. Total revenue for March was \$12,661.90. Total expenses for March were \$15,080.94. Net revenue over expenses for March was -\$2,419. Revenue YTD is \$39,441.59. Total expenses for YTD is \$43,650.26. Net revenue over expenses is -\$4,208.67.

**Pastor's Report** was reviewed and approved as written. He made 6 home visits and his report also included his participation in worship leadership, Christian Education, ecumenical/denominational activities and administrative duties. A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of the Beacon.

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

- Memorial Funds donated in honor of David Arnold will be used solely for the choir as requested by his family.
- Session will write to the Stated Clerk of NCPresbytery requesting that the accumulated shortfall of \$15,644 in Per Capita be forgiven.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Paderson at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen B. Hunt, Clerk of Session

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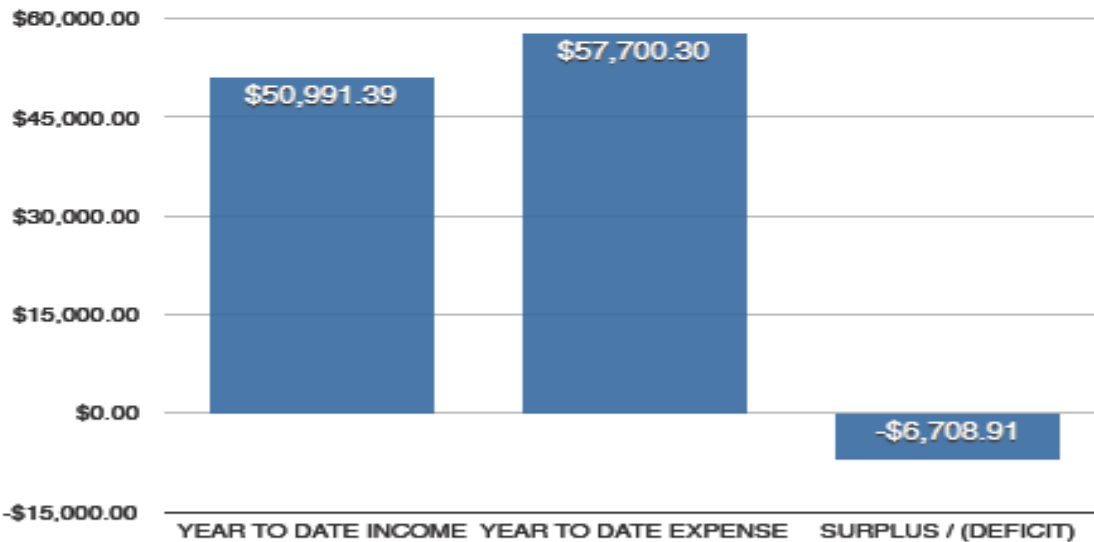
**DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE**

In April, St. Andrew's received \$11,549.80. That amount is \$2,463.53 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted monthly income in 2016 is \$14,013.32. We spent \$14,050.04 in April, which is \$53.90 more than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a deficit for the month of \$2,500.24.

Year to date, St. Andrew's has received \$50,991.39 and spent \$57,799.30 resulting in a deficit of \$6,708.91.

**ST. ANDREW'S APRIL FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET**

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>APRIL</b>	\$11,649.80	\$14,013.33	-\$2,463.53	\$50,991.39	\$56,053.28	-\$5,061.89
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$6,760.93	\$7,266.67	-\$505.74	\$29,018.47	\$29,066.56	-\$48.09
<b>STAFF</b>	\$4,439.13	\$3,966.90	\$472.23	16683.98	\$15,867.60	\$816.38
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$142.66	\$220.83	-\$78.17	\$848.25	\$883.28	-\$35.03
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$2,707.32	\$2,219.99	\$487.33	\$10,184.35	\$8,879.96	\$1,304.39
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$0.00	\$321.75	-\$321.75	\$965.25	\$1,287.00	-\$321.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$14,060.04	\$13,996.14	\$63.90	\$57,700.30	\$55,984.40	\$1,715.90
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	(\$2,500.24)	\$17.19		(\$6,708.91)	\$68.88	



**Have you paid your per capita yet? It is \$31.65 per member. If you haven't paid it yet, there is a blue envelope in your box of offering envelopes just for that. If you have any questions, ask Winnie Wagner or Darrell DiStefano. Thanks!**

## SPECIAL SESSION MEETING APRIL 20, 2016

### Attending Elders:

Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Darrell DiStefano, Brenda Saulsbury, Cindy Arnold, Mary Ann Colbert, Emmanuel Ndifor, Julie Guns, Jane Wright.

Steve Brundage, Moderator

Steve Brundage opened with prayer.

Elders gathered to ask questions concerning interviewing interim pastor candidates, interaction with Presbytery, guidelines for interview questions, timelines.

- Where are we in process?  
Interviewed Randy Otto as prospective candidate. Received his PIF, Statement of Faith and references. Elders present at interview were pleased with interview. Wish to go forward with process. Steve suggests we follow Presbytery criteria: check references, salary requirements, reason for leaving Greenhill. Get permission from Randy to contact Greenhill for reference information.
- Discussed fact that Presbytery asks that we interview other candidates. To date, Rev. Otto was only one that responded and interviewed.
- Mary Ann Colbert expressed concern that Presbytery was taking too much time to react and is expecting Session to interview prospects that have not applied. Steve suggested that we keep going with our search as we have, fulfilling all requirements and “Don’t worry about the A.B.C.D letter from Presbytery”.
- Questions for references discussed and agreed upon by Session members (to be used in interviews with Randy Otto and any future candidates.)
  1. How long and on what basis have you known candidate?
  2. What impressed you most about candidate?
  3. Leadership qualities shown in your relationship with candidate
  4. Anything else you’d like us to know about candidate.

Steve suggested actions to appease Presbytery in our search for interim:

- Advertise – get the word out of our need
- Challenge Presbytery for other candidates
- Do due diligence for any candidate we feel would fit our need
- Present all benefits, salary package expectations to candidate

After all processes are fulfilled and we wish to offer position to Randy Otto, C.O.M. must approve. If they do not, what is our recourse?

Concerns raised that Presbytery suggestion that St. Andrews explore “other ways of operating” before we make our choice of Interim Pastor. Steve noted that we shouldn’t rush for replacement by June 30 deadline.

Elders selected names of references to call for Randy Otto.

Elders will meet to discuss what information was gathered and craft an offer to the candidate.

Meet May 1, or the week of, after Sunday service to discuss options.

Discussed Celebration for Retirement party for Rev John Paderson. Brenda Saulsbury volunteered to investigate venues.

Meeting closed with prayer for guidance by MaryAnn Colbert.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Saulsbury, substitute Clerk of Session

## From the Deacons for June

### Camp Donegal

Twelve youth will be attending Camp Donegal this summer. Each camper will receive \$325 toward camp fees donated by PW, the women's circles, the deacons and New Castle Presbytery.

### Church Picnic, September 18, Lums Pond State Park

Save the date for food, fun and fellowship.

### Quilts for Comfort, October 8

Mark your calendars. We need your help making quilts that will be donated to at-risk babies and children, as well as cancer and dialysis patients. Sewing skills are not required; we can find a task for anyone willing to help. More info to follow.

### Adopt-a-Student

The program supports low-income families with students in grades 1–8. We will be collecting donations in July, but it's not too early to purchase school supplies such as backpacks, pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, composition books and glue sticks. Look for more information in the church bulletins.

### Pantry Needs

- Cake mixes
- Cereal
- Fruit (applesauce, etc.)
- Jelly
- Mac and cheese
- Meats (canned tuna, etc.)
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Potatoes (boxes or cans)
- Rice
- Soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Vegetables (cans)

Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. *Remember we cannot use outdated foods.*

We appreciate your support for this ongoing ministry.

### Next Deacons Meeting: June 5, 2016



### Morning Circle

Our next meeting will be Thursday June 2nd at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

### Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 21st at 6 PM in the home of Jean Pasapane.

### Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday June 20th at 7 PM.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
*Retirement*  
DINNER & CELEBRATION  
HONORING  
*Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson*

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2016 6:00-9:00 PM

LA CASA PASTA

120 FOUR SEASONS PARKWAY

Newark, DE 19702

\$40 per person/ cash bar

Brenda Saulsbury (302)367-5066

Eileen Hunt (302)545-2323

ROASTS AND TOAST WELCOME



As you all know, our beloved Pastor, the Reverend Dr. John Paderson, will be retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. To celebrate his retirement, we are having a "Toast and Roast" dinner party on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at La Casa Pasta on Route 896, in the Four Seasons Shopping Center. We will be gathering for a buffet dinner from 6pm til 9:00 pm in the Giuseppe Room. Dinner will include Penne Pasta with red sauce (vegetarian), Stuffed Flounder with Crab Imperial and Chicken Parmesan. Included are rolls and bread and butter, Caesar and Tossed salads, Potato and Sautéed vegetables. Coffee, tea and sodas are included. A special cake will be presented as dessert. There will be a Cash Bar available for those who would like to purchase a cocktail, beer or wine. Cost for the dinner will be \$38 per person (children under 4 are free). Following dinner we will have a little fun by remembering the many special and moving events of John's career at St. Andrew's. We will have a musical interlude by the choir and a presentation from the Youth Group. The Reverend John Groth will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Please respond as soon as possible with your attendance plans. You may put your check for dinner in the offertory plate, or mail it to Brenda Saulsbury, 4933 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, DE 19808 (please mark it "Celebration Dinner"), made out to St. Andrew's. If you would like to contribute a monetary gift for a money tree for Pastor John, you may put it in the envelope with your attendance check. We would love to see all of the St. Andrew's family on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to give John and Kathy a terrific sendoff and to thank him for all his years of Christly work on our behalf. Many Thanks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>2 -- Sandra Miller 4 -- Pam Strickland 6 -- Trevor Klair 9 -- Doris Davidson 18 -- Pat Pierce Achille Tenkiang 19-- Scott Kuykendall Danielle Wood 23 -- Judith Kupelian</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Church of Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Band /Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Communion/Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday</p> <p>Deacon Meeting 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Night Groups/ BBQ 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Church of Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:30/7:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Session Meeting 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Beacon Deadline</p> <p>Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Naomi Circle 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FLAG DAY</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Church of Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Retirement Celebration LaCasaPasta 6:00-9:00 PM</i></p>
<p>19</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Beacon Deadline</p> <p>Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Naomi Circle 6:00 p.m. Jean Pasapane's house</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church of Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church of Service Youth 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Blended Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>  <p><b>10-- Roger and Winnie Wagner 22 --Neil and Bea Fairchild 27 --Darrell and Kay DiStefano</b></p>		



# CONGRATULATIONS

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Mackenzie Conners graduated from Charter School of Wilmington. She will be attending the University of Delaware to study Mathematics Education.

Tanner Fonjweng graduated from Glasgow High School. He will be attending Lycoming College in PA to major in Psychology. He was heavily recruited by many schools to play soccer for them and he chose Lycoming (ranked #10 nationally in the NCAA DIII athletic division).

Sasha Reddy graduated valedictorian from DelCastle High School. She will be entering the arts program at the University of Delaware.

CJ Wood graduated from Goldey-Beacom College with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a minor in Financial Management. He will stay at Goldey-Beacom for one more year to achieve his Master's Degree.

Joshua Hall, grandson of Harry and Doris Davidson, graduated from Texas Tech and will enter Colorado University at Boulder to achieve his doctorate degree in music.

Kimberly Kramer, granddaughter of Chet and Jean Pasapane, graduated from Avon Grove High School. She will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Corinne Kramer, granddaughter of Chet and Jean Pasapane, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Maura Jergerski, friend of Chet and Jean Pasapane graduated from St. Josephs.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2016

2 Thursday	Morning Circle Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
3 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
5 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Deacon's Meeting	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Groups: End of Year Celebration at the Furry's	6:00 p.m.
8 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
9 Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
10 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
12 Sunday	Mother's Day Breakfast	8:00-9:45 a.m.
	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
15 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
17 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
18 Saturday	Rev. Dr. John G. Paderson Retirement Celebration	6:00 p.m.
19 Sunday	Happy Father's Day	
	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
20 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
21 Tuesday	Naomi Circle	6:00 p.m.
22 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
24 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
26 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
29 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.

\*\*Praise band rehearsals to be announced/call the Stiltz's for rehearsal schedule 302-563-2538.

# Happy Birthday

2 -- Sandra Miller

4 -- Pam Strickland

6 -- Trevor Klair

9 -- Doris Davidson

18 -- Pat Pierce

Achille Tenkiang

19-- Scott Kuykendall

Danielle Wood

23 -- Judith Kupelian

24 --Kay DiStefano

26 --Doris Hoeflinger

MaryBeth Schweitzer

27 --Bea Fairchild

28 --Ted Weeden

29 --Mike Guns, Jr.

Gene Stiltz

30 --Rob Johnson



***10-- Roger and Winnie Wagner***

***22 --Neil and Bea Fairchild***

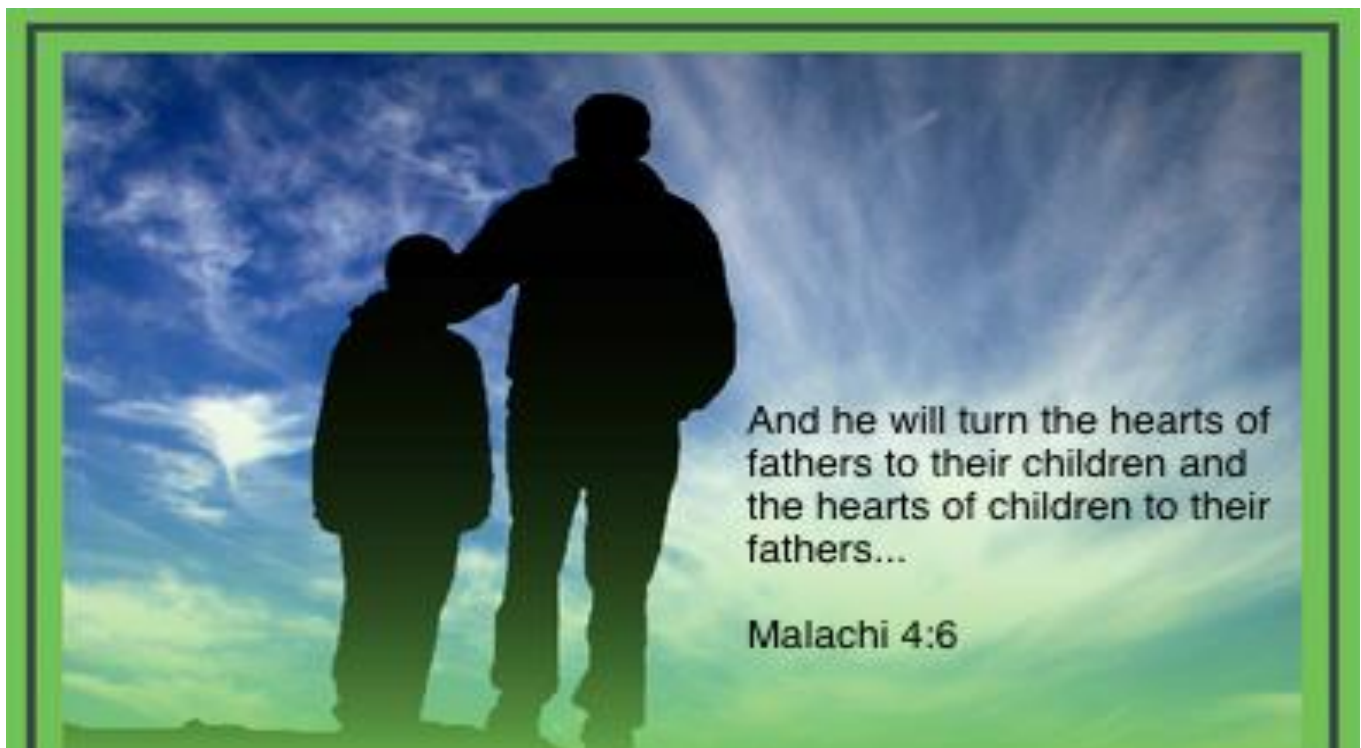
***27 --Darrell and Kay DiStefano***



# Youth News

In the month of May, the Youth did and planned many things. The first thing they accomplished was the Mother's Day Breakfast. They served a wonderful breakfast that consisted of eggs made to order, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, and pancakes. On the 22nd of May they will have their final meeting that will be at the church. The following weekend, Memorial Day weekend, the Youth will be going to Launch. Finally, the last meeting of the Youth before they start up again in the fall will be on June 5th, where they will be holding a bonfire at Mr. Bill's house to celebrate what an amazing year it was as well as to celebrate everything they accomplished.

One wish of the Youth before their meetings end is to plan a summer lock-in, much like the one they hold for New Year's Eve. The only difference is that this will be a Youth Group only lock-in, so only members of the Youth Group of anyone age 13 or above will be permitted to go. The Youth are also planning on building a Ga-ga pit over the summer so they can bring a taste of Camp Donegal back home.



And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers...

Malachi 4:6