



DESTROYING DEATH THROUGH DEATH

A common theme in TV, books and movies is, in order to defeat your enemy you must destroy the source of his power. This principle is lifted straight out of the pages of God's word, namely Hebrews 2:14-15, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." In Rocky that means taking it on the chin for multiple rounds until your opponent punches himself out, exhausted. In Mission Impossible, the hero retrieves highly encrypted data from a secure computer terminal inside a Langley CIA vault. In Return of the Jedi Lando Calrissian flies down an impossibly narrow corridor to fire photon torpedoes at a power reactor, blowing up the Empire's death star from within.

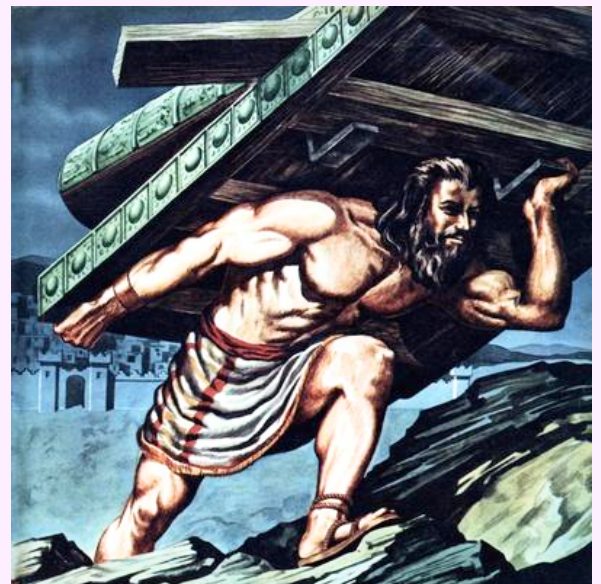
As Jesus died on the cross and descended into hell he entered the devil's stronghold, only to bust hell and the grave wide open! Colossians 2:14-15, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." In verse 14 the Lord Jesus Christ paid the ransom for our sin to God the Father, NOT the devil. What good would it be to pay a ransom for sin to Satan, who himself is under a greater eternal curse than any member of the human race? After Christ paid our debt to God on the cross and declared, "It is finished!," he entered hell itself and deposited all the sins of all humanity there in a sea of forgetfulness. And just when the powers of hell thought they had God's son locked up in the grave, he calmly took the keys of death and hell from them (Revelation 1:18), and ripped the gates of hell out of their walls and foundation, Matthew 16:18. A beautiful picture of this is given in Judges 16:1-3 as Samson's enemies "lock him up" within the city gates of Gaza, only for Samson to calmly rip the gates and posts out, carrying them far away.

The classic Easter hymn Christ Arose sets this awe inspiring scene to music in its third verse:

Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away
Jesus my Lord!

May we ever remember if we have received Christ by faith, death has no more hold on us than it does on the blessed Captain of our salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ himself! He entered death and hell for the sole purpose of tearing the bars away!

Pastor Rob



Join us every
Sunday!

8:00 AM
Contemporary
Worship

9:15 AM
Sunday School for
all ages

10:30 AM
Traditional
Worship

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: March 11, April 8
6:30 PM Commissions, 7:00 PM Board
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING:
Monday, April 29, 7:00 PM
NEXT DEACON MEETING:
Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 PM

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...

ROSALIE CARNEY, who passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023;

FORREST RHODES, who passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023;

SHIRLEY CAMERON, who passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2024;

ESTELLE BURKETT, who passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Memorial Gifts & Donations

In lieu of flowers and at the request of the family, a monetary memorial gift is being made by the church to the Kansas Veteran's Home, Winfield, Kansas, in memory of Forrest E. Rhodes, father of Pamela, Todd, and Jim.

In lieu of flowers and at the request of the family, a monetary memorial gift is being made by the church to Windber Hospice in memory of Rosalie Carney, mother of Kimberly Dishong and Sandy Natta, grandmother of Justine, Kristy, Aleah, Stephanie, and Lauren.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill's Memorial Trust Fund by Mike and Mary Ann Touponce "in memory of our Uncle Richard Rhodes."

A donation has been made to the Living/Memorial Trust Fund "in loving memory of my friend, SHIRLEY CAMERON. Shirley loved the church and it is my pleasure to do this in her memory."
- Kathy Ferenchik



Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, goodies, and kindness shown before and after Dad's passing. Special thanks to Pastor Rob for being here more often, especially as we got closer to the end. Thanks to Bonnie and the deacons who helped with the service after the viewing. Thank you to Darlene and Janet for your faithfulness in sharing your gifts, it was beautiful as always. Also thanks to the Women's Bible Study and others who made desserts & drinks, set up, served during, and cleaned up after the funeral meal. Dad loved this church and the people who are part of it so much and it meant a lot to have that time for food and fellowship with friends and family here at Pleasant Hill. The family of Rich Rhodes

The family of Shirley Cameron would like to thank Pastor Rob for the beautiful service and all the family and friends that showed so much love and concern for Shirley, especially during those last few years. Blessings to all of you.



CAMP HARMONY NUT AND APRICOT ROLLS

Please see the bulletin board to sign up to purchase nut and apricot rolls for Easter.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
INVITES CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
TO OUR ANNUAL

Easter Egg Hunt

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
2:00-4:00 PM
856 BENSHOFF HILL ROAD
JOHNSTOWN, PA

We are asking for donations of candy (individually wrapped, must fit in plastic egg). Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, March 17.

USED SHOES NEEDED

We are continuing to collect gently used shoes to benefit the Orphanage in Honduras (Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel). You may bring your extra shoes to the chapel, or leave them at Lou and April Mackell's back door. Thank you for being a part of this project!



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

TRIVIA

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:45 AM Sunday, March 3

BRING A COVERED DISH AND ENJOY TIME WITH CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



Pop-Up Spaghetti Dinner

Take-Out or Dine-in
anytime from 4pm-7pm
Saturday, March 2, 2024

@ Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall
856 Benshoff Hill Road
Johnstown, PA 15906

Meals include salad, spaghetti dinner with meat sauce or marinara, and dessert (all homemade!) -cost is by donation-



All proceeds benefit three

local Cambria County teen missionaries:

Harlie Rager, Solomon Richey, & Faith Richey

Harlie, Solomon, and Faith serve Cambria County kids by sharing God's love through summer/ after-school Jesus-focused clubs and events. They serve with Child Evangelism Fellowship to lead Good News Clubs and Vacation Bible Schools/ Camps in Ferndale School District, Central Cambria School District, and all over the county. They are trying to raise \$1,700 each for their 2024 ministry work.

SUPPORT LOCAL TEENS DOING AMAZING WORK FOR GOD HERE IN CAMBRIA COUNTY!



“REMEMBERING THE CROSS” HYMN SING

A hymn sing will be held Sunday evening, March 10, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.

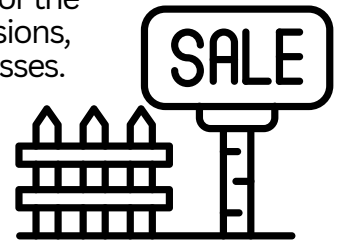
Light refreshments will follow in the chapel.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

On Saturday, May 11, a Rummage Sale will be held at Pleasant Hill from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be accepting donations of items for the sale; we will NOT accept televisions, computers, printers, or mattresses.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ITEMS BEFORE EASTER. You may leave donations in the back corner of the hall to the left of the elevator. This will be a fundraiser to benefit our children's ministries. Thank you!



PENNIES FOR PEDALS

Join our Gold Team in collecting one mile of pennies!



36,477 pennies collected as of February 25

Approximately 84,480 pennies (\$844.80), lined up end to end, would cover a mile of ground. How fitting to collect these pennies to allow BCM International to purchase bicycles for pastors in India!



Please place pennies in the basket in the vestibule. Thank you for your donation!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday/Baptism Service
8:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Worship

Thursday, March 28

1:00 PM Bread and Cup Communion
6:30 PM Love Feast
8:00 PM 24-Hour Prayer Vigil begins in chapel

Good Friday, March 29

Prayer Vigil continues in chapel
2:00-4:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
8:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM Youth-led Resurrection Sunday Service
9:15 AM Breakfast
10:30 AM Worship & Easter Cantata



A tea party for women and children will be held at Pleasant Hill on Thursday, May 2, at 6:00 PM.

Pleasant Hill's Gold Team invites you to

MOMENTS AT THE CROSS

Self-guided reflection stations focused on Christ's words from the cross will be located throughout the church. Entry will be through the Fellowship Hall, where an attendant will greet you.

WED., MARCH 20 – FRI., MARCH 22: 5-9PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 23: 9AM-5PM
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24: 12-5PM

All seven stations can be completed comfortably in about 20 minutes.



SUMMER CAMP 2024

PROVIDING ADVENTURE & FUN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

DAY CAMPS \$106

GRADES K-8, 9AM -4:30PM

DAY CAMP #1: JUNE 10-14

DAY CAMP #2: JUNE 17-21

DAY CAMP #3: JUNE 24-28

DAY CAMP #4: JULY 8-12

DAY CAMP #5: JULY 15-19

DAY CAMP #6: JULY 29-AUG 2



KICK OFF CAMPS \$50

GRADES K-6, 10AM -3PM

@ PORTAGE DAY CAMP: JUNE 17-21

@ ROCKWOOD DAY CAMP: JUNE 24-28

@ INDIANA DAY CAMP: JULY 15-19

@ MEYERSDALE DAY CAMP: JULY 29-AUG 2



OVERNIGHT CAMPS \$386

JUNIOR: GRADES 2-5

JUNIOR #1: JUNE 30-JULY 5

JUNIOR #2: JULY 21-26

JUNIOR #3: AUG 4-9

JUNIOR EXTREME: JUNE 16-21

JR HIGH: GRADES 5-8

JR. HI. #1: JUNE 30-JULY 5

JR. HI. #2: JULY 21-26

JR. HI. #3: AUG 4-9

JR. HI. EXTREME #1 JUNE 16-21

JR. HI. EXTREME #2: JULY 7-12

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

YOUTH: GRADE 7-12

YOUTH #1: JUNE 30- JULY 5

YOUTH #2: JULY 21-26

YOUTH #3: AUG 4-9

YOUTH EXTREME: JULY 7-12

YOUTH ADVENTURE: JULY 28-AUG 2



\$64

PRE-K CAMPS

AGES 3-5, 9AM -12PM

PRE-K CAMP #1: JUNE 3-7

PRE-K CAMP #2: JULY 22-26



SAVE 50%

FOR YOU AND A FRIEND WHEN A RETURNING CAMPERS BRING A NEW-TO-CAMP-HAMRONY-FRIEND!

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST

WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG

Easter Flower Order Form

Place forms and payment in the offering plate by March 10. Make checks payable to PLEASANT HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.



DONOR: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

CHOOSE A PLANT:

5 Bloom Lilies (\$11.75) _____

8" Potted Mums (\$11.75) _____

6 Bloom Tulips (\$11.75) _____

3 Bloom Hyacinths (\$11.75) _____

6" Potted Azaleas (\$11.75) _____

6.5" Potted Regal Geraniums (\$12.75) _____

6" Potted Easter Gardenias (\$12.75) _____

6" Potted Miniature Roses (\$11.75) _____

7" Hydrangeas (\$16.50) _____

4" Gerbera Daisy (\$6.00) _____

10" Daffodils (\$15.00) _____

Dwarf Daffodils (\$9.50) _____

4" Primrose (\$4.50) _____



In Memory of: _____

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In honor of: _____

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March Birthdays

- 1 Jason Moschgat
- 2 Robert Lonsinger, Jr.
 - 2 Joe Ryan
 - 4 Brynn Hyland
 - 6 Terry Bouch
- 6 Jocelyn Hudson
- 7 Roger Browning
- 8 Joel Harmon
- 8 Caitlyn McKendree
- 8 Jana Moschgat
- 8 Abby Persio
- 9 Aiden Perrine
- 10 Jay Carney
- 11 Jeremy Hobor
- 13 Noah Rager
- 14 Deloris Kehl
- 17 Jim McKendree, Jr.
- 17 Brooklyn McKendree
- 17 Jennifer Tarbay
- 18 Charles Berg
- 18 Heather Pudliner
- 19 Mark Tarbay
- 20 Cara Bintrim
- 20 Edward McKendree
- 20 Dawn Craft
- 20 Jessica Sojak
- 21 Tiffany Tarbay
- 23 Kim Dishong
- 23 Roberta Lonsinger
- 24 Quentin Metzgar
- 26 Greg Blue
- 26 Rich Denhard
- 26 Ava Finch
- 26 Shannon Perry
- 27 Vicki Roberts
- 27 Lisa Crynock
- 28 Cassie Cummings
- 29 Roberta Swick
- 29 Dalis Wolfe
- 30 Robert Craft, Jr.
- 31 Sally Houghton



March Anniversaries

- 20 Shailen & Alison Sehgal
- 21 Richard & Debbie Sojak
- 27 Dick & Linda Oaks
- 27 Keith & Claudia Rager
- 30 Jeffrey & Jennifer Curtis
- 31 Roger & Jennifer Conley



April Anniversaries

- 4 Trent & Vicki Roberts
- 8 Carl & Sally Allison
- 8 John & Melissa MacEwan
- 14 Bob & Bonnie Plunkard
- 20 Robert & Maureen Kasisky
- 23 John & Becky Hobor
- 23 Scott & Nikki Williams
- 28 Thair & Jean Bush
- 29 Roger & Kimberly Browning

April Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly Browning
- 1 Lauren Hornbake
- 4 Becky Hobor
- 5 Nick Fabina Sr.
- 5 Raleigh Perrine
- 7 Carl Allison, Sr.
- 8 Joel Harmon
- 8 Bryon Berg
- 10 Melissa Demchak
- 11 Meredyth Demchak
- 11 Danny Rager
- 12 Julie McConnaughey
- 12 Dan Kiser
- 13 Michael Hudak Jr.
- 13 Colleen Shaulis
- 14 Adam Barr
- 15 John B. Cummings
- 17 Wendy Bintrim
- 17 Alexis McKendree
- 17 Austin Pudliner
- 18 Sharon Allison
- 18 Joshua Swick
- 19 Greg Gossard
- 19 Barry Miller
- 20 Mollie Moschgat
- 20 Baylie Moschgat
- 21 Korey Roberts
- 21 Mary Lou Thomas
- 22 Jonathan Berg
- 22 Brenda "Jean" Bush
- 22 Debbie Paul
- 22 Taylor Plunkard
- 23 Sylvia Bintrim
- 23 Mindi Taylor
- 25 Robert Wolf
- 27 Payge Roberts
- 27 Peyton Roberts
- 27 Rory Roberts
- 28 Gloria Rager
- 29 Roger Conley
- 29 Ahlia Harchik
- 30 Ryan Berg

