



## LIFE – Right Side Up! – FOR ALL

From the time He was baptized, Jesus went around sharing the Good News of the Kingdom. He sent His disciples to do the same. He has also commissioned us, as His disciples, to let people know the Good News. What is the Good News of the Kingdom? If there is good news, I want to know it. I want to experience it, and to be able to share it with others. But what was Jesus talking about? What did He preach?

Many things come to mind as we read the teachings of Jesus.... comfort, mercy, salvation, righteousness that comes only from God, peace, life eternal. Those who are suffering, who feel unworthy, who are hungering for more of God, those who are reviled, who are peacemakers – these persons and more are welcomed by Jesus.

Not only did Jesus preach it, He lived it. He went into the villages and towns during His three years of public ministry. He healed sick people. He delivered those who were enslaved. He reached out and welcomed the outsider. He shared hope to the hopeless. And he died to save people from a sinful life which imprisoned them.

But here is one of the main ingredients of the Good News.....He offers this Kingdom Life to EVERYONE. Time after time we hear Jesus emphasize this...

“God so loved THE WORLD.... that WHOEVER believes in Him.....”

“Come to me ALL YOU WHO LABOR...”

“WHOEVER asks will receive, WHOEVER seeks will find, and WHOEVER knocks....”

“Your Father gives good things TO THOSE WHO ASK Him....”

Jesus healed the diseased, touched the untouchable, loved the unlovely, ate and stayed with the rejected. EVERYONE!

Some of the best news of the Kingdom is that Jesus invites everyone to be a part – everyone to be a child of the King! And that is our job as well! We are to invite everyone – not making our calculations as to whether or not they deserve it. They don't! And neither do we!

THAT'S GOOD NEWS!!!

*Rebecca*

## **TRANSITIONS**

Welcome to Rev. John Davis, New Senior Pastor of Ellwood City Church of God.

Congratulations to Matt and Tasha Snedden, who welcomed baby daughter Noa Jane into the world Monday, January 23, 2023. Congratulations to the whole family.

## **CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS**

If you are interested in finding out more about these churches, contact Rebecca, at the WPA Office.

Connellsville, First Church of God - Full Time

Dayton, First Church of God

New Life Church of God, Pittsburgh, - Full Time

Sayre, Church of God

West Lebanon, Church of God

## **SEEKING OTHER STAFF**

Park Hill Church of God - Youth Pastor - Full Time

## **The 2023 CARE Cohort of Pastors and Congregations is Forming!**

**Funding for this year will support:**

**25 new pastors and their congregation boards**

(Coaching continues with 56 pastors in 2 previous cohorts.)

(Over 243 pastors from earlier cohorts)

Qualifiers: less than 40 years old OR less than 10 years in credentialed ministry

**10 Pastor Renewal Grants**

Qualifier: Experiencing some form of ministry burnout  
and recommended by Regional Pastor/Leader

**Make application at [www.jesusisthesubject/CARE](http://www.jesusisthesubject/CARE)**

*CARE is becoming a trusted reach of Church of God Ministries. We will do our best to encourage, pray with, and provide financial tools to any pastor. It's just that simple.*

## 360 LEADERSHIP DAY

What has become a popular leadership development day for WPA is just around the corner. On **Saturday, March 18th**, we will convene again– this time at **North Main St. Church of God in Butler** (note change of location) - for a day designed to provide development for lay persons, teachers & leaders, people wanting to grow in their faith, as well as clergy members. You can choose from 5 great tracks: Kingdom Living Track, Mental Health & the Church Track, Church Budgeting Track, Spiritual Life Track and Discipleship Track. **Register by March 6th** at \$35.00 per person, (with a group of 10 or more - \$5.00 less per person) for 6 hours of rich training. **After March 6th, the price will be \$45.00 per person.** Cost includes lunch. Register at [www.wpamin.com/360leadership](http://www.wpamin.com/360leadership).

### UPDATE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR 2023

It's that time again. WPA Clergy will need to renew background checks every 60 months. (5 years)  
Please send a copy of each to WPA Ministries, PO Box 597, Emlenton, PA 16373

1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
2. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance: Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
3. FBI Criminal History Report (Fingerprinting) : Go to <https://www.identogo.com> Service code : 1KG756
4. Mandated Reporter Training: <https://www.reportabusepa.pit.edu>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2023:

Thurs. & Fri., FEB. 16 & 17:	Visioning Conference for all Teams and Committees	WCCC
Sat. - Sat., FEB. 24 - MAR. 3:	RISE UP MINISTRIES! Mission Trip <a href="https://www.riseupmin.org/">https://www.riseupmin.org/</a>	Dominican Republic
Sat., MARCH 18:	360 Leadership and Lay Discipleship Day	Butler N. Main St.
Tues., MAY 9 :	REFRESH , with Rev. Dr. Cliff Sanders	WCCC
Wed. - Sun., JUNE 22-25:	Church of God Convention Early Bird Registration: <a href="https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/convention-2023/">https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/convention-2023/</a>	Tampa Florida
Sat., JULY 15 - Sun., JULY 23	WPA CAMP MEETING Evangelist: Rev. Dr. Steve Rennick	WCCC
Sun., Aug. 6 -Sun., Aug 13	NACOG Camp Meeting	West Middlesex
Fri., Oct.20	WPA General Assembly	Main St. ChoG, Butler

