

DUBOIS LIGHT & LIFE CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

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*Hello November!*

**NOVEMBER. THANKSGIVING. TRUST-GIVING.**

WHEN WE SIT AROUND THE THANKSGIVING TABLE AND THANK GOD FOR OUR **FAMILY, FRIENDS, BLESSINGS**, DO WE ALSO REMEMBER THE TROUBLES AND STORMS HE HAS BROUGHT US THROUGH?

I FEEL THIS SHOULD BE A TIME TO **REFLECT**, TO LOOK AT THE BAD TIMES AS WELL AS THE GOOD. **THANKING HIM** FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE AND WHAT HE WILL DO. THEN **TRUST HIM** TO CARRY YOU THROUGH.

**THANK YOU, PRECIOUS FATHER, I TRUST YOU TO CONTINUE TO CARRY ME THROUGH ANY BAD TIMES AND CELEBRATE WITH ME IN THE GOOD! AMEN**

**-JEANNE HOOVER**



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# A **WORD** FROM OUR PASTOR:

BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR PASTORAL LEADERS. LISTEN TO THEIR COUNSEL. THEY ARE ALERT TO THE CONDITION OF YOUR LIVES AND WORK UNDER THE STRICT SUPERVISION OF GOD. CONTRIBUTE TO THE JOY OF THEIR LEADERSHIP, NOT ITS DRUDGERY. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO MAKE THINGS HARDER FOR THEM?

## HEBREWS 13 : 17 (MSG)

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I HAVE HAD A DIFFICULT 2 YEARS OF MULTIPLE PHYSICAL ISSUES. SINCE APPROXIMATELY APRIL OF 2021 UNTIL NOW I HAVE HAD SEVERE PAIN AND HAVE UNDERGONE MULTIPLE SURGERIES FOR BOTH KNEES AND TWO RATHER LARGE KIDNEY STONES. BUT I CAN HONESTLY SAY, THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS FRUSTRATING AT TIMES, **THE DEVIL WAS NEVER ABLE TO STEAL MY JOY!**

FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON SOME SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN ME THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THERE UNTIL I HAD TO ENDURE THESE LAST 2 YEARS. I SAY THAT BECAUSE I KNOW THE 'OLD VERSION' OF ME BEFORE MY INNER HEALING, AND IN THAT SPIRITUAL STATE I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD HAVE KEPT MY JOY OR EVEN PONDERED QUITTING AND GIVING UP UNDER SUCH A PHYSICAL ATTACK.

I AM AWARE THAT MY PHYSICAL ISSUES WERE NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT OTHERS WERE GOING THROUGH, AND I PRAY FOR YOU ALL EVERY DAY WHEN YOU COME TO MY MIND, BUT NEVERTHELESS, IT FELT RELENTLESS AND NEVER ENDING FOR ME AND I'M STILL DEALING WITH IT TODAY. BUT I CAN HONESTLY SAY, **I STILL HAVE MY JOY!**

I SAY ALL OF THAT, NOT TO GET PITY OR ATTENTION FROM ANYONE. I SAY ALL OF THAT BECAUSE **I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO ENDURE ALL OF THIS WITHOUT YOU!** I TRULY AM THE MOST BLESSED PASTOR THAT I KNOW, AND I KNOW A LOT OF THEM. SO, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT, AS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH HAS ENDED, **TO APPRECIATE YOU**, MY 'TRIBE', MY 'FAMILY', MY 'CO-LABORER'S', MY 'FELLOW WARRIORS', AND MY 'FRIENDS'.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU** "CONTRIBUTING TO THE JOY OF MY LEADERSHIP"! FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE CONSTANTLY CARING FOR ME WHILE HEALING FROM ALL THE SURGERIES, **THANK YOU!** FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO GAVE TO US FINANCIALLY, **THANK YOU!** FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CHECKED IN ON ME REGULARLY, **THANK YOU!** FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO BROUGHT ME MEALS WHILE ANGEL WAS IN AUSTRALIA, **THANK YOU!** FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DID SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR ME FOR PASTOR'S APPRECIATION, **THANK YOU!**

I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT OUR CHURCH DOES NOT NEED A MONTH TO APPRECIATE THEIR PASTOR **BECAUSE YOU DO IT ALL YEAR LONG!** AND I AM OVERWHELMED WITH EMOTIONS AND TEARS WHEN I THINK OF YOU. I WAS REMINDED OF WHAT PROVERBS 17:22 SAYS, "**A MERRY HEART DOES GOOD, LIKE MEDICINE,**". I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT YOU CANNOT 'MAINTAIN YOUR JOY' DURING DIFFICULT SEASONS WITHOUT PEOPLE WHO PROVE THEIR LOVE TO YOU. YOUR LOVE FOR ME IS WHAT HAS KEPT ME IN A HOPEFUL, FAITHFUL, JOYFUL, 'MERRY' PLACE. AND BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME, THE ENEMY COULDN'T EVEN TOUCH ME. I AM HUMBLED AND HONORED TO BE YOUR PASTOR, AND I WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO **THANK YOU FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS FOR AND TO ME!**

I LOVE YOU ALL WITH ALL MY HEART! - PASTOR MARK

# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

**THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF WAS A BLAST! WE MADE THE BEST OUT OF DREARY WEATHER BY TUCKING EVERYONE INTO THE SPORTSMANS CLUB IN SYKESVILLE.**

**WE HAD TONS OF FOOD, A FIRE, AND HAYRIDES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE FOOD AND HELPED SET UP & CLEAN UP!**

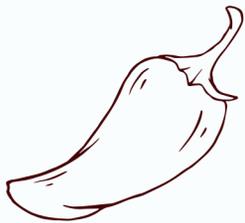
## **THE WINNERS OF THE CHILI COOK-OFF:**

1ST: BRYANT & DUSTIE DAHL

2ND: ELIAS CROOKHAM

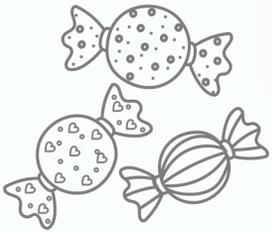
3RD: KATIE ZELIGER AND JENN MARSICO WERE TIED FOR THIRD!

## **CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!**

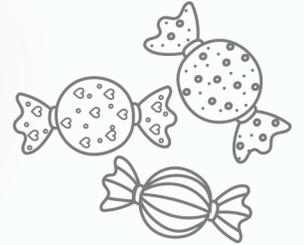


# TAKE BACK THE *Night* WEEKEND

THE WEEKEND OF HALLOWEEN WE HAD A FRIDAY NIGHT **WORSHIP NIGHT** DEVOTED TO SEEKING **REVIVAL** IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A **PRACTICAL MINISTRY TRAINING** DAY ON SATURDAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE HALLOWEEN WEEKEND. THE CLASS GAVE **PRACTICAL TIPS** ON HOW TO **MINISTER** TO THE **LOST**, BY SHOWING THEM **HOPE** AND **PURPOSE**.



## Trunk OR Treat



THIS YEAR AT OUR ANNUAL **TRUNK OR TREAT** EVENT WE HAD ----- PEOPLE GO THROUGH OUR PARKING LOT! THAT WAS ----- **OPPORTUNITIES** TO SHOW THE LIGHT OF JESUS TO PEOPLE! THIS YEAR WE MADE IT OUR MISSION TO BE THE **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**. NOT ONLY DID WE GIVE OUT TONS OF FREE CANDY, SNACKS, AND HOT DRINKS, BUT WE ALSO PRAYED FOR PEOPLE! WE EVEN HAD A CONTEST FOR THE MOST PRAYERS. THE WINNER WAS: **CAYLA DONAHUE**

THE WINNER OF THE BEST DRESSED CAR WAS: **JENNIFER WALTER**  
A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO **KATIE ZELIGER** FOR MAKING THIS EVENT HAPPEN AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO DECORATED THEIR CARS, AND VOLUNTEERED TO HELP!



# MISSIONS UPDATE:

*From Angel*

My trip did not turn out quite like I had thought it would. It looked nothing like what I had planned or even laid out. I was meant to spend two days in Townsville on base with Abigail and Lemi and then we would all fly to Brisbane and spend the night and head out on an early flight to Solomon Island to spend two weeks there being with, meeting and ministering to Lemi's family. And then we would fly back and have two weeks in Townsville again. We bought tickets, purchased items and planned accordingly. Long story short, our plans did not go the way we planned. They would not accept my passport and was denied flight to the Solomon Islands resulting in Lemi going without Abigail and I, and us returning to Townsville.

We were in tears but knew that if God wanted us there, He would have made a way for that to happen! Was I disappointed? Yes, I had prophecies and words spoken over me about this trip, and yet, this time around those words did not come to fruition. I struggled; did I miss God?

And then He reminded me – did the money come in supernaturally? Yes, Lord, it did!

So I knew I was right where I needed to be, in Townsville with Abigail for the entire trip.

But I still had questions. I began to ask the one who had the answer. One of those questions was: "Now what, Lord? I raised money to do mission work." I had other stuff lined up later, but not those first two weeks. I sought counsel from an outside source, I didn't want to misuse the money that was raised... A very wise woman said this: "Angel, you had a word of the Lord to go. He provided for you to go. You are there because of your obedience. What God does with your time is on Him! So go to Him and ask Him what you are to do with these two weeks. Maybe, just maybe, the missional part of what you are to do these first two weeks is to just BE! Be with Abigail, pour into her, and make lasting memories. Be with God in the moments, rest, and enjoy the fact you are in Australia with your daughter who sacrifices everything for her call!"

At that moment, I decided to trust God fully and enjoy where we were. Abigail and I both had to wrestle that all out. But then we made plans to make memories. What we thought would be devastation ended up being a blessing in disguise (something I have been studying in the bible recently). Abigail and I both began to recognize how exhausted in ministry we were. We had been running full force with Jesus in ministry for weeks and months.

At that time the Lord allowed me to hit 3 items off my bucket list: hold a koala bear, pet a kangaroo, and drive on the other side of the road in a car whose steering wheel was opposite of ours. He knew these things. He knew I loved the ocean (I forgot how close Abigail lived to the ocean, blocks from it). He knew I loved seeing animals and unique species. He kept providing those opportunities that only He could provide. I cry even writing this. God knew what I needed more than I did. Sometimes WE are the mission!

Am I sad that I didn't get to the Solomon Islands? 100%. Was I frustrated and disappointed? Yes, absolutely. But on this side, I realized this incredible disappointment turned out to be a beautiful blessing in disguise. Incredible, lifelong memories were made with my daughter.



Ministry that was planned for the second half of my trip did happen; I led a condensed version of the “Art of Me” classes with 9 leaders on the YWAM base. What a beautiful time of pouring into some more ministry-weary missionaries. Every day they give all that they have while dealing with a life apart from their families, apart from the familiar luxuries that we take for granted.



Listen, Jesus, calls us all to go to the nations. I have heard remarks, "Why Australia? They are not a hurting nation, it is not a third-world country." Well, neither is America and yet we are called there. Does poverty mean they need Jesus more? I don't think so. Australia and America need Jesus just as much as any other nation. And these missionaries, the ones that I have had the opportunity of getting to know, are doing an incredible job at bringing the light of Jesus where they are. They go without while doing it. They live on the bare minimum to afford the cost of living here. They sacrifice so very much to be here. It's been an absolutely humbling experience to say the very least. Never doubt that ALL nations need Jesus. And that need here is great.

I also had the opportunity to go to Abigail and Lemi's church, help lead a youth night, and share about Esther. I met their pastor and heard about how much of a blessing Abigail and Lemi are to their congregation. A congregation separate from YWAM, that Lemi and Abigail have been called to. I had the opportunity to do a clean-up day on the ship with Abigail, as it prepares to go to PNG for the cyclone season here.

I am so grateful to God that He is a God that knows best, that He sees when we cannot. I am grateful that what I thought was going to be a wreck ended up being the most beautiful blessing in disguise.

Thank you to each, and every one of you who has prayed for and given to this trip. Please continue to pray for Abigail and Lemi. The need here is great. I honestly don't know how they live on what they do with the costs here, only God for sure. They truly need more support, so if you have read this and the Lord is tugging your heart, be obedient. They truly have many needs, and they live without so much. What they do have, they pour out to all those around them. They are incredible. If you would like to give to a specific need them or give an extra blessing over the upcoming Christmas season, just come see me, I have a list that I have gathered. - Angel Lutchter