

...because of His love for us and His love for the Father. He became a sin offering for us. 1 John 4:10 says, "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

I was very broken as a result of my accident and there are lingering reminders of what used to be, but are no longer so. However, that is nothing compared to what our Jesus suffered in order to bring us home to our Father (Col. 1:19-20).

So, when I feel discouraged, I try to focus on Christ's last words from the cross: "It is finished" (John 19:30). Our sin debt was "Paid in full." We have victory over sin!

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (Rev. 21:4 NLT).

-Vickie Stouffer

*This Easter reflection was written by our sister, Vickie Stouffer.*

Clint and I decided on Friday, February 13, that I would worship on YouTube that coming Sunday. This was because our van window was broken and, if you remember, it was very cold.

The church was sharing Communion that day, and we were in the part of the service where we were getting ready to take the bread. Immediately prior to that, I dropped my phone. That was a big deal since I'm not able to get most things off the floor, unless it's something lightweight that I can pick up with my grabber.

I was trying to focus on Communion and not my phone, but I always keep it on me when I'm home alone, in case I need someone. I was frustrated and feeling very broken at that moment, trying not to let anxiety take over. I was trying to listen to Jacob speaking and trying to focus on God.

"We break this bread as a symbol of Jesus's body that was broken for us..." When Jacob said "broken," it was like something happened inside my chest. It was profound and startling. I broke down crying, thinking about how Jesus was broken for me. Also, I was feeling very broken in my body. I couldn't even pick up a phone, while trying to suppress my self-defeating thoughts flying around my head; fear, anger, and inadequacy to name a few.

Why did Jesus come? Why did He become human? Jesus's main priority was always to do his Father's will. It pleased the Father that Christ became human, that He lived a perfect life in total obedience to His Father, that He suffered, died, and on the third day was raised to life. After forty days, He ascended to Heaven. He is now seated in honor at the right hand of God the Father (Ephesians 1:19-20)

We can never understand what Christ's sacrifice cost. He endured unspeakable suffering...

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## Kid of the Month: Ana Nowell

*Let's get to know our kids better!*



Ana Nowell is 11 years old and in 5th grade, where she likes to study History.

Ana is a creative and artistic person. She loves to color and thinks that she might like to be an art teacher for a job someday.

In addition to her love for art, Ana is a warm and outgoing person who loves our church. She says that one of her favorite things about our church is getting to talk to all of the people. In the Bible, she enjoys the book of Esther, because this is her favorite story and Esther is her favorite person from the Bible.



**Apr. 5:** Easter Sunday  
**Apr. 11:** Regional Conference 9:00 am  
**Apr. 12:** Jessica Click of HAPC Guest Speaker

**Apr. 19:** New Members Luncheon 12:00 pm  
**Apr. 23:** Deacon's Board Meeting 1:00 pm  
**Apr. 25:** Family Game Night 4:00 pm  
**Apr. 30:** Church Ministries Board Meeting 6:30 pm



### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

2 Barb McGovern	19 Charles and Judy Moore / Alexander Kahuthu	25 Vickie Stouffer / Barb Keefer / Ana Nowell
4 Susan Milford		26 Debbie Pitsnogle
6 Don Cross Sr.	20 Chris Fulmer / Ray Oberholzer	27 Dave and Diane Armstrong / Scott and Crista Oberholzer
10 Rachel Shaw		
12 Justin and Jourdan Kehr / Jorge Valez Jara	22 Caleb Nowell	

## News from the Church Board

We're excited to share that we are making good progress with our building updates! Our new chairs are scheduled to be delivered the week of April 13-17, and flooring to be installed the week of April 27-May 1. All the work is nearing completion and we are excited to see the end results! In March of each year, we elect new Church Board officers from among the board. Our new Chairperson is Clint Stouffer, and our Secretary is Debbie Pitsnogle. Thanks Clint and Debbie for being willing to serve! We also wanted to make sure that you know who our deacons are. If you have a material or spiritual need, if you would like encouragement or advice, if you want a visit or prayer, you can always reach out to one of our deacons. Our deacons and deaconesses are: Carol Ann Oberholzer, Todd Snouffer, Virginia Hundley, and Vickie Stouffer. Finally, we wanted you to know that we are planning for emergencies, and looking at how to be best prepared for various risks and scenarios. Our AED device will be mounted to a wall in our foyer very soon.

## In the News

Look to this feature for important Paramount BIC news and announcements



Our annual regional conference meeting is being held at Mt. Rock, on April 11. The theme will be "Passing the Baton" as transitions in leadership are a regular part of church family life, and as a transition in the office of Bishop of our conference is expected within the next two years. Join us in praying for this meeting!



Interested in becoming a member here? Join Pastor Jacob and others interested in learning about the BIC, church membership, and our church in particular for lunch on April 19. Please sign up on the office bulletin board, if you'd like to attend.



On Saturday, April 25, from 4:00 pm—6:30 pm, our Children's Ministry invites you to join us for dinner and a family game night in our fellowship hall. Bring a friend, your favorite game(s), and come play!



The Golden Heirs ministry is hosting a luncheon, April 13 at 12:00 pm, in our Fellowship Hall. If you're 55+, come join the group for a great time with friends, encouragement, and lunch!



South Mountain Chapel, our sister church in Shippensburg, PA, is hosting a fundraiser BBQ for one of their members. Carl needed a liver transplant, and Dave (the pastor at South Mountain) was a match for a donor. So, Dave donated part of his liver to Carl. It's been quite an ordeal for both guys, and the bills have been extensive. If you're interested in supporting our brother Carl, see the flyer on the office bulletin board.