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Learning to Trust

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." (Prov. 3:5-6)

In order to understand this verse better, let's personalize it: "I must trust in my Lord with all of my heart, and not lean on any of my own understanding; but in all of my ways, in all of my decisions, in all of my circumstances, I must acknowledge and depend on Him, and He will guide my paths, my comings and goings."

As most of you know by now, Larry and I made a major move to Blairsville, GA. We sold the house we lived in for thirty years in Marietta and we finished up different ministries in which we were involved. Everything went smoothly, so it seemed. Then it hit me: my whole body, soul and spirit said, "Whoa!" Oh, Lord, have mercy on me. I don't want to find new doctors, dentists, restaurants, friends or even ministries. I don't know where to start! I felt like I still had one foot in "Egypt" and the other foot in the "promised land" because of driving back and forth for ministry between Blairsville and Marietta.

Hmmm! I wonder how Sarah felt when Abraham asked her to pack up household and animals for a very long trip? (Gen 11:31) Did she know where she was headed? She trusted Abraham and ultimately, God. I wonder how Mrs. Noah felt looking out into her back yard seeing all the wood shavings, tar buckets, logs, hammers, and a BIG "boat" taking form? (Gen. 6:18; 7:1,7,13) Did she wonder where that "boat" would take her? She trusted Noah and ultimately, God. I wonder how Ruth felt as she packed her suitcase to go with Naomi to a foreign land? (Ruth 1:16-19) She had just lost her husband, Naomi's son, to the grave, but she trusted Naomi and ultimately, God.

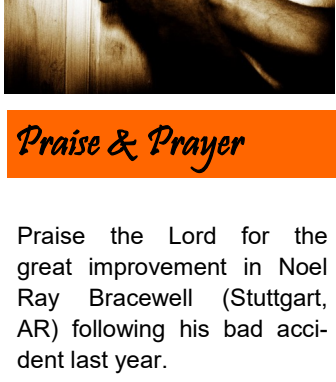
So, as much as I didn't want to leave a thirty-year homestead and all that goes with it, I knew I must go to Blairsville. I trusted Larry for his decision and ultimately, God. God has told me in His Word not to trust in my own understanding. Yes, I have wondered how it will all work out, but through experience I know God is faithful and dependable. He has put me in this circumstance to teach me how to acknowledge Him in all my ways, in all my decisions, and in all my circumstances.

Folks, we cannot live with one foot in the world and the other foot in the Kingdom. God wants the "whole" of us: body, soul and spirit. As I look back over the last year and a half, I truly see how God has protected and provided for me in my coming and goings.

My life verse for "such a time as this" is Rom. 12:11-12: "Never be lacking in ZEAL, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."

I am determined to trust that the Lord has placed me here in Blairsville for His purpose and plan, and I will trust Him to direct my paths. Thank you, Lord!

April—May 2017



Praise & Prayer

Praise the Lord for the great improvement in Noel Ray Bracewell (Stuttgart, AR) following his bad accident last year.

Continue to pray for Dr. Walter Moody (Liberty, SC) as he undergoes radiation treatments.

Give thanks that we serve a risen and living Savior. Let's pray for our churches as they celebrate Easter. Some of them will have special services and extra opportunities to minister.

Be praying for our upcoming Ministers' & Wives' Retreat.

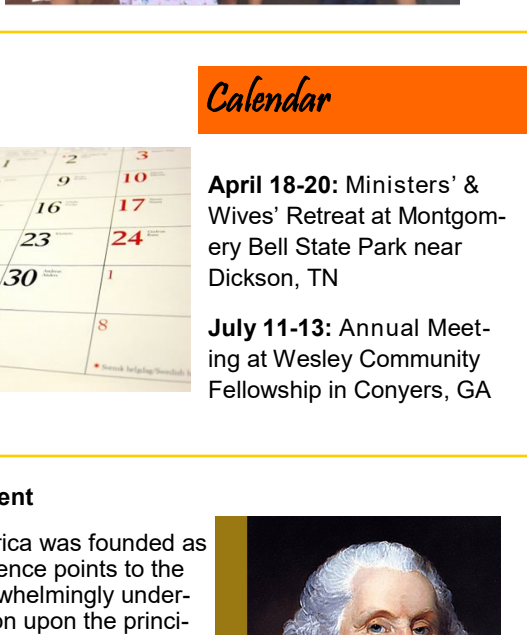
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Danielsville Evangelical Church

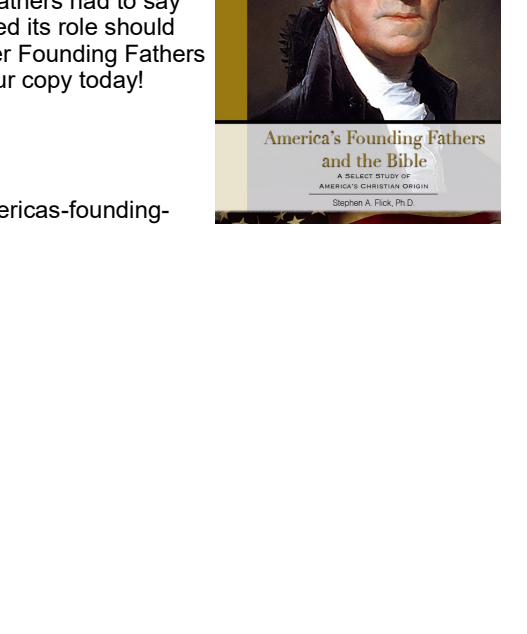
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The church was founded in 1948 as the Peoples Methodist Church with Rev. Coye Crowe as its first pastor. The church rented the old Norcross Schoolhouse from the Norcross Women's Club who in 1950 deeded the property and building to the church at no cost. In 1962 the church joined the Evangelical Methodist denomination and became the Danielsville Evangelical Methodist Church. Major building expansions included a new Sanctuary in 1981 and a Family Life Center in 2012. In 2012 the church became an independent congregation with the name Danielsville Evangelical Church and it continues as such today. Our Senior Pastor Dwayne Dickerson (and his wife Christie) joined with us in July of 2016. Serving with him are Associate Pastor John Ingham (and his wife, Rita) who have served with us since October of 2015 and Missions Pastor Cesar Villacorta Lozano (and his wife Gissela) who have served with us since November of 2011.

We praise God that our church is currently experiencing a period of spiritual revival and growth. In the past year the Lord has added 49 members to our roll with eight baptisms. Currently we are preparing to present a play entitled "From the Christ Child to the Judgement" as an outreach to the community. We are planning for two presentations seating 300 people each on April 14th and April 15th.



Pastor Dwayne and Christie Dickerson with daughters Cloie, Alexa, and Belle



Calendar

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April 18-20: Ministers' & Wives' Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson, TN

July 11-13: Annual Meeting at Wesley Community Fellowship in Conyers, GA

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