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## THE STARTING POINT

John 3:16

John 3:16-17 is the "masterpiece of God's love" -- "**For** God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17For** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." It provides all we need as we seek to be an externally focused church.

**GOD ANTICIPATED THE FULL HUMAN CONDITION.** The story of Nicodemus is the story of every man – there is a dissatisfaction in the human soul that seeks to find fulfillment – there is chaos seeking conviction – there is confusion seeking certainty. What the world offers is limited – only in Jesus can those earnings of the heart be met.

**GOD CREATED WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF RELATIONSHIP.** God knows that created beings can turn on him (Satan). Yet, he created us anyway because he anticipates relationship with us.

**GOD PROVIDED FOR THE BREAKDOWN THAT WE CREATE.** He doesn't just meet us in the middle... we can't even build our half of the bridge. Despite our efforts at breaking down (sin), he still provides.

**GOD SENT THE ULTIMATE CALL.** God sent prophets who were rejected and killed. Finally, he sent His Son – but he too was rejected and killed. Yet, the very fact that His Son was offered communicated the great love of God.

**WHOEVER.** This is God's "whoever" policy. Jesus came for all people -- not "that all Americans who believe in him" or "that all people who grew up in a Judeo-Christian background" or "all people who have a certain moral standard." Whoever! Until we realize the depth of our "lostness" without God and his grace, we will never have much incentive to be an externally focused.

**WHATEVER.** But there is also a "whatever" clause to the "whoever" policy. Whatever you have done, whatever you have become, God still loves you and welcomes you with open arms.

**WHENEVER.** There is also another great clause to the Whoever policy – it's the whenever clause.

Simply put, whenever you hear God's voice, he welcomes your response. It's never too late.

**FOREVER.** And one last clause: the Forever clause. Everlasting life! When you accept God's love and his whoever policy, it's for now and forever. And it's going to be filled with joy! Our Forever will be filled with joy of renewed relationships, of impossible and never ending stories of wonder, of grace in the presence of the Creator. "God will wipe away every tear...there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying...for the former things have passed away"...FOREVER! No thieves. No divorce. No heartbreak. No boredom. No self-centeredness. No disputes. No SIN.

Gareth D. Flanary

Please plan to visit our brother Estel White at his home in the near future. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**Free Tent (Large)** - See or call Pete Jacoby 717 227-9018 if you are interested. .

Magazines needed - please bring unwanted magazines to the fellowship room for a VBS project.

Because of God's love, we celebrate and guide those inside and outside the church to salvation in Christ Jesus through the Bible.

## Prayer Requests - (Please advise us of updates as they become available)

**Barb Hower** will have back surgery this week, please pray for good results. Please pray for **Richard Kramer** (Judy Trinks Father) who was hospitalized with breathing problems. He is now breathing on his own after removal of the respirator. Please pray for **George (Chip) Weisenborn** who hurt his back. Please pray for Linda Detter's brother, **Barry Haynes**, who will undergo surgery on his leg on March 21 (unable to be done on 3/14) Please pray for **Greg Lyttle** (Mike's brother) who suffered a heart attack on February 25. Please pray for **Eddison Fowler**, who has been suffering with a rhinitis/sinusitis problem since December. **Rowdy Carper** fell on ice, breaking 4 ribs and puncturing his lung. Please pray for him during his lengthy healing process. **Evelyn Rosier** fractured her foot in a fall. Pray for a speedy recovery. Please pray for **Jason Weisenborn** (Chip & Sherry's son) in his struggles with depression. Pray for wisdom as he seeks other intensive counseling. **Pearl Dyer** is recovering from eye surgery, pray that she experiences good results. Please pray for **Charlotte Tenne** (friend of Pearl Dyer) who has a brain aneurism. Please pray for **Jim Alban** who will undergo diagnostic testing on his back. Please continue to pray for Ken Gleim's sister, **Deb Stine**, who had surgery to remove a growth. Pray there are no complications and that her healing comes quickly. **Robin Hart** is recovering from her accident at her parent's home. Please pray for her healing. **Estle White** is experiencing breathing difficulties and may need additional health care. Also pray for **Deborah Prieto** that she make life changes and obeys the Gospel. Please pray for **Jane Moser**, who has a mass on her gall bladder. Pray that no cancer is found (given by Judy Trinks). Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trinks' daughter-in-law) who has heart-related ailments. **Wyatt Koger** (given by Heinly's) is in Johns Hopkins recovering from emergency surgery. Please pray for him, his parents and grand parents. **Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is back in the hospital with internal bleeding. **Pat Smithson** continues with health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. **Chelsea Carper** has a severe sinus infection. Pray that treatment will bring her back to full health & energy. Please keep **Jim Alban, Jr.** in your prayers, he has lost his job. Please pray for **Lily Seufert** (Steve & Barb Rosier's grand daughter) who had surgery to help her with a hearing problem. Please pray for the **5 year-old son of Joel Cummings** who has Juvenile Diabetes (given by Heinly). **Bernice Bare** for strength during her cancer treatments, **Brandy Potter** is having seizures and headaches and is undergoing tests (unsigned prayer card).

### Expectant Mothers

Please pray that **Lacey (Dyer) Latterman** and **Leanne (Simmons) Ramos** give birth to healthy babies. Also pray for **Erin Hower** (Earl & Barb's daughter-in-law) who is expecting twin girls.

### In the Military

**Eric Bankert** (Emily Russell's brother) has graduated basic training and is now in AIT in Maryland. **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

### Cancer Patients

**Sandi Ahart**, Lisa Parrott's mother, will undergo 16 weeks of Chemotherapy. Please pray for her during this long treatment period. Please pray for **Cheyne Mann**, a 5-year old friend of Brayden Lewis, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his family, the doctors and the road ahead. **Wanda Yost** has completed radiation treatments and will begin Chemo soon. Please pray that the treatments are effective. **Frank Stong** (Albert's brother) will undergo treatments five days a week for six weeks for throat cancer. **Harvey Blevins** is home recovering from his cancer surgery. Pray for his continued healing. **Shontay Hower's** cancer has returned (lungs) after her Hodgkin's disease had been in remission. She is the 17 year old great niece of Earl and Barb Hower. **Melba Neidens** (Lori Lonard's grandmother) underwent major surgery and will receive several months of chemo treatments. **Ruby Hickman** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for **Warren Yuspa** (given by Crystal Thomas) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Also **Diane Witt** (given by Koskey's) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. **Richard Adams** (given by Glenda Cummings) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Barb Tome's** 8 year old niece who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Melvin Rineholt** (friend of Dennis Cummings), who has stomach cancer. Please pray for **Stephen Royer**, father of one of Caleb Robertson's friends, who has brain cancer. Also **Carl Lawson** (leukemia), **Travis Flynn, Sherry McCracken, Donna Heim, Dave Mitchell, Jean Saez,** and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

## Upcoming Events

**March 23** - "Bring a Friend" Sunday. We will hold services at Friendship Elementary School. Special invitation postcards are in the foyer for mailing to your neighbors and friends.

**March 30** - Recycling Sunday

**April 5** - Women's "ROCK" Bible Study - 8:30 am

**April 13** - VBS Meeting after Bible Classes. (Note: VBS dates have changed to June 13, 14, 15.) Please come and sign up for one or more tasks to help us have a successful VBS.

**May 31** - Family Fishing at Limestone Springs.

**June 13, 14, 15** - VBS - Please plan to participate

### Items Needed for Cherokee Babies

Edward & Ruby's next trip to the Cherokee Church of Christ will be on April 2. If you would like to help, please bring baby items (birth to one year old) to the fellowship room. Thanks.

### Visits and Encouragement

Ruby Hickman is in a nursing home and would appreciate prayers, cards and visits. Manor Care, 111 West Road, Towson, MD. See Denny Cummings for directions.

### Mexico Work Team

Our Mexico Mission Team is looking for odd jobs to help them raise funds for this year's trip. If you have a job for the team, contact Adam Markle - [admmrkl@juno.com](mailto:admmrkl@juno.com) who will schedule the time with you. You may also [co-sponsor a workday fundraiser for our teens with the York YMCA.](#) Contact Craig Wolf or Ken Coble for additional information.

### Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathies to the Shue family on the passing of our brother **Ron Shue** on March 13 after his battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Contributions may be made in memory of Ron to the Building on the Rock Campaign, Glen Rock Church of Christ, 3899 Sticks Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327. To honor Ron's life, please consider a gift of life donation to the National Marrow Donor Program, Penn-Jersey Region, 700 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, PA 19123-3595; or become a donor at your local blood bank.

**Family Addresses:** Barb Shue, Ron's wife and their son, Brad, 6851 Lincoln Highway, Thomasville, PA 17364.

Ron's son, Tim, his wife Melody and sons Kagen & Isaac Shue, 82 Manchester Street, Glen Rock, PA 17327.

Ron's daughter Rhonda Lutz, her husband, Tim and daughters Gracie & Emily, 3031 Church Road, Thomasville, PA 17364.

Ron also leaves his mother, three brothers and four sisters.

He will be sadly missed by his Glen Rock Church of Christ family.