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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to use this letter to share with you my basic view of counseling. As a pastor I approach counseling from a Biblical perspective. Let me explain what I mean. There is a fundamental difference between secular counseling and Christian, Biblical counseling. Often the goal of secular counseling is self-acceptance and positive emotions. For example, if a person is feeling guilty about an adulterous affair and seeks counseling, often the goal of a secular psychologist will be to relieve the guilt and teach acceptance of the action. Or if a person comes to a secular counselor and shares her misery in her marriage, the secular counselor, in order to relieve the pain, will recommend divorce. As a Christian, this approach must be rejected. The Word of God must be upheld in a persons life. To counsel disobedience to the Word of God is sinful. Also, Scripture is the path to joy and wholeness. The pursuit of happiness will not bring peace. Often a secular counselor will “work through” one crisis with an individual only to discover a new crisis in that persons life. The path to peace is proper understanding of God’s Word. A loving, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ is the key.

There are a number of approaches to Christian counseling. I use the philosophy and methodology taught by Larry Crabb. Two books that I recommend to read written by Crabb with the layperson in mind are, ***Inside Out*** and ***The Marriage Builder***. I will not take time to share the methodology that is taught but let me share the basic philosophy. Crabb, in the book ***Effective Biblical Counseling***, outlines the basic goal of counseling. Following is a number of quotes which illustrate his thoughts;

A simple organization emerges: people have one basic personal need which requires two kinds of input for its satisfaction. The most basic need is a sense of personal worth, an acceptance of oneself as a whole, real person. The two required inputs are “significance” (purpose, importance, adequacy for a job, meaningfulness, impact), and “security” (love–unconditional and consistently expressed; permanent acceptance).

My experience suggests that although men and women need both kinds of input, for men the “primary” route to personal worth is significance and for women the “primary” route is security.

My thesis is that problems develop when the basic needs for significance and security are threatened. People pursue irresponsible ways of living as a means of defending against feelings of insignificance and insecurity. In most cases these folks have arrived at a wrong idea as to what constitutes significance and security. And these false beliefs are at the core of their problems. "Wrong patterns of living develop from wrong philosophies of living." "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7

Treatment must include correcting a person's wrong basis for feeling significant and secure and helping him find what is the real route to personal worth.

Significance depends upon understanding who I am in Christ. I will come to feel significant as I have an eternal impact on people around me by ministering to them. If I fail in business, if my wife leaves me, if my church rolls drop, if I work in a menial occupation, if I can afford only a small house and one used car, I can still enjoy the thrilling significance of belonging to the Ruler of the universe, who has a job for me to do.

My need for security demands that I be unconditionally loved, accepted and cared for, now and forever. God has seen me at my worst and still loved me to the point of giving me life for me. That kind of love I can never lose. I am completely acceptable to Him regardless of my behavior. I am under no pressure to earn or keep His love. My acceptability to God depends only on Jesus' acceptability to God and on the fact that Jesus' death was counted as full payment for my sins. Now that I know this love I can relax, secure in the knowledge that the eternal god of creation has pledged to use his infinite power and wisdom to insure my welfare. That's security.

True significance and security are available only to the Christian, one who is trusting in Christ's perfect life and substitutionary death as his sole basis of acceptability before a holy God. When the resources of God are not available because of unbelief, the individual is left with no hope for "genuine" significance and security. Life has neither purpose nor unconditional love apart from the Lord. People then develop alternative strategies for learning to feel as worthwhile as they can.

The difficulty we all face is to take these statements and truly believe them and act according to their truth. That is the role of counseling.

Faithfully in Christ

Doug



We received a card from Ariana Carr who is an exchange student in Brasil. It reads:

*Greetings from Brasil!!
Hope everyone is enjoying the snow while I vacation by the*

beach. ☺ Summer time here, you wouldn't believe how hot it is here. Traveling with my family and speaking the most beautiful language and making the best of memories. Living the dream. God bless and with all my love. Ariana

WILD GAME NIGHT WAS A WILD NIGHT



Over 80 people attended Wild Game Night on February 12th. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship—thanks to Tim Smith, there was even a trophy wall!!

Thanks to our hunters and the

cooks for providing some delicious entrees. No one went away hungry!! And who needs television when we have our own “Minute to Win It”. Thank you also to Glenda Fulkman and Cindy Bell for pulling it all together.



Please remember in prayer the people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.

- Nancy Templeton-----Overlook
- Shirley Cramer-----Home
- Chuck Ruby-----Avalon Nursing Home
- Jo Ruby-----Home
- George & Marie Snyder-----Home
- Bob & Jean Rishel----Shenango Home (Bob 315)
Jean (240)
- Denny Eppinger-----Hospitalized in Denver
- Rod Smith----- Home (LaVon's brother)
- Bernice Boyer-----Receiving Treatments
- Patty Scarnati-- Margies sister---Beginning treatments

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Again this Lenten Season we will be having 3 soup suppers. The first one will be held on **March 20th**. The program will be a Hymn Sing and music by the Praise Team and Pastor Doug will have devotions. The program begins at 5:00P.M. and the meal (Potato Soup and Vegetable Soup) will begin at 5:30P.M.



The second one will be held April 3rd. The program will be announced. Soup will be Bean Soup and Vegetable Soup. Program at 5:00P.M. and meal at 5:30P.M.

The third supper will be April 17th. The program will be Sandy, Shirley and June showing pictures and telling of their trip to Israel. Program at 5:00P.M. and the meal will be announced..



LENT IS A TIME FOR REPENTANCE

Repentance (the confession of our sins) should be a daily act and attitude.

Repentance compels us to see ourselves as we are without pretense: sinners in need of forgiveness.

Repentance compels us to see the holiness and majesty of Almighty God, our Creator and Savior.

Repentance enables us to be reconciled daily with God and helps us to see more clearly God's will for ourselves and this world.

Repentance is the ultimate surrender of self, turning away from what is not of God to what is of God.

Repentance is required of us individually and corporately. That is, we must change as individually and as members of Christ's body the Church. When this is done, the Church will then more closely resemble the Body of Christ, the People of God. And more faithfully carry out kingdom work on Earth.

In the last couple months several of our "saints" have gone home to be with the Lord.

Bill Ridenour went to be with the Lord in January. Bill had been a member of this church since November of 1987. Recently they moved to be close to their daughter and family near Cortland, OH.

Sympathy goes out to the Janoski and Cummings family at the death of their father Stephen Kline. He is the father of Shirley and Nancy. He and his wife visited our church many times



Sincere sympathy to Brad and Marti Marshall and Ellen McClelland at the death of their father, Paul Cooper. He was also the grandfather of Adam and Autumn.

Jeanine Keesey fought a courageous battle against cancer but God called her home the last week of January. Jeanine (and Jack) were the custodians of this church for 15 years. She belonged to the Naomi Circle. She enjoyed being at their camp on the Mahoning Creek and Allegheny River near Templeton.

Gertie Bretz entered her eternal rest the first of February. Gert was a member of this church for 52 years. She had been in ill health for some time. Gertie sang in the church choir for years, was a Sunday School teacher, led the youth choir and belonged to other groups in the community.

Our sympathy goes out to the Hepler/Book families at the death of their wife, mother and grandmother Verda Hepler. Verda was a wonderful Christian lady. She was Elaine and Sharon's mother and Nathan and Philip's grandmother.

Lawrence "Lucky" Ward entered his eternal rest on Saturday, February 26th. Lucky joined this church in 1987 and he and Doris were very active members here. He never hesitated to share his love for Jesus Christ whether at church or at his work.

WOMEN'S [NEWS](#):

This is an open invitation for all women of the church to attend the 2011 Annual Women's Retreat.



*Women Under Construction
Let's Build Something Together
April 8 and 9
At the Castle in Franklin, PA*

Leaders are Marty Marshall, Shirley Janoski, Debbie Pogozelec and Jackie Hall. A one night stay including meals is \$55.00.



Get your money to Debi Fynes or Lori Smith no later than March 20. Registration forms are in the church office.

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Circle meetings

The Deborah Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 8th at 9:00A.M.

The Rebekah Circle will meet at the church on Monday, March 21st at 6:30P.M.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the church on Monday, March 21st at 7:30P.M. (Lesson 6)

If you do not belong to a circle, please consider one of the above circles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to George and Marie Snyder who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 3rd.



DID YOU KNOW?

---82 people turned out for the Wild Game Dinner.

There was all kinds of wild game available and of course-- some that wasn't "wild"

---- Everyone was impressed with Bob Bell's two point.

---- March 13 Daylight Savings time begins

----- Lori Smith is now teaching a new Sunday School Class for 4 and 5 year old children.

----- Sam Jones stayed on his feet on the ski slopes but then injured himself from the fall in the bathroom Opppsss!

Since we are doing a February/March newsletter this month we will include birthdays from both months.

FEBRUARY

Bea Brindza-----2
 Nancy Phillis-----2
 Dawn Harris-----3
 Buzz Cunningham-----3
 Bobby Morehead-----3
 Paul Cummings-----3
 Harry Cornman-----4
 Austin Whiting-----4
 Pam Liddell-----5
 Martha Boyer-----7
 Gerald Boyer-----8
 Len Halt-----8
 Laura Harshbarger-----8
 Barb Sander-----9
 Nancy Rudzik-----10
 Megan Allison-----13
 Shirley Snyder-----15
 Sis Hartzell-----15
 Nathan Riachy-----17
 Becky Shugars-----19
 Amanda Quinn-----22
 Donald Pence-----26
 Don Craig-----27
 Don Kusky-----28
 Linda Brubaker-----28
 Lucky Ward-----29



MARCH

Gene Bicehouse-----3
 Steve Fox-----3
 Jean Rishel-----7
 Ray Hilliard-----7
 Sue Bluedorn-----8
 Glenda Fulkman-----10
 Larry Bluedorn-----15
 Dakota Boyer-----16
 Sandra Saulpaugh-----17
 Jim Allison-----17
 Dan Dieter-----19
 Ed Rudzik-----20
 Perry Boyer-----21
 Jennifer Saulpaugh-----24
 Erick Boyer-----25
 John Book-----25
 Jackie Hall-----25
 Jamie (Swiger) Phillips-----26
 Ryan Morse-----27
 Robert Bretz-----27
 Shirley Cramer-----28
 Judy Stuhlmann-----29
 Helen Bicehouse-----30



THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our church family and friends for all your prayers, concerns, words of encouragement and sympathy that was extended to our family during the recent loss of our father, Stephen Kline. It was much appreciated and was a comfort to all. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful caring church family.

In Christ's Love,

Ray and Shirley Janoski;
 Nancy and Paul Cummings

Thank you all for the love and kindness shown our wife and mother, Jeanine Keesey during her illness and at the time of her death. Your kindness meant so much and will always be remembered.

Jack Keesey and family

Thank You to the Evangelism Committee and their helpers for the wonderful Turkey dinner prepared and served for the congregation. It was delicious and so well attended. Thank You again.

Our heartfelt thank you to Pastor Doug, the Deacons, the Circle, and Church Family for all your kindness in visiting our Mother, Verda Hepler. For all the cards with precious notes, all the prayers, food, hugs, words of encouragement and concern given to us all is greatly appreciated and a great comfort since Mom's "homegoing". May God continue to bless each of you as you continue to share God's love to others.

Elaine Hepler, Glenn Hepler, Sharon Book,
 John, Nathan and Philip Book

Allen Jones is now in Iraq and we are enclosing his address. Sr. A Allen Jones

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NOTE:

Please start bringing in your recipes. We will need between 300 - 350 for our new cookbook. We had our first crafting meeting in February. We will meet again toward the end of march and hopefully make grapevine wreath snowmen. Any and all ideas are welcome along with ladies (and



men) to come and help make the crafts.

YOUTH NEWS

The long awaited ski trip was on Feb. 5th. Thirty-two of us went to Mount Pleasant Ski Resort in Edinboro for a fun day of skiing and tubing.

On Feb. 13th, we had a family day at Seneca Hills and went sledding and had some "Rec Center" fun. Twenty-one people joined us for a great day!!

The kids didn't have school on President's day so we celebrated on Sunday night and in to Monday morning. We had movie night at Geniene's and it was the girl's turn to sleep over. We had a good time but don't eat the apple muffins!!!!!!

The Youth Worship Service that was scheduled for Feb. 27th had to be postponed. It is rescheduled for Sunday, March 13th, and you won't want to miss it. We will be watching a DVD from Niagara of Mark Cahill preaching on witnessing. This is an area where many of us are less than efficient, so join us for excellent tips on how to bring others to Christ!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Seneca Hills is scheduled for March 25th-27th. The planning has begun and you definitely want to be there. The theme this year is the Fruits of the Spirit. If you have any suggestions or there is anything that you would like to do while we are there, please let me know as soon as possible. We BETTER not have snow this year, but we will have paintball! Fliers will be ready soon, so start asking all your friends. I want to have at LEAST 50 kids this year. We've been having 10-15 kids at youth group so there is absolutely no reason why we can't have 50 at Seneca!

OK, OK, OK!!!! The Lock-In has been scheduled. With much difficulty and changing of dates, the lock-in will be held on Friday, April 29th. All kids in grades 7-12 are invited. I know you will all be telling your friends about this already, so make sure you tell them about Seneca, too. Hmmm. Maybe I should make a rule that you can't come to the lock-in if you don't go to Seneca!!!!

Just think if we had 100 kids at Seneca!!!!!! I know, I know. I can't really make that rule but I sure do wish I could!!

KIDSZONE



Children's Choir

Last month, the Children's Choir sang a song with our Adult Choir. What an amazing job they did. I would like to thank Debi for including us and for Nancy Bretz who is our Children's Choir director. And a great big thank you to all the kids

who showed up to bless our congregation with their talents.

Saturday, March 5th, KidsZone is having their annual Bowling Outing to Ten Pin Alley in Hermitage. We will meet at the church at 12:15 and return at 3:30. The kids brought home information last week and I will be sending it home again this week. Families are invited to join us.



KidsZone's last day is March 30th. It's hard to believe that another year is almost complete. Our numbers have remained around 65-70 kids each week. We will begin the Easter stories and don't forget our pizza party and share shopping days. Make sure you are all there for the rest of the month!!!


