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Turning Our World Upside Down for Christ!

By Rev. Jack Rupert, Executive Director

Turning your world upside down for Christ! The New Day staff is excited about the theme for our upcoming banquet. This annual event will take place at 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2015 in the Oakwood Restaurant at Laurel View Village. If there was ever a time that our community needed to be turned upside down, or right side up, it's now.

Like many other communities, ours is in trouble. We were once considered an area with little crime; not anymore. Much of our crime problem has to do with drugs and alcohol; violence and murder in our city; guns in our schools.

Lives are being wasted. Young and old alike are searching for an escape from reality. All they find is devastation. The promised escape from reality ends up being a lie. Why are so many people unhappy and unfulfilled with the lives they live? Why do so many reject the real world for that of drugs and alcohol? They haven't found their purpose in this world. They are missing God. They haven't come to realize that Christ must be at the center of life.

Our need for Christ is at the heart of everything we teach and believe at New Day. We teach children and teens this truth, and we counsel adults that their life, their marriage,

their family needs to have Christ at the center. When we come to know who Jesus is and what He did for us, we not only come to know Him, but He comes to live within us. The Apostle Paul tells us, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"* Galatians 2:20 (NKJV).

The Bible tells us clearly that God created us in His own image (Genesis 1:27), and that He loved us enough to send His Son to the cross (John 3:16). He has come to bring us abundant life (John 10:10b), and to grant us eternal life (John 17:3).

He comes to live within us through the Holy Spirit and His indwelling Spirit enables

us to produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The result is a victorious life.

You and I as believers in Jesus must share this good news with others so that they may come to know and to trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. We must tell them of Jesus' love. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:16, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jews first and also for the Greek."*

Why do we hesitate to share our faith with others? Few of us like it when the cults go door-to-door promoting their beliefs. At the same time, if we are born again Christians, we are called to share the Good News with the

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New Day Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

Friday, October 23, 2015, 6:00 pm at Laurel View Village

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New Day Fall Banquet 2015

Don't be afraid! Speak Out! Don't Be Silent! Acts 18:9b

Short-Simple-Straight Forward

By Gary Rowles, Windber New Day

Do you remember the old adage we learned back in grade school, 'Stop, drop, and roll'? Of course those were the instructions to follow if our clothing ever caught on fire. That old saying was short (to the point), simple (easy to understand), and straightforward (matter of fact) – but oh so important. Incidentally, our response in such a situation could be life-changing and potentially life-saving.

In many ways it reminds me of the vision God gave to the apostle Paul in Acts 18:9b (NLT), which also happens to serve as the theme of this year's fall banquet, *"Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent!"* Again, the message is short, simple, and straightforward; but our response in such a time as this could be life-changing and life-saving for a nation in sharp spiritual decline and in desperate need of a widespread spiritual revival.

Is anyone else disturbed about our current path of resistance toward Christ and hostility toward His followers? I know many are, and we all should be concerned about this unsettling trend. So what can we do? For starters, see Acts 18:9b. Then, *"be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves,"* James 1:22 (NKJV). Our world can no longer afford for us, the body of Christ, to be passive, apathetic, and silent. I am reminded of Charles R. Hembree's statement, "We are called to be thermostats instead of thermometers, affecting our environment, not reflecting it."

Therefore, we must be courageous, bold, and evangelistic. Our world, also, can no longer afford for us to act in our own limited wisdom and strength as the following verses humbly remind us: *"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as*

being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God," 2 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV). *"I (Christ) am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing,"* John 15:5 (NKJV). Holy Spirit embolden, empower, enable, and encourage us as never before to brazenly proclaim your truth in this age of deception. *"Because greater (larger, elder, stronger) is He that is in you, than he that is in the world,"* 1 John 4:4b (KJV).

With our mission stated, our targets identified, our power provided, and our calling sure, what remains undone? Our obedient response! At this point you might be contemplating your part. What can I do? Can one person really make a difference? Have you considered Edward Kimball? Who is Edward Kimball you might ask? Here's his very abbreviated story:

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lost. Jesus said, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God”* John 3:3.

The Road to Destruction

What would you do if you came home and found your neighbor’s house was on fire? You would warn your neighbors if they were home and you would call for help. You wouldn’t park your car and say “I’m sure someone else will warn them. I’ll check on them later. I’m a little busy right now. It can wait”. The knowledge we have could save our neighbor’s life. Certainly we would share it with them.

Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 7, verses 13 and 14, *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

Many people are on the “broad road”- the path that leads to destruction. They are living their lives without Christ. He has no real place in their lives. They may say they believe in God, but He is just a distant image. They do not feel the need to repent of their sin and

ask for Christ’s forgiveness. They have not asked Jesus to take His rightful place at the center of their lives. Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross doesn’t mean much in their day to day living. Yet, scripture tells us that *“There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”* Acts 4:12. They think that people who talk about Jesus are religious fanatics; some are! But, without Christ, there is only eternity without God. This is called hell.

Eternal Life

The truth of the matter is that each one of us will live forever. When we die there is an afterlife. It is either in Heaven with God or separated from Him for eternity in hell. Many people are caught up in this world and have no time for God, no interest in spiritual matters. They are busy making their mark on this world, or at least trying to survive. The Bible tells us that *“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”* Proverbs 14:12.

A way which seems right! A broad path which leads to destruction. That is the road many people have chosen. It is the easier route. We must be bold for Christ and seek to turn our world upside down for Christ. May God give us a passion for sharing the Good News and a love for those who have not trusted Christ. Look around at your world. What is God calling you to do? God bless you.



Short - Simple - Straightforward

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Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday School students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day Kimball visited him at the store, found the student working in the back stocking shelves, and led him to Christ then and there. Dwight L. Moody eventually left the shoe store to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Moody, while preaching in the British Isles, inspired a young pastor named F.B. Meyer to become an evangelist. While speaking in Northfield, MA, Meyer’s message prompted a young preacher named J. Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call of God on his life. Chapman went on to become one of the most effective evangelists of his time. A volunteer in Chapman’s crusades named Billy Sunday eventually took over Chapman’s ministry, becoming one of the most dynamic evangelists of this century and bringing thousands to Christ.

Inspired by a 1924 Billy Sunday crusade in Charlotte, NC, a group of Christians dedicated themselves to reaching their city for Christ. The group invited the evangelist Mordecai Ham to come and hold a

series of evangelistic meetings in 1934. In one of those meetings, a lanky 16 year-old teenager, who ironically was turned down for membership in a local youth group because he was “too worldly”, gave his life to Christ. That teenager was Billy Graham.

Billy Graham has communicated the gospel to more people - as of 2008 an estimated lifetime audience of 2.2 billion - than any other person in history. (Information was obtained by way of the internet.) I don’t know what might have happened had Kimball never approached Moody when and how he did. But what I do know is that one man’s simple obedience had a domino effect resulting in billions hearing the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

Like Robert Schuller’s quip, “Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.” Who knows, it may be your obedient response that turns our present day world upside down for Jesus. In conclusion, we can take heart to – **“Don’t be afraid! Speak out! Don’t be silent!”** - by what follows in the next verse *“For I (Christ) am with you,”* Acts 18: 9b-10a (NLT). Indeed He has in fact promised, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”* Hebrews 13:5b-6 (NKJV).



UNSHAKEN By Tara Ometz, Children’s Ministry Director

Our theme for the summer was “UNSHAKEN”. Each week we discussed a real Biblical character who remained unshaken in their resolve to follow God. We decided that these people have certain qualities or habits that help them to remain steadfast in the faith. **David** shows us that unshaken people repent. **Nehemiah** shows us that unshaken people pray. **Moses** shows us that unshaken people have faith bigger than fear. **Paul** shows us that unshaken people are prepared to share. This list goes on! Watching our young people apply these lessons in daily life was quite a privilege!

When Christopher’s group went to Idlewild, a thunderstorm interrupted their day at the park. A worker explained to Chris that his day at the park was probably over because the storm was too great. Chris responded, “That’s all right. God is greater!” Here’s Chris at the Carnegie Science Center. His field trip group also visited the natural waterslides at Linn Run, the Pittsburgh Zoo, and other exciting places!



Nevaeh became quite a swimmer this summer! Her group went swimming at a different spot each week. When asked what she learned this summer, Nevaeh answered confidently and without hesitation, “I learned to be unshaken. I learned to not worry and to just trust God to do the work in me.”

When Nick heard about what is happening to Christians around the world, he became very upset. When asked what he would do in the face of persecution, Nick calmly answered, “I would just stay unshaken.” Nick enjoyed Monday Clubs. He was the only young man brave enough to conquer Crochet Club!



During weekly outreaches, New Day’s youth leaders played games, taught Bible lessons, and built relationships with the community. In one particular lesson, the kids memorized Exodus 14:14. A nine-year-old girl decided that it’s better for unshaken people to be silent when they are angry.

A Great Summer!

The kids at New Day enjoyed a wonderful summer. They went on many exciting adventures. These included a day at Idlewild Park, the Carnegie Science Center, the Heritage Discovery Center, the Flood Museum and the Pittsburgh Zoo.



Camp Harmony group



Fun at The Mound



Mountain biking at Citikidz



United Youth Event held at New Day



Kids on carousel at The Mound

There was lots of swimming, volleyball, basketball and trips to area playgrounds. These young people enjoyed a summer filled with fun and some great memories. All the while they were encouraged

in their faith in Christ by our excellent staff. God has blessed New Day with some wonderful young leaders. We praise God for them, for the children, and for you who support this ministry.

Required Minimum Distributions from IRA'S

By Harvey Hahl, Chairman
New Day Board of Directors

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not allow you to keep funds in your regular IRA indefinitely, with the exception of Roth IRA's. Roth IRA's do not require withdrawals until after the death of the owner. You must take a Required Minimum Distribution from your regular IRA by April 1 of the year following the calendar year in which you reach 70 ½. You may take more than the minimum required. The full amount of your withdrawal will be included as taxable income. Each subsequent year you must withdraw your RMD by December 31.

The question was asked, "Can I take my Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from my IRA and endorse it to a charity such as New Day, Inc. and receive a charitable deduction when I file my tax return?"

The answer is **yes!** Since you have received the RMD, you will receive a 1099-R to report it as taxable income on your 2015 tax return. You can then give that amount to charity and deduct it as a charitable contribution. You must have proof of the contribution such as a canceled check or credit card statement. You must also get a written acknowledgment from the charity for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more.

Another question, "Can I transfer funds from my IRA to an eligible charitable organization?" Again, the answer is yes but certain rules apply.

Here are some of the rules:

- The IRA owner must be 70 ½ or older.
- The maximum amount transferred to an eligible organization annually tax-free is \$100,000.
- The donor must directly transfer the money tax-free to an eligible organization. It must be contributed directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible organization.
- Amounts transferred are not taxable and no deduction is available for the amount given to the eligible charity. Since the amount transferred is tax-free, it does not add to the taxable income of the recipient or push him into a higher tax bracket. The charity receives the full amount transferred.

This option was available for 2014 tax filers. The advantage of this option is that the qualified distribution to the charity will not be considered taxable income. The charity can receive the full amount and the taxpayer will not pay income tax on the distribution.

Please check 2015 IRS tax regulations before making contributions.

TESTIMONIALS

Enclosed is my donation for the great work you are doing. Thank you for the newsletters to keep the public informed. You are in my prayers. May God continue to use you in His eternal work. May you each one stay close to Him and grow in your faith as you serve Him.

Praise our Lord Jesus for guiding New Day Ministries as you do His work on earth. Enclosed is July's check to help with His work through New Day! Be blessed by Jesus.

Enclosed in my check to support campers and the rest is for whatever is needed. If it is too late to sponsor campers then use as needed. I know that New Day offers hope in Jesus. It is an honor to support you!

Just a note from VA to PA to say "hi." Hope all is well. Thanks for all you do.

Backpacks for the After-School Program!



A special thanks to area churches, businesses, and individuals who donated backpacks and school supplies.

Speak Up! About God's Great Love By Cheryl B. Keafer, M.S.W. Director of Counseling

As Christians we are called to a different standard – a much higher standard. It certainly runs contrary to what the culture says, even the culture of America where for so long it seemed like everyone believed in “good Christian values.” But it’s not a moral code that I’m referring to here. The Pharisees of Jesus’ time had that all tied up in a neat package but they missed the point completely! No, it’s not about the dos and don’ts, finding a law for every action. Any religious system can give us that. But Jesus gave us something different. He called us to something different, and that difference is what turns the world upside down.

Jesus said the measure of our standard is love. He said it is how people will know that we are His followers. He said it is what should move and compel us to never stop telling the Good News – the Great News of His great love and compassion! It is what kept the Apostle Paul going after beatings and imprisonments; unjust treatment. He was always fighting, not for his rights, but to get the message of the Gospel before as many people as possible in his lifetime. **“For Christ’s love compels us,”** Paul said in II Corinthians 5:14a. Love for God, love for others; knowing that people were living under the crushing weight of deception, needing a savior, even if they didn’t know it or couldn’t admit it. And the only plan to communicate the truth of God’s grace in redemption is His people! So Jesus encouraged Paul, as He does us today, saying **“Don’t be afraid! Speak up! Don’t be silent!”** Acts 18:9b. People’s eternity and life here on earth depends on it.

This message, the gospel of grace, is what we humbly strive to keep in front of us every day at New Day. In every facet of the ministry, whether in the jail or in a counseling office; fishing with the children or working on parenting skills, do we measure up to the standard of God’s great love? How are we doing at communicating that radical message of love that God wants to spread to the entire world?

Often in my counseling with people I hear them question how God could love them that much. They seem certain that He’s perpetually displeased with them, ready to bring the proverbial hammer down. The image of a loving, grace-filled God that is waiting to embrace and transform their life is a foreign concept. For so many there is no peace, only striving and anxiety. Even for those who claim a relationship with God, they still don’t seem to know where they stand. That is why we must continue to speak up and share this great news! It’s the same news the angels heralded at Jesus’ birth! The same news the early disciples lived and died for. It’s the same news for which the Church throughout the world faces persecution. We must be willing to Speak Up! About God’s great love!

As always, New Day’s Counseling Ministry is available to help. Call our office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 4:30, (814) 535-8202. Evening counseling hours are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



UPCOMING NEW DAY EVENTS

Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends”

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Support New Day! “25% off Boscov’s shopping passes” are available for \$5. Call us at (814) 535-8202. All proceeds benefit New Day, Inc.

New Day Annual Fundraising Banquet

Friday, October 23, 2015

6:00 pm

Laurel View Village, Oakwood Restaurant

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing

at Oakland United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 22, 2015

6:00 pm

Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks!

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Held every Wednesday

10:00 – 11:30 am

Please call (814) 535-8202 to register

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30 minutes of Gospel Music hosted by Jack Rupert

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Please send me ___ tickets to the **Annual Fundraising Banquet on Oct. 23rd** at Oakwood Restaurant, Laurel View Village. (There is no charge for tickets)

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