

The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

February 2021

Dear church family,

I dropped Kaitlyn off at her morning class not along ago and watched as a flock of maybe 40 Canadian Geese lifted up together. I watched from the parking lot as the geese naturally formed themselves into the wellknown V pattern they are known for. It all seemed so random and effortless. Other than doing what geese do, there appeared to be no reason for the formation.

But all of this randomness has a purpose. The goose in front flies slightly higher than the next goose in line, who in turn flies higher than the goose behind it, and so on through the goose at the back of the formation. This allows each goose to fly with less energy expenditure on their long flight to warmer winter destinations.

Of course the goose in front has the hardest journey. But God has a plan for that too. Every so often, the lead goose will fall off and rejoin the formation all the way in the back, at which point another goose takes the lead position. Each goose in turn carries

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its weight to assure the success of the journey.

God has set His church up just like those geese. Everyone has a role to play. Here is the thing. No one's role is any more important than anyone else's.

Romans 12:4-5 - NKJV - For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

The chapter then goes into detail about how to use our spiritual gifts, whatever they may be. This assures that the church will reach the destination God has called it to. But the means is given at the end of the passage.

Romans 12:10-11- *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; Do not let your zeal subside; keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, as the world appears to be random and falling apart, let us lead the way, each making the journey a little easier for those traveling with us.

Have a great February, Pastor Brian

Our 2020 Annual Report is available. If you are interested in having a copy let Pastor Brian, John Green or Patti know. One of us will be sure to get a copy delivered to you!



Exciting News!

Our Sunday School classes will be resuming on February 7th!

is patient is kind does not envy does not boast is not proud is not rude is not self-seeking is not easily angered keeps no record of wrongs does not delight in evil rejoices with the truth always protects always trusts always hopes always perseveres never fails 1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Humorous Christian Valentines

I think one of my ribs belongs to you. If you're looking for a knight in shining armor, I just so happen to be wearing the armor of God. Is your name Grace? Because you are AMAZING! Is it a sin that you stole my heart? I want to greet you with a holy kiss. You want someone with great credit? Jesus has paid all of my debt.



Mohican Men's Fellowship – at Brandon Baptist Church Make plans to attend the Mohican Men's Fellowship on Monday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall.



FIRST QUARTER MISSION 2021 HeartCry Missionary Society and the Christian Jewish Foundation Funds will be divided between the

> two. Goal: \$1000.00

February Mini Mission

Our Mini Mission this month is the Johnstown Northridge Community Food Pantry.

We will collect non-perishable food items in the fellowship room through the end of February. Please consider helping to fill the shelves of this important local mission. Questions can be directed to Howard Bumgarner.

