



From the desk of Mark Brunstrup

Well, we may be done with the cold for awhile now. Basketball season is over and now it's baseball's turn.

We've been blessed with several opportunities to experience the glory of God lately. First we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Then we got to experience the total solar eclipse. What awesome reminders of God's power and glory.



We are so blessed to serve such a wonderful and loving God. What a privilege it is to share His love with the young adults on Thursday nights and our friends for the special needs events.

I was reminded of Psalm 91:1 while watching the eclipse: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* We thank you so very much for helping us share God's glory with the community around us. We look forward to what He has in store for us!



From the Desk of Bill Hirschy

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Can you believe it? We're almost through April, 2024. Where did the time go? I praise God that we had a mild winter, and a super spring so far this year. I hope you are enjoying it.

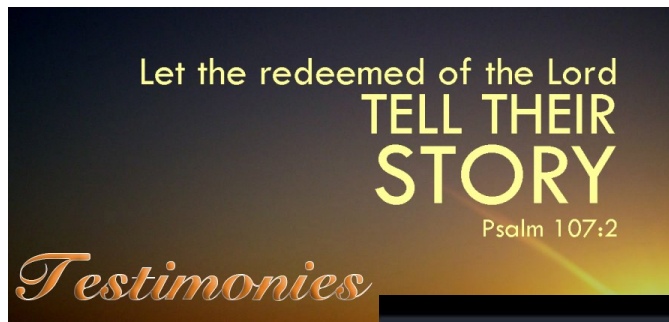
As I continue to monitor C&C's expenses and expenditures, we all praise God that our gifts have continued to cover the costs. All I can say is a very big THANK YOU!!

I must say that Mark Brunstrup and Melinda DeArmond continue to do a super job with keeping expenses to a minimum. Our 2023 expenses were lower than 2022. That's amazing. Our team is trying to be good stewards of your gifts, because we are blessed to have YOU on our team. Again, Thank You!

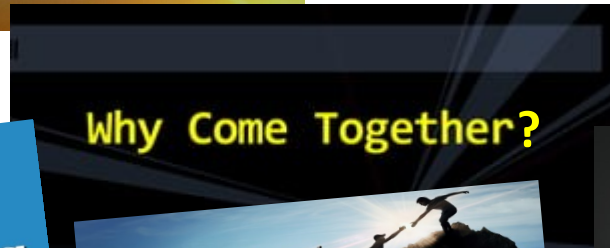
We, at C&C, are brainstorming possibly opening up the facility and grounds on Sunday afternoons for singles, ages 17-25 to allow them to enjoy the C&C campus.

If this new outreach shows promise of success, we will be looking for a person to lead that additional ministry as a paid staff member. This is another leap of faith, and we trust God will provide our needs.

We are looking at adding a pickleball court at C&C, along with some other possible changes. Please join us in prayer regarding these matters.



We asked our young adults
“What do you think of C&C?”



“After college, I struggled with loneliness and felt out of place among my friends and in church because I wasn’t married. But being a part of C&C has allowed me to connect with others experiencing the same stage of life I am. It’s provided a place of community and fellowship, and I’m grateful to be a part of it.”

“Next Generation (C&C) has made a huge difference for me. I am surrounded by like minded, strongly devoted Christians that have helped me in more ways than one.”

“C&C is a great place to meet others your age and grow in your faith with others in a similar place in your journey.”



We are currently looking at installing a pickleball court in the pavilion here at C&C. This trend is something that we feel could help draw in even more young adults. We are also considering have Sunday afternoon “fun times” where young adults could come play pickleball, volleyball, etc, or climb the two climbing walls in the pavilion. Please pray for God’s guidance and direction with this and that he might provide a leader to “run” these days.

Special Needs Events

It’s that time of year again. Planning is beginning for our special needs events this summer. Please keep the planning process and these special days in prayer.

We look forward to seeing our friends from EasterSeals/ARC and Fresh New Start and hope for great days to spend with them.

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

Next Generation

Singles 18-25

By: Mark Brunstrup

Here we are in April already and our year has gotten off to a great start with Next Generation. The weather cooperated really well for the winter months, as we didn't have to cancel once due to snow and or ice. We did, however, cancel on March 14th due to a tornado warning. I wouldn't have guessed we'd cancel in March for that reason! We've continued to see new faces on Thursday nights which is encouraging. The pace has slowed down from the summer with school going on, but we're still seeing them, praise God!



We've covered a wide range of topics on Thursday nights so far this year. Some of our topics include: money, friendships, faith, worship, and forgiveness. We also watched a movie called "Do You Believe" complete with popcorn.



We went to Fort Wayne and played laser tag in January and had a great time. We followed that up with a meal together at IHOP.



On March 21st, we went to Bluffton and volunteered at Forgotten Children Worldwide for a few hours. We had a nice size group that night and I believe we packed 23 boxes of clothes for them! We enjoy serving others and will look for other opportunities to do so over the year. We finished the night off at Pizza Hut and headed home.



We recently celebrated Easter at C&C. We had extra praise and worship songs and a devotional called "What's Your Tomb?" We talked about how the sin in our lives causes us to feel dark, lonely, and cold, just like it would have been in a burial tomb. We talked about how we are all sinners and gave the young adults the opportunity to write whatever sin



they felt was in their lives on a piece of paper and place in a make shift tomb (cardboard box). We took the box and sealed it up with tape and then burnt it later. We gave the opportunity to accept Christ if anyone needed/wanted to. *Praise the Lord*, we had one young man rededicate his life to Christ! This was beyond exciting and we are proud of him and the two other young men who've made the decision to accept Christ over the last 1½ years.

If you know anyone that is a senior in high school and age 17+ to single and age 25, we'd love to meet them and share our program with them! We thank you for your financial support that makes this possible and also for your prayer support and encouragement. They mean the world to us and always seem to come at just the right time!



Rental Update

We recently hosted one of our two annual quilting retreats here at C&C. It was a good weekend and the ladies had a good time. We are looking ahead to summer and have numerous rentals on the calendar. We will have several "blood banks" for people to donate blood over the rest of the year. We are also looking at several 2 day events with the Community Health Clinic in Shipshewana as they do a research study on MS. There are still many dates available, we'd love to work with you to meet your needs, give our office a call!



- * Part-time ministry leader
- * For guidance and wisdom for our staff
- * For the finances we need to be provided
- * For our ministries to help lead the lost to Christ
- * For safety as we go on outings with our college & career young adults
- * To find favor with grant givers

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