

LVPCA Special Projects

A Ministry of David Green

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Preaching and Teaching

This spring has brought a lot of preaching and teaching opportunities. I was pleased to have been asked to lead the Good Friday service at our church. I have never had such an opportunity, and in the past I was often out of town on Good Friday. It was good to serve our church this way.



I taught our adult Sunday School class *Evangelism for Ordinary Christians – how to share your faith without scaring yourself or others.*



Summer Conference

The national student summer conference in Florida was canceled because of COVID. Over 1,000 people attend the peak weeks, and there seemed to be no way to keep that many people safe. So Peter organized a summer conference for Mid-Atlantic students. He secured Doubling Gap Center for the event. We have been there many times in

the past 40 years, and the Longs are exceptionally accommodating. Four schools came and brought 50 students – which was just the right size. There were enough to make it fun, but not so many to be concerned about crowding in meetings. Oliver Pierce assisted the IUP musicians as they led us in worship each night and Nate Bower from Akron organized team sports. All the campus ministers taught seminars.



Musicians from IUP leading worship at the Mid-Atlantic Summer Conference

I agreed early on to help. I wrote the Bible study and personal devotion materials, and taught three seminars. I repackaged my Sunday School class on evangelism, taught *Finding God's Will*, and taught *Personality Differences*. Ruth visited with the mothers and helped look after the children. Matt Franchetti, our pastor, preached each evening on *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *the Gospel Story of Ruth*.



My seminar on Personality Differences

Peter’s son Eli and Matt’s son Jacob organized a team to compete in the all-conference championship, which featured rowing, archery, wall-climbing, corn hole, etc. Peter, Matt, Cam Smith (from Penn State), and I filled out the team. We had the youngest and the oldest participants and nearly won first place!



Staff Retreat

When the spring semester was fully over, the Mid-Atlantic staff came to Bethlehem for a weekend retreat. It was such a wonderful time! Michael Goodlin was the primary organizer. He and Natasha opened their home to all of us on Friday night. We met for breakfast at Cornerstone Presby-



Callie, Ruth, Monse, and Joy

terian Church. I led a devotional time and did a bit of teaching. Then we adjourned to a park across the road for lunch.

The staff amused themselves by creating green t-shirts with a necktie printed on the front and expressions they picked up from me on the back. Daryl Wattleley brought his extraordinary camera equipment and took great pictures. You can see pictures of the staff retreat and some of the summer conference here →



or at www.cdavidgreen.org/pictures.



Mid-Atlantic staff and children

What Next?

The spring has been very busy. We transitioned into a new situation and made all the administrative adjustments, I met with people from church and from campus, we prepared and attended the summer conference, and much more. In our spare moments we have given some thought to our next ministry assignment. Now we are moving this decision onto the front burner. People have given us ideas – 18 suggestions of what we could do next. Please pray with us as we investigate these opportunities and discern God’s direction for us.

Stay Connected to our Ministry!

God is taking care of us! I hope you are not surprised. He always does. I have enjoyed working at our church and have had good involvement with the student ministry. Our income has been adequate to cover our expenses so far. We welcome your participation if God moves you to support our work as we prepare for our next mission.

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LVPCA Special Projects
31 S. 13th St.
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My blog, sermons, newsletters, and ministry materials are on my new website: www.cdavidgreen.org. →

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Summer Reflections



“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.”

2 Corinthians 2:14

The past twelve months have been hard on everyone. We very quickly “Zoomed out” from trying to learn and work by video connections. Pastors and teachers have tried valiantly to hold their people together and accomplish something, and have been berated by irate parishioners for their efforts. It has been tough on the Mid-Atlantic campus

ministries, but they have persevered and seen some progress. Many of us feel on the edge of discouragement – if we are not already there.

Paul encourages us with this reminder that we are in God’s triumphal procession. A victorious Roman general was granted the honor of leading a parade through Rome along with his lieutenants and the defeated enemy following behind in chains. Paul uses this custom to describe our ministry. As we go about ministering the gospel, God goes before us and our enemies – the world, the flesh, and the devil – fall into line as captives. But whereas a Roman general might be given a triumph rarely, God is leading a triumph every day! Wherever we go God “always leads us in triumphal procession –” no matter what we see or how we feel about it. At times we will not see much happening. At times we will become discouraged. This is normal for mortal human beings. But there is an amazing spiritual reality behind appearances or feelings. The truth is that God is always conquering His enemies!

But this triumphal procession is “in Christ.” Any efforts we make in our own strength will falter, and we do not have the power to triumph over sin and discouragement. This is a reminder to cling to Christ, who is our strength and our life. As we do, we are assured that we participate in God’s great victory in our world.

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Prayer Requests, June 2021

1. Pray for God to continue working in students throughout the summer.
2. Pray for campus ministers to use the summer to be well-prepared for the fall semester.
3. Pray that I might be a substantial help to our church during this interim period.
4. **Pray us as we explore and discern God's next assignment for us.**