



New Beginnings

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I have been meditating on the book of Isaiah this summer and have felt the Lord speaking in the 53rd chapter some observations on the current health of the Church. I would like to share some of the musings that have been revealed to me. I hope they get your attention as they did mine.

1. Verse 3—(a man, acquainted with sorrows) Jesus was more interested in His mission than His comfort— are you? Consecration should be higher on our list than personal comfort.
2. Verse 5—(By His stripes we were healed) we need to cultivate expectant faith whether we get the blessing or not. We need to ask ourselves if the work of the Cross was sufficient or not.
3. Verse 6—(And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.) Are we thankful for what Jesus did for us or have we forgot the meaning of a thankful heart and an attitude of gratitude?
4. Verse 7—(He was oppressed and afflicted yet He opened not His mouth.) What has been coming out of your fountain of blessing lately?

5. Verse 10—(He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days.) Jesus carried a VISION that extended well past His ministry on earth. Does our vision go beyond our concerns and extend to other's hopes, dreams and well-being?

As you ponder these things on a hot summer day maybe it's time to ask the Spirit of God to refresh, rearrange, and radicalize your response to the Work of Christ on the Cross.

We all wish you well from the shade and comfort of His Cross at New Beginnings. Please continue to support us with your prayers and financial gifts this month.



We are currently looking to hire a part time cook. If you would be interested in taking care of the shopping and cooking of one meal a day (dinner) five days a week please call us at (570) 364-8391. This would be a great ministry for an older woman who has a heart to serve.

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New Beginnings Updates

We have graduated two more students. On June 6th we graduated Angel Solano and Roy Hart Jr. Roy has returned home to loved ones in Tunkhannock Pa. and Angel is staying on here for the summer. Both men are engaged to be married and are employed as a welder (Roy) and a carpenter (Angel).

We are currently siding the older section of our house with vinyl siding and paying as we go. It looks great and we are praying about doing the whole thing before winter. (hint, hint)

We have a few needs:

- Vacuum cleaner
- Hedge trimmer
- Set of tools
- Floor jack
- Screen doors
- Air conditioners
- Various kinds of chairs

See if your “surplus” can become our answer to prayer!

“The Bump”

New Beginnings is a faith-based ministry and for the last five years we have existed by the Grace of God and the giving of His people. In the past God has always given us a “bump” or, in other words, an unexpected financial blessing to carry us through dry financial deserts.

For some reason summer is always a hard time financially and I would ask you to pray for our finances and to consider if God is calling you to be a part of His “bump” this month.

2 Corinthians 9:6 says, “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully.”

We need a “bump”!
