

# *The Sparrow's Nest*

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“Loving God, Family, Community and Humanity”

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## Pastor's Corner

by Jeremy Dotson

### LET THE READER UNDERSTAND ...

I spent the best years of my young childhood in a mountain village in a small red-painted cabin surrounded by juniper, spruce, pine and cottonwood—and an apple tree in the backyard. Honeysuckle trellised on the porch and lilacs bloomed in front. Summers seared bare feet as lizards darted for their holes. Winters laid down snow three or four feet deep, and big colored Christmas lights hung from eaves capped by smoke-streaming chimneys. And to this day, I have not smelled rain again like the kind that raises puffs of dust as it pelts the earth. At night, the woods were full of soft, yellow lamplight and magic.

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## Can you help?

On Saturday, October 6 at 12:30 pm, we will be cleaning out and inventorying the "Ark Room" and the older shed. We could use some help for a few hours. Please contact the Church Office with your availability. Thank you.

## HCC: Barnabas Fund

Hunterdon Christian Church has a fund set up to help those in need. Over the years we have assisted single mothers and families who were temporarily homeless and needed food. We have informally partnered with the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington who helps screen individuals before passing along to us. The NJ Division of Social Services has also forwarded to us those that they cannot help.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING  
TO THIS FUND AS YOU CAN.  
MAKE A NOTATION ON YOUR  
CHECK AND PLACE IN THE  
SUNDAY OFFERING OR MAIL  
IT TO HCC IN CARE OF THE  
BARNABAS FUND. Thank you  
and God Bless!

## Pastor's Corner continued ...

I was insulated in that canyon town—safe, shielded, wrapped up tight. And I never felt as if I didn't understand. My mother and father loved me; when I was hurt, I was cared for. I never lacked or knew that I could. Rules were easy to keep; trouble sorted out quickly; friends easily made. No burdens, few worries, and in a place where I was free to wonder and never encountered evil beyond my TV. Now, I feel silly thinking that naiveté and simplicity is in those mountains, or that they ever truly were. But, to that child part of my soul, it is still home, still waiting for me. And it is something like I think heaven must be.

## Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Thanks to those who recently signed up for Building Duty. We filled all spots in September, and most of October.

## UPCOMING AT HCC

Every Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study/Coffee Club every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Esther Dotson's home. Building in Use alternately by John Nobile's Summer Swing Orchestra and the Newcomers & Friends Club of Central Hunterdon County from 7—10 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Wednesday Night Gathering. Dinner at 6:15 p.m., Program at 7 p.m. Classes for all ages. Youth Group at 7 p.m. (See new program information at bottom of page)
October 6	Clean-out/Inventory of "Ark Room" and older outdoor shed.
October 9	Women's Group Meeting at 7 p.m., Christina Wong's home.
October 11	Servant's Meeting at 7 p.m.
October 19	Building in Use for Music Recital from 5—9:30 p.m.
October 20	Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m., Perkins Restaurant, 14 Royal Road in Flemington.
October 21	Building in Use for Private Party from 3—8 p.m.

### Building Reminders

- Please close and lock all windows and doors before leaving the building.
- Wrap up food and remove trash each Wednesday & Sunday.
- Shut off lights upon leaving the building.
- HCC supports the Readington Township recycling initiative. We are required to recycle corrugated cardboard, mixed office paper, newspapers, glass, plastic bottles, aluminum & steel cans. Please place in the proper receptacles.



### Flemington Food Pantry

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the Flemington Food Pantry. Place items in the Church foyer box. Healthy recommendations:

Low Sugar Cereals  
High Fiber Oatmeal  
Iced Tea or Lemonade  
100% Fruit Juice  
Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly  
Canned Protein such as chicken, ham or tuna  
Applesauce

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Flemington Food Pantry, visit their website at:  
<http://flemafp.com/>



### New 6-week Wednesday Night study beginning October 17!

In **Outlive Your Life**, Max Lucado encourages you to change the world around you by getting off your knees, rolling up your sleeves, and performing works God has created you to do. His inspiring call will prompt you to spread God's love as you learn more about ministering to your neighbors. The early church in Acts left a blueprint of how to do it. The halls of history ring with their stories. Discover how a group of ragtag nobodies turned the world upside down, and begin to believe that God wants to do it all over again. Starting October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:15. Programs for all ages.