

Seeing the Doctor

Our closest Christian college is Ohio Valley University in Parkersburg, West Virginia. I was there this week for the OVU Lectureship. Dr. Kent Brantly was there to deliver the evening keynote address. While walking the halls of the university I happened to pass by a room where coffee had been set up and saw him out of the corner of my eye. I turned around, went in, introduced myself and talked with him.

Dr. Brantly was one of the “Ebola Fighters” named as *Time* magazine’s Person of the Year. He was the first person in U.S. to be treated for Ebola. He is a medical advisor with the medical mission Samaritan’s Purse, and was treating Ebola patients in Liberia. He practiced all medical protocols to prevent infection, but guessed his illness was traced to a case in which he removed his mask to comfort and talk with a little girl whose mother had just died of Ebola. The little girl was probably also infected.



There was every chance that Dr. Brantly would die, but due to advanced treatments and many prayers he recovered completely.

Dr. Brantly is from the Southside Church of Christ in Fort Worth where he and his wife committed to be fulltime medical missionaries. I found this brother in Christ to be very humble and self-effacing. He is rather puzzled at all the publicity for something he was simply doing from his heart. He is eager to get back to work treating patients.

Sometimes you meet someone and realize that for all your years as a Christian, you are still in spiritual Kindergarten. That's how I felt. Yet he's no Gandhi. Just a Christian man with a wife and two kids who is using everything he's got to serve the Lord. I don't think he views himself as courageous, but that is the unselfconscious quality of the most genuine servants of Christ.

Kent is a reminder that we are not here to consume, strike a pose, or “be your ultimate self.” We are here to serve God and to

serve others in our actions. There are many examples of people who aren't just talking about it but doing it. I thank God for such.

Mark

Today a Large Group of our Ladies are Away at the Collingswood Ladies Retreat! Our ladies are worshipping together this morning in Cape May and are returning this afternoon.

Cathedral Kitchen: The next date is Tuesday, April 21st to help serve the homeless at 1514 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08105. We meet in the church parking lot at 3 and go from there. See Vivian.

WE are Cooking for the HOMELESS at “New Visions” AND serving them on Monday, **April 27th** at 8:45 AM. Becky and Margaret are coordinating the meal. Ask them how to help. New Visions is only 5 minutes from here. There is a sign-up sheet.

YOUTH GROUP FRI. April 24, at the Schoener's 7-9PM.

OUR CHURCH RETREAT IS MAY 15-17 at Camp Manatawny

Sign-ups are on the bulletin board so you can choose your accommodations at reasonable costs. Our church has the camp to ourselves to relax, play games, take walks, play ball, and enjoy some great meals. It is a time to just have fun and get to know each other better, away from your everyday routine. Join the fun!

Pat Connelly is in PowerBack Rehabilitation Center:
 113 South Route 73, Voorhees Township. Room 223
 (please call her on her cell: 856-470-4268).

Bill & Chris Ann: no longer have home phones so please use their cells.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams
Welcome & Scripture: Carl Smith (Psalm 106:1-8)
Opening Prayer: Scott Schoener.
Lord's Supper: Josh Henderson, Rick Boyle, Bill Ceraso, Logan
Scripture Reading: Matt Jag (1 Peter 4:17-19)
Closing Prayer & Announcements: Chet Churchill

Nursery: Karen M. & Chris H. **Next** Week- Michelle W. & Julie

Pink Cleaning Team: April 22-25 **Donna & Howard** coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher
 Church Office- (856) 854-0197

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876
 Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276
 Bret Goen (856) 996-5267
 Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179

Worship 121
Bible Class 72
Wed PM..... 45
L.I.F.E...... 44

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969 **Contribution** **\$3,146**
Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 26

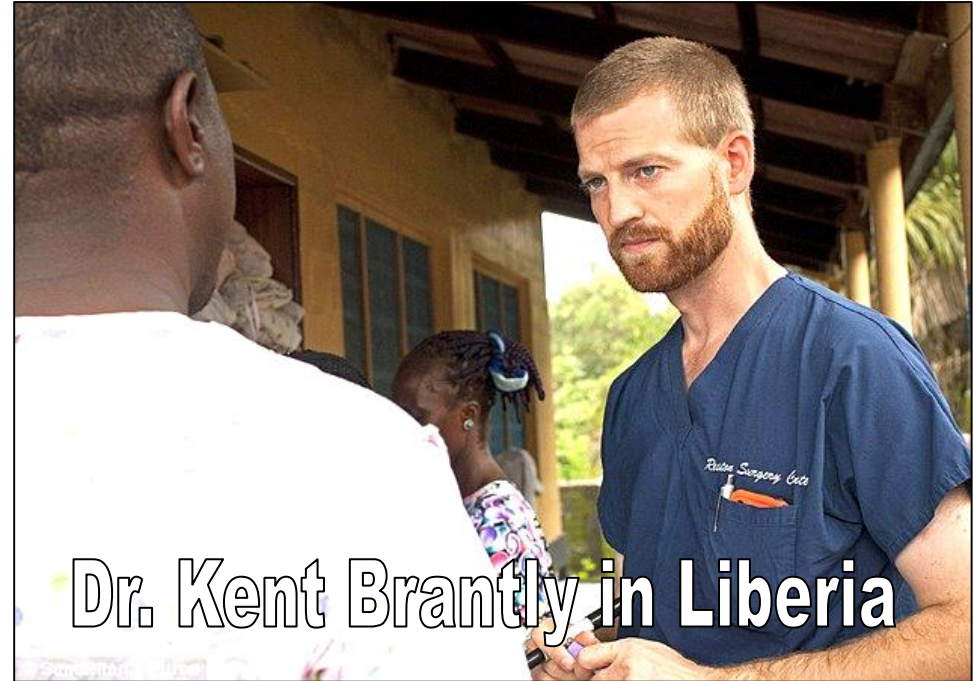


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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



A word to the wise: “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, *when* did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? *When* did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? *When* did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**’
 (Matthew 25:37-40)