



FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH
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December 11, 2016

A Growing Community of Disciple Makers
 - Worshipping God Wholeheartedly As A Way Of Life - Sharing The Good News Of Jesus Everywhere - Being Transformed Through the Word of God - Caring Compassionately For The Needs Of Others -

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
 Traditional Service: 8:00 AM (Auditorium) & 11:00 AM (Chapel)
 Contemporary Service: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM (Auditorium)
 Café: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES (September - April)
 Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 PM; Children & Youth 6:45 - 8:15 PM

Christmas Day and New Year's Day Services

Please be sure to note the changes for Christmas Sunday and New Year's Day. In addition to just two services those mornings, there will be no staffed nursery or Sunday School for adults, youth or children. The Café will also be closed both days. Instead...



Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

9:30 Service in the Auditorium
Pastor Bill brings the Christmas Sermon

9:30 Service in the Chapel
Pastor Brian brings the Christmas Sermon



New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1st

9:30 Service in the Auditorium
Pastor Ray brings the message

9:30 Service in the Chapel
Pastor Shaun brings the message.

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Prayer Hour... 6:45am (C2)
- Express Café, coffee and donuts only... 7-11am
- Blood Pressure Screening

Morning Messages

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) - Pastor Ray
 Scripture: Matthew 1:18-19

Chapel (11:00am) - Pastor Brian
 Scripture: Luke 1:8-20

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- Men's Prayer Group... 5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
- Parish Nurse

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- Men's Prayer Group... 6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Christmas Dinner... 6:30pm (MP) ***reservation required*
- Celebrate Recovery... 7-9pm (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- AWANA... 6:45 - 8:15pm
- Youth... 6:45 - 8:15pm (Chapel)
- Bible Study, Pastor Brian... 7pm (Aud.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- Ladies Prayer Hour... 6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Christmas Dinner... 6:30pm (MP) ***reservation required*
- Bible Study, Pastor Brian... 7pm (Chapel)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- Prayer Hour... 6:45am (C2)
- Café... 7-11am

Morning Messages

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) - Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) - Pastor Brian

Upcoming Community Christmas Dinners



Here is an opportunity to invite your unchurched family and friends to your church and have them join us for a delicious meal consisting of turkey, filling, mashed potatoes and more.

You'll have the opportunity to show them around the church, introduce them to the staff and other friends in the church.

Dinner begins at 6:30 each evening. Below are the dates and the latest count (the numbers are changing rapidly)...be aware that we can seat up to 320 each evening, so if you haven't made your reservations yet, don't delay.

- Friday, Dec 9 – Full
- Tues, Dec 13 – 205 (115 open)
- Thurs, Dec 15 – 283 (37 open)

When you arrive for dinner, you will need to go to the check in table in the foyer just outside the mailroom to receive your designated table and seat numbers.

If you are a regular attender of Five Forks Church, we ask you to please bring a platter of your favorite cookies to share.

You will be contacted if the amount of your seating requests exceeds the 320 limit. If you or someone in your party is unable to attend, please notify the church office so those seats can be made available to others.

The meal is free, however we will make donation baskets available and any monies received will go toward the cost of next year's Christmas dinners.



The Christmas message really is God's message of hope for all seasons! And we really could sing Christmas carols year-round. However, we do especially enjoy singing them during this time of year.

Beyond enjoyment, we are blessed to hear, in song, the story of Jesus, the Son of God, and His coming to earth to be our Savior!

Therefore, on Wednesday, December 21st, at 7:00 p.m., in the chapel, we are going to have a congregational singing of the songs of the Christmas season. The entire hour will be devoted to singing selections suggested by you! Please plan to join us!

Attendance

ATTENDANCE (December 4)

Sunday's Worship Total = 760

8:00 Auditorium = 166

9:30 Auditorium = 315

11:00 Auditorium = 204

11:00 Chapel = 40

Bible Connection = 22

Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 13

Total Sunday School = 315

Adult Education Attendance = 119

Berean = 13

Golden Link = 32

Through the Bible = 19

The Christian Family Life Class = 37

8:00AM Café Class = 8

Alpha Omega Discussion = 6

Men's Resolution Class = 4

Wednesday Eve. (Dec. 7) = 316

Our Church's Financial Health

GIVING (December 4)...

Offering = \$31,981.00

Weekly Goal = \$22,040.00

Total Giving 2016 =

\$1,032,938.00

Above/Behind 2016 Goal =

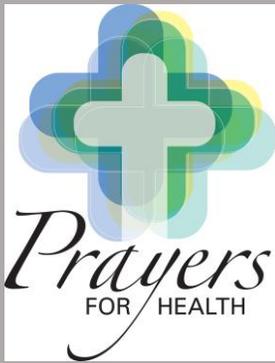
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Building Fund = \$752.00

Food Pantry
"Item of the Month"
for DECEMBER:

Peanut Butter

*Place donations in the orange
tub in the lower lobby.*



Bob Baer
 Glenn Channing
 Joyce Hade
 Laura Petersheim



Thank you to Pastors Bill & Ray for coming to visit me during my stay in the Chambersburg Hospital. Thanks also to the church for the lovely poinsettia.

-Frances House

Many prayers and acts of kindness have been shown on behalf of my mom, Luella Jones; through her struggles and her 'Home-Going' in November. We thank you for lifting us up – your caring matters.

***In His Love,
 Sue & Carl Wenger***



We express our deepest sympathy to Eldon Showalter and Darrel Showalter with the passing of their mother, Eleanor Showalter on December 2, 2016.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Amos Kefer with the passing of his wife, Florence Kefer on December 8, 2016.

From Your Parish Nurse



The next Alzheimer's meeting is this Wednesday, December 14th at the Colestock Center at Quincy Village at 3:00pm.

The topic is a short video on "Validation" followed by open discussion.

New To The Library



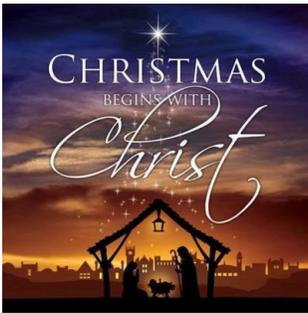
A Baxter Family Christmas
 By Karen Kingsbury (L-KIN)

Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ
 By Timothy Keller (E-KEL)

Christmas at Rose Hill Farm
 By Suzanne Fisher (L-FIS)



Christmas Sunday Services



We are celebrating the Birthday of our Savior and Best Friend on December 25th.

Note: Two services will be held on Sunday morning, Christmas Day. One in the Auditorium, one in the Chapel. **Both at 9:30.**

Come and Worship in the Chapel (traditional) or in the Auditorium (contemporary). Make plans now with your family and friends to be a part of one of these services for an hour and set as families. Knowing the world is more eager to drop "Christ" out of "Christmas", please let us use this time to show each other how important Christ is in our lives.

*Isaiah 9:6 -
For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*



The Food Pantry is looking for additional volunteers. This is an important ministry of our church and community. Please consider getting involved. Volunteers usually work one or two shifts a month. Shifts are available Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12 – 2pm and Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm.

For more information, contact Bonnie Yoder at 597-5984 or foodpantry@fiveforkschurch.org.

Interested In Playing Softball?



Would you be interested in playing softball for the church for the upcoming 2017 season? We would like to form a second team. We are looking for players age 16 and older.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mike Shetler at matts@mccallhandling.com or call 240-674-0005 or contact Dan McCleaf at dmccleaf@phoenixcolor.com or call 717-977-8982.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Adults & teens 13 & up are needed to work in the nursery. Help is needed in the 9:30 & 11:00 services on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evenings.

Please consider helping, starting in January. You can volunteer to serve monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

Contact Kim Helman at 717-709-0815 if you have questions about the responsibilities involved or to volunteer. My list of volunteers is dwindling and I could really use your help!

Thank you!

Youth activities

Below is a list of events and activities that the youth are assisting with, participating in or will be invited to be part of:

“You can find more information about our events, including permission slips, on the church website or join us on Facebook; our group name is; Five Forks BIC Youth Group, or see Pastor Shaun.”

**Please be aware that there is extra financial assistance available to any youth that may need it. Do not let money be the reason that you do not participate! (See Pastor Shaun)*



[Christmas Cheer & Hershey Park](#) - All teens (7th - 12th grade) are invited to join us on Sunday, December 11th (9:30am - 6pm) as we take Sunday school on the road. We'll be heading to Quincy Home for the morning to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. We'll sing some Christmas carols together (no, you don't have to be able to sing!) and read the Christmas story. We'll also have an opportunity to visit and talk with residents. It will be well worth your time. Following our time at Quincy Home, we'll be heading to Hershey Park for the afternoon, where we can enjoy the rides and the park will be decorated with Christmas lights. We'll stop by and visit Santa's reindeer and of course our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to Chocolate world and the "Chocolate Ride"! You do need a permission slip and the cost for this event is \$5. Also bring some money for a meal at the park.

[Carry Trays at Christmas Dinners](#) - All teens are encouraged to sign up to help carry trays at the Five Forks Christmas dinners; for families with children or for elderly who need an extra set of hands as they go through the food line. Each of our youth group small groups has selected an evening to help serve. Talk to your small group leader for details. (Christmas dinner dates are: December 9, 13, 15).





[Youth Group Christmas Party](#) - "Rockin' around the Christmas tree, at the Christmas party hop..." On Wednesday, December 14th (7pm - 8:15pm) during youth group we'll be having our annual Christmas party! We'll be meeting in the auditorium that night, we'll crank up the Christmas carols over the sounds system, play some crazy Christmas games, and enjoy some delicious holiday food. After all the craziness

we'll settle down, turn down the lights and gather around on auditorium stage in front of a rocking chair as we read the Christmas story together, remembering the birth of our Savior who entered this world, because of his great love for us. It's gonna be a special night you don't want to miss!

[Pedal to the Metal for the Kettle](#) - The Five Forks youth group NEEDS YOUR COINS! You've seen them, standing at shopping malls during Christmas or outside of Walmart. They're standing by a red kettle, hanging from a stand. They're dressed in red, green and white, trying to stay warm...and usually ringing a bell. No, they're not Santa's elves:) They are the Salvation Army bell ringers, collecting loose change and coins which will be used for their outreach to people less fortunate. It's a thankless job and very cold. So the Five Forks teens want to cheer up these folks and bring them a HUGE Christmas surprise and we need the whole church to be involved. For four Sundays in a row: November 27, December 4, 11 and 18...EVERYONE at Five Forks (children, teens, adults) bring your loose change to church with you. Dig down in the deep cracks and crannies of your coats and jean pockets, your living room furniture, under your car seat, wherever you can think of. When you arrive at the church, located in the foyers outside each of the services you will find a large kettle...drop your coins in the kettle! We want as many coins as we can get. Then on Wednesday, December 21st the youth group will gather up all of the coins we have collected, we will load up the church bus, crank up the Christmas music and head out to the local shopping centers, where we will pay a visit our Salvation Army friends. At each location, we will offload from the bus and form a huge line with our whole group and create quite a scene as we overflow the bell-ringers buckets with handfuls of coins! We will put the "PEDAL TO THE METAL FOR THE KETTLE". Bring your coins and be a part of this awesome opportunity.



[Floor Hockey Night](#) - Feeling those holiday blues! Christmas break, no school, haven't seen your friends in a couple of weeks, getting kind of board...all teens (7th-12th grade) are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 28th (6 - 7:30pm) for our annual youth group floor hockey night. We'll even turn out the lights for part of the evening and play floor hockey in the dark "glow stick style"...it's a youth group tradition you don't want to miss!