



FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH

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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

We Are THIS Close!

\$1,300,000 to \$20,000.

Back in 2010, Phase I of the *Laying Bricks for Jesus Project* brought us the Auditorium and Children's Wing at a cost of close to 3 million dollars.

Because we had been able to save 1.6 million, we took out a loan through the Brethren in Christ Foundation (BICF) in the amount of 1.3 million for the balance. This was set up as a 20-year loan with monthly payments of \$8,224.

However, in an effort to pay the loan off in less than 20 years, from the first payment in January 2011 to the present, we have made monthly payments in the amount of \$14,000. Several times throughout each year we have been able to make payments above and beyond the \$14,000 monthly payments.

All of this to say...

THE LOAN IS ALMOST PAID OFF!!!

By the end of this year, the balance of the loan will be approximately \$20,000. With our regular monthly payment in January 2017 of \$14,000, we should be able to pay the loan off in full in early February...or perhaps even sooner, depending upon how much is received through our January *Laying Bricks for Jesus* envelopes.

We are very, very grateful that the Lord has allowed this to happen – paying off a 20-year loan in a little over 6 years. It is what we were asking of Him from the beginning, and He has been faithful. And we give Him thanks. We thank you for your contributions as well!

"What's next?" you may ask. As soon as the loan is retired, we will begin to set aside money each month (through the General Fund and the white envelopes) as we set our sights on Phase II of the *Laying Bricks for Jesus Project*. (To be discussed at our 2017 Annual Council Meeting that will be held on Wednesday evening, January 25th.)

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

Morning Messages

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- Men's Prayer Group...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Celebrate Recovery...7-9pm (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- AWANA...6:45 – 8:15pm
- Youth, Peddle to the Meddle...5:30 – 7:30pm
- Carol Sing...7pm (Chapel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

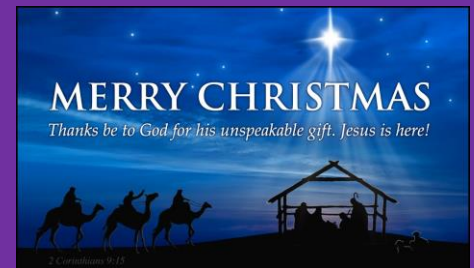
- Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7pm (Chapel)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services:

- 3:00pm (Aud.)
- 4:30pm (Aud. and Chapel)
- 6:30pm (Chapel)
- 7:00pm (Aud.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25



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

Morning Messages

Aud. (9:30) – Pastor Bill

Chapel (9:30am) – Pastor Brian

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.



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 11)

Sunday's Worship Total = 634

8:00 Auditorium = 124
9:30 Auditorium = 302
11:00 Auditorium = 133
11:00 Chapel = 45
Bible Connection = 15
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 15

Total Sunday School = 214

Adult Education Attendance = 90
Berean = 10
Golden Link = 31
Through the Bible = 13
The Christian Family Life Class = 22
8:00AM Café Class = 10
Alpha Omega Discussion = 0
Men's Resolution Class = 4

Wednesday Eve. (Dec. 14) = 286

Our Church's Financial Health

GIVING (December 11)...

Offering = \$24,937.00
Weekly Goal = \$22,040.00
Total Giving 2016 = \$1,057,875.00
Above/Behind 2016 Goal =
(\$44,125.00)
Building Fund = \$772.00

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for DECEMBER:

Peanut Butter

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



Nancy Bennett
Joyce Hade
Dan McCleaf
Karen Oberholzer



Congratulations to Christina and Dustin Martin with the birth of their son, Flynn Elliott Martin on December 6, 2016.



We express our deepest sympathy to Donna Green with the passing of her father, Joseph Smith on December 12, 2016

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Tandy Foust with the passing of her mother, Josephine (Sis) D. McFerren on December 14, 2016.

Year-End Giving

Any giving that you want to be credited to 2016 must be received in the church office no later than Saturday, December 31st at noon.

We will be starting to close out our books and prepare our year-end statements. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rhodes Grove Semi-Annual Quilting Retreat

February 2-5, 2017



Have you been waiting and waiting to start your new quilting project? Do you have a project that is in desperate need of wrapping up?

Join us at Rhodes Grove for our annual quilting retreat and embrace a time for projects and fellowship!

Where? Rhodes Grove Camp, 7693 Browns Mill Rd., Chambersburg

When? Feb 2 at 11am to Feb. 5 at 3pm.

What? Quilting with lodging and meals provided – 3 nights, 7 meals, including: Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Registration deadline is January 27th. Register by January 19th and you will receive a 10% discount.

Questions or to register, visit www.rhodesgrove.com or contact carrie@rhodesgrove.com or call 717-375-4162.

Meal Coordinator Needed

For many years – going back to when our church was much smaller – one way that we have been able to care for one another is by providing meals to those who have just come home from the hospital (after surgery, birth of a child, other) and are unable to cook for themselves.

This ministry requires two things: 1) A team of volunteers who are willing and able to prepare and deliver meals and 2) one individual who is willing to coordinate everything (Confirming a need and contacting/scheduling the volunteers).

With the busyness of our schedules, finding enough volunteers has been challenging at times. At the present, in order for this ministry to continue we are in need of someone who is willing and able to serve in the role of Meal Coordinator.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 762-2991 or by email: office@ffbic.org.



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 dmcclleaf@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)*

Pedal to the Metal for the Kettle - IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE UPDATE: In order to suit the schedule of the bell-ringers we need to leave Five Forks church at 5:30pm and return 7:30pm on Wednesday, December 21. 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 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!