



June 24, 2018

## CHURCH BOARD REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – JUNE 2018

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday evening, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Here is a summary report from the June Board meeting:

### GENERAL ITEMS

Pastor Bill reported that Sunday morning attendance continues to be down compared to last year, with contributions running consistent with 2017 giving. Pastor Shaun reported that he and Chris Bumbaugh are organizing a church night out at a Hagerstown Suns baseball game (and fireworks) on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. He is also in discussion with Brady Smith about establishing a college age/young adult ministry and is working with Ricky Leese and the GM committee concerning Ricky's Eagle Scout project to build a gazebo for the church.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ray gave a summary report of a discussion forum on Open Theism that was held at the New Guilford BIC church in May. The board then discussed various aspects of open theology in an effort to better understand this subject. Pastors Bill and Shaun will be serving as delegates at the upcoming General Assembly in July and will keep the Board apprised of the discussion taking place on a denominational level.

The Board invited Rochelle Nolt to attend the last part of the Board meeting and continue the discussion on women and ministry at Five Forks. The Board was excited to see that over 50 women responded to the surveys the Board asked Rochelle to send out earlier this year, and we received some very helpful feedback. From these surveys and further group discussions, it has become evident that there is a significant need when it comes to women and ministry at Five Forks. For the Board to do nothing in light of the responses was not an option, and so our discussion revolved around the ways the church would benefit by bringing a female onto our staff. The Board also discussed several challenges, including working with those whose convictions would cause them to struggle if the woman hired would be considered a pastor. What challenges might the current staff face if a female were to join the staff? The financial impact, the role she would fill, transparent communication between the Board and congregation were all part of the discussion. In the end, after much discussion, a committee was formed and given the task of creating a broad job description to bring back to the Board for development. Members of this committee include Rochelle, Pastor Shaun, Peggy Dawson, Heather Ellerbrock, Angie Petersheim, and Todd Smith. There will be opportunities for discussion to take place in the coming days, such as congregation-wide forums where questions may be asked and views can be shared.

Your Church Board consists of...

*Staff: Bill Shank, Shaun Kipe*

*Congregational Representatives (elected at Annual Council): Peggy Dawson, Sandy Gray, Matt Nolt, Harvey Payne, Angie Petersheim, Todd Smith, Joel Wenger, Lin Yoder*

*Deacon Representative: Mike Garland*

*Church Treasurer: Gene Gorman*

*Recording Secretary: Christina Martin (non-voting)*

## ANCIENT WORDS, EVER TRUE

Next Sunday in the Auditorium Pastor Bill begins a sermon series that will take us through the month of July. It's called *Ancient Words, Ever True*. Each Sunday we'll be looking at "ancient stumbling blocks"...things like injustice (when life isn't fair), anxiety, guilt, money, and conflict.

These stumbling blocks have been around for a very long time, but so have the answers (*Ancient Words, Ever*

*True*). These answers are as true today as the day they were first written. And we'll come to see that the ancient words written in the Scripture point us to the Living Word, Jesus, who is the ultimate answer for any stumbling block that crosses our path intending to bring us down.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Hey, Five Forks Church...we want to take over the Hagerstown Suns ballpark on Friday, July 20th. But we can't pull this off without YOU! So, mark your calendar, change your schedule around, come home from vacation early, invite your family and friends and sign up to come along.

Five Forks Church is sponsoring a "night at the ballpark" and we want the entire church family to join us. Enjoy the sights, sounds, conversations, and the atmosphere at summer night ball game with the entire church family.

The game starts at 7pm and we'd love to have 100, 200, 500 people from Five Forks taking over the outfield at the Suns game that night. Our very own Sean Bockstie will be singing the National Anthem at the game and there will be fireworks immediately following the game.

It's really simple, we will be selling tickets to the game on Sunday mornings starting June 10th, in the lower foyer just outside the café (or you can pick them up all week at the church office). Tickets are \$9 per person. Also, you can choose to drive yourself and meet us at the game or you can meet at the church and the Five Forks bus will provide transportation to the game, leaving the church at 5:30pm.

The more the merrier, make this part of your summer plans!

## BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

Sunday morning, July 8<sup>th</sup> during the church services, you can choose to get baptized. (8am, 9:30am, 11am)

H<sub>2</sub>O... plain old, ordinary, common, everyday... water! We use water all the time. We use water to wash our bodies, to brush our teeth, to clean our cars and to flush our toilets. We drink it, cook with it, and swim in it. 83% of our blood, 70% of our brains and 90% of our lungs are made of water!

Interestingly, Jesus tells his followers to take this very common and ordinary thing and cover their bodies with it for HIS sake... it's called baptism. The symbolism carries various meanings. But essentially it's our way of associating our lives with Jesus. When Jesus was leaving to go back into heaven (Matthew 28), the last command he gave his followers was, "Go and make disciples baptizing them in my name." Baptism is like saying, "I am a follower of Jesus and I am not ashamed about it. I want to be known as one who loves God. I realize that I am sinful and in need of cleansing and I believe that Jesus and his community are the ones that offer that cleansing. I am now a part of that group."

This is not something we take lightly. This is a serious commitment. People in the early church could be kicked out of the synagogue, they could lose their jobs, they could wind up in prison, even lose their lives over baptism.

Jesus was sent to a cross... in the early church when you got baptized you were saying, "I am a follower of that guy."

Baptism, in one sense, is just water, but in another sense, it is a HUGE, powerful, life-changing commitment. In your journey of faith, it is something you will look back on and say, "That's the day I put a stake in the ground for Jesus"...it's when you stand up and tell the entire world, "I am not ashamed of Jesus, I am his follower."

So on Sunday, July 8th we want to invite you to take that incredible step and we'll celebrate with you as a church! Anybody interested in getting baptized needs to contact Pastor Ray as soon as possible at [ray@ffbic.org](mailto:ray@ffbic.org) or 717-762-2991. We have an interview sheet for you to fill out and we'd also like to sit and talk with you about your decision to get baptized and set up a time to video record your testimony.

### *Five Forks Membership Service*

If you have made the decision to follow Jesus and you have been baptized and you see yourself as a committed part of the Five Forks Church, we would like you to consider becoming a member at Five Forks. The membership service will be held on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> during the church services. If you are interested in hearing more

about membership at Five Forks, please contact Pastor Ray at [ray@ffbic.org](mailto:ray@ffbic.org) or 717-762-2991.

## THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, June 24	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am  <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun – <i>Scripture: Luke 12:35-38</i>
Monday, June 25	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
Tuesday, June 26	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
Wednesday, June 27	No Services – Summer Break
Thursday, June 28	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
Friday, June 29	Five Forks Fellowship Picnic...4:00pm (MP Room)
Sunday, July 1	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am  <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Bill – <i>Scripture: Psalm 73</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: II Corinthians 12:9-10</i>  Connect Lunch...12:15pm (MP Room)

## JASON CRABB CONCERT

Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>... 7:00pm in the Aud.

Cost: \$19 (General Admission); \$25 (Gold Circle); \$35 (VIP: front row plus meet and greet at 5:45pm)

Tickets available now at the church office or online at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or call 800-965-9324.

## LEGO CAMP

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Registration now open. Registration forms are available at the Children's Information Desk in the Children's wing or you may call the church office at 717-762-2991.

We will be opening the camp to 48 students who have completed grades 1-5. There will be 24 students selected for the AM class (9:00am – 12:00pm) and 24 students for the PM class (1:00 – 4:00pm). If a student attended last year's camp, they would not be eligible for this year's camp.

Our daily objective for each small group of students is that they will build and program a moving WeDo Lego Model. In order to do these objectives, students will be required to use reading, math, computer, and engineer/design skills. Students will work with a partner and learn basic skills about technology and engineering that will prepare them for a future transition into other STEM activities. Lego Camp is being offered to students who will commit to attending the program every day from July 9-13. Parents or guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from Five Forks Church.

## CRAFT CAMP

July 30 – Aug. 3... 9:15am – 12:30pm

Open to children who have completed grades 1-5

Registration now open. Registration forms are available at the Children's Information Desk in the Children's wing or you may call the church office at 717-762-2991.

We are in need of youth and adult volunteers. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Jacki Hord at [kjmhord@gmail.com](mailto:kjmhord@gmail.com) or stop by the Children's Information Desk on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## SAVE THE DATE – CHURCH AUCTION

The church auction will be earlier this year. It will be held on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Silent Auction begins at 5:00
- Dinner available at 5:00pm
- Live Auction begins at 6:00pm

Mark your calendar now!

## FIVE FORKS FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

Five Forks' Seniors Fellowship invites you to our 2018 Old-Fashioned Summertime Picnic!

The event will be Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room. Our meal will be catered by Keystone Family Restaurant – carved top round of beef, fried chicken, oven-roasted red potatoes, country green beans, Harvard beets, coleslaw, with assorted pies for dessert.

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP with payment to Pastor Brian's mailbox by this Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to "Five Forks Church." Please include your name and the number of people attending with you. Hope to see you there!

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Katie Chappell with the passing of her mother, Missy Shank on June 15, 2018.

## HEALING PRAYERS FOR YOU

*(Those who have been hospitalized or underwent surgery/procedures this week)*

Jean Baer  
Mallory Butts  
Melinda Hawk  
Barb Meckley

## NOTE OF THANKS

To My Church Family,  
Thank you, everyone, for all the cards, and phone calls during my recent hospitalization and recovery. My thanks to the church for the nice flower arrangement. It's a blessing to have the support and reassurance during times of illness and recovery.  
In Christian Love,  
Bonnie Showalter

## FOOD PANTRY JUNE "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Peanut Butter

*(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD JUNE "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Toothbrushes, hair clips, headbands, combs, bracelets, hair ties, barrettes

*(Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.)*

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 17	Sunday's Worship Total = 542 8:00 Auditorium = 144 9:30 Auditorium = 222 11:00 Auditorium = 120 11:00 Chapel = 34 Bible Connection = 12 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 10
	Total Sunday School = 232

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR COMMUNITY CHILDREN

In just two months, families will be getting their children ready to go back to school. Some families in our community will be looking at their children's class supply lists wondering how they will be able to afford everything on the list as well as get school clothes for their ever-growing children and pay their rent and other household bills

August 13 – 17, Waynesboro Community and Human Services will be distributing back-to-school supplies to income eligible families in the Waynesboro Area School District and Greencastle Antrim School District. Last year, supplies were distributed to 281 children in 118 families. This would not have been possible without your help. Your contributions of school supplies will help families in our communities who are struggling. Below is a list of school supplies needed:

Pencil Boxes	3 X 5 Index Cards
Zippered Pencil Boxes	Wide-ruled Notebook Paper
25-count #2 Pencils	1-inch, 3-Ring Binders
36-count #2 Pencils	2-inch, 3-Ring Binders
48-count #2 Pencils	Trapper Keepers
24-count Crayons	Colored Pencils
Highlighters – singles & 4-count	Red Pens
Large Pink Erasers	Earbuds
Pencil-top Erasers	Lanyards
Large Glue Sticks	Backpacks
Pocket Folders (with and without Clasps)	Toiletries: Bars of Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste
Sticky Notes	

Donations may be dropped off at Waynesboro Community and Human Services during their business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday...9am – 12noon, 1-3pm; Wednesdays 9am – 12noon and Thursdays 1-6pm or you may place them in the designated box in the church mailroom by Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director ([kenton@ffbic.org](mailto:kenton@ffbic.org))**

### Pool Parties

Throughout the month of June, we will be having pool parties at the Bumbaugh's house! This is a great time to fellowship together! Talk to Kenton or Chris for his address and come ready to swim and hang out at fires and eat ice cream!

### Chambersburg Project

Do like to serve those around you? If so, Chambersburg Project is July 8th-13th! We will be serving those in Franklin County that are living in need! If you would like to sign up to go, pick up a packet at the Youth Booth! Parents, if you want to serve, let Kenton Hock know and we will get you an adult volunteer form.

### Operation: Secret Serve

All Middle school students, 6-8th grade, are invited to join us on our mission to serve those in the area! On July 21st, our secret service agents will be meeting at Mary Fleagle's house at 9am to have breakfast and their briefing. We will then embark to serve those around us stopping only for lunch (which should be packed). Then we will end at the Bumbaugh's house to swim and also debrief after the intense mission. Permission slips are required and can be picked up at church or any of the pool parties. Please return permission slips by July 8th.

### Orioles Game

This summer we will be going to an Orioles game! Grab a permission slip and come on out! We will be meeting at church at 2:00pm on July 27th! We will take the bus down to Baltimore and watch the game as well as a great Fireworks Show! We will return around 12:30am. The cost for this event is \$10 and don't forget some money for food.