

July 22, 2018

CHURCH BOARD REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – JULY 2018

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday evening, July 10th. Here is a summary report from the July Board meeting.

GENERAL ITEMS

The Board continues to stay abreast of current attendance and contribution trends. Sunday morning attendance figures are lower than last year at this time, even as numerous individuals or families have started attending Five Forks on a regular basis since the start of the year. Contributions are running slightly behind 2017 giving. We did receive two large contributions in June that were designated to our Deacon Fund.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

As reported last month, the Board – in response to feedback received from a survey earlier this year – has started discussions regarding how the church would benefit by bringing a woman onto our staff. A committee was formed and given the task of creating a broad job description if this were to happen. Pastor Shaun reported on behalf of the committee that held their initial meeting in late June. Recognizing that there is a need for a higher level of *care* than what we currently provide, this became the primary area of focus. The consensus of the committee was to create a position that was not just to care for the women in the congregation, but to minister to the congregation as a whole. Also to help us provide care to those in need outside of our church family. The committee will continue to meet in an effort to take a broad job description and prioritize the specific areas of need. There was agreement on the part of the Board to hold one or more Discussion Forums where the congregation would have the opportunity to provide input regarding this position.

Over the past few months, the Board has been taking a closer look at our Anabaptist roots. We recognize that we have lost much of what makes us distinct, and this has contributed to a loss of identity and purpose as a church. There is uncertainty on the part of our congregation in regards to who we are and what we believe. As Chair and Co-Chair, Pastors Bill and Shaun have committed to begin the process of helping the board and our congregation become aware of who the Brethren in Christ truly are and what we believe is important. This process will take time, but we believe it will help us tremendously as we move forward.

Lin Yoder led a discussion in regards to staff compensation. He presented a compensation grid based on things such as education, length of service, responsibilities and ultimately performance. The board will review this information and continue discussion at future board meetings.

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)*

JASON CRABB CONCERT

Friday, July 27th... 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 or call 800-965-9324.

EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) OUTDOOR 3D ARCHERY FUN SHOOT

August 25th & September 8th...location (Five Forks Rd.)

Start Times: 8am-11am

Cost: Adults \$5; Kids \$3

Raffle Prizes, Food Stand (Breakfast & Lunch)

Beginners welcome – limited bows available for use. Instructors on site. Different course each week.

For more information and to Pre-register, visit www.eloutdoors.com

EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, September 8th... 10:00am – 2:00pm

Five Forks Church parking lot

“Take out” only

Meal includes: ½ chicken, beans, applesauce, cookie, & roll (\$9.00); ½ chicken only (\$6.50)

Pre-purchase tickets to guarantee availability by contacting Heather Martin at 717-372-6282.

THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, July 22	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 51</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Isaiah 41:10</i>
Monday, July 23	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
Tuesday, July 24	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
Wednesday, July 25	No Services – Summer Break
Thursday, July 26	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
Friday, July 27	Jason Crabb Concert...7:00pm (Aud.)
Sunday, July 29	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: Genesis 11; Proverbs 11</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Revelation 21:4</i>

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 or stop by the Children's Information Desk on Sunday, June 3rd and 10th.

BELL CHOIR RINGER NEEDED

Have you heard the Five Forks Bell Choir play for Sunday Services? Have you asked yourself...how do they do that? Now is your chance to find out. We have an opening for a ringer...don't worry, reading music is not a requirement...we can teach you what you need to know. We just need you to commit to a weekly rehearsal (Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm) from Labor Day until Mother's Day.

Come with a willingness to have fun, "make a joyful noise", and desire to serve the Lord.

If you are interested in ringing, please contact Janice Besecker at 717-709-1490 or jlbesecker@comcast.net as soon as possible.

FIVE FORKS FELLOWSHIP EVENT UPDATE

Cruising the Lake on The Proud Mary! Join us for A Sightseeing Boat Tour on Raystown Lake!

Thursday, August 2nd... PLEASE NOTE: DEPARTURE TIME HAS CHANGED meet at the church at 11:00am ...We will depart at 11:15am on the church bus. Tour begins at 2:15 (Rain or Shine). Please meet at the covered drop-off up by the new auditorium.

Purchase your ticket at the ticket booth at Raystown Lake. With the senior discount, tickets are \$9/each

Some snacks and drinks are available for sale on the boat. Bring a jacket or sweater in case it's cool! Restrooms are available on the boat. We will be stopping for a meal on the way home.

If you are attending, please register with Pastor Brian by calling 717-762-2991 or email brian@ffbic.org.

"THE TIDE" 4TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF BENEFIT

Thursday, August 23 (8am shotgun start)

Where: The Bridges Golf Club, Abbottstown, PA (no steel spikes)

What's Included?: The \$90 registration fee (only \$85 if paid before July 30th) gets you...

- Green fees for 18-holes of golf and a golf cart
- Complimentary refreshments on the course
- Free picnic lunch when you are done
- Miscellaneous door prizes
- The opportunity to win an assortment of individual and team prizes and awards, including a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize!

Register online at www.thetide.org/golf. Or call 717-264-7288 or toll free 1-877-859-5484 (advance registration and payment is required).

The Tide is a media ministry committed to sharing the salvation message of Jesus Christ with people in their own language. A portion of your registration is used to cover the Golf Day expenses, and the remainder is considered a charitable contribution towards our ministry.

BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST

Saturday, September 29th... at King Street Church Baker Center, 56 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA

Time: 9:30am – 4:15pm (doors open at 8:00am for check-in and continental breakfast). Event starts at 9:30am, lunch at 11:30am with event ending at 4:15pm. A full schedule is available at www.kingstreetchurch.com.

Cost: \$20 early-bird by July 31; \$25 August 1-September 10; \$30 September 11-24 (all fees include the event, continental breakfast, and lunch.)

Registration ends September 24th

Contact Brenda Bernecker at 717-262-8424 for questions or to register.

FIVE FORKS ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION COMING SOON!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Each year, the Five Forks Church Auction has raised money to help pay down our mortgage. Since the mortgage has been paid off, the proceeds from this year's auction will go into the Building Fund, which includes the hope of a future Youth Center for our teens.

We are asking each member of our congregation to consider how you might be able to donate to the auction:

- You might be willing to purchase a new item or to make an item or food item to be auctioned off.
- You might be able to donate services (i.e. babysitting, cleaning, car repair/maintenance services, lawn mowing, etc)
- You might consider asking a business which you patronize to make a donation to the auction.

Here are some examples of items that have been donated in the past:

Cord of Wood, Beef to be Butchered, Pumpkins, Potted Flowers, Gift Certificates, Cake-a-Month, Pie-a-Month, A Meal, Quilts, Afghans, Wooden Furniture, A Picnic Table, A Time-share Condo or Cabin, Event Tickets...

As you can see, there are many creative options to choose from. How could you use your talents or skills?

If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please complete the flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Melissa Mitchell's mailbox. There are extra forms available at the information desk in the upper lobby and on the table in the mailroom.

Questions, please contact Melissa at 717-977-9078 or email her at smitch466@gmail.com.

Note: Donations need to be at the church by Wednesday, September 12th.

HEALING PRAYERS FOR YOU

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

Guy Miller
Rachel Showalter

FOOD PANTRY JULY "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Skillet Meals (ex. Hamburger/ Tuna/ Chicken Helper)
(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD JULY "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Dolls, small pillow, small stuffed toy (no animals)
(Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 15	Sunday's Worship Total = 622 8:00 Auditorium = 151 9:30 Auditorium = 308 11:00 Auditorium = 104 11:00 Chapel = 47 Bible Connection = 10 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 12
	Total Sunday School = 212
Wednesday, July 18	Family Fun Night = 78

NEW TO THE LIBRARY

The Butterfly and the Violin Bk 1

A Sparrow in Terezin Bk 2

-by K. Cambron (L-CAM)

Historical Fiction – Nazi Germany

Under Their Very Eyes

-by D. Meroff (Q-HAM)

The story of Tom Hamblin, a Bible courier to Arab nations.

Keep It Shut

-by K. Ehman (Z-EHM)

What to say, How to say it and When to say nothing at all.

Fun Loving You

-by T. Cunningham (X-CUN)

Enjoying your marriage in the midst of the grind

STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director (kenton@ffbic.org)

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.

Mid-Summer Pool Party

Join us on August 1st from 6-8pm for a fun time at the Bumbaugh's house! We will play Slip-N-Slide, Kickball, eat food, swim and more. We can't wait to see you then!