



August 26, 2018

## NEW CARDS. NEW FORMAT. AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES!

For those of you who attend services in the Auditorium, this Sunday you will notice new cards – *Connect Cards* – in the pockets located on the back of each seat.

The most important change is this:

*Those who attend services regularly will no longer fill out a card.*

There are 3 reasons to complete a Connect Card from here on out:

1. If you are a regular attender but have updated information for us (new address, phone #, email).
2. For those who are first time visitors, we will be asking them to leave us their contact information on their card.
3. For anyone who would like to share a praise or prayer request, there is a place to write this on the card.

For reasons 1 or 3, you will be asked to place your Connect Card in the offering basket as usual. However, for our first-time visitors (#2), we are asking them to keep their Connect Card until after the service and then turn it in at the Connect Desk in the foyer. They will then receive a small bag of chocolate chip cookies as a way of saying "Welcome!" Sorry, this offer applies only to those attending services for the first time! ☺

Note: You will also find Serve Cards located in the seat pockets. You can fill one of these out and place it in the offering basket if there is an area where you would like to serve.

## SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Who wants to be known as a weak Christian?

Next Sunday, Pastor Ray begins a new sermon series in the Auditorium that will take us through the month of September. It's called *Our Weakness, God's Strength*. Have you ever thought to yourself, "I'm really struggling right now" or "I don't think I can trust God" or "I keep making the same mistakes again and again! How can God forgive me?" So many times, we have these questions or doubts and think that, if people knew about them, they would see us as weak. But we'll search the Scriptures and find that we're not alone with our doubts and our questions.

If you are struggling with depression, temptation, shame, loneliness, and even grief (which I suspect most, if not all of us, are), then know that you are not alone. And know that it is in these struggles that we find Jesus waiting to work in and through us.

Pastor Shaun has the September sermon series in the Chapel. His series is called *The Patriarchs*. 4000 years ago in the Mesopotamian desert, God showed up to a man named Abraham, helping him come to a new understanding of the world, his faith, his identity. God met Abraham where he was and then slowly and patiently began to bring him into a fuller understanding of who He is. And then continued with his son Isaac, and then with his son Jacob. This is the story of the Patriarchs. In the same way, God meets us where we are in life, with all of our experiences, insecurities, imperfections, and then slowly and patiently bring us into a fuller understanding of who He is.

## AWANA PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5TH

It seems like kids hurdle toward adulthood faster each year, and they won't wait for you to introduce them to what God's Word has to say about life. Today, more than ever, children's ministry is vitally important to the local church. The Awana ministry provides the solid foundation that kids need to grow up to become adults who know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Awana can be the tool that can help you raise kids to become spiritual champions and bring new kids and even entire families to our church.

The Awana club here at Five Forks offers different age/grade appropriate programs:

**The Cubbies Program** – 3-4-year-old boys and girls or two years before kindergarten. They meet in room 117 in the children's ministry wing. Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their "Cubbies friends," they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior.

**The Sparks program** – Kindergarten through second-grade boys and girls. They meet in the Multi-purpose Room. The Sparks program zooms in on the details. Kids in Sparks are introduced to Bible characters and events and learn why they are important. Sparks materials focus on helping children learn to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

**The Truth & Training (T&T)** – Third through fifth-grade boys and girls. They meet in their appropriate handbook room in the LFH (Lower Fellowship Hall). The T&T program uses a question and answer format with the answers backed up by Scripture. Students learn that the Bible is true and that they can firmly put their trust in God's Word. T&T materials will help kids love God. As in all Awana programs, there is still an evangelism emphasis, but the materials are beginning to reflect a concentration on discipleship and service.

*Clubber Registration is now open.* All clubbers will need to be registered.

For questions or to pre-register your child, you can contact Commander Jim by phone at 762-2991 or email [jim@fiveforkchurch.org](mailto:jim@fiveforkchurch.org).

Remember club needs to start promptly at 6:45pm... so please don't be late!

## WOW – WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES STARTING SOON!

*The Acts of the Holy Spirit* - You may have heard the book of Acts referred to as "The Acts of the Apostles." I suppose that is technically true. But the reality is, all the apostles did for the Lord was done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Word On Wednesday (and also On Thursday!) this fall, we're going to overview the first part of the book of Acts with exactly that perspective. What was the Holy Spirit doing? How did His work impact the early assembly of believers in Jerusalem? Please plan on joining us!

*It all begins on Wednesday and Thursday, September 5<sup>TH</sup> and 6<sup>TH</sup>, at 7:00 pm, in the chapel! See you there!"*

## LADIES! PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Ladies Bible Study begins *Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00am in the Chapel Wing*

This year, we will be studying the *Gospel of John*. Join us as we "unpack" the Living Word, the Living Water, the Bread of Life, the Light, the Lamb of God and the King of the Kingdom! Learn how our Savior affects our lives today!

We will also have "Connecting Weeks" where we hear testimonies (Jenny Kipe will be Sept. 12), get to know another, inspire and appreciate creativity, learn of other ministries and support and pray for each other.

Come every week, come when you can or watch the *Light on the Hill* for one of our special "Connecting Weeks".

If you have any questions, contact Heidi Payne 717-316-5252, [heidimpayne@gmail.com](mailto:heidimpayne@gmail.com)

## **FIVE FORKS QUILTERS...LET'S MEET TOGETHER TO QUILT!**

We are ready to go again after a summer break! Our first meeting is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>...9:00am – 12:00pm. We meet once a month on the second Monday in the Chapel Wing.

We are inviting all who participated before and are hoping new people will join us. You don't have to be a quilter, just come wanting to learn.

We make quilts to welcome new babies and the Lord is showing us others to encourage. Come enjoy the blessing of sharing with others!

*Questions, please contact Karen Butts at 717-655-7475.*

## **LADIES EXERCISE GROUP**

Exercise is always more fun with a friend/group. So ladies, join us beginning, Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the Chapel basement.

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday, same time, same place.

Note: This is a low-impact exercise class using light weights.

*See you there!*

## **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:

A 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](mailto:smitch466@gmail.com).

*Note: Donations need to be at the church by Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>...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 or stop by the ELO table in the upper lobby this Sunday to purchase your ticket.

## ELO FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

September 21<sup>st</sup> – September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Rhodes Grove Camp

Check-in is at 4:00pm Friday evening and Check out is 11:00am on Sunday for cabins and hotel and 2:00pm for RV and Tent Sites.

Camper Sites, Tent Sites, Cabins, and Hotel Rooms are available.

Kids' Activities include: Slip N' Slide, Duck Derby, and Candy Scramble

Must pre-register online at [www.eloutdoors.com](http://www.eloutdoors.com).

For more information/details, visit [www.eloutdoors.com](http://www.eloutdoors.com).

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>...8:30am

With the many items collected for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes over this past year, we will need to come together to prepare the boxes for shipping. This is a great opportunity to be a part of this ministry. Please plan on joining us, making this a fun exciting morning to bring joy to many children around the world.

Questions, or to sign up, please contact Penny Bakner at 717-830-1614.

If you would like to give a monetary gift to cover shipping costs, please make check payable to Five Forks Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.

Please mark your calendar and plan to come out and join us on *Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*. Snacks will be provided!

## SAVE-THE-DATE...FALL FUN DAY – COMING SOON

Five Forks Church **Fall FUN Day**, including Craft Sale, Yard Sale, and Bake Sale!

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>...8:00am – 3:00pm

## ATTENTION PARENTS

Bible Connection Class will not be meeting this Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. See you on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, August 26

Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)

Café...7:00am – 11:00am

Morning Messages:

	Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Shaun Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Genesis 9:12-13</i>
	Awana Kick-off...11:00am (CW)
Monday, August 27	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
Tuesday, August 28	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
Wednesday, August 29	No Services – Summer Break
Thursday, August 30	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
Sunday, September 2	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: Psalm 42; II Corinthians 12:7-10</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun – <i>Scripture: Genesis 9:12-13</i>

## UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Leonard & Sally Wagaman announce the marriage of their son, Jeremy Wagaman to Michelle Dalton, on July 28, 2018. They were married in Pittsburgh, PA.

## HEALING PRAYERS

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

Amos Keefer  
Jeff Steward

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Tom Stover with the passing of his father, Max Higgins on August 6, 2018 and the passing of his mother, Betty Higgins on August 21, 2018.

## FOOD PANTRY AUGUST "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Canned Meat (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Etc.)  
*(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)*

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

Monetary donations for shipping costs (If donating by check, please make check payable to Five Forks Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.)  
*(Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.)*

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 19	Sunday's Worship Total = 673 8:00 Auditorium = 146 9:30 Auditorium = 272 11:00 Auditorium = 162 11:00 Chapel = 59 Bible Connection = 16 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 18
	Total Sunday School = 257

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

### REGISTER ONLINE!

This year we are launching a new way to sign up for events! To register for any event that requires a permission slip, you can either visit [ffbic.org/ministries/students](http://ffbic.org/ministries/students) or [fiveforks.churchcenter.com](http://fiveforks.churchcenter.com) to fill out our form and even pay online! Any questions? Feel free to ask Kenton Hock! [kenton@ffbic.org](mailto:kenton@ffbic.org)

### Welcome Back Pool Parties

Wednesday, August 29th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) you are invited to the first student ministries event of the year! It's a great opportunity for you to meet some of the other students and leaders who you'll be hanging out with this next year. Middle School will be meeting at the home of Jeff & Beth Reeher (5906 Buttermilk Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268) and High School will be meeting at the home of Chris and Jennifer Bumbaugh (5905 Buttermilk Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268). We'll be swimming (bring a swimsuit: Girls - one piece or tankini... Guys - no speedos) roasting smores on the campfire; playing some games and just getting to know each other. Feel free to invite some friends to join us!

### Kick-off Night & Tailgate Party!

On Wednesday, September 5th (6:45pm – 8:15pm) we'll be meeting at the church for our student ministries "kick-off night and Tailgate Party." We'll be meeting just outside the chapel in the parking lot. You won't be able to miss us...just wind down your window and listen for the music. We'll have all kinds of games set up, including the moon bounce and ga-ga pit.

### Church at the Lake

Sunday, September 9th all students, 6 - 12th grade, will start the day with morning worship, followed by lunch and then activities throughout the day. On the lake, there will be tubing, skiing, swimming, etc. For land lovers, there will be plenty of time for sightseeing, hiking and various picnic type games. We will meet in the High School Sunday school room at 8:00am and return around 8:00pm. Pick up a permission slip or register online today!

### Uprise Fest 2018

Uprise Festival is a two-day event. Your ticket (\$45) includes entry for both days. Please indicate on the permission slip which day(s) you plan to attend. You will need additional money to purchase meals. There will also be Christian related merchandise (music, clothing, etc.), which can be purchased at the festival. The student ministries will provide drinks and light snacks. Turn in permission slip and payment to Kenton Hock by Sunday, September 9th. All tickets after this date will be purchased at the gate for \$60 PER DAY. Pick up a permission slip or register online today!