FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH
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October 16, 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

October Church Board Report

Your Church Board meets the first Thursday of every month (with the exception of July and December). Here is a report from last week's board meeting:

REPORTS

It was reported that our average Sunday morning attendance (year to date) stands at 762, compared to 825 last year at this time. Giving is up $7,000 over last year. Year to date giving stands at $837,286 compared to $830,975 last year at this time.

ACTION

Assignments (such as resetting and tearing down tables) for the 5 nights of the Church Christmas Dinners were divided among Board members.

The Board approved a request to set aside a few weeks to sell more "Five Forks Gear"…attire that contains the church logo and church name. Items will be seasonal (more fall/winter) with the goal of more color choices.

Discussion took place regarding establishing a Paid Leave/Medical Leave of Absence policy and will continue next month.

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This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café…7 – 11am
-Blood Pressure Screening

Morning Messages
Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11am) – Pastor Ray
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Bill
Scripture: I Corinthians 12

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
-Parish Nurse…1-3pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Ladies Exercise Class…1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
-Celebrate Recovery…7-9pm (Chapel)
-GriefShare…7-8:30pm (C2)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
-Ladies Bible Study…9-11am (Chapel Basement)
-AWANA…6:45 – 8:15pm
-Youth…6:45 – 8:15pm (Chapel)
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Aud.)
-Ladies Bible Study…7-8pm (C2)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Ladies Exercise Class…1:30-2:30pm (LFH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
-Singles in the Spirit, volleyball/Game Night…6:30pm (MP)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café Open…7-11am

Morning Messages
Aud. (8am) – Pastor Brian
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Aud. (9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

-Sandy Gray & Friends…6 – 7:30pm (Aud)

October Church Board Report

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The Board set aside the last 2 hours of the meeting to discuss four items of significance: The decline in Sunday morning attendance, financial concerns, staff structure and the anticipated payoff of the loan in March of 2017. Considerable discussion took place surrounding each topic. 1. How much of our Sunday morning decline should be attributed to other options (Sunday sports, camping, etc.) where we still attend, but not as consistently as in the past…and how much is attributable to people no longer attending at all? What would God have us do differently? 2. It appears that some see that the church is $40,000 to $50,000 behind the Spending Plan goal and wonder how the church is able to pay its bills. The board discussed how to communicate more effectively that the Spending Plan goal that appears in the newsletter every week includes $45,000 in extra (voluntary) payments on our loan…and is not a figure that indicates how much we must bring in to meet expenses. 3. The board discussed possible adjustments in staff structure that may provide more accountability on a staff and board level. 4. The board discussed some potential ramifications/benefits of paying off the 20-year loan in a little over 6 years.

Discussion also took place regarding how the board might be able to communicate more effectively with the congregation and vice-versa. These discussions will continue as the board is committed to praying and seeking God's direction for the Five Forks Church.

Your Church Board consists of…

Pastors: *Ray Kipe, Bill Shank, Brian Black, Adam Meredith, Jim Recard, Shaun Kipe*

Congregational Representatives (elected at Annual Council): *Heather Ellerbrock, Matt Nolt, Angie Petersheim, Jeff Stitely, Joel Wenger, Lin Yoder*

Deacon Representatives: *Darwin Chamberlin, Randy Rock*

Grounds & Maintenance Representative: *Eldon Showalter*

Church Treasurer: *Gene Gorman*

**Sandy Gray* serves as the recording secretary.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE (October 9)

Sunday's Worship Total = 682
8:00 Auditorium = 151
9:30 Auditorium = 290
11:00 Auditorium = 181
11:00 Chapel = 31
Bible Connection = 12
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 17

Total Sunday School = 256

Adult Education Attendance = 102
Berean = 17
Golden Link = 30
Through the Bible = 22
The Christian Family Life Class = 18
8:00AM Café Class = 8
Alpha Omega Discussion = 7

Our Church's Financial Health

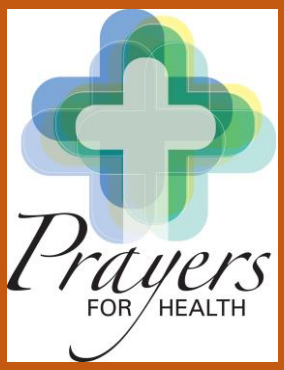
GIVING (October 9)…

Offering = $18,275.00
Weekly Goal = $22,040.00
Total Giving 2016 = $855,561.00
Above/Behind 2016 Goal = ($48,079.00)
Building Fund = $982.00

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for OCTOBER:

Soup

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.



Gary Besecker
Elaine Snider
Frances Zeger

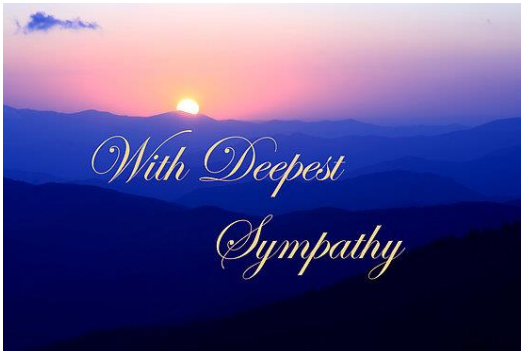
An Evening Of Worshipping Through Music With…

Sandy Gray & Friends

Come, worship with us as we praise the Lord through music!

FREE – No offering lifted

Sunday, October 23…6:00 – 7:30pm in the Aud.



We express our heartfelt sympathy to Roger Mong and family with the unexpected passing of his brother, Billy Mong on October 4, 2016.

We express our deepest sympathy to Lois Kipe with the passing of her husband, Howard Kipe on October 7, 2016

Ruth Witte completed reading through the Bible this year on September 20th. Blessings to you Ruth!

To my Five Forks Family,
The Reichard family would like to thank all of you for your prayers, words of encouragement and hugs these past months since Gerald had his massive stroke and his home going. Also the flowers, visits from the pastors and church people. Although Gerald could not express himself I am sure that he knew you were there. Thanks Pastors Ray and Bill for your part in our Celebration of Life Service. Thanks Hospitality committee for your good meal, may God bless you all.
The Reichard Family

Five Forks Church Family,
Thank you everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, and words of sympathy since the passing of my father. We are truly blessed by such a wonderful and caring church family.
-Michaelann & Marion Spade

Pastor's Luncheon & Tour of the Church

The Pastors would like to invite those who have started attending Five Forks at any point in 2016 to join them for a luncheon that they will be hosting at the conclusion of the morning services on **Sunday, October 30th.**

A light meal will be served, and at its conclusion, we will break down into groups of 6-10 and the pastors will take various groups on a short but informative tour of the church.

We have held these luncheons/tours through the years and they have provided a great opportunity for the pastoral staff to meet and get to know those who are relatively new among us, as well as providing our newcomers with a chance to get to know a little bit about the pastors, their background, their families.

The luncheon will begin at approximately 12:15 in the Multi-Purpose room (Café/Gym). We generally are wrapping things up around 1:45-2:00. It's very casual and always a good time. If you are able to attend, would you please respond so we know how much food to prepare?

You can email Pastor Bill at bill@ffbic.org. Or you can call the church to let us know you're coming: 762-2991. (Children are invited and after lunch can either play in the gym or go on the tour.)

Gospel Tide Holiday Nut Sale

All proceeds go to The Tide International Radio Ministry.

The Tide's mission is to reach people of India and African countries with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Radio ministries and helping to plant churches in these countries with the local pastors.

If you would like to place an order, please fill out an order form which are located at the information tables in the upper and lower lobbies and return, with payment to Joyce Benedict by **Sunday, October 16th.**

If writing a check, please make payable to *The Tide.*

Joyce will notify you when they are available for pickup here at the church. **Approximate** delivery date is the **week** of November 14th. Look for a note in your church mailbox.

Fall Fun Day Bake Sale To Benefit The Bells

The Five Forks Bell Choir and Ensemble are beginning their 8th ringing season. They are raising funds to help cover the cost of some of their annual expenses including music, gloves, and equipment maintenance/repair/replacement.

On Saturday, November 5th from 8am – 3pm, they will be holding a Bake Sale the same day as the Church Craft and Yard Sale. They will be set-up just inside the doors in the lower lobby outside the MP room.

They are in need of home-baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, breads, fudge, etc.) Items can be packaged in single servings or marked to sell whole.

Would you be willing to bake something and bring it to the church on Friday, November 4th by 6pm? If so, please complete the flyer that was placed in your mailbox and return to Judy Reitz's mailbox by Sunday, October 30th. Thanks so much!

Operation Christmas Child

Soon, the holidays will be upon us. And that also means it's time to start thinking about filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

So everyone, let's get shopping, wrapping, and filling those boxes. I encourage you to include your children explaining to them the reason for filling a shoebox. Make it a fun family activity!

If you have any question, please contact Penny Bakner at 717-352-8695.

Happy shopping, wrapping, and filling those shoeboxes!!!

We will need the shoeboxes here at the church by November 6th. There will be a designated drop-off box located in the lower lobby soon.

Children's

HARVEST PARTY

Tired of the Halloween Hoopla of witches and ghouls? Come to the Five Forks Harvest party, where kids play games, have fun, and score lots of candy in an environment that is more pleasing to God.

The Harvest Party is for children 2yrs to 6th grade. This year's event will be held on **Thursday, October 27, from 6:30-8:00pm.**

No Costumes please.

If you are interested in helping this year, please fill out the paper that was placed in your church mailbox and return to Belinda McCulloh's mailbox. We are always in need of volunteers, especially people who are willing to run a game. Want to help but can't run a game? Look for a candy collection box at the children's counter down stairs.

Questions? Contact Belinda McCulloh. Thanks!

Craft /Yard/Bake Sale

Join us on **Saturday, November 5th…8:00am – 3:00pm** for a day of fun, fellowship, food and some great bargains!

Cost to reserve a table for displaying your items is $10 for the first table and $5 for each additional table.

If you would like to reserve a table(s), please fill out the registration form that was placed in your mailbox and return it ***with payment (note: table cannot be held without payment)*** to the following people:

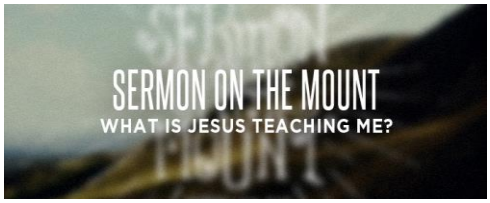
- Yard Sale – Linda Gift
- Craft Sale – Joan Jones

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)***



The Sermon on the Mount: "Knowing Jesus, so we can live like Jesus" - All Wednesday's this fall

We want to invite ALL TEENS (7th-12th grade) to join us starting this September as we kick off youth group with a series called "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT". More than any other person, Jesus is the central figure of our faith. How we choose to live our lives all comes down to what we do with and believe about Jesus. So we invite you to join us each Wednesday night, in the chapel, from 7pm - 8:15pm this fall for a time of worship, games, small group discussions and challenging messages. We want to know Jesus so that we can live like Jesus.

Sr. High Corn Maze - All Sr. High teens (9th - 12th grade), we are heading for Lawyers Moonlight Corn Maze down in Thurmont, MD on Sunday, October 23rd. There are 5 mazes in this one larger corn maze that stretches out over 8.2 miles, with 24 check points that you need to reach. We may also divide into teams and have a friendly competition this year to see who can make

it through the entire maze the fastest. The best part is, bring a flashlight, because we usually end up trying to navigate the corn maze under the moonlit sky, in the dark! Dress warm and wear boots or old sneakers as it gets kind of muddy. In addition to the corn maze, there is a pumpkin canon where you can launch pumpkins several hundred feet at targets across an open field. We will also have a large bonfire, chicken corn soup, hot chocolate and plenty of snacks throughout the evening. You need to bring a 2 liter soda, a permission slip and $6 with you the night of the event. The bus will leave Five Forks at 4pm and return about 9pm.

Small Group Activity Night - Youth group will look a little different on Wednesday, November 2nd. One of the highlights of youth group is small group time: talking about the message from the evening, hanging out with other teens your age and sharing about life. On Wednesday, November 2nd the whole night will be dedicated to you and your small group. Each small group will be planning their own activity that night...some are heading for Sweet Frog, some for the movies, some for dodgeball and food! You plan it with your small group leaders and spend some quality time together with your small group that night! Please make sure you know what time and where your small group is meeting so that you don't miss out.

Mark your calendar now...two more upcoming events to mark on your calendars now. Details coming soon!

- Jr. High Barn Party - Friday, October 28th at the Kipe Farm (10860 Gehr Road)
- All-nighter - All teens invited to a traveling all-nighter party with several other youth groups. Friday, November 11 - Saturday, November 12.