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

Week Of Prayer And Fasting

As many of you are aware, every year the churches of the Brethren in Christ Denomination begin the New Year with a Week of Prayer and Fasting. It will begin on Sunday, January 1st and conclude on Sunday the 8th.

A week long devotional handout has been created by the Allegheny Conference Worship Council with the theme of "What If…".

The handout will be available at the Information Desk in the Auditorium foyer.

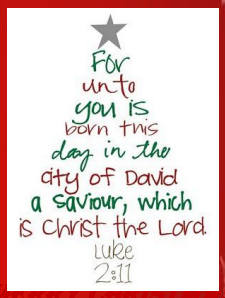
The Bishop of the Allegheny Conference – Rob Patterson – has video-taped a sermon to kick-off the week. This sermon is available at https://youtube/G6yglDQK_sQ for you to view.

The Week of Prayer and Fasting will end on January 8, with a Sacred Assembly from 6 – 7:30 pm at Green Spring BIC Church (Newville, PA). This assembly is a corporate time of prayer, worship and sharing and participants are encouraged to share revelations and experiences by emailing pastordee@hollowellbic.org or posting on the Allegheny Conference Facebook page. Those desiring to share during the Sacred Assembly should contact Dee Martin (pastordee@hollowellbic.org).

Note: Please "like" the Allegheny Conference page [@BICUSAllegheny] on Facebook to stay connected with events and information.
https://www.facebook.com/events/684333121726226/.

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café CLOSED



Morning Messages
Aud. (9:30) – Pastor Bill

Chapel (9:30am) – Pastor Brian

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Celebrate Recovery…7-9pm (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
-No Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Chapel)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café CLOSED

Morning Messages

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun

New Year's Day Services

Please be sure to note the changes for 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.

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.

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.

"Thank You" From The Stevensons

Dear Five Forks Youth and Sunday School,

Thank you so much for your donation to the barangay kids with special needs. It was so fun to do shopping for the 24 kids on our list. Again, I feel like I am doubly blessed as I get to give what you have donated and see the kids smiling faces! We had a fun Christmas party for them and in addition to buying each one a gift, they also got a food basket with everything they need for "Noche Buena" (their traditional Christmas Eve dinner), a new testament, and a children's bible story book.

Because of your generosity, there is money left over which we have put into a ministry fund. We will use this fund as need arises for any of the kids. For example, to fill prescriptions or other medical expenses or for future food care packages. I really can't thank you enough for reaching out with God's love!

Merry Christmas!
Rachel Stevenson

Attendance

ATTENDANCE (December 18)

Sunday's Worship Total = 722
8:00 Auditorium = 142
9:30 Auditorium = 285
11:00 Auditorium = 180
11:00 Chapel = 81
Bible Connection = 16
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 18

Total Sunday School = 316

Adult Education Attendance = 117
Berean = 12
Golden Link = 40
Through the Bible = 15
The Christian Family Life Class = 31
8:00AM Café Class = 8
Alpha Omega Discussion = 5
Men's Resolution Class = 6

Our Church's Financial Health

GIVING (December 18)...

Offering = $22,291.00
Weekly Goal = $22,040.00
Total Giving 2016 = $1,080,166.00
Above/Behind 2016 Goal = ($43,874.00)
Building Fund = $885.00

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for DECEMBER:

Peanut Butter

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.

Congratulations to Karen & Nathan Hawbaker with the birth of their son, Zachary Chase Hawbaker on December 19th. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long.

We express our deepest sympathy to Tim Masters, Joan Jones, and Don Fahrney with the passing of their mother and sister, Ruby Masters on December 15, 2016.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all of our volunteers who worked so hard to provide the Community Christmas Dinners this year.
Our Hospitality Committee in particular put in many hours over the course of five nights, and many other volunteers gave one or more nights as well to help make this annual event a success. Thanks to those of you who invited your family and friends who may not know Jesus or be a part of a church family. Hopefully this is one way the Lord will work in order for your prayers to be answered.
-Your Church Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Five Forks,
Merry Christmas! As we look back on all that God has done here this past year, we are so grateful for your prayers and faithfulness to us and our ministry. In spite of all the chaos and uncertainty around the world, we are seeing God work to fulfill His plan to reach the nations! Thank you for making it possible for us to share the gospel with people from many countries who have never heard it and are longing of the hope and peace that only come from knowing God. Thank you for your consistent support and encouragement over the years! May God continue to bless your ministry in 2017!
Love,
Kevin, Jeanne, Kevin and Sydney King *(we support the Kings through our spending plan)*

To the Five Forks Church Christmas Elves,
We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to ALL the elves that helped to make the Community/Church Christmas Dinners a big success. Starting with the early a.m. person who took the turkeys from the ovens. Next, the morning turkey picking crew, then came the afternoon prep crew and the evening servers. The clean-up and the re-setting crews. Let's not forget all those cookie bakers that supplied a great variety of delicious tasting cookies to share with all. The office elves for taking the reservations and making the seating arrangements along with being the hostesses each evening before the meal. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all,
Bob & Carol Eberly, Dustin & Jenn Bowman

Thank you to "Old Friends" for your special Christmas gift. It meant a lot to me to receive your kindness. God bless you!
-Lois M. Kipe

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.

Rhodes Grove Semi-Annual Scrapbooking Retreat

February 16 – 19, 2017

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

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

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

When? Feb. 16th at 11am to Feb. 19th at 3pm

What? Scrapbooking 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 February 10th…sign up by Feb. 2nd and receive a 10% discount.

In-house supply store available.

To register and for more information, visit www.rhodesgrove.com or email info@rhodesgrove.com

Our Gear Has Arrived!

For those of you who ordered Five Forks Gear a few weeks ago, the apparel arrived at the office and is ready for you to pick up. Office hours are from 8 am until 4 pm. Or you may stop by the office on Sunday morning.

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)***

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!

Tales from the Chapel – Coming to youth group this January! "Once upon a time, in a land far, far way…" "It all began one dark and stormy night…" Everybody loves a good story. And the really good stories are those that invite us to be part of the story. Somehow we actually leave behind the real world we're living in and become part of an adventure. They capture our emotions, make us laugh and cry or sit on the edge of our seats. We especially like those stories that have a twist and throw us for a loop. We think we have the story figured out and then something happens that turns the story upside down. And in the end, even though stories take us to an imaginary place, many of them teach us valuable lessons about living in the real world. This January we invite all teens (7^{th} – 12^{th} grade) to join us at youth group for a series we're calling "Tales from the Chapel." That's right each night at youth group, we'll turn down the lights, gather together and we'll be telling a tale, that will have you on the edge of your seat and take your emotions for a ride. And each time you'll discover that this tale is actually about you, about your life and faith, and the adventure that Jesus has for you!

"Once upon a time…" - These words are the beginning of many good stories! On January 4th all teens (7th – 12th grade) are invited to join us at youth group, in the chapel at 7pm, as we begin a New Year and a new series in youth group. We'll kick off the new season with some food and games as we recover from our holiday break. And then at some point during the evening, we'll hush up, quietly make our way to the basement, turn down the lights and gather for our first story time of the year, previewing our new series.

Planet Wisdom (7th & 8th Grade teens) - All 7-8th Grade Youth are invited to attend Planet Wisdom's 2017 Youth Conference at Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge, VA on Friday, March 3 thru Saturday, March 4. Planet Wisdom is a two-day conference designed to challenge middle school and high school students to dig deeper into the Bible and see their world from God's perspective. Part of the unique experience of Planet Wisdom is the opportunity for our teens to worship alongside several thousand other followers of Christ and to hear from some nationally known youth speakers. This weekend is focused on energizing our teens in their own faith journey. The theme at this year's conference is *FEARLESS (Discovering where my confidence and identity come from).* The cost for Jr. High students at Five Forks is $35. You will need additional money to purchase two meals. There may also be resources and merchandise available to purchase at the conference. Youth Group will cover the cost of late night snacks, transportation and hotel accommodations at a nearby Quality Inn. You will need to pack a change of clothes and toiletries for an overnight stay. Meet at church on Friday at 3:45pm. We will return on Saturday around 7:00pm. Youth Group has reserved tickets and hotel accommodations for the first 20 Jr. High teens who turn in permission slip and payment. Additional tickets and hotel accommodations may be available, but not guaranteed. Please respond ASAP to ensure your spot. Contact Pastor Shaun if you have any questions. You can also visit the following website for more details about the conference:
https://youthspecialties.com/planetwisdom/washington-dc/

Planet Wisdom (9th - 12th Grade teens) - All 9th - 12th Grade Youth are invited to attend Planet Wisdom's 2017 Youth Conference at Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge, VA on Friday, March 3 thru Sunday, March 5. Planet Wisdom is a two-day conference designed to challenge middle school and high school students to dig deeper into the Bible and see their world from God's perspective. Part of the unique experience of Planet Wisdom is the opportunity for our teens to worship alongside several thousand other followers of Christ and to hear from some nationally known youth speakers. This weekend is focused on energizing our teens in their own faith journey. The theme at this year's conference is *FEARLESS (Discovering where my confidence and identity come from).* The cost for Sr. High students is $50. You will need additional money to purchase three meals. There may also be resources and merchandise available to purchase at the conference. Youth Group will cover the cost of late night snacks, a Saturday evening activity, transportation and hotel accommodations at a nearby Quality Inn. You will need to pack a change of clothes and toiletries for two overnight stays. Meet at church on Friday at 3:45pm. We will return on Sunday morning around 10:30am. Youth Group has reserved tickets and hotel accommodations for the first 20 Sr. High teens who turn in permission slip and payment. Additional tickets and hotel accommodations may be available, but not guaranteed. Please respond ASAP to ensure your spot. Contact Pastor Shaun if you have any questions. You can also visit the following website for more details about the conference: https://youthspecialties.com/planetwisdom/washington-dc/