



**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



**2016 Final Figures - \$58,000 in Excess Funds**

Once again the Lord has shown us favor as we ended up 2016 with \$58,000 in excess funds. We will carry over approximately \$25,000 to begin the year as we have done in the past. The Finance Committee will meet in February to determine how to disburse the remaining funds. Every year their goal has been to identify a number of ministries outside the church that we can bless as the Lord has blessed us.

One question that many might be asking is "How can we have over \$50,000 in excess funds when we were running \$40,000 to \$50,000 behind our Spending Plan goal for most of the year?"

We have come to see that the way we report our finances gives an incomplete picture of our true financial status. The number that we have been reporting on a weekly basis in the church newsletter - weekly contributions - is an important part of the picture. But it's just one part of a much bigger picture. For instance, while contributions were coming in under projection, our expenses were also running well under projection throughout the year. In addition to that, money that is contributed but designated for a certain purpose - Debt reduction...Deacon Fund...Food Pantry...Missions - does not get reported/included in the weekly figure that gets reported in the newsletter. The number that we have always reported has been limited to money that is contributed to what is called the General Fund.

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**This Week at Five Forks**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

- Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)
- Café...7-11am
- Blood Pressure Screening

*Morning Messages*

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) - Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) - Pastor Brian

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

- Men's Prayer Group...5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
- Parish Nurse...1-3pm
- Archery...5-10pm (LFH)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

- Men's Prayer Group...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
- Archery...5-10pm (LFH)
- Celebrate Recovery...7-9pm (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

- Ladies Bible Study...9-11am (Chapel Basement)
- Awana...6:45-8:15pm
- Youth...6:45-8:15pm
- Bible Study, Pastor Bill...7pm (Aud.)
- Ladies Bible Study...7-8pm (C2)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

- Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
- Archery...5-10pm (LFH)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

- Archery...5-8pm (LFH)
- Singles in the Spirit, Volleyball and Game Night...6:30pm (MP)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

- Archery...8am - 12pm (LFH)
- Children's Basketball...9am (MP)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

- Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)
- Café...7-11am

*Morning Messages*

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) - Pastor Ray

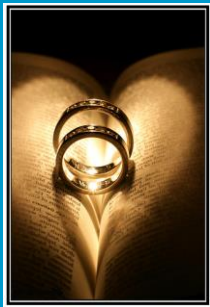
Chapel (11:00am) - Pastor Brian

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This year, in an effort to provide you with a more complete picture of our financial situation, we will be making a change in how we report. Rather than reporting on a weekly basis we'll begin reporting on a monthly basis, but with much more information. Church leadership receives a monthly "Treasurer's Report" which provides us with a complete picture of our income, expenses and designated giving. We will begin to provide these important numbers to you as well. Throughout the year we will also provide you with current figures regarding funds that are held in a Contingency Fund and in our Benevolent Fund.

Thank you for your financial support of the church in 2016! Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us, and pray that He will give us the wisdom necessary to be excellent stewards of the resources He provides.

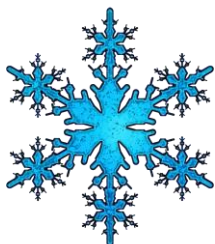
### *Roxbury Camp's Couples Retreat*



"Romance at Roxbury", will be held on February 10 - 12, 2017. This will be a special weekend to reconnect with our spouse, grow together in Christ, and enjoy fellowship with other couples. Jon & Sandy Grimshaw will be speaking on the theme "Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done."

Cost is \$150/couple, which includes BCC lodging, meals and program.

Please register by calling 717-532-2208 or email [programming@roxburgcamp.com](mailto:programming@roxburgcamp.com) or online [www.roxburycamp.com](http://www.roxburycamp.com).



## Attendance

### *ATTENDANCE (January 8)*

#### **Sunday's Worship Total = 733**

8:00 Auditorium = 136  
9:30 Auditorium = 296  
11:00 Auditorium = 226  
11:00 Chapel = 51  
Bible Connection = 13  
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 11

#### **Total Sunday School = 290**

Adult Education Attendance = 117  
Berean = 10  
Golden Link = 41  
Through the Bible = 20  
The Christian Family Life Class = 33  
8:00AM Café Class = 8  
Alpha Omega Discussion = 0  
Men's Resolution Class = 5

Wednesday Eve. (Jan. 11) = 317

### Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for JANUARY:

Soup

*Place donations in the orange tub  
in the lower lobby.*



Bob Boswell  
Joyce Hade  
Amy Hansen  
Paul Myers  
Lois Shafer  
Evan Smith



We express our deepest sympathy to Jane Yoder with the passing of her mother, Maxine Swartz on January 5, 2017.

## Girls' Day Out Women's Conference

-sponsored by Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Step Into the Life God Has for You.  
Trusting God can be scary and hard to do but you will be blessed when you follow Him.

Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>... 9am - 3:30pm

Calvary Bible Church  
3845 Buchanan Trail W.  
Greencastle, PA

Guest Speaker: Diane Swan from SevenSwansMinistries.org, professional Christian counselor, speaker, and writer. Diane is passionate about using her God-given gifts to assist ladies in living victorious lives in Christ.

Admission by donation to Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Come early! Registration, browsing and continental breakfast begin at 8:00am

RSVP by January 18<sup>th</sup>...  
Online at [pregnancyministries.org/events](http://pregnancyministries.org/events) or call 717-267-3738.



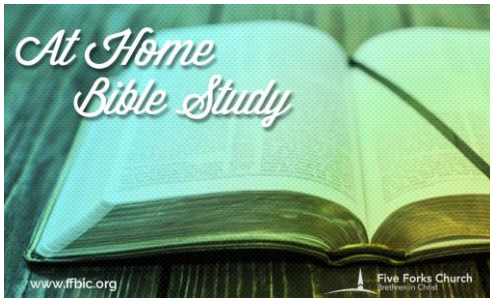
Dear Five Forks Church Family,  
Thank you for the flowers, sympathy cards, and prayers during the unexpected passing of my brother Rob Biesecker. I also want to thank Bob Tengler for his phone call and for those of you who attended Rob's viewing. I know it was an extremely long line, but I appreciated your hugs and familiar faces. In Christian Love,  
Ruth Witte



Mary Motz completed reading through her Bible in a year on January 8, 2017. Blessings to you Mary!







## 2017 Spring Semester Begins Week of February 20<sup>th</sup>

### Work At Your Pace

You do the lessons at home at your convenience and at your pace. You will receive one new lesson per week.

### Choose How You Receive The Lessons

You may receive and return the lessons via email, through your church mailbox or we will mail them to your home and you return them to Julie Tiedemann's mailbox or to the church office when completed.

After completing the series, you will be given a "Certificate of Completion".

### Courses Available This Semester:

- II Corinthians (10 lessons)
- Exodus – Part II (10 lessons)
- Hebrews (14 lessons)
- Genesis – Part I (12 lessons)
- Proverbs (12 lessons)
- Acts (14 lessons)
- Amos (10 lessons)
- Paul's Prison Epistles – Part II, Colossians & Philippians (10 lessons)

To sign up, please complete the registration form that was placed in your mailbox or contact Julie at the church office by Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

***These studies are a great way to dig deeper into God's Word!***

## *Isn't the Church Directory Great?*

I use it all the time..to find an email address, phone number, etc. And as much as I appreciated the "Church Directory Book" that comes out every year in January, what I use now is the PDF version that Julie (our office administrator) sends to me every time she updates the directory (which occurs several times a year).

I simply drag the PDF file that she sends me onto my computer and whenever I need information, I can just open it up and know that I have the most recent information available (because email addresses and phone numbers are constantly changing).

**Note:** If you see any changes/updates/corrections that need to be made to your contact information, please let Julie know by calling the church office 762-2991 or emailing [office@fiveforkschurch.org](mailto:office@fiveforkschurch.org).

-Pastor Bill

## *Protecting our children*

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!** . . . for all who work with children and youth to update your annual "Worker Agreement" form. When you first signed up to work with children or youth here at Five Forks Church, there was a process you went through in order to meet the requirements of our Child Abuse Prevention Policy.

This included filling out some forms and meeting face to face with one of the pastors for a short interview and approval for service. Once you completed this process, once a year we simply need to have you fill out the Worker Agreement form. This gives you opportunity to update any information you have provided in the past.

This green form will be in your church mailbox this week. Please take a minute or two to complete it and return it to the church office or to the mailbox of Margaret Bumbaugh.

We would be grateful if you complete and return this form as soon as possible, so Margaret does not need to invest hours in following up with reminders. Thanks to all who invest hours of time and energy working with our children. Thanks for your efforts in helping to keep our children safe.

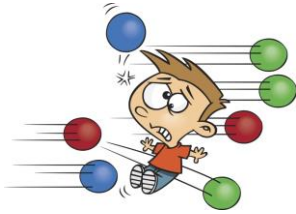


Below is a list of events and activities that the youth are assisting with, participating in or will be invited to be part of:

"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)

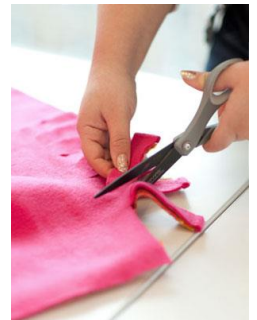
Tales from the Chapel – Coming to youth group this January! "Once upon a time, in a land far, far way..." "It all began one dark and stormy night..." Everybody loves a good story. And the really good stories are those that invite us to be part of the story. Somehow we actually leave behind the real world 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<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Dodgeball & Pizza!** - All 7th & 8th grade guys...Are you ready for some dodgeball & pizza?! I know most Sunday's you sit around watching football, doing your homework, bored out of your mind! So join us on Sunday, January 22nd (11am - 2pm) for dodgeball, basketball, floor hockey in the gym. Here's the plan...Sunday school comes first. After Sunday school (11am) we'll head up to the gym to help clean up the café

and we'll order some pizza. After pizza, we'll break out the dodgeballs and basketballs and if we have time we'll throw in a little floor hockey or home run derby in the gym. No permission slip necessary for this event. Invite a friend and join us. \*You MUST be picked up at the church at 2:00pm!

**Fleece & Pizza** - All 7th & 8th grade girls are invited to join us for fleece and pizza on Sunday, January 22nd! Immediately after Sunday school (11am) we'll head up to the gym and help clean up the cafe. Then we'll order some pizza and enjoy a meal with the Jr. High Guys. And after we finish up with our pizza we'll head down to the children's wing to make our famous fleece blankets. Feel free to invite a friend and join us for some girl time! No permission slip necessary for this event. You can be picked up at the church at 2pm!



**Snow Tubing** - All Jr. High teens are invited to join us on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> as we take Sunday school on the road for our annual trip to Ski Liberty for snow tubing! That's right nothing more thrilling than peering over the edge of an icy ledge and then jumping with nothing but an inner tube to catch your fall as you go tearing down the mountain! We'll meet at the church at

8:45am, fill up on those delicious donuts from the cafe and then we'll load the bus and head to Boulder Ridge. Before the exhilaration of the mountain we'll all gather together for a devotional, talk about where God may show up on that mountain and then we'll tube from 10am - Noon. You must have a permission slip and a Ski Liberty Parent Release form completed in order to participate. Permission slips are due on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> and the cost for this event is \$20. Once we've had enough, we'll load the bus and be back to the church by 12:45pm for pick up!



[Planet Wisdom \(7th & 8th Grade teens\)](https://youthspecialties.com/planetwisdom/washington-dc/) - All 7-8<sup>th</sup> 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/>



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