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# February 26, 2017

**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

## *We Welcome Josh Roach to Five Forks!*

Many of you are aware that the Church Board invited Josh Roach to come and lead our time of worship and praise this past Sunday morning. This past Monday evening a special board meeting was called in order to discuss and decide whether to extend an offer to Josh to fill the position of Worship Director here at Five Forks. After a good and thorough discussion the board voted and strongly approved (with one dissent) a motion to extend this offer to Josh. Josh has accepted this offer and we will begin working with him on determining a starting date.

We realize this is no small decision for our church, and we do not take it lightly. At our Annual Council meeting last month, I *(Bill)* recall saying at one point that "Growth means change and change means risk."

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## This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Express Café, Coffee & Donuts Only… 7-11am

*Morning Messages*

Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
-Parish Nurse…1-3pm
-Archery…5-10pm (LFH)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
-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, MARCH 1
-Ladies Bible Study…9-11am (Chapel Basement)
-Awana…6:45-8:15pm
-Youth…6:45-8:15pm
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Aud.)
-Ladies Bible Study…7-8pm (C2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Ladies Exercise Class…1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
-Archery…5-10pm (LFH)
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7-8pm (Chapel)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
-Five Forks Fellowship…9am (Chapel)
-Archery…5-8pm (LFH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
-Archery…8am – 12pm (LFH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café….7-11am

*Morning Messages*

Aud. (8am) – Pastor Brian

Aud. (9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian

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Growth: We envision the Lord working through Josh to enhance the depth of worship in our hearts and lives as individuals and as a church.

Change: Bringing Josh onto the staff presents a new dynamic not only for the existing staff, but for the entire congregation as well.

Risk: While many on the board – and in our congregation - are very optimistic about the contributions that Josh will be able to make, there is always risk involved when making such a significant change. This would be a similar risk to the one that the congregation assumed when I was hired (or any of the pastors for that matter).

We are aware of concerns that some of our musicians/vocalists may have. These are concerns that any of us would have when it directly impacts us and our role (our ministry) here at Five Forks. It's been our desire to be clear that whoever is hired for this position is not being brought in to take over and do everything, but instead to work with our musicians/vocalists to help everyone grow. We anticipate learning from Josh even as Josh learns from us.

I speak for the board in expressing appreciation for the comments and feedback that we received this past Sunday. And as could be expected within a large and diverse congregation there was a wide range of feedback with differing opinions. Each of us have certain expectations for what "we are looking for in this position" and we recognize no one person would be able to fulfill each of our expectations perfectly. The feedback highlighted significant areas where Josh is gifted and can move us forward in worship, as well as identifying opportunities for further development. We believe Josh possesses many of those critical skills we are looking for but also has the wisdom and humility to recognize and grow in his areas of weakness as he becomes personally familiar with our church family.

As you pray for our church, please pray for Josh and his wife Laura as they prepare to make this transition. Know that they expressed great appreciation for the manner in which they were greeted and how they were made to feel welcome this past Sunday. Thank you for loving them and for your love for this church.

God is good!

## Attendance

*ATTENDANCE (February 19)*

**Sunday's Worship Total = 764**
8:00 Auditorium = 153
9:30 Auditorium = 340
11:00 Auditorium = 211
11:00 Chapel = 36
Bible Connection = 13
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 11

**Total Sunday School = 275**

Adult Education Attendance = 105
Berean = 11
Golden Link = 27
Through the Bible = 17
The Christian Family Life Class = 30
8:00AM Café Class = 10
Alpha Omega Discussion = 5
Men's Resolution Class = 5

Wednesday Eve. (Feb. 22) = 300

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

Canned Fruit

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

## *Top Bluegrass Band Coming to Five Forks*

"The Farm Hands" from Nashville, Tennessee will be in concert here at Five Forks Church on Sunday evening, March 26th.

Veterans of the Grand Ole Opry, they have been named…

- 2016 Vocal Group of the Year
- 2015's Entertainer of the Year
- 2015's Bluegrass Gospel Band of the Year

Uplifting and entertaining, they have won a Grammy Award for Album of the Year and belong to the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. Sounds like a concert you won't want to miss!

There is no charge for admission, but a love offering will be received.

The concert begins at 6pm, see you there!

*Hosted by: The Women's Ministry of King St. Church*

**Saturday, April 8th…10am – 5:35pm** (doors open at 9am for check-in and breakfast).
Lunch is at 12:30pm. A full schedule is available at www.kingstreetchurch.com/women.

**Cost:** $25 early-bird rate by March 25; $30 after March 25. Fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

You may register online or pick-up a registration form on the table in the lower lobby.

## *Protecting our children*

In early January, an ***'Annual Worker Agreement'*** form was placed in your church mailbox if your name was listed on the current list of children/youth workers here at Five Forks Church.

When you initially volunteered to work with children/youth, you filled out some forms, submitted your current PA background clearances, and met face to face with one of the pastors for a short interview and approval for service. Once you completed this process, once a year you simply need to fill out the ***Worker Agreement form***. This gives you opportunity to update information that was provided in the past.

**THANKS TO THE 231 VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR UPDATE FORM.**

If you did not receive a form and feel you need to fill one out, please pick one up at the information areas on either level. Take a minute or two to complete it and return it to the church office or to Margaret Bumbaugh's mailbox.

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.

Prayers FOR HEALTH

Dixie Layton

## *Operation Christmas Child Update*

Now that we are into the New Year, I thought we would try something **new** for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

We are looking to do a ***"Product of the Month"***. We would have you bring in items from a list provided each month. A donation box will be down in the lower lobby wrapped in Christmas paper for everyone to place their items. Then early in November, we will have a packing party to fill lots of shoeboxes.

Keep an eye on the Light on the Hill for the ***"Product of the Month"***.

**March Product of the Month**: pencils, sharpeners, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks, scissors.

Let's work together and make this a big success for the children who benefit from the Christmas shoeboxes!

I want to thank each and every one of you who helped move my furnishings from storage to my apartment on December 1, 2016. A special thank you to Sandy Gray, my very good friend for getting me the help. I had no one to turn to for help with this move, so I can't thank you enough. You're all special people and I am very thankful to you. May God bless all of you!
-Darla Schroyer

## *Volunteers Needed for C.A.P.P. (Child Abuse Prevention Patrol)*

Some of you may wonder what C.A.P.P does. Every Sunday morning and Wednesday during the times when children are cared for apart from their parents, we have two-person teams patrolling our buildings and parking lots making sure our children are safe.

We are in immediate need of additional volunteers (both men and women). You choose what suits your schedule best to serve… either on Sunday and/or on Wednesday evenings during the months of September – April when Awana meets.
Times for serving:
Sunday, 2nd hour (9:30 – 10:30)
Sunday, 3rd hour (11:00 – 12:00)
Wednesday Evening, (6:45 – 8:15)

If you feel this is an area where you would like to serve, please email Margaret at the church office margaret@fiveforkschurch.org or call 762-2991. She can answer any questions you may have.

## *Upcoming Concert*

**The Greenville College Choir will join Five Forks Church on Sunday, March 12th for morning worship services, as well as provide a free concert at 6:00pm in the auditorium as part of its 90th anniversary season.**

The choir is the flagship choral ensemble of Greenville College, a Free-Methodist liberal arts college in Greenville, IL. Founded in 1927 by Dr. Robert W. Woods, the Greenville Choir has attained a widespread reputation for performing sacred choral music of the highest quality.

In the past several years, the Greenville College Choir has been invited to perform with the Kingsbury Ensemble (one of the Midwest's premier professional early music ensembles), as well as at the Illinois Music Educators Conference and the American Choral Directors Association's Central Division Convention. The Choir regularly joins with the Greenville Choral Union for concerts of larger choral-orchestral works such as Bach's *Magnificat*, Mozart's *Requiem,* and the annual Christmas performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

## *Five Forks…*

Saturday, March 18th

Speaker: "Team Fitzgerald"

Doors open at 4pm
Catered meal being served from 5-6:30pm

Cost: $12 (adults and 12 years old and over)
$6 (under 12 years old)

Tickets available now in the church office.

Pies Needed:
Though we are selling tickets to this dinner, it is not a fundraiser. It is an outreach ministry. While the tickets cover most of our expenses, we need your help in providing pies to serve as dessert.

Would you consider baking and donating a pie(s)? If so, please fill out the request flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Sandy Gray's mailbox or you may contact her at 717-762-9513, maxsan@embarqmail.com.

Pies may be delivered to the church kitchen on Saturday, March 18th during the hours of 9am – 12pm.

## *2 New Sermon Series Beginning Next Sunday*

Holy Spirit in Our Midst
Pastor Brian
March 5th and 12th (8:00 in the Auditorium)
March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (11:00 in the Chapel)

We often think of the Holy Spirit, when we think of Him at all, in terms of ministering to us personally. We say things like, "The Spirit led me", or, "The Spirit spoke to me", as though it were just the two of us.

There is a sense, of course, in which the Spirit does minister to individuals. But if the personal connection is the sum of our understanding about the Holy Spirit, we miss out on His full ministry in our midst. By one Holy Spirit, we have all been baptized into the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). Thus, our individuality ought to be engaged for the good of that whole Body. Frankly, anything less than that is disobedience, for focusing only on a personal relationship with the Spirit thwarts, or "quenches", His broader focus on the Church.

The New Testament does not teach us that we are on a "personal journey" in this life. Such language arises out of our vigorously independent, "I-can-do-this-myself", culture. The New Testament treats believers as being part of one another in a cooperative, corporative Body called the Church. And it is the Holy Spirit who bonds us together.

During the month of March, we will therefore be looking at what the Bible says about the Spirit's ministry in and through the Church. Hope you can join with me as we explore the Holy Spirit's ministry in our midst. – Pastor Brian

Finding Intimacy With God – The Practice of Prayer
Pastor Ray
March 5th and 12th (9:30 and 11:00 in the Auditorium)

Every one of us has a need for intimacy. "There is a restlessness deep within each of us that compels us to search for the person, the place, the 'god', that will fill the void and give us peace." (Healed) The opposite of finding this is loneliness.

The Scriptures reveal a God, who created this vast universe, and everything in it, but at the same time desires to have, and provides a means by which he will have, an intimate relationship with his most treasured creation – you and me.

Just as conversation between two people fosters intimacy in their relationship, prayer is one means by which we find intimacy with God. For two weeks we will talk about prayer. Psalm 61; Psalm 63; Psalm 46.

## *Calling All Wood Cutters!*

We are looking for volunteers who can help cut and haul wood this Saturday, February 18th and Saturday, February 25th from 7:00am until 11:00am.

Things to bring: chainsaws; trucks and trailers for hauling.

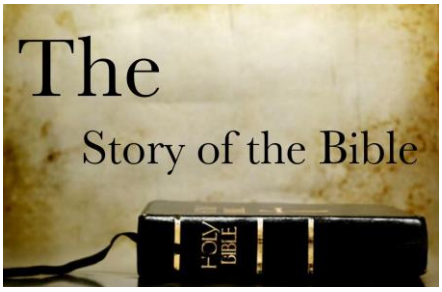
***If you are able to help, please contact Mike Hawbecker (717-729-0385) for the address. Thank you!***

# 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 Story of the Bible: For thousands of years, peoples, cultures, societies have been telling stories about "the way the world works." Trying to explain…how did the world come into existence? Why did the world come into existence? Where did we (humans) come from? Why are we here? What is our purpose? And which story you believe makes a huge difference in how you live your life, what you think about your life, how you treat the people around you. So all teens (7th – 12th grade) are invited to join us every Wednesday night at youth group over the next few months as we look at understanding our story…the "Story of the Bible" and why this story has the best answers to those most important questions!

Laser Tag – Yep I know, you've been waiting for that chance to take down someone else in youth group. Sneak up on them when they least expect it, surprise them, scare them from behind, take them down from across the room…so now is your

chance! All Senior High teens (9th – 12th grade) are invited to join us on Sunday, February 26th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm as we bring Laser Tag to the gym at church. Tactical Laser Tag will bring all of the necessary equipment, go over safety instructions and including a game official and we'll divide up into teams, devise some strategy and spend a few hours playing laser tag. There is no cost for this event but you do need to fill out a waiver. Invite a friend and join us for some good times!

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/

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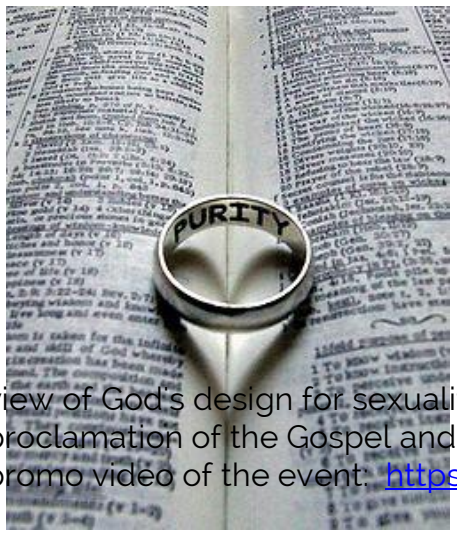
cost of late night snacks, a Saturday evening activity, transportation and hotel accommodations at a nearby Quality Inn. You will need to pack a change of clothes and toiletries for two overnight stays. Meet at church on Friday at 3:45pm. We will return on Sunday morning around 10:30am. Youth Group has 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/




The Silver Ring Thing – Antrim Church is hosting a teen purity event called the Silver Ring Thing on Friday, March 17 (7:00pm – 9:00pm). The SRT Team is a team of 12 single young adults who share with the teens how God has lead them to the pursuit of purity in their own lives. During the show they cover issues of dating, relationships, God's standard and forgiveness offered to those who feel they have 'gone too far.' They also have a parents session incorporated into their show to equip parents with resources to be involved in their teens lives as they develop a healthy view of God's design for sexuality in their lives. One of the highlights is their unashamed proclamation of the Gospel and watching the response from the teens. Below is a link to a promo video of the event: https://www.silverringthing.com/videos

Several of our teen small groups from Five Forks have expressed interest in attending this event. Five Forks teens interested in attending will meet at Five Forks church at 6:30pm and drive over to Antrim church together. And return back to Five Forks church at approximately 10:30pm for pick up. If you and/or your teen are interested in attending please make sure to fill out the appropriate permission slip and turn it in to Pastor Shaun by Sunday, March 12th so that we can make sure we have adequate transportation.

Archery Dinner Clean-up Crew – All teens 7th – 12th grade are encouraged to sign up to help clean up after the churches annual archery sportsmen's dinner on Saturday, March 18th. This is a simple and great way to serve the archery ministry. We'll meet at the church at 6:45pm and clean up all of the tables, chairs, trash cans etc. down in the gym. We should be done cleaning up by 7:45pm.