FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH
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September 10, 2017

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

Five Forks Church Baptism Service

Sunday morning, October 15th during the church services, you can choose to get baptized. (8am, 9:30am, 11am)

H2O… plain old, ordinary, common, everyday… water! We use water all the time. We use water to wash our bodies, to brush our teeth, to clean our cars and to flush our toilets. We drink it, cook with it, and swim in it. 83% of our blood, 70% of our brains and 90% of our lungs are made of water!

Interestingly, Jesus tells his followers to take this very common and ordinary thing and cover their bodies with it for HIS sake… it's called baptism. The symbolism carries various meanings. But essentially it's our way of associating our lives with Jesus. When Jesus was leaving to go back into heaven (Matthew 28), the last command he gave his followers was, "Go and make disciples baptizing them in my name." Baptism is like saying, "I am a follower of Jesus and I am not ashamed about it. I want to be known as one who loves God. I realize that I am sinful and in need of cleansing and I believe that Jesus and his community are the ones that offer that cleansing. I am now a part of that group."

This is not something we take lightly. This is a serious commitment. People in the early church could be kicked out of the synagogue, they could lose their jobs, they could wind up in prison, even lose their lives over baptism. *(continued on page 2)*

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-EXPRESS CAFE…7-11am
-Blood Pressure Screening

Morning Messages
Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray
Scripture: Spring – Isaiah 35

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian
Scripture: Revelation 2: 8-11

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
-Parish Nurse…12:30-2:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)…café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
-Ladies Bible Study… 9:00-11:30am (Chapel)
-Awana…6:45-8:15pm
-Youth…7:00-8:15pm
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Aud.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Chapel)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
-Singles In The Spirit…6:30pm (MP)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-CAFE…7-11am

Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray
Scripture: Zechariah 8

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian
Scripture: Revelation 3: 7-13

Jesus was sent to a cross… in the early church when you got baptized you were saying, "I am a follower of that guy."

Baptism, in one sense is just water, but in another sense it is a HUGE, powerful, life-changing commitment. In your journey of faith it is something you will look back on and say, "That's the day I put a stake in the ground for Jesus"…it's when you stand up and tell the entire world, "I am not ashamed of Jesus, I am his follower."

So on Sunday, October 15th we want to invite you to take that incredible step and we'll celebrate with you as a church! Anybody interested in getting baptized needs to contact Pastor Shaun as soon as possible at shaun@ffbic.org or 717-762-2991. We have an interview sheet for you to fill out and we'd also like to sit and talk with you about your decision to get baptized and set up a time to video record your testimony.

Five Forks Membership Service

If you have made the decision to follow Jesus and you have been baptized and you see yourself as a committed part of the Five Forks Church, we would like you to consider becoming a member at Five Forks. The membership service will be held on Sunday, October 22nd during the church services. If you are interested in hearing more about membership at Five Forks, please contact Pastor Shaun at shaun@ffbic.org or 717-762-2991.

When The Storms Rage Paint Night Fundraiser

Come and join us for a fun night of painting and fellowship!!
Friday evening, Sept. 29 from 6 to 8pm, here at Five Forks.
When The Storms Rage is hosting a paint night fundraiser to help offset the cost of our upcoming mini-conference. It's such a fun night, our instructor plays worship music while we paint and it's so relaxing! Cost is $30 a person and seats are limited to 40 people. For more information or for tickets you can contact Jodi Martin at 717-352-3105 or email whenthestormsrage@gmail.com .
Light refreshments will be served.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE (September 3)

Sunday's Worship Total = 675
8:00 Auditorium = 167
9:30 Auditorium = 301
11:00 Auditorium = 140
11:00 Chapel = 40
Bible Connection = 13
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 14

Total Sunday School = 293

Adult Education Attendance = 99
Berean = 15
Golden Link = 32
Through the Bible = 17
The Christian Family Life Class = 27
8:00AM Café Class = 3
Alpha Omega Discussion = 0
Men's Resolution Class = 5

Wednesday Eve. (Aug. 30) = 277

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for SEPTEMBER:

Canned Meat
(Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.

Operation Christmas Child "Item of the Month" for SEPTEMBER:

Dolls, Small Pillow (to cuddle), Small Stuffed Toys (no animals- *it can't be anticipated whether the animal is sacred, considered unclean, or has something associated with it in the cultures that affiliate animals with the spirit world.)*

Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.

WHAT WILL YOUR ROLE BE?

As our Church Board continues to define our purpose as a local church, we look to build "Community Within" through our annual Church Auction. Our vision is to make this event one that draws people together, allows people to use their talents and gifts to glorify God, and ultimately gets our youth group closer to having their own space to worship and draw near to God. We see this event as an opportunity to move from "attending church" to "being the church".

As such, we believe there is a role to play for each person who attends Five Forks. Please prayerfully consider which of the following roles God may be calling you or your family to fulfill:

Donator: You can make or do something to donate to sell at the auction. It could be a blanket, a cake, a dinner, babysitting, cleaning, handyman work, scrapbooking, furniture, artwork, yard work, or something else. Maybe you don't feel gifted in that way, but God has blessed you financially and you can buy and donate gift cards, tickets, or vacation rentals. If neither of these fit, you could possibly ask the businesses that you visit if they would be willing to donate an item to our auction. The sky's the limit!

Volunteer: Planning and executing the auction will take a lot of work. Maybe you have some extra time that allows you to volunteer to help in the planning or even in helping everything to run smoothly the night of the auction. This year we are hoping to allow more families to participate in the auction by offering childcare. We are planning to present a movie in the chapel for children to watch. Maybe you have your clearances and could help in this area. Or maybe you could help monitor and run the silent auction. There are plenty of possibilities. Just let us know you are able to help and we can find a spot for you!

Buyer: We hope that you will all consider attending the night of the auction to bid on items in both the live auction and the silent auction. Even if none of the items on the auction list appeal to you, please join us to have dinner and share in fellowship as we draw the church together.

If you are willing to donate or volunteer, please let Melissa Mitchell know by calling 717-749-5410 or emailing smitch466@embarqmail.com.

Financial Update – August 2017

GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH

Balance August 1, 2017 - **$90,074.61**

August Contributions = $99,085.31

August 6 = $18,436 August 13 = $25,572
August 20 = $18,154 August 27 = $14,334

August Expenses = $112,126.05

Balance August 31, 2017 = $**77,033.87**

Note: We continue to carry an unusually high balance (normal would be around $20,000) due – in part – to the fact that we have budgeted for a staff position that has yet to be filled. This means expenses are coming in under expectation.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR

Weekly goal = $21, 211
Year To Date Goal = $742,385
Year To Date Actual = $732,125
Over/Under YTD Goal = -$10,260

SPECIAL ACTIVITES FUND

Balance August 1, 2017 = $215,663.70
August Income = $21,015.05
August Expenses = $17,118.34
Balance August 31, 2017 = $219, 560.41

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance August 31 = $158,677.88

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2017 = $246,084.00
2017 Gains = $20,483.41
Balance August 31, 2017 = $266,567.41

September Sermon Series

"The Man for All Seasons"
What is your favorite season? Why is it your favorite? What do you do during your favorite season?

Seasons are necessary. Here we have winter, spring, summer and fall. In Zambia we had rainy season and dry season. All the seasons are necessary for the earth to flourish.

One could understand life, in particular our spiritual lives using our four seasons. There are times when we soar – exhilarated – after an Uprise event, or a special service. At other times God seems silent, and even absent. Our souls seemed weighed down to the point we are sure we are ready to give up.

Then there is everything in between, bland ordinariness, work we don't love or hate, health neither brilliant nor dismal, circumstances challenging but not debilitating.

At the heart of our spiritual lives, for those of us who call ourselves Christ followers, is a man, Jesus. "He is the Man for all seasons of life: overflowing with joy, intimate with sorrow, hospitable to sinners, tempted in all ways, innocent of all wrongdoing, at home in lonely places, the life of the party and more." (Buchanan)

During the month of September we want to get to know Jesus better as we consider how he interacts with us in all of the seasons of our souls we find ourselves in.

Scripture:
September 10 – Spring – Isaiah 35
September 17 – Summer – Zechariah 8
September 24 – Fall – Galatians 6

From Your Parish Nurse

The next Alzheimer's support group meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 2pm in the Bryson Room at the Colestock Center in Quincy Village.

The speaker will be a pharmacist who will speak on medication used for Alzheimer's.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions you may contact Barb Tengler at 717-762-3372.

Rhodes Grove Disc Golf Course

Youth Open Play – 6th – 12th Grade

September 12th…6-8pm
September 19th…6-8pm
October 9th…1-4pm
October 21st…1-4pm

- All skill levels welcome.
- Instruction will be provided as needed.
- Discs can be borrowed.
- Bring your friends out for an awesome new sport.

Questions, conctact Rhodes Grove at 717.375.4162 or email tim@rhodesgrove.com.

Nikki Bernhardt

The Wanna B's
Ladies Exercise Group

Exercise is always more fun with a friend/group. So ladies, join us beginning ***Tuesday, September 12th 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!!

A long overdue Thank You to Marlin Witter for his handiwork in constructing a cross for the chapel stage some months ago. Recently, he also built a stand for the communion table to better display the Bible. A stand was also placed in the auditorium to display that Bible.

We, the Chapel Decorators, are very appreciative of your expertise and willingness to share your God given gift to assist us with our projects. Thank you so much!!! - Chapel Decorators

Fall Semester Begins Week of September 18th

Work At Your Pace
You Do The Lessons At Home At Your Convenience And At Your Pace.
You 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:

I CORINTHIANS. . . . . 10 Lessons
I Corinthians is an interesting study of church life. It deals with the divisions, disorders, and difficulties that were occurring in the church at Corinth. There is much we can learn as individuals, and as a church as we study Paul's letter to them.

EXODUS - PART I . . . . . 11 Lessons
This course will take you through the first half of the Book of Exodus. Exodus describes two key events in the history of the people of Israel - the Exodus from Egypt and the Ten Commandments given by God.

GENERAL BIBLE KNOWLEDGE . . . . . 12 Lessons
It is a good course to take if you have never taken any "At Home Bible Study Courses" or just want to gain some knowledge of various parts of the Bible.

GENESIS - PART II . . . . . 13 Lessons
These lessons continue the study of Genesis and cover chapters 25-50.

JAMES . . . . . 5 Lessons
James is a very practical, down to earth book, to help you in your daily life. If you don't want to tackle a 12-week series of lessons, you may want to try this "mini-series".

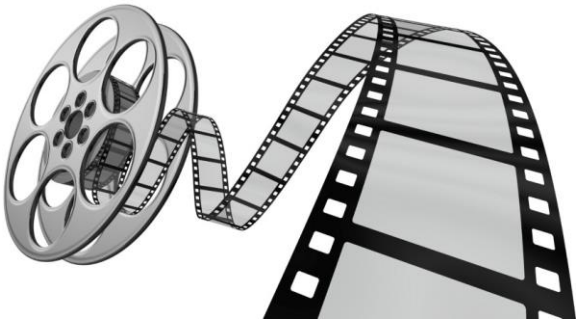
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN… … 12 lessons
This course will take you through the complete book of the Gospel of John and will help you fall deeper in love with Jesus.

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLES PART I (Ephesians & Philemon). . . . . 8 Lessons
Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon were written by the Apostle Paul when he was under house arrest in Rome. They are often called Paul's Prison Epistles. This series will cover Ephesians and Philemon. These two Books will educate, challenge and inspire you to become more and more like Jesus.

MIRACLES PERFORMED BY GOD… … 12 lessons
These lessons will focus on some miracles that God has performed. These lessons will be interesting and challenging.

I & II PETER… … 9 lessons
In I Peter the theme is suffering and the Christian method of meeting it. It contains a message of hope for all believers. In II Peter, we will be looking at the importance of remaining true to our faith and the danger of false teachers.

To sign up, please fill out the registration flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Julie Tiedemann's mailbox or the church office or contact Julie at 762-2991 or julie@ffbic.org or office@ffbic.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night At Five Forks

"The Case for Christ"

The movie *The Case for Christ* will be shown here at the church on Sunday evening, October 8th starting at 6:00pm.

This movie depicts the true story of journalist, Lee Strobel, whose life was exactly where he expected to be at work: on top. His award-winning investigative reporting recently earned him a promotion to legal editor at the *Chicago Tribune*. But things weren't going nearly as well at home where his wife Leslie's newfound faith in Christ went against everything Lee believed—or didn't believe—as an avowed atheist.

Utilizing his journalistic and legal training, Lee begins a quest to debunk the claims of Christianity in order to save his crumbling marriage. Chasing down the biggest story of his career, Lee comes face-to-face with unexpected results that could change everything he knows to be true.

This film will be shown in the Multi-Purpose Room, so mark your calendar for October 8th and make plans to attend!

ELO - Family Camping Weekend

September 22 – 24…at Rhodes Grove Camp

Camper Sites, Tents Sites, Cabins, Hotel Rooms

Kids' Activities:

- Slip N' Slide
- Duck Derby
- Candy Scramble

Raffle Prizes to be given away.

Must pre-register online at www.eloutdoors.com

Coming Soon!

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

Saturday, November 4th… 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

If you would like to rent a table(s), please fill out the flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return with payment to Linda Gift's mailbox or contact Linda at 717.749.3808.
Cost: $10 for the first table and $5 for each additional table.

Spaces sell out quickly, so don't delay!

Transformation: Living Inside Out

Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. beginning September 13th in the Chapel Wing

If you want to connect, minister to, and be supported by other women, ***THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!***

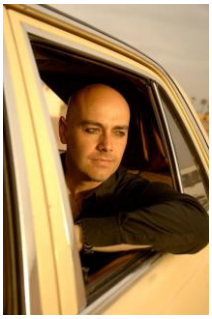
This year, we will study Christian growth: Our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. The basics of our faith – Distractions to Growth – Community/One Another – Spiritual Gifts – The Kingdom – Personal Study Helps – Prayer – Worship & Praise Together

Taught by Heidi Payne – If you have any questions, please contact Heidi at 717-316-5252 or heidimpayne@gmail.com.

We look forward to being transformed together!

…encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his Kingdom and Glory. – I Thessalonians 2:12

An Evening Of Songs And Stories With Peter Furler & Ryan Stevens with Special Guest Austin French



Saturday, November 18th…7:00pm - Five Forks Church Auditorium (doors open at 6:00pm)

- $20 General Admission
- Tickets will be available at the Five Forks Church Office or in the lower lobby before and after services approximately 6-8 week before concert.

Five Forks Bell Choir

Have you heard the Five Forks Bell Choir play for Sunday Service? Have you asked yourself…how do they do that?

Now is your chance to find out. We have an opening for a ringer…don't worry, reading music is not a requirement…we can teach you what you need to know. We just need you to commit to a weekly rehearsal (Mondays from 6:30-7:30) from Labor Day to Mothers Day. Come with a willingness to have fun, "make a joyful noise", and desire to serve the Lord.

If you are interested in ringing, please contact Janice Besecker at 717.709.1490 or jlbesecker@comcast.net as soon as possible.

The Tide – Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

Please join us for dinner so we can thank you for the role you play in impacting lives for Christ through The Tide ministry, and report to you what God is doing through your support of The Tide.

September 21, 2017… 6-8pm at Mechanicsburg BIC Church

Music for the evening is provided by Mechanicsburg group, *By The Way*.

Dinner is complimentary, but advanced registration is required. Call 877-859-5484 or register online at www.thetide.org/dinner.

Youth news

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 Great Adventure Series – Many people today picture the Christian life as a bunch of rules to follow, it sounds kind of boring and unexciting. And that's such a sad way to think about your faith. Because the truth is, more than anything else, the Christian life is all about going on a Great Adventure with the creator of the universe by your side. And the Bible is filled with stories of ordinary people like you and me who said yes to God's grand adventure. So we'll be kicking off the year talking about this Great Adventure that you can choose to be a part of as you learn to give your life to Jesus!

Church at the Lake - Sunday, September 10th (8am - 8pm)
All teens (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join us for one of our annual youth group trips. We will be heading to Raystown Lake for a day of boating, tubing, swimming, water skiing, hiking, yard games, cookout, and a church service by the lake. You must be at Five Forks church at 8:00am, down in the youth Sunday school classrooms below the café to check in. Feel free to come early and grab donuts from the Café for breakfast. The bus will leave Five Forks church at 8:30am and return about 8:00pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Teens will also need money ($5-10) for a fast food stop on the way home. Please wear a one-piece or tankini for lake activities. You may also want to bring extra clothes suitable for a day at a mountain lake. You won't want to miss this event, one of the best of the year! No cost for this event and Permission slip is due by Wednesday, September 6th.

Uprise Festival - Friday, September 15th & Saturday, September 16th
The Uprise Festival is a two-day Christian music festival held in Shippensburg, PA. Some of the most popular Christian bands will be there including Skillet, Toby Mac, Newsboys and more. There are also all kinds of games: moon bounce, climbing wall, ultimate frisbee, food stands etc. We will leave late Friday afternoon from the church at 4pm to head up to Shippensburg and return about Midnight. We'll then meet back at the church mid-morning on Saturday and head back up for the day, returning Saturday about midnight again. The cost for this 2 day event is $35.00 for Five Forks teens. Five Forks will provide water and snacks but teens must bring money for meals or any merchandise/souvenirs they would like to purchase. Your permission slip and money must be turned in to Pastor Shaun by Sunday, September 10th. *(*As always, do not let money be the reason you do not attend. There is financial assistance available, please see Pastor Shaun.)*