

FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH

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September 17, 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

This Week at Five Forks

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

-Men's Prayer Group...5:45-6:30am

(Chapel)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

-Men's Prayer Group...6:30-7:30am

(Chapel)

-Parish Nurse...12:30-2:30pm

-Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm

(Chapel Basement)

-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)...café

(6pm), large group meeting (7pm),

Open Share (8pm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

-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 21

-Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am

(Chapel)

-Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm

(Chapel Basement)

-Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7pm

(Chapel)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

-Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)

-EXPRESS CAFE...7-11am

Morning Messages

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

Scripture: Galatians 6

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Bill

Scripture: Mark 7:25-30; 8:11-17

Church Board Report to the Congregation -August 2017

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Thursday evening, August 3rd. Here is a summary report from the August Board meeting:

GENERAL ITEMS

Every month at the start of the meeting, one of the staff meets alone with the board for approximately 30 minutes before the rest of the staff joins the meeting. This month the Board met with Worship Director Josh Roach.

Pastor Bill reported that our average Sunday morning attendance in August was 680, up slightly over July but down from last August when our average attendance was 753. Our average Sunday morning attendance for the year stands at 741 (771 last year at this time). Giving for the month of August came in at \$76,496 compared to last August (\$86,632). Our giving for the year stands at \$732,125 (\$732,950 last year at this time).

Bill provided the board with a condensed version of an article written by Luke Keefer Jr. (former professor of church history and theology at Ashland Theological Seminary). Keefer makes the case that the Brethren in Christ denomination has been and continues to go through an identity crisis as we struggle to be true to our original beliefs and points of emphasis. As we look to define *our* purpose and identity as a local church, the board will read and discuss Keefer's article – and how it pertains to us – at our October meeting.

The Board met with Pastor Brian for approximately 45 minutes at the conclusion of the Board meeting. Brian's current 5-year term expires in January and the congregational vote on whether or not to retain Brian takes place over a 10-day period at that time.

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ACTIONS ITEMS

The Board approved the hiring of Brad Gift for the position of part-time maintenance supervisor. Brad has previous experience in the role of Maintenance Supervisor and Maintenance Coordinator for various business and organizations in the community. He will start to become familiar with the many different systems we have at the church and will be working 8 hours per week for the remainder 2017.

The Board will be setting aside a 10-day period in October for the Congregation to vote on repealing the Brethren in Christ Constitution as a "stand alone" document. The Constitution is also found in the Manual of Doctrine and Government (It's 1 of 4 parts that make up the MDG) and so a stand-alone document is redundant and unnecessary.

The denomination needs the approval of 2/3 of the congregations for this repeal to happen and so the Board will see that ballots are placed in church mailboxes after a period of promotion/explanation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TERM VOTING

The Board continues to discuss how to handle "end of term decisions" when it comes to Directors (Worship, Youth, etc.). In our denomination, the hiring (and in some cases, termination) of staff (Associate Pastors, Directors) is the responsibility of the Senior Pastor of that church. Here at Five Forks however, we have looked to the congregation to determine whether or not a staff person is retained (with 80% approval needed).

The Board is aware of a number of challenges that make it questionable whether or not this is the best approach to take. The larger the congregation, the more difficult it is for every voting member of the congregation to be aware of what takes place behind the scenes (whether positive or negative). The more specialized the role (such as a Worship or Youth Director), the more challenging it is for the congregation at large to make a fully informed decision.

One option that the Board had been considering was assuming responsibility for not just the hiring but also the re-hiring of our church Directors. However, at this month's meeting the suggestion was made to put ballots in church mailboxes just as is done for Pastors and allow the congregation to indicate whether or not they believe the Director should be retained or not. There would also be the opportunity for the congregation to write comments on the back of the ballot (as is done with the Pastor's vote). The Board would not be bound by the results, but would be able to weigh input from the congregation before a decision is made. The Board will continue this discussion at the September Board meeting.

CHURCH BOARD COMPOSITION

For the past several months, the Board has been discussing the imbalance that exists on the board in regards to both age and gender. There are 12 voting members with 11 being male, and with the exception of Pastor Shaun, all in their mid-40's and up. The Board feels that a more balanced composition would allow for different views to be shared and considered. One way to help the Church Board attain more balance is by increasing the number of Congregational Representatives.

Historically, we have had 6 representatives that are elected by the congregation. The Board has approved expanding the number of Congregational Representatives from 6 to 8 by eliminating the position of Grounds and Maintenance representative and 1 of the 2 Deacon representatives. (When there is an issue on the Church Board agenda that pertains to grounds and maintenance, the chairman of the GM board would be invited to attend that portion of the Church Board meeting). This change will take place at the conclusion of Annual Council in January 2018.

This does not mean that a more balanced representation will be attained in regards to age and gender, but it will give the congregation a greater voice when it comes to representation on the Church Board.

Your Church Board consists of:

Staff: *Voting members: Bill Shank, Shaun Kipe. Non-voting members: Ray Kipe, Brian Black, Jim Recard, Josh Roach*

Congregational Representatives (elected at Annual Council): *Matt Nolt, Harvey Payne, Angie Petersheim, Todd Smith, Joel Wenger, Lin Yoder*

Deacon Representatives: *Darwin Chamberlin, Mike Garland*

Grounds & Maintenance Representative: *Mike Hawbecker*

Church Treasurer: *Gene Gorman*

Sandy Gray serves as the recording secretary (non-voting member)

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.

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.



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.



Dear Five Forks Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers sent in remembrance of our dear Sam. Thank you, even more, for your continued prayers. We trust in Jesus and His Promises. We know we'll see Sam again. But, until then...we know we love and serve a Holy and Awesome God.

-Tim & Angela Masters

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, concerns, get well cards, and for the flowers delivered to my room during my recent surgery and recuperation. Thanks also to Pastor Shaun for coming in and praying with me.

-Pat Scott

Thank you everyone for your prayers during my recent surgery. Thank you to those who brought us meals. Thank you Pastor Ray for coming by the morning before my surgery to pray with us. Thank you to the church for the beautiful flowers.

-Nikki Bernhardt family



We express our sincere sympathy to Jean Heiszy with the passing of her brother, Johnathan Greer on September 10, 2017. He resided in Maine.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE (September 10)

Sunday's Worship Total = 681

8:00 Auditorium = 146

9:30 Auditorium = 301

11:00 Auditorium = 178

11:00 Chapel = 42

Bible Connection = 7

Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 7

Total Sunday School = 240

Adult Education Attendance = 115

Berean = 16

Golden Link = 40

Through the Bible = 13

The Christian Family Life Class = 30

8:00AM Café Class = 7

Alpha Omega Discussion = 5

Men's Resolution Class = 4

Wednesday Eve. (Sept. 13) = 308

Food Pantry

**"Item of the Month" for
SEPTEMBER:**

Canned Meat

(Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)

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

Operation

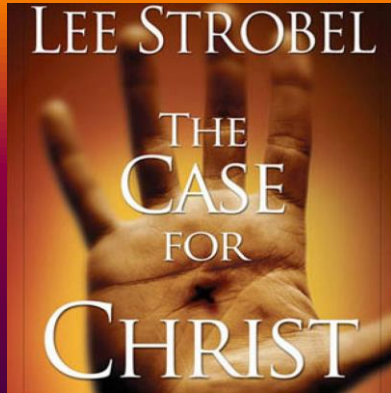
Christmas Child

**"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.*

Movie Night At Five Forks



The Case for Christ

The movie *The Case for Christ* will be shown here at the church on Sunday, October 8th starting at 6pm in the MP Room.

We are planning to set up the gym similar to a drive-in movie. Half will be set up with chairs and the other half no chairs for anybody who wants to bring blankets, pillows or bean bags to enjoy the movie. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

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 journalist 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.

Mark your calendar 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 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!



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.

Celebration Of Hope Benefit Banquet

Waynesboro New Hope Shelter's board and staff cordially invite you to celebrate with them with an evening of inspiration and thanksgiving at the 8th Annual "Celebration of Hope" Benefit Banquet.

Thursday, September 28th...6:30pm in the Five Forks MP Room.

- Full Course Dinner Buffet
- Testimonies by Former Residents
- Inspirational Music
- Recognition of Volunteers
- Ministry Updates and Vision Sharing

Cost: Donation Encouraged

Please RSVP by September 25th by calling 717-762-5840 or email earl.newhope2@gmail.com with the number attending.

"Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done it for me" - Jesus



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.

Pregnancy Ministries, Inc. Celebration & Fundraising Dinner



Thursday, October 12th... 6:15pm at Antrim BIC Church, corner of Route 11 S and Kauffman Road, Chambersburg, PA

Catered by Mrs. Gibbles Restaurant

Join us and hear stories celebrating what God has done through Pregnancy Ministries this past year.

Special guest speaker: Pastor Jamie Kendrew – The victim of harsh circumstances as a child, Jamie will share through his testimony what it means to truly be Pro-life.

There is no charge to attend but reservations are required. Call 717-267-3738 or visit www.pregnancyministries.org/events to register.



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!



[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.*)