

FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH

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November 19, 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

Church Board Report to the Congregation – November 2017

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Thursday evening, November 2nd. Here is a summary report from the November Board meeting:

GENERAL ITEMS

Pastor Bill reported that our average Sunday morning attendance for 2017 stands at 727, which is down 29 from 2016. Our giving for the year stands at \$908,160, which is \$8,475 less than last year at this time. Bill also shared about the likelihood of a Monday morning quilting class starting early next year, headed by Karen Butts.

Pastor Shaun gave an update in regards to our search for a Youth Director. Plans were made for the Board to interview Kenton Hock on that Sunday after the morning services. Update: Kenton and his wife Kelsey met with the Board as planned, and was offered the position of Youth Director. He accepted the Board's offer and will join the staff in early December.

ACTIONS ITEMS

- Approved to keep the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.50/mile for 2018 (the same as 2017). This reimburses the staff for trips made to hospitals, food pick-up, etc.
- Near the end of the meeting, the staff was excused to allow the Board to set wages for 2018. The wages for the pastoral staff will remain the same as in 2017, while there was a 3% increase set for the office/janitorial staff.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- The board entered into discussion with Board member Harvey Payne regarding the possibility of him serving as a consultant to the pastoral staff starting in 2018.

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 Nott, 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)

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

-CAFE...7-11am

Morning Messages

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

Scripture: Mark 10:25

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray

Scripture: Zechariah 8

-Thanksgiving Service...6:30pm (Aud.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

-Parish Nurse

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)...café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

-No Services, enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

-EXPRESS CAFE...7-11am (coffee & donuts only)

Morning Messages

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

Scripture: Luke 13:4

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray

Scripture: Galatians 6; II Corinthians 9



We "must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine (Titus 2:1); we therefore, with gratitude to the Lord, understand that "Christ Himself gave... teachers to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Ephesians 4:11-12)."

Since I believe Christ has given us teachers, I want you to know we are looking for one or two or more of them. The Berean Sunday school class, made from a group of wonderful folks in our church, needs someone to help with the teaching. The class uses the Standard Lesson Quarterly, so it's not difficult to prepare to discuss the material for each week. The teachers rotate the responsibilities and, as I can, I try to help with the class. It would be one Sunday a month, at 9:30.

Won't you please consider – and especially pray about – helping to share Bible truths with others? Please contact Pastor Brian.



2017 Community Christmas Dinner



6:30pm each night
 Tuesday, December 5
 Thursday, December 7
 Friday, December 8
 Tuesday, December 12
 Thursday, December 14

Make your reservation as soon as possible as some nights fill up quickly! There is no cost, but you must make a reservation. Donations are accepted to help with the cost for next year. We do request that Five Forks Church attendees bring some cookies to share as dessert for the evening.

Seats are numbered, so when you arrive, please check-in at the reservation table in the lower lobby for your assigned seat(s).

Invite your friends, family and neighbors for a night of food and fellowship!!

To reserve your seat, please fill out the Reservation Request Form that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Julie Tiedemann's mailbox or you may call the church office at 717-762-2991 or email julie@ffbic.org.

Reminder: If you or part of your party are unable to attend on the night you reserved, please notify the church office as soon as possible @ 717-762-2991 or julie@ffbic.org so that the seating can be made available to others.

Five Forks Fellowship Annual Christmas Banquet



Friday, December 1st...12pm at Savoy Catering, 11655 Anthony Hwy, Waynesboro

Cost: \$8/person

Please RSVP with payment by Sunday, November 26th to Pastor Brian. Make check payable to Five Forks Church with "Five Forks Fellowship Banquet" in the memo line.



We express our deepest sympathy to Karalee Frey with the passing of her father, Gerald Martin on November 14, 2017.



Mick Eberhardt

Bonus Books Available

Five Forks is selling Bonus Books. Proceeds go into our building fund for future needs.

Book is Effective now unless coupon says otherwise and effective through December 1, 2018.

Great way to save money while having fun and eating!! Savings at Hardee's, The Butcher Shoppe, Big Oak Café, Fuddrucker's, Kenny's Grill & Ice Cream Shoppe, Subway, Popeyes, The Meadows, Trickle Springs Creamery Country Breeze Market in Marion with lots of fresh fruits and veggies....

Papa John's Pizza, Domino'sR/C TheatresThe Ragged Edge Coffee House & Art Gallery....Gettysburg Heritage Center.... Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, Golf courses, Hershey's Chocolate World, Hershey Bears, Nellie Fox Bowland many more ...

Please let Rhetta Martin know at 717-597-8675 if you would like to see the book.

Books also available at church office. Payable by check to Five Forks Church (or Cash works too).

Rhodes Grove Mystery Dinner Theatre

Join us for an Interactive Dinner Theatre Mystery at Rhodes Grove Camp.

Performances:

Friday, November 24
Saturday, November 25
Sunday, November 26

6:00 – 9:00 P.M. each evening

Cost: \$20/person

To purchase a ticket, please call 717-375-4162 or you may order online at www.rhodesgrove.com.



Attendance

ATTENDANCE (November 12)

Sunday's Worship Total = 704

8:00 Auditorium = 142

9:30 Auditorium = 312

11:00 Auditorium = 186

11:00 Chapel = 40

Bible Connection = 12

Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 12

Total Sunday School = 306

Wednesday Eve. (Nov. 15) = 290

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for NOVEMBER:

Canned Vegetables

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.

Operation Christmas Child November & December:

Pray for the children who will be receiving these boxes.

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



LIFE IN KENYA

Thank You For Your Continued Prayers And Support!!



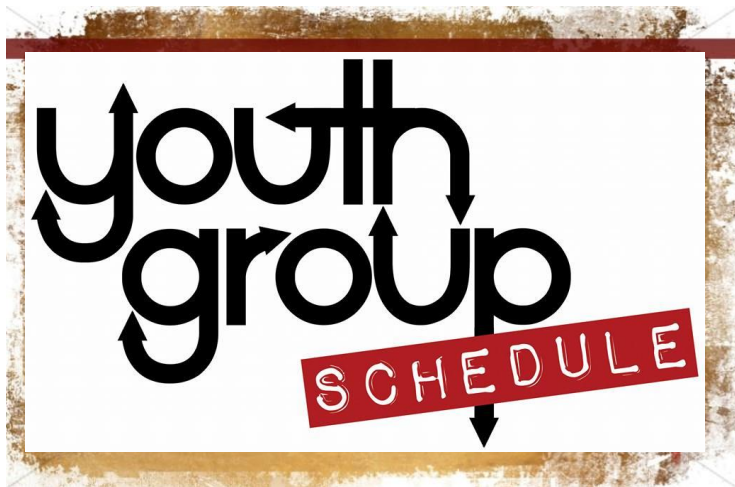
A Quick Update from Caitlin Recard:

Wow! It is hard to believe that I have been living in Kenya for a little over three months now. I know that I am supposed to be the teacher, but God has been teaching me quite a bit about letting go and relying on Him during my time so far. Since it has also been awhile, I thought that three months was long enough to wait before sending out a quick update. The easiest topic to start with in any conversation is the weather, and I can say that the weather is gorgeous here.

Kenya's short rainy season has recently started and this means that the landscape has exploded with color, particularly the color green. The temperature is also beginning to rise so no chilly fall nights for me! The arrival of rain here is truly a blessing as parts of the country are dealing with drought. So even though I discovered that sometimes the car leaks when it rains, please continue to pray that the rains come. Weather aside, for most of the past three months I have been busy lesson planning, teaching, grading, and then lesson planning some more. It seems like just when I almost get ahead I end up feeling behind again. My first year of teaching has certainly been an adventure so far.

As a reminder, I am currently teaching history to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders so my day is pretty busy with few breaks in between classes. I appreciate all of my classes for the different strengths and weakness they bring to the table. My sixth graders genuinely enjoy learning and never cease to ask questions. Although we are still working on turning our homework in on time. My seventh graders are sharp and make connections easily with the material. My eighth graders are a bit of a challenge, but we are beginning to learn how each other operates.

Overall, I ask for continued prayers and strength as I strive to teach my students well. For those of you who like to read the news you might already know that we are in the middle of an election crisis right now as Kenya has recently held two disputed presidential elections. So as I close this update, I ask for your prayers for Kenya, for a peaceful solution to this electoral uncertainty, and safety as Kenya's young democracy faces challenges. One last thing, did I mention that I had the chance to see giraffes?



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.

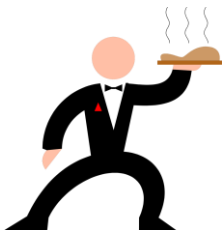
**Please be aware that there is extra financial assistance available to any youth that may need it. Do not let money be the reason that you do not participate! (See Pastor Shaun)*

No Youth Group – We will not have youth group the week of Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 22nd). Stay home and enjoy Thanksgiving with your family.



Christmas Cheer & Hershey Park - All teens (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join us on Sunday, December 10th (9:30am - 6pm) as we take Sunday school on the road. We'll be heading to Quincy Home for the morning to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. We'll sing some Christmas carols together (no, you don't have to be able to sing!) and read the Christmas story. We'll also have an opportunity to visit and talk with residents. It will be well worth your time. Following our time at Quincy Home, we'll be heading to

Hershey Park for the afternoon, where we can enjoy the rides and the park will be decorated with Christmas lights. We'll stop by and visit Santa's reindeer and of course, our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to Chocolate World and the "Chocolate Ride"! (All 6th & 7th grade students will walk through the park with a youth leader.) You do need a permission slip and the cost for this event is \$5. Also, bring some money for a meal at the park. We'll return to Five Forks for pick up at 7pm!

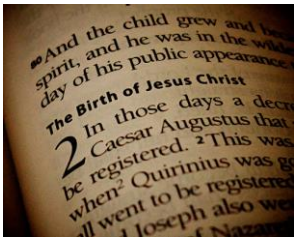


Carry Trays at Christmas Dinners - All teens are encouraged to sign up to help carry trays at the Five Forks Christmas dinners; for families with children or for elderly who need an extra set of hands as they go through the food line. You would need to be here from 6:30pm – 7:30pm and you'll even get a free, delicious meal out of it! We will have signup sheets at youth group, so sign up to help out! Talk to your small group leader for details. (Christmas dinner dates are: December 5, 7, 8, 12, 14).

Pedal to the Metal for the Kettle - The Five Forks youth group NEEDS YOUR COINS! You've seen them, standing at shopping malls during Christmas or outside of Walmart. They're standing by a red kettle, hanging from a stand. They're dressed in red, green and white, trying to stay warm...and usually ringing a bell. No, they're not Santa's elves;) They are the Salvation Army bell ringers, collecting loose change and coins which will be used for their outreach to people less fortunate. It's a thankless job and very cold. So the Five Forks teens want to cheer up these folks and bring them a HUGE Christmas surprise and we need the whole church to



be involved. For three Sundays in a row: November 26, December 3, 10...EVERYONE at Five Forks (children, teens, adults) bring your loose change to church with you. Dig down in the deep cracks and crannies of your coats and jean pockets, your living room furniture, under your car seat, wherever you can think of. When you arrive at the church, located in the foyers outside each of the services you will find a large kettle...drop your coins in the kettle! We want as many coins as we can get. Then on Wednesday, December 13th the youth group will gather up all of the coins we have collected, we will load up the church bus, crank up the Christmas music and head out to the local shopping centers, where we will pay a visit to our Salvation Army friends. At each location, we will offload from the bus and form a huge line with our whole group and create quite a scene as we overflow the bell-ringers buckets with handfuls of coins! We will put the "PEDAL TO THE METAL FOR THE KETTLE". Bring your coins and be a part of this awesome opportunity.



[Youth Group Christmas Party](#) - *"Rockin' around the Christmas tree, at the Christmas party hop..."* On Wednesday, December 20th (6:30pm - 8:15pm) during youth group we'll be having our annual Christmas party! We'll be meeting in the auditorium that night, we'll crank up the Christmas carols over the sounds system, play some crazy Christmas games, and enjoy some delicious holiday food. After all the craziness we'll settle down, turn down the lights and gather around on auditorium stage in front of a rocking chair as we read the Christmas story together, remembering the birth of our Savior who entered this world, because of his great love for us. It's gonna be a special night you don't want to miss!

[Floor Hockey Night](#) - Feeling those holiday blues! Christmas break, no school, haven't seen your friends in a couple of weeks, getting kind of bored...all teens (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 27th for our annual youth group floor hockey night. Jr. High teens are invited from 6pm - 7:30pm. And Sr. High teens are invited from 7:30pm - 9pm. 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!



[Sr. High Murder Mystery - DATE CHANGED](#) - The Senior High Murder Mystery Dinner has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 14th, so mark your calendar now! We're going all out this time for the greatest murder mystery meal of your life. You'll have to play along, dress for your part, get into character. You'll get a really good meal, great service throughout the evening, and someone will not make it out alive...it could be you! Keep your eyes posted for further details!