

**FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH**

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**December 3, 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

# December At Five Forks

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

This Sunday, we begin a 4-week sermon series called *What Child Is This?* We will be looking not only at the birth of Christ, but how His coming changes everything. We will see that Christ's incarnation:

- Completes Creation
- Reverses the Fall
- Restores Relationships
- Heralds our Redemption

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We have set aside 5 nights in December for you to invite family and friends to join you here at the church for a delicious turkey dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to show others your church, and perhaps make it easier for them to join you for a worship service as well. Here are the dates:

Week 1: Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>)...Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>)...Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> is full/ no seats available

Week 2: Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup>)...Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>)

Contact the church office (717-762-2991) to make a reservation.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

As noted in last week's newsletter, we will not be holding our regular Sunday morning services on December 24<sup>th</sup>. All 5 services will be Christmas Eve services with singing, a short meditation, communion and candle-lighting. Here are the times and locations:

- 9:30am – Chapel
- 10:00am – Auditorium
- 3:30pm – Auditorium
- 4:30pm – Chapel
- 5:00pm – Auditorium

## This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

-Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)  
-EXPRESS CAFE...7-11am (coffee & donuts only)

Morning Messages

*Commissioning for Kenton Hock*

Aud. (8:00) – Pastor Brian  
Scripture: Revelation 21:5

Aud. (9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Shaun  
Scripture: Romans 8:19-23

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian  
Scripture: Revelation 21:5

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

-Men's Prayer Group...5:45-6:30am (Chapel)  
-Parish Nurse...2-4pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

-Men's Prayer Group...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)  
-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)...café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)  
-Community Christmas Dinner (*Reservation Required*)...6:30pm (MP Room)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

-Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)  
-Community Christmas Dinner (*Reservation Required*)...6:30pm (MP Room)  
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7pm (chapel)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

-Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)  
-Blood Pressure Screening  
-CAFÉ CLOSED

Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray  
Scripture: Romans 5:1-15

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun  
Scripture: Romans 8:19-23

## 2017 Community Christmas Dinner



6:30pm each night  
Tuesday, December 5  
Thursday, December 7  
Friday, December 8 (FILLED)  
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@fbic.org](mailto:julie@fbic.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@fbic.org](mailto:julie@fbic.org) so that the seating can be made available to others.



### Attendance

#### ATTENDANCE (November 26)

Sunday's Worship Total = 728

8:00 Auditorium = 172

9:30 Auditorium = 322

11:00 Auditorium = 167

11:00 Chapel = 50

Bible Connection = 15

Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 5

Total Sunday School = 297

Wed. Eve. (Nov. 29) = 272

### Food Pantry

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

Peanut Butter

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

Operation  
Christmas Child  
December:

Pray for the children who will be receiving Christmas Shoeboxes.

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



## Important Information Regarding...



This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and so we will not be having our normal Sunday morning services.

There will be five services held throughout the day on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and all five of them – including the two morning services – will adopt a Christmas Eve format.

In all five services there will be congregational singing, a short meditation (not a sermon), communion and candle lighting.

Here are the times and locations of the five Christmas Eve Services:

- 9:30am in the Chapel
- 10:00 in the Auditorium
- 3:30 in the Auditorium
- 4:30 in the Chapel
- 5:00 in the Auditorium

### Please note:

The two morning services will *not* follow the same format as our normal Sunday morning services. Instead, they will follow the same format that will be used at the three later services that day. Pastor Shaun will bring the meditation in the Auditorium services, and Pastor Bill will bring the meditation in the Chapel services. We look forward to gathering together on the 24<sup>th</sup> and celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord!

## 2018 Boys & Girls Basketball I – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades



If you want to make new friends while learning techniques, skills, and the game of basketball, this may be for you!

Dates: (8 Saturdays)  
January 6, 13, 20, 27  
February 3, 10, 17, 24

### Schedule:

9:00 – 10:00am – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
10:15 – 11:15am – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
11:30am – 1:30pm – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade

\*\*This schedule may change depending on participation.

To sign up, complete the registration form that was placed in your mailbox and return to Dwayne Buhrman's mailbox or contact Dwayne at 717-765-4784.

Parents: Your help is needed to help make this successful. If you have questions or interested in assisting with this program, please contact Doug Miller (717-263-4789) or Dan Izer (717-504-2051).

## 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](mailto:jlbesecker@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



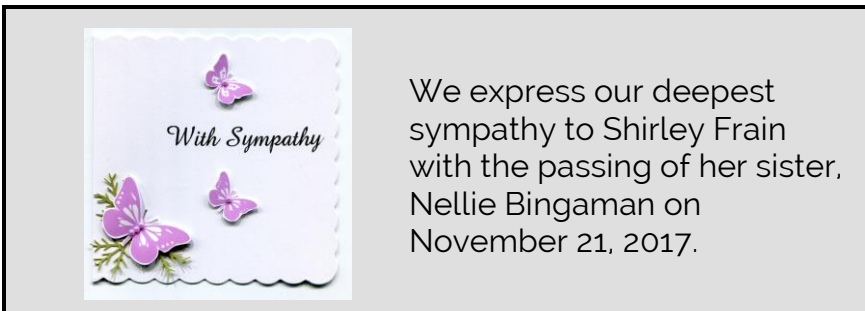
Dear Church Family,  
 We would like to thank you all for the love and support you have shown our family over the past 3 ½ years as we dealt with the ups and downs of the foster care system. We are very excited to share with you that as of Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – after 1,612 days in foster care, Austin and Landon will be officially adopted! It was a long journey that taught us a lot about trusting God and his timing. Thank you for your prayers that we know carried us through the hard times.  
 Sincerely,  
 Tad, Kim, Bailey, Trace, Jaeda, Austin, and Landon Dockman

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you for your many acts of kindness this past week over the homecoming of my Dad, Gerald Martin, and Uncle Aldine Martin. We rejoice in their heavenly reunion and covet your continued prayers, as we set about the business of continuing their Godly legacy.  
 Love,  
 Karalee Frey and family

Our family would like to thank all of our church family for the prayers, cards, calls and visits when our mother, Edna McKee, passed away rather suddenly. We appreciated the beautiful flowers as well. We felt blessed and loved. Blessings to all of you.  
 -George & Nancy McKee and Richard & Judy Cordell

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the pre-surgery prayer with Pastor Bill, Karen and Olivia. It put my heart at peace. Thanks too to the many others who pray for me and send cards, texts, messages, etc. It is good to feel loved and cared for. I really appreciated the beautiful flower bouquet that was sent to my hospital room. I give thanks for the fellowship of believers at Five Forks.  
 With Appreciation,  
 Phyllis Witter

To Our Church Family at Five Forks,  
 We appreciated our church family showing your care in the loss of Rich's brother, Melvin Peck. The Willow Tree Angel, the cards, phone calls, and the many words spoken to us showed how much you cared. God bless all of you at Five Forks as we live our lives each day pleasing to our Savior  
 -Rich & Fern Peck.

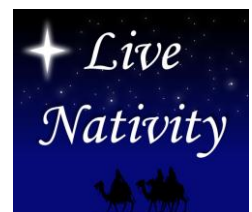


## ***Mountain Top Ministries 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Live Nativity***

Open from December 21<sup>st</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup>... 6-8pm at 200 Church Road, Orrtanna, PA

Many animals, live actors, carolers, photo opportunities, hot chocolate and cookies. Make it a family affair – bring your camera and come and join us for a reminder of what Christmas is all about.

For more information, call 717-334-9709 or visit [www.mttopministries.com](http://www.mttopministries.com).



# Youth group

SCHEDULE

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

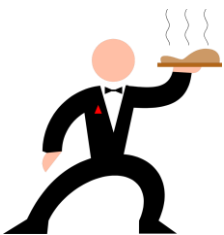
*“You can find more information about our events, including permission slips, on the church website or join us on Facebook; our group name is; Five Forks BIC Youth Group, or see Pastor Shaun.*

*\*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)*



[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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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!



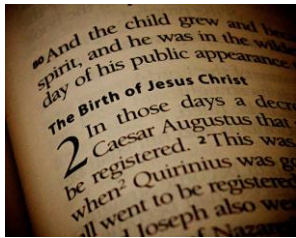
[Carry Trays at Christmas Dinners](#) - All teens are encouraged to sign up to help carry trays at the Five Forks Christmas dinners; for families with children or for elderly who need an extra set of hands as they go through the food line. You would need to be here from 6:30pm - 7:30pm and you'll even 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

[Big Church Night Out w/ Newsboys](#) – All teens 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a road trip to Towson University on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for the Newsboys tour "Big Church Night Out." We'll leave Five Forks Church at 1pm and head for nearby Towson Town Center Mall to hang out and eat dinner before the concert. Then we'll head over to the concert venue for the rest of the evening to see the Newsboys. We will return about midnight on Saturday night. You do need a permission slip and the cost is \$15 for this event plus bring any money for food or purchases you make at the concert. Tickets are limited, we can only guarantee spots for the first 30 who sign up, so don't wait!



[Youth Group Christmas Party](#) - "Rockin' around the Christmas tree, at the Christmas party hop..." On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!