

**FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Traditional Service: 8:00 AM (Auditorium) & 11:00 AM (Chapel)

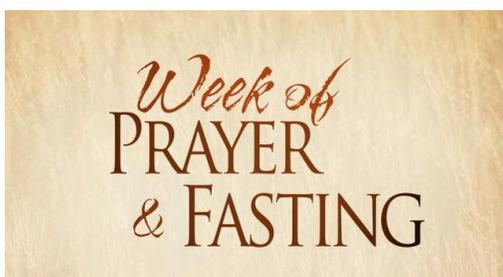
Contemporary Service: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM (Auditorium)

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



January 7 – 14, 2018

Every year the Brethren in Christ begin the New Year with *A Week of Prayer and Fasting*, preparing our hearts and minds for God's work ahead.

This year our Denomination has selected the theme *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. The Brethren in Christ Leadership Council have provided eight daily reflections for you to use. Use your internet browser by typing: Brethren in Christ week of prayer and fasting (<https://bicus.org/resources/week-prayer-fasting/>)

Here are the daily topics:

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Peace and National Security

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Mental Health

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Social Media and Technology

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Family

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Poverty and Wealth

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Nationalism and Globalism

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Tribalism

*This week will conclude with a Special Assembly on the evening of January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church. Nursery provided for ages 2 and younger.*

You can view Bishop Rob Patterson's kick-off sermon by using your internet browser by typing: Bishop Rob's 2018 message. (<https://youtu.be/-XVWpzyYBL0>)



## This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

-CAFÉ Closed



Morning Messages

9:30 A.M. (Traditional Service) in the Chapel, Pastor Bill

10:00 A.M. (Modern Service) in the Aud., Pastor Shaun

3:30 P.M. (Modern Service) in the Aud., Pastor Shaun

4:30 P.M. (Traditional Service) in the Chapel, Pastor Bill

5:00 P.M. (Modern Service) in the Aud., Pastor Shaun

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

### Merry Christmas!



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)...café (6pm),

large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

-No Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

-Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)

-No Bible Study

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

-Express Café... coffee & donuts only

Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray  
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian  
Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-10

## A Note from "Pastor Bob"



For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of serving at Five Forks in the role of "Assistant to the Pastors." I hope and trust that I have been a valuable part of the team, visiting those in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. It has been my desire to help people feel connected to our church family by making phone calls on their birthdays and anniversaries. It has been a wonderful 14 years.

But as you know, seasons change, and it is time for this season to come to an end. I will be stepping down from this role at the end of the year, and look forward to what season the Lord has next for me. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role, and may you have a blessed 2018.

Note from Pastor Bill: *We would like to give you, the congregation, an opportunity to express your appreciation for Bob's 14 years of service to the church. If you have been on the receiving end of a card, phone call or visit from Bob, would you be willing to reciprocate by sending a note or card of appreciation to Bob by the end of the year? You can mail it to him, drop it off at the church office or place it in his church mailbox. Thank you! And thank you Bob, for the great help you have been to us through the years.*

## Set Your House In Order



This study will improve your life and your finances... Because you will be learning what God says about handling money. Amazingly the Bible has more than 2,350 verses dealing with money and possessions. Many people realize that their financial affairs are not completely in order.

This COMPASS five-week study will assist you in organizing your finances. You will take inventory of your debts, assets, investments, important documents, and passwords. You will provide for your loved ones by calculating your income in retirement, taking an insurance inventory, and preparing to make health care decisions. And you will prepare to leave a legacy through funeral instructions, guardian decisions, and estate planning which includes preparing to make a will.

*Please come to an informational meeting at 9am on January 7<sup>th</sup> in room A20. Class size will be limited to 10. Study guides will be ordered for those committing to attend. Plans are to meet beginning in late January or early February during the Sunday school hour.*

*For more information, please contact Neal and Lorraine Mishler at 717-762-9094 or nmishler9107@comcast.net*

## Attendance

### ATTENDANCE (December 17)

Sunday's Worship Total = 690  
8:00 Auditorium = 167  
9:30 Auditorium = 244  
11:00 Auditorium = 198  
11:00 Chapel = 60  
Bible Connection = 14  
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 7

Total Sunday School = 304

Wed. Eve. (Dec. 20) = 281

## 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.*

## 2018 Boys & Girls Basketball 1<sup>st</sup> – 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).



## Baptism & Membership Services



“Repent and be baptized!” (Acts 2:38) The Scriptures are clear; baptism is to be a part of the Christian experience.

Jesus was baptized. So was Paul. So were thousands of new believers in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

Have you been considering baptism? Baptism is one of the joys of the Christian life where you can express your faith in Christ in a very visible way. Perhaps you've thought about it but, like so many things, you keep on saying, “Someday, I'd like to be baptized.”

Well, an opportunity is open to you! Our first Baptism Sunday of 2018 will be January 21<sup>st</sup>. Baptisms can be conducted at any one of the three Sunday morning services in the auditorium.

We'll also be accepting new members into our fellowship the following Sunday morning, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Membership is a step of commitment to God's work in our community. Becoming a member means you're coming alongside of others at Five Forks Church to serve the Lord as He would desire.

If you are presently interested in either baptism or becoming a member of the church, please contact Pastor Brian as soon as possible.

## Year-End Giving



Any giving that you want to be credited to 2017 must be received in the church office no later than 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

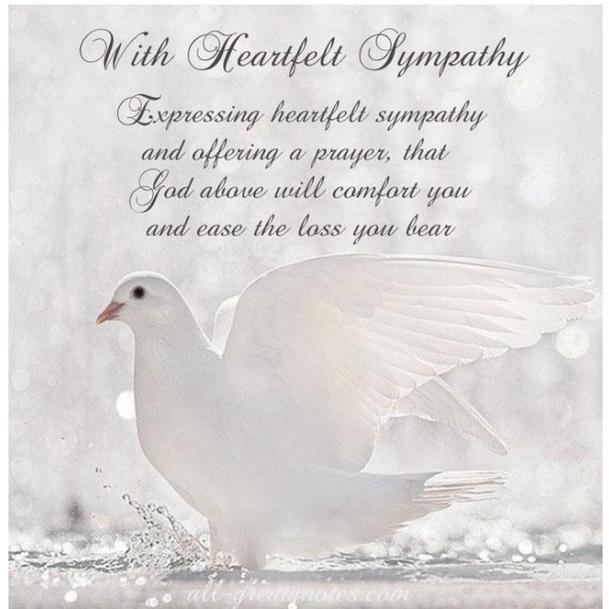
We will be closing out our books and prepare our year-end statements. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Note: No Offering This Sunday

It has been our practice not to receive an offering during our Christmas Eve services. In light of this, we will not be receiving an offering at any of the five services this coming Sunday. There is a drop box where you can place an offering this Sunday if you wish, simply see any of the Pastors for the location. We will receive our regular offering as usual at all 4 services on Sunday morning, December 31<sup>st</sup>.



Dianne Carbaugh  
 Ron Forsh  
 Barb Meckley  
 Christy Moore  
 Paul Myers  
 Bob & Peg Stanhope



We express our sincere sympathy to Mike Shank with the passing of his father, Robert Shank on December 15, 2017.

# Thank You!

To All at Five Forks who prepared the Community Christmas Dinner and Setup of the table placemats, my family sends a warm heartfelt Thank You! They enjoyed the great meal as well as talking with other folks. They commented on how prepared the staff were, and the smiling faces of the servers.

Thank You Five Forks  
 Mark Gladfelter & Family

To my "Old Friends",  
 Thank you for the gift you left for me in my mailbox. Your thoughtfulness and love are deeply appreciated.

Blessings to you this season and in the coming year.

-Lois Kipe

## From Your Parish Nurse

For the past 14 years, I have enjoyed serving at the church as your Parish Nurse. However, I feel the time has come for me to step down from this position. Fortunately, Carolyn Smith has agreed to continue with some of the Parish Nurse responsibilities including monthly blood pressure checks.

It has been a privilege to speak and pray with many of you over the years. May God bless you as we begin a new year and continue to serve our Lord and Savior.

-Barb Tengler

## Attention!



**If you brought cookies to the Christmas Dinner, please check the blue counter in the mailroom for your cookie container.**

Thank you!



# 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)*

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 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!



THE GREAT ADVENTURE

## THE LIFE OF CHRIST

We are going on an adventure with the Creator of the Universe...

**FIVE FORKS YOUTH**

Walk with us through the life of Jesus Christ from birth to death and the resurrection. What can we learn about Christ and how does His life impact us?

"You are invited to join us this January for an exciting adventure through The Life of Christ. We have been working through some of The Great Adventures in the Bible and we have come to the greatest of all. Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to be diving into the life of Jesus Christ from His birth through His death and Resurrection. We are going to learn about how His life can impact our own lives! We look forward to seeing you there!"



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!