FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH
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December 31, 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

Drama, Power and Intrigue

During the month of January, Pastor Bill will bring a series of messages in the Auditorium called *Beneath the Surface (Lessons from Esther)*. Here's how one commentary introduces the book of Esther:

"Drama, power, intrigue – this is the stuff of which best-selling novels are made. But far from a modern piece of fiction, those words describe a true story, lived and written centuries ago. More than entertaining reading, it is a story of the profound interplay between God's sovereignty and human will. God prepared the place and the opportunity, and his people, Esther and Mordecai, chose to act."

Throughout the Scriptures, whenever God's people have been in trouble, He often delivers them through miraculous signs and wonders. Not so in Esther, where there is no mention of God whatsoever. And so the story of Esther shows us how God often works through ordinary events and not just by miraculous intervention. May we come to recognize this in our own lives. Most importantly, may we choose *to act* in response to what God is looking to do in each of our lives.

In the Chapel Pastor Ray will bring a series of messages called Faith Builders for 2018 throughout the month of January.

Jesus was astonished when a centurion approached him and exhibited faith in Him. Jesus' response is found in Matthew 8:10 "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."

Have you ever desired to have greater faith or greater trust in Jesus? God works in various ways to build and grow our faith. Here are four ways that we will be looking at during the month of January:

- Applying Jesus' Teaching to Your Life (Matthew 7:24-27)
- Keeping Good Company (Proverbs 13:20)
- Practicing Private Disciplines (Mark 1:35)
- Engaging in Personal Ministry (Mark 6:35-44)

This Week at Five Forks

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)…café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)
-Archery…6pm (LFH)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
-Ladies Bible Study… 9:00-11:30am (Chapel)
-Awana…6:45-8:15pm
-Youth…7:00-8:15pm
-Bible Study, Pastor Bill…7pm (Aud.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Archery…6pm (LFH)
-Church Board Meeting…6:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
-Five Forks Fellowship…9am (chapel)
-Youth Archery…6pm (LFH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
-Children's Basketball…9am (MP)
-Archery…8am (LFH)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Café…7-11am

Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill
Scripture: Esther 2:5-18

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray
Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

Friday, January 5th… 9:00 – 11:00am in the Chapel

Speaker: Bev Hannah - Since she was with us the last time, Bev has published her book about her experiences with cancer and the challenges to her faith in that journey. She has some new things that she'd like to share with us!

Please come join us and bring a friend!

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Christmas Eve – A Look Back

This past Sunday, we had our largest Christmas Eve turnout in the history of the Five Forks Church. Over 1300 were in attendance which was an increase of over 250 from last year when Christmas Eve fell on a Saturday.

While we were pleased and encouraged to see so many attend services this past Sunday, what was most encouraging was the spirit of worship that appeared to be evident in all five of the services. It was great to see so many using the gifts God has given them to lead us in worshipping Jesus, God's greatest gift to all.

Thanks to those of you who attended one of the Christmas Eve services this past Sunday. We would love to know that you found yourself worshipping Jesus in love and adoration while you were here, and have done so throughout these past few days. May your love for Jesus continue to grow in the days ahead, as we keep our hearts fixed in Him.

Here is the breakdown from our five services:
9:30 Chapel – 175
10:00 Auditorium – 550
3:30 Auditorium – 240
4:30 Chapel – 86
5:00 Auditorium – 265

The Best Advice I Ever Got on Parenting
Incredible insights from well-known moms & dads. Compiled by Jim Daly, Focus on Family (Y-DAL)

Faith Conversations for Families
A 52 week experience designed to enhance a
family's spiritual growth. Jim Burns (Y-BUR)

A Dog for Christmas by Linda Byler (L-BYL)

The Proving – by Beverly Lewis (L-LEW)

Christmas at Carnton by Tamera Alexander (L-ALE)

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for JANUARY:

Soup

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.

Operation Christmas Child January:

Pencils, sharpeners, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks, scissors

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

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 7th – *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*
Monday, January 8th – *Peace and National Security*
Tuesday, January 9th – *Mental Health*
Wednesday, January 10th – *Social Media and Technology*
Thursday, January 11th – *Family*
Friday, January 12th – *Poverty and Wealth*
Saturday, January 13th – *Nationalism and Globalism*
Sunday, January 14th - *Tribalism*

This week will conclude with a Special Assembly on the evening of January 14th 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)

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.

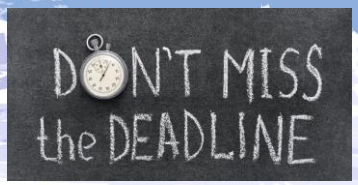
Have you been considering baptism? Baptism is one of the joys of the Christian life where you can express your faith in Christ in a very visible way. Perhaps you've thought about it but, like so many things, you keep on saying, "Someday, I'd like to be baptized."

Well, an opportunity is open to you! Our first Baptism Sunday of 2018 will be January 21st. 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 28th. 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



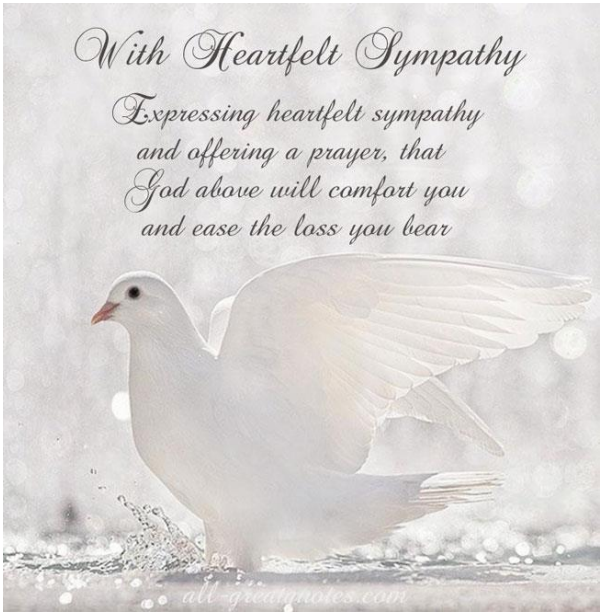
Any giving that you want to be credited to 2017 must be received in the church office no later than 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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

Bobbi Pryor
Bob Stanhope
John Waters

Thank you for the blessing that was mailed to me. It was greatly appreciated.
-Joan Jones

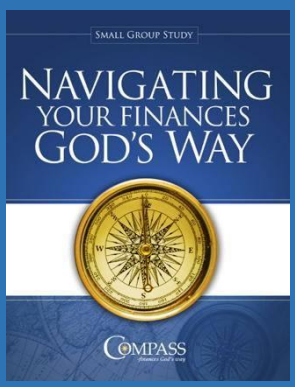
To my "Old Friends",
Thank you for the gift. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are appreciated.
-Martha Besecker



We express our sincere sympathy to John Lehman with the passing of his mother, June (Timmons) Lehman on December 23, 2017.

We express our deepest sympathy to Greg Stains with the passing of his father, George Stains on December 24, 2017.

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 7th 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

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)***

"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 3rd, 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 – (Sunday, January 14 at 5pm in the church auditorium) All senior high teens (9th – 12th grade)...the time has come...over the next two weeks you will be receiving your part in the Murder Mystery dinner as we honor the Teen Idol Awards. You will get a character, you will need to dress up, there will be an awards show with some guest appearances you won't want to miss, there will be a delicious meal and pictures taken and in the end someone will not make it out alive and it's up to you to figure out who did it!