

# Five Forks Church

Brethren in Christ

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## Church Board Report to the Congregation – March 2018

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Here is a summary report from the March Board meeting:

### GENERAL ITEMS

Pastor Bill reported that Sunday morning attendance and contributions for the month of February were negatively impacted by two Sundays where it snowed either before or during the morning services.

A short update was given in regards to the newly formed security committee. The first step being taken is to establish a church-wide communication system that would quickly allow all areas of the church complex to be alerted should an emergency arise.

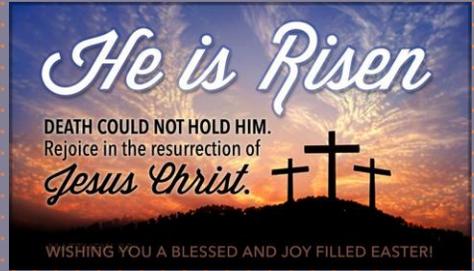
### ACTIONS ITEMS

- The Board reorganized and voted to have Pastor Shaun serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Co-Chair of the Church Board. This is a yearly appointment with a 6-year limit. (The Chairman of the Church Board serves for 3 years, and Pastor Bill is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this term.) The Board also voted to have Lin Yoder continue to serve as Church Board Secretary. This is also a 1-year term with no term limit.
- In order to maintain a balanced rotation of incoming and outgoing board members, it was necessary to have one of the four incoming Board members serve a 2-year term as opposed to the normal 3-year term. Peggy Dawson's name was drawn and will serve the 2-year term.

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## This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, APRIL 1



- SUNRISE SERVICE...6:45am (front parking lot)
- Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)
- Café...7-11am

### Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill  
 Sermon: *So Many Questions*  
 Scripture: John 20:10-18

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray  
 Sermon: Hope: Because Easter Happened  
 Scripture: I Corinthians 15

MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- Men's Prayer Group...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
- Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)...café (6pm), large group meeting (7pm), Open Share (8pm)
- Church Board Meeting...6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- Ladies Bible Study... 9:00-11:30am (Chapel)
- Youth...6:45-8:15pm (Aud.)
- Awana...6:45-8:15pm
- Bible Study...7pm (Chapel)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
- Ladies Exercise Class...1:30-2:30pm (LFH)
- Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7pm (Chapel)

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

- Five Forks Fellowship...9am (Chapel)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

- Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2)
- Café...7-11am

### Morning Messages

Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill  
 Scripture: John 20:24-31

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Ray  
 Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

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- The Board approved a request from Ray Rottler and Celebrate Recovery to hold a regional CR event on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Five Forks.
- This year's General Assembly (formerly General Conference) will be held at Messiah College July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved a request from Sherri Flohr to serve as a voting delegate representing Five Forks. The Board also approved sending as many of the staff who wish to attend and serve as delegates. At least 2 of the staff will be attending and serving in this capacity.
- The Board appointed Christina Martin to serve as the Church Board Recording Secretary for 2018. Christina serves in a similar capacity for another organization in our community. This was a position most recently held by Sandy Gray who was elected to serve as a Board member in January.
- The Board previously voted to take \$2,000 from 2017 excess funds to serve as compensation for the individual serving in the role of Administrative Pastor (currently Pastor Bill). This vote was clarified to establish that this would be paid out every 2 weeks rather than in a lump sum. \$2,000 will need to be placed in upcoming Spending Plans in order for this stipend to continue.
- The Board voted to have Pastor Ray become a signatory for the purpose of serving as administrator on the Five Forks Church Web Banking Account (which allows for a more efficient way to deal with payments and transactions). The Board also approved for certain ministry leaders to be issued bank cards to be used for their specific areas of ministry.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Board discussed and is exploring the possibility of having Kimberly Smith-Highland come to Five Forks and speak on a Sunday morning in 2019. Kimberly is the president of Make Way Partners, a ministry active with human trafficking in South Sudan. Our Golden Link Sunday School Class have been providing prayer and financial support (\$12,000) to this ministry for the past year.
- The board read a condensed article written by professor and historian Luke Keefer Jr. In this article Keefer detailed how the Brethren in Christ denomination is going through an identity crisis and that the original streams - most noticeably Anabaptism – have been negatively impacted by a recent stream that Keefer calls Evangelicalism. The Board briefly discussed both the strengths and the abuses of our Anabaptist heritage, and will continue this discussion in the months to come.

### Your Church Board consists of...

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

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

*Deacon Representative: Mike Garland*

*Church Treasurer: Gene Gorman*

*Recording Secretary: Christina Martin (non-voting)*



# ARE YOU **NEW** TO FIVE FORKS?

*Join us for a Newcomer's Luncheon to learn more about our congregation, meet the staff, and take a tour of our facilities*

Are you new to Five Forks Church? Started attending over the last year or so, or tried one of our services? Or maybe you've been coming longer than that and you've just been finding it difficult to get connected? Then this luncheon is for you!

We (the Pastors and staff) are interested in connecting with you and food always seems to be a great way to do that!

Our next luncheon will be held after the morning services on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. At the conclusion of the meal, we will break down into groups of 6-10 and one of the staff will take you on a short but informative tour of the church.

The luncheon will begin at approximately 12:15 in the Multi-purpose room (Café/Gym). We generally are wrapping things up around 1:45-2:00pm. It's very casual and always a good time. *If you're able to attend, would you please respond by Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> so we know how much food to prepare.*

You can email Pastor Shaun at [shaun@fbic.org](mailto:shaun@fbic.org) or call the church office (717-762-2991) to let us know you're coming or stop at the Life Group counter on Sunday morning and fill out a response card! (Children are invited and after lunch can either play in the gym or go on the tour.)

Thanks, and we hope that you will join us.

## Attendance

### ATTENDANCE (March 25)

Sunday's Worship Total = 775  
8:00 Auditorium = 145  
9:30 Auditorium = 333  
11:00 Auditorium = 208  
11:00 Chapel = 65  
Bible Connection = 17  
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 7

Total Sunday School = 309

Wed. Eve. Love Feast & Feet-Washing (March 28) = 431

## Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for April:

Canned Meat  
(Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, etc)

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

## Operation Christmas Child April:

Small toys, jump ropes, matchbox cars, harmonica, balls, small soccer balls (w/ pump)

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

## Church Picture Directory – Round 2



Maybe you missed out on getting your picture taken for our online directory late last year. Or perhaps you've just begun attending Five Forks in 2018. Either way, we have set aside two dates - both on Sunday morning - in order for Bonnie Branthaver to take your picture and add you to our church picture directory.

Bonnie has been gracious enough to offer her services, and so she will be set up in the back corner of the Cafe on Sunday morning, April 15<sup>th</sup> and again on Sunday morning, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 until 12:30.

You will be asked to sign a release form allowing us to place your picture in the directory. The directory page on our website will be password protected with passwords only given to those connected to the Five Forks Church.

Please stop down before or after the service you attend in order for Bonnie to take your picture!

## Experience Life Outdoors – Pie Sale Fundraiser



Reminder: Deadline to order is this Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>!

ELO Fruit Pie Sale Fundraiser!

You can enjoy Apple, Blueberry, or Cherry. You can order online at <https://www.eloutdoors.com/?event=fruit-pie-sale> or fill out the order form that was placed in your mailbox and return to Tony & Heather Martin's mailbox or stop by the ELO table in the lower lobby this Sunday to place your order with Heather.

Cost: \$10 each

## The #1 Bluegrass Band In America – The Farm Hands Coming To Five Forks



Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>... 6:00 P.M.

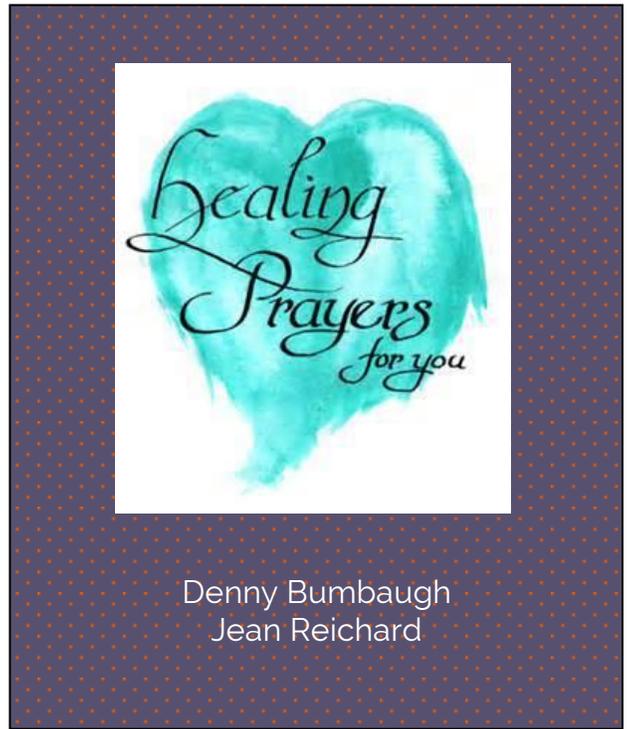
The Farm Hands is an award-winning band based out of Nashville, TN. They are top-notch singers, songwriters, and instrumentalists! They put on a very entertaining, funny and inspiring program appropriate for all ages.

There is no admission fee or ticket needed, but a love offering will be taken.



*We express our deepest sympathy to Richard Cordell with the passing of his sister, Esther Staley on March 19, 2018.*

*We express our deepest sympathy to Gregg Miller with the passing of his sister, Heidi Houser on March 25, 2018.*



## ***Please Help Impact the Life of a Child***



The world is hopeless without Jesus and children desperately need the hope of Jesus. We are looking for adults to join us in providing life-change through personal encounters with God for our local elementary students through the Bible Released Time Program (part of Joy El Ministries).

Once a week (Thursday afternoons) we take students from Mowrey Elementary School and bring them here to Five Forks BIC to teach bible stories and scripture memorization. For many of these students, our program is the only exposure they have to the Good News.

We are seeking volunteers to help listen to children say their verses and to be examples for them on how to follow the Christian path in life. This program has proven to be a great blessing for students and volunteers alike. Please consider joining us in this mission to reach the hearts of children for the Lord.

We meet Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 every week starting in September and going through April. For more information, contact Laurie Thomas at 717-387-0682 or email [lauriecmscrap@embarqmail.com](mailto:lauriecmscrap@embarqmail.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 Kenton Hock, Youth Director.*

*\*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 Kenton Hock, youth director)*



"You are invited to join us 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. 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!"

## All-Nighter

Come on out Friday, **April 13th at 9pm** for our youth All-Nighter! 6th through 12th grade are invited! Guys bring a drink and girls bring a snack! We will have a ton of fun including Mario Party, Movies, Games, Food and more! Bring a friend or two and come hangout with us. Breakfast will be served bright and early around 5am and pick up will be at 7am Saturday April 14th! This will be a great time to fellowship together and reach out to those that don't normally attend church!



Are you ready to take the next step of your faith? Baptism is a time to proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and your desire to show in front of family and friends that you are committed to living for Jesus! On **April 29th**, Youth Sunday, we will be having youth Baptisms. If you are interested in getting baptized contact Kenton to get an information packet and set up a conversation!



**April 29th** the youth will be taking over our Sunday morning services! We will be having youth baptisms and testimonies being shared throughout the morning! If you are a teen and want to hand out bulletins, greet people, or take offering in any of the services sign up in Sunday school or at youth group! We invite you to join us Sunday!