



August 19, 2018

## CHURCH BOARD REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – AUGUST 2018

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday evening, August 7th. Here is a summary report from the August Board meeting.

### GENERAL ITEMS

The Board continues to stay abreast of current attendance and contribution trends, as both Sunday morning attendance and contributions are lower than last year at this time.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board continues to discuss how the church would benefit by having a woman on our staff. The sub-committee that was formed in June has been working to identify specific areas of need. Some of these include providing a woman's presence and perspective when it comes to discipleship...training leaders and volunteers in various ministries here at the church...and developing a *FF Women's Ministry* through social events, service opportunities and spiritual care. The Board began discussing how, when and where to hold one or more "Town Hall Meetings" where the congregation would be invited to attend and ask questions and provide input.

The Board continues to discuss and put renewed emphasis on our Anabaptist roots. Towards that end, the Board watched the first half of a video that was recorded at the Brethren in Christ General Assembly held last month at Messiah College. It was a presentation given by Pastor Zach Spidell (Dayton, Ohio) where he talked about "*How the Brethren in Christ Do Theology Together.*" (They will watch the second half at the September Board meeting.)

Lin Yoder continued to lead the discussion in regards to staff compensation. He presented an updated compensation grid based on things such as education, length of service, responsibilities and ultimately performance. The board reviewed this information and will continue discussion at future board meetings.

*Your Church Board consists of...*

**Staff:** *Bill Shank, Shaun Kipe*

**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)*

## AWANA PROGRAM BEGINNING SOON!

It seems like kids hurdle toward adulthood faster each year, and they won't wait for you to introduce them to what God's Word has to say about life. Today, more than ever, children's ministry is vitally important to the local church. The Awana ministry provides the solid foundation that kids need to grow up to become adults who know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Awana can be the tool that can help you raise kids to become spiritual champions and bring new kids and even entire families to our church.

The Awana club here at Five Forks offers different age/grade appropriate programs:

**The Cubbies Program** – 3-4-year-old boys and girls or two years before kindergarten. They meet in room 117 in the children's ministry wing. Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their "Cubbies friends," they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior.

[The Sparks program](#) – Kindergarten through second-grade boys and girls. They meet in the Multi-purpose Room. The Sparks program zooms in on the details. Kids in Sparks are introduced to Bible characters and events and learn why they are important. Sparks materials focus on helping children learn to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

[The Truth & Training \(T&T\)](#) – Third through fifth-grade boys and girls. They meet in their appropriate handbook room in the LFH (Lower Fellowship Hall). The T&T program uses a question and answer format with the answers backed up by Scripture. Students learn that the Bible is true and that they can firmly put their trust in God's Word. T&T materials will help kids love God. As in all Awana programs, there is still an evangelism emphasis, but the materials are beginning to reflect a concentration on discipleship and service.

*Clubber Registration begins this Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.* All clubbers will need to be registered.

For questions or to pre-register your child, you can contact Commander Jim by phone at 762-2991 or email [jim@fiveforkchurch.org](mailto:jim@fiveforkchurch.org).

Remember club needs to start promptly at 6:45pm... so please don't be late!

## **WOW – WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES STARTING SOON!**

*The Acts of the Holy Spirit* - You may have heard the book of Acts referred to as "The Acts of the Apostles." I suppose that is technically true. But the reality is, all the apostles did for the Lord was done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Word On Wednesday (and also On Thursday!) this fall, we're going to overview the first part of the book of Acts with exactly that perspective. What was the Holy Spirit doing? How did His work impact the early assembly of believers in Jerusalem? Please plan on joining us!

*It all begins on Wednesday and Thursday, September 5<sup>TH</sup> and 6<sup>TH</sup>, at 7:00 pm, in the chapel! See you there!"*

## **LADIES! PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR**

Ladies Bible Study begins *Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00am in the Chapel Wing*

This year, we will be studying the *Gospel of John*. Join us as we "unpack" the Living Word, the Living Water, the Bread of Life, the Light, the Lamb of God and the King of the Kingdom! Learn how our Savior affects our lives today!

We will also have "Connecting Weeks" where we hear testimonies (Jenny Kipe will be Sept. 12), get to know another, inspire and appreciate creativity, learn of other ministries and support and pray for each other.

Come every week, come when you can or watch the *Light on the Hill* for one of our special "Connecting Weeks".

*If you have any questions, contact Heidi Payne 717-316-5252, [heidimpayne@gmail.com](mailto:heidimpayne@gmail.com)*

## **FIVE FORKS QUILTERS...LET'S MEET TOGETHER TO QUILT!**

We are ready to go again after a summer break! Our first meeting is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>...9:00am – 12:00pm. We meet once a month on the second Monday in the Chapel Wing.

We are inviting all who participated before and are hoping new people will join us. You don't have to be a quilter, just come wanting to learn.

We make quilts to welcome new babies and the Lord is showing us others to encourage. Come enjoy the blessing of sharing with others!

*Questions, please contact Karen Butts at 717-655-7475.*

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY CONNECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> ...9:00am – 12:30pm (Doors open at 8:00am)

### Speakers:

- Dr. Harvey Payne
- Quint Pitts
- Kipp & Brenda Janes

**Music:** *Redemption's Promise* – a group of imperfect, broken, musicians ministering to imperfect, broken people. Born out of the Celebrate Recovery Ministry in Waynesboro, PA, the band plays regional venues and leads worship at Celebrate Recovery Meetings in the local area. The band's single "Faithful One" is available at iTunes and hear it on YouTube. Follow them on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/RedemptionsPromise](http://www.facebook.com/RedemptionsPromise).

**Questions:** Contact Ray Rottler at 717-377-4557 or for additional details about this event, click [HERE](#).

Register online [HERE](#).

## FIVE FORKS ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION COMING SOON!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

Each year, the Five Forks Church Auction has raised money to help pay down our mortgage. Since the mortgage has been paid off, the proceeds from this year's auction will go into the Building Fund, which includes the hope of a future Youth Center for our teens.

We are asking each member of our congregation to consider how you might be able to donate to the auction:

- You might be willing to purchase a *new item or to make an item or food item* to be auctioned off.
- You might be able to donate services (i.e. babysitting, cleaning, car repair/maintenance services, lawn mowing, etc)
- You might consider asking a business which you patronize to make a donation to the auction.

Here are some examples of items that have been donated in the past:

A Cord of Wood, Beef to be Butchered, Pumpkins, Potted Flowers, Gift Certificates, Cake-a-Month, Pie-a-Month, A Meal, Quilts, Afghans, Wooden Furniture, A Picnic Table, A Time-share Condo or Cabin, Event Tickets...

As you can see, there are many creative options to choose from. How could you use your talents or skills?

If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please complete the flyer that was placed in your mailbox this week and return to Melissa Mitchell's mailbox. There are extra forms available at the information desk in the upper lobby and on the table in the mailroom.

Questions, please contact Melissa at 717-977-9078 or email her at [smitch466@gmail.com](mailto:smitch466@gmail.com).

*Note: Donations need to be at the church by Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## EXPERIENCE LIFE OUTDOORS (ELO) CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>...10:00am – 2:00pm

Five Forks Church parking lot

**\*"Take out" only**

Meal includes: ½ chicken, beans, applesauce, cookie, & roll (\$9.00); ½ chicken only (\$6.50)

Pre-purchase tickets to guarantee availability by contacting Heather Martin at 717-372-6282.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>...8:30am

With the many items collected for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes over this past year, we will need to come together to prepare the boxes for shipping. This is a great opportunity to be a part of this ministry. Please plan on joining us, making this a fun exciting morning to bring joy to many children around the world.

Questions, or to sign up, please contact Penny Bakner at 717-830-1614.

If you would like to give a monetary gift to cover shipping costs, please make check payable to Five Forks Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.

Please mark your calendar and plan to come out and join us on *Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*. Snacks will be provided!

## SAVE-THE-DATE...FALL FUN DAY – COMING SOON

Five Forks Church **Fall FUN Day**, including Craft Sale, Yard Sale, and Bake Sale!

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>...8:00am – 3:00pm

## THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

<b>Sunday, August 19</b>	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am  <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Shaun Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Genesis 6:17</i>
<b>Monday, August 20</b>	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>	No Services – Summer Break
<b>Thursday, August 23</b>	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
<b>Sunday, August 26</b>	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am  <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Shaun Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Genesis 9:12-13</i>  -Awana Kick-off...11:00am (CW)

## THANK YOU!

*To Our Church Family,*

*Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, meals, and cards. Also, a Big Thank You to Pastor Bill for coming to the hospital on the morning of my surgery to pray with me. Also, thank you for the planter sent from the church. We feel so blessed to be a part of the Five Forks Church Family. Your prayers helped us come through the surgery, hospital stay, and has helped with the healing.*

*Thanks to Everyone and God,*

*Cherle & Frank Carl*

Thank you to the church family who sent cards and spoke words of sympathy and prayers in behalf of the passing of my sister, Abbey Oswald.

-Joel Wenger Family

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and the flowers sent from the church regarding my recent hip surgery.

Thanks To All,

Don Smiley

## HEALING PRAYERS

*(Those who have been hospitalized or underwent surgery/procedures this week.)*

Elaine Diggs

Cameron Sprenkle

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Helen Keckler with the passing of her mother, Ruth Rinehart on August 9, 2018.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Ginger Desautels with the passing of her mother, Barbara Tidd on August 15, 2018.

## FOOD PANTRY AUGUST "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

**Canned Fruit**

*(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AUGUST "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

**Games: checkers, jacks, matching games. A simple bag with which a child can use to carry things.**

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

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 12

Sunday's Worship Total = 686

8:00 Auditorium = 148

9:30 Auditorium = 275

11:00 Auditorium = 183

11:00 Chapel = 50

Bible Connection = 16

Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 14

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Total Sunday School = 269

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## STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director ([kenton@ffbic.org](mailto:kenton@ffbic.org))

**Parent Meeting**

Do you have a student between 6th through 12th grade? Are you interested in what's happening this year in our Student Ministries? If your answer to either of these questions is yes, then we would love to have you at our parent meeting on August 19th! We will go over this year's goals for the ministry, our upcoming calendar, and a brief introduction to Kenton as well as new way to get connected with our ministry! Come out between 11am and 12pm on Sunday, August 19th in A33 (The High School SS room).

### REGISTER ONLINE!

This year we are launching a new way to sign up for events! To register for any event that requires a permission slip, you can either visit [ffbic.org/ministries/students](http://ffbic.org/ministries/students) or [fiveforks.churchcenter.com](http://fiveforks.churchcenter.com) to fill out our form and even pay online! Any questions? Feel free to ask Kenton Hock! [kenton@ffbic.org](mailto:kenton@ffbic.org)

### Welcome Back Pool Parties

Wednesday, August 29th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) you are invited to the first student ministries event of the year! It's a great opportunity for you to meet some of the other students and leaders who you'll be hanging out with this next year. Middle School will be meeting at the home of Jeff & Beth Reeher (5906 Buttermilk Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268) and High School will be meeting at the home of Chris and Jennifer Bumbaugh (5905 Buttermilk Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268). We'll be swimming (bring a swimsuit: Girls - one piece or tankini... Guys - no speedos) roasting smores on the campfire; playing some games and just getting to know each other. Feel free to invite some friends to join us!

### Kick-off Night & Tailgate Party!

On Wednesday, September 5th (7:00pm – 8:15pm) we'll be meeting at the church for our student ministries "kick-off night and Tailgate Party." We'll be meeting just outside the chapel in the parking lot. You won't be able to miss us...just wind down your window and listen for the music. We'll have all kinds of games set up, including the moon bounce and ga-ga pit.

### Church at the Lake

Sunday, September 9th all students, 6 - 12th grade, will start the day with morning worship, followed by lunch and then activities throughout the day. On the lake, there will be tubing, skiing, swimming, etc. For land lovers, there will be plenty of time for sightseeing, hiking and various picnic type games. We will meet in the High School Sunday school room at 8:00am and return around 8:00pm. Pick up a permission slip or register online today!

### Uprise Fest 2018

Uprise Festival is a two-day event. Your ticket (\$45) includes entry for both days. Please indicate on the permission slip which day(s) you plan to attend. You will need additional money to purchase meals. There will also be Christian related merchandise (music, clothing, etc.), which can be purchased at the festival. The student ministries will provide drinks and light snacks. Turn in permission slip and payment to Kenton Hock by Sunday, September 9th. All tickets after this date will be purchased at the gate for \$60 PER DAY. Pick up a permission slip or register online today!