



October 21, 2018

PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Sunday, November 4th has been set aside as the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Every year, a Sunday is designated for Christians from around the world to pray for Believers who are persecuted for their faith.

Voice of the Martyrs (VOTM) is the organization whose mission is to serve the persecuted church. This ministry is based on Hebrews 13:3 which says, *"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."*

This year, VOTM will have us focus on Christians in Pakistan who are routinely threatened and persecuted. They are often relegated to the lowest paying jobs and even to a form of slavery working for Muslim brick-kiln owners. However, they continue to serve and faithfully witness for Christ.

In the Auditorium foyer, you will see a large banner and a table where you will find DVD's that are there for you to take and watch. You can also download this video by simply going to the VOTM website (<https://www.persecution.com/idop/>). This new video, shot on location in Pakistan, will inspire and challenge you to pray for our Pakistani family and other persecuted believers. There are also prayer cards at this table that will help inform you and help you to know how to pray. Thank you for joining us as we remember those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

If you have made the decision to follow Jesus and you have been baptized and you see yourself as a committed part of the Five Forks Church, we would like you to consider becoming a member at Five Forks. The membership service will be held on Sunday, October 28th during the church services.

If you are interested in hearing more about membership at Five Forks, please contact the church office at 717-762-2991.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

On Saturday, October 27th at 8:30am, we will be organizing our traditional Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing party in the MP Room.

With all the shopping completed and many items collected, we are coming together to prepare the boxes for shipping.

This is a great opportunity to be a part of this ministry. Mark your calendar and plan to join us in making this a fun, exciting morning to bring joy to many children around the world.

Snacks will be provided!

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

FIVE FORKS FALL FUN DAY - COMING SOON!

Craft Sale / Yard Sale / Bake Sale!

Saturday, November 3rd ...8:00am – 3:00pm

Breakfast and Lunch Available

If you would like to rent a table(s), please fill out the flyer that was placed in your mailbox. Additional flyers can be found in the mailroom on the blue counter.

Cost: \$10 for the first table/\$5 for each additional table.

Note: Set-up is indoors and tables will be provided for both yard sellers and crafters.

Space is limited so reserve your space now!

Crafters – return registration with payment to Joan Jones.

Yard Sale – return registration with payment to Linda Gift.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Donations of home-baked goods are needed for our Bake Sale on Saturday, November 3rd. This year's bake sale proceeds will go toward the fee of shipping all Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes that will be filled at our packing party here at the church on Saturday, October 27th.

If you would like to make goodies for our bake sale, please fill out the donation form that was placed in your mailbox and return to Penny Bakner's mailbox or Cherle Carl's mailbox by Sunday, October 28th.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the church on Friday, November 2nd from 3:00-5:00pm.

AWANA FALL FESTIVAL

The Awana Program is requesting donations of candy for their Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 31st. Donations may be placed in the designated box in the children's wing lobby by Sunday, October 21st. Thanks so much!

THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, October 21	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Baptism (9:30 & 11:00, Aud.) Aud. (8:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Acts 15</i> Aud. (9:30am & 11:00am) – Pastor Bill – <i>Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:21, 24-25</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – <i>Scripture: Act 15</i>
Monday, October 22	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel) Ladies Quilting Group...9am (Chapel Wing)
Tuesday, October 23	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Ladies Exercise Class...1:30 - 2:30pm (Chapel Basement) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share) YAM (Young Adult Ministry)...6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, October 24	Women's Bible Study...9:00 - 11:00am (Chapel) Youth...6:45 – 8:15pm Awana...6:45 – 8:15 Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7:00pm (Chapel)
Thursday, October 25	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30 - 7:30am (Chapel) Ladies Exercise Class...1:30 - 2:30pm (Chapel Basement) Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7pm (Chapel)
Saturday, October 27	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party...8am (MP Room)
Sunday, October 28	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Membership

Aud. (8:00am) – Pastor Brian – *Scripture: Acts 17:16-34*
Aud. (9:30am & 11:00am) – Pastor Bill – *Scripture: I Corinthians 4:2, 5; II Corinthians 4:17-18*
Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian – *Scripture: Acts 17:16-34*

BIBLE JEOPARDY!

October 27, 2018...6:00pm

The Discipleship Council will officially kick off the Initiative *To Increase Biblical Literacy And Engagement* (AKA: HisWordInUs) with a "Bible Jeopardy" game night and Initiative introduction. There is no cost to attend. All attendees will receive a free Biblical Literacy Goodie-Bag with helpful resources; also prizes for winners. You don't have to play to attend – Spectators are welcome and will also receive giveaways.

The event will occur at (3) locations:

Location 1 (North): Spring of Hope Community Church, 605 Burns Dr. Altoona, PA

Location 2 (Center): Hollowell Church, 14807 Hollowell Church Rd, Waynesboro, PA

Location 3 (South): Community of Faith Church, 5343 Fallowater Ln, Roanoke, VA

There will be several rounds of Jeopardy, which will be in teams (as opposed to individuals). Teams will be formed on site. In addition to the games, giveaways, and prizes; there will be free food, and resource table that display books, videos, web-based studies, pamphlets, ideas, etc. that could be used by, pastors, individuals, small groups, home schools, children, parents, teens, etc. to increase Biblical Literacy and engagement.

If you would like to attend, contact Darryl McPherson at 301-739-0102 by email at Darryl.mary@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Shout of thanks out to Pastors Brian and Ray for stepping over to my freshly repaired apartment and moving around some furniture for me. Bonus blessing they are hospital-bed moving experts – I never could have figured that out! ☺
-Kathy Freese

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the prayers, calls, visits, and emails/messages during and following my hospitalization last week for A-Fib. I am feeling 100% better after a weekend of rest. May God bless you.

Thanks.

Glenn Wingert

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND HEALING

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

Dotti Boswell

Laura Petersheim

Ronnie Rowe

Phyllis Witter

WITH SYMPATHY

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Helen Mata and Dave Oberholzer with the passing of their father, Donald Oberholzer on October 18, 2019.

FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Soup

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OCTOBER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Monetary donations for shipping costs (If donating by check, please make check payable to Five Forks Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.)

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 14	Sunday's Worship Total = 564 8:00 Auditorium = 141 9:30 Auditorium = 221 11:00 Auditorium = 128 11:00 Chapel = 50 Bible Connection = 17 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 7
	Total Sunday School = 248

STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director (kenton@ffbic.org)

RELEASE FORMS

In an effort to protect and take care of our students, we are implementing release forms this year. Each year, we will ask parents to fill out a 2 page document consisting of personal information, contact information, medical information and more. This is our way to make sure we do everything possible to maintain a safe and friendly environment for our students, parents and leaders. Please fill out a form, you can get them online at ffbic.org/students or you can find them at any of our information tables around the church. We would like to have release forms for all students attending any Five Forks Student Ministries events!

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 or fiveforks.churchcenter.com to fill out our form and even pay online! Any questions? Feel free to ask Kenton Hock! kenton@ffbic.org

Wednesday Nights

Join us in the Auditorium Wednesday Nights! We will meet from 6:45 - 8:15pm!

You've probably had an experience or two that has taught you the power of a good friendship and the danger of a destructive one. This is never more true than during the teenage years, when teenagers are the most susceptible they'll ever be to the influence of their peers. Teenagers, though, sometimes have difficulty seeing the way their friendships influence them. So, in this 4-week series, we'll be discussing how to choose our friends wisely, exploring the qualities of a healthy friendship, encouraging students to build friendships with wise people, and helping them see Jesus as their best and truest friend.

Middle School Barn Party

Join us Friday, October 19th from 6:30 - 8:30pm for our Middle School Barn Party! All students 6th - 8th grade are encouraged to bring a friend and come hang out with us at the Nowell Farm. We will be playing games, engaging in a devo, eating snacks and more! Join us as we kick off fall in a way that both engages us relationally as well as spiritually!

Mission's Trip Parent Meeting

On Sunday, October 28th, join us after church in the High School Sunday school Room! We will be meeting quickly to go over some extra details and answer any questions that you may have! Join us around noon and we hope to keep this nice and short!

High School Retreat

This year we are launching a High School Retreat! All students 9th - 12th grade are invited to come with us to Camp Hebron for a weekend of worship, teaching, games, dodge ball and more! We are excited for this opportunity to change our pace & place to encourage students to go deeper in their walk with Christ. This event will be Friday - Sunday, November 2 - 4th. We are highly encouraging students to put this on their calendars and to be there for the whole weekend, not just parts of it. All registrations are due by THIS WEDNESDAY (October 17th) This date is not flexible.