

August 2019



1 Peter 3:14-17 (NIV)

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Greetings,

Last week I learned that HBO was coming to Gettysburg to make a 10-day documentary on what it means to be part of a gay community in a small town. Seems like the recent Gay Pride parade got some national attention and Hollywood is coming to capitalize on it.

As HBO attempts to affirm the gay lifestyle and agenda, I suspect that they will also be looking for the alternative view. Although there are many churches in Gettysburg, I fear that only a handful will give a Biblical worldview on the issues at hand. I pray that we would be counted as one of them.

As I prayerfully give thought to how I might respond to questions in a pro LGBT interview, it begs to ask the question, "How would you respond?". Would your response be seasoned with grace, love and mercy all pointing to the truth of God's Word? Would you be able to point to key scriptures and give a clear understanding to the faulty claims that the gay community is making?

Jenny and I are facilitating a class that will help you answer these questions and better equip you in giving such a God honoring response. During the month of August, our class will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8pm. We will watch a short teaching video expanding on the chapters from our book, *Rethinking Sexuality: God's Design and Why It Matters* by Dr. Juli Slattery and have time for questions and discussion.

Please join us for such a time as this. Child care is available but you will need to preregister in the foyer or call the church office so that we will be adequately prepared.

My best, PC



Fusion August Newsletter

Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

Man, is this summer flying by! We hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July. So many awesome things happen in the summer and we get to meet many new faces in youth group, which is really exciting! A big thanks to the Hurda family, for hosting us yet again for the Fusion cookout and sharing their awesome property with us for the night! If you are interested in learning more about Fusion Youth Ministry, please contact Faith or myself or feel free to come to any of the events listed below. Please keep in mind that some of the events have deadlines and that any event off church property requires a permission slip (only needs to be filled out once) to be completed for any student wishing to come. Those are available via email or in person if you let us know you would like one. The summer is not over yet, so if you haven't gotten plugged into Fusion we encourage you to come check us out! God is awesome and He is doing big things!

August

Aug. 2nd-3rd: High School Guys Night 6pm-9am (drop off at 6pm Friday night, dinner is provided, hang out time, sleep over, breakfast, pick up at 9am Saturday morning)

Aug. 4th: FUSION OBSTACLE COURSE/Birthday game NIGHT!!! 6pm-8pm

Aug. 11th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Aug. 18th: FUSION 6pm-8pm (Sign up & payment deadline for Uprise Fest!)

Aug. 25th: FUSION PIZZA & SWIM PARTY AT HOLTZOPLES! 6pm-8pm

September

Sept. 1st: NO FUSION (Labor Day Weekend)

Sept. 8th: FUSION Birthday Game Night 6pm-8pm

Sept. 13th-15th: UPRISE FEST (Festival is Friday to late Saturday night so those wanting to spend the night at church on Saturday may do so)

Sept. 15th: NO FUSION

Sept. 20th-21st: ALL NIGHTER at Calvary Bible Church in Hanover (more info in the September Fusion Flyer)

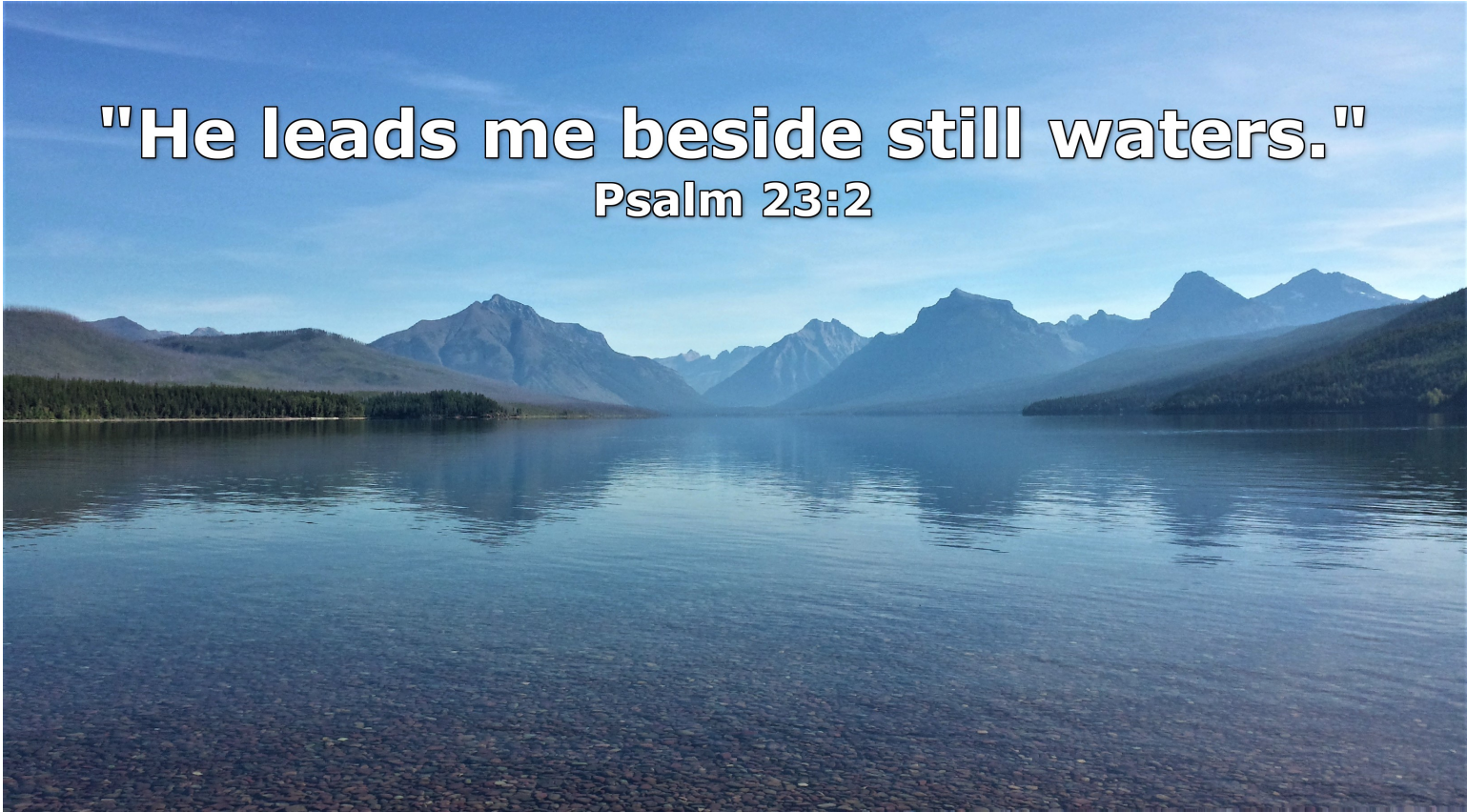
Sept. 22nd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Sept. 29th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

***If your student (s) is involved in extracurricular activities such as sports, music, drama, etc please give me or Faith a copy of their schedules/dates if they would like us to come watch them. We love supporting our students in this way and really love seeing them in their element!**


For more information about these events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



**"He leads me beside still waters."
Psalm 23:2**

Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park, Montana, USA. Submitted by Whitney V. Myers



**"He will give you another Helper,
that He may be with you forever ..."
John 14:16**

ScriptureWay.com

Submitted by Whitney V. Myers (www.ScriptureWay.com)

Ask Him again...

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Ask Him AGAIN.

Ask Him again for that child to come home.

That marriage to be healed.

That mountain to move.

Ask Him again for that friendship to mend.

That work to begin.

That end-of-tunnel light to appear.

Ask Him again for the one who needs rescue, the one who needs healing, the one who needs new direction, new guidance, new focus.

Yes. Even if that 'one' is you.

Ask Him again for what you need.

For what you want. For joy in the sorrow. Help in the struggle.

A sip of living-water in the heat of your schedule...and the time to just sit at the well, Amen?

Ask Him again.

Ask Him again to provide springs in your land; and while you're at it, give thanks for that land, no matter how dry it is now, knowing He's given it to you with good purpose.

Yes. Ask Him again.

Ask Him again to dig up the soil and plant the seeds.

Ask Him again to stir up and settle, make and remake, pour out His peace that passes all understanding,

because frankly; you could use a hefty dose about now.

Yes. And Amen.

Ask Him again for all that seems lost and all that seems nowhere even near the city of possible...and ask Him believing He can.

Yes. Ask Him again.

Not because you don't think He heard you the first million times,

but because you are realizing the longer you {truly} live,

that persistence is a pretty strong faith-builder;

not to mention how close it keeps you to Him for whom all things are possible

and nothing is too hard,

and because faith-based strength to persevere and closeness with your Creator is what you REALLY need.

Whew. Yes. Absolutely. Ask Him again.

With fresh eyes and a renewed spirit and a passionate resolve that He can, and if it's His Will...He will.

And if it's not, you will keep on asking.

You will keep on seeking. You will keep on believing.

Because persistent faith is where it's at.

It fastens it's gaze on hope.

The hope that is always three steps {Father, Son, Holy Spirit} ahead, providing the perfect focal point.

Yes. And it never disappoints. Amen.

So today; bow low, look up, and ask Him AGAIN.



8 out of 10 of the unchurched would come to church if invited.

The Reuses would be happy to lend you the DVD, (90 min.) *The God Who Speaks: Tracing the Evidence for Biblical Authority*, produced by the American Family Assoc. Presenters include : Alistair Begg, Erwin Lutzer, Josh McDowell, R. C. Sproul and many others. We have a few copies available. They also have a copy of the book (101 pages), *Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church* by Keith & Kristyn Getty, which Pastor Carl used as a basis for his message a few weeks ago.

If interested, please contact Ron or Pat @ 717 334-6393

NEW STUDY!!!

Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8pm in the Music Room
August 7, 14, 21, 28

RETHINKINGSEXUALITYBOOK.COM

Led by Pastor Carl and Jennefer Harris

This study is for parents, teachers, pastors, leaders and others who want to use their influence and relationships to direct people toward God's love and truth. More info to come



August 16th from 6-9 pm **Dinner included!**

The CE board is hosting a **FREE** evening for parents to drop off their kids (ages **12 and under**) and go have some fun! Your child will be fed and cared for. Bikes and play clothes encouraged!



MEET & GREET

St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg (located at 109 York St.) is hosting a Meet and Greet to introduce Angel Perez, the new Chaplain at ACACC. Come out on Sunday, August 4th from 3-5 pm.



**AMPHITHEATRE SERVICE
Sunday August 25th 8:00 am
Pastor Carl Preaching**



*embracing the
journey of
motherhood*

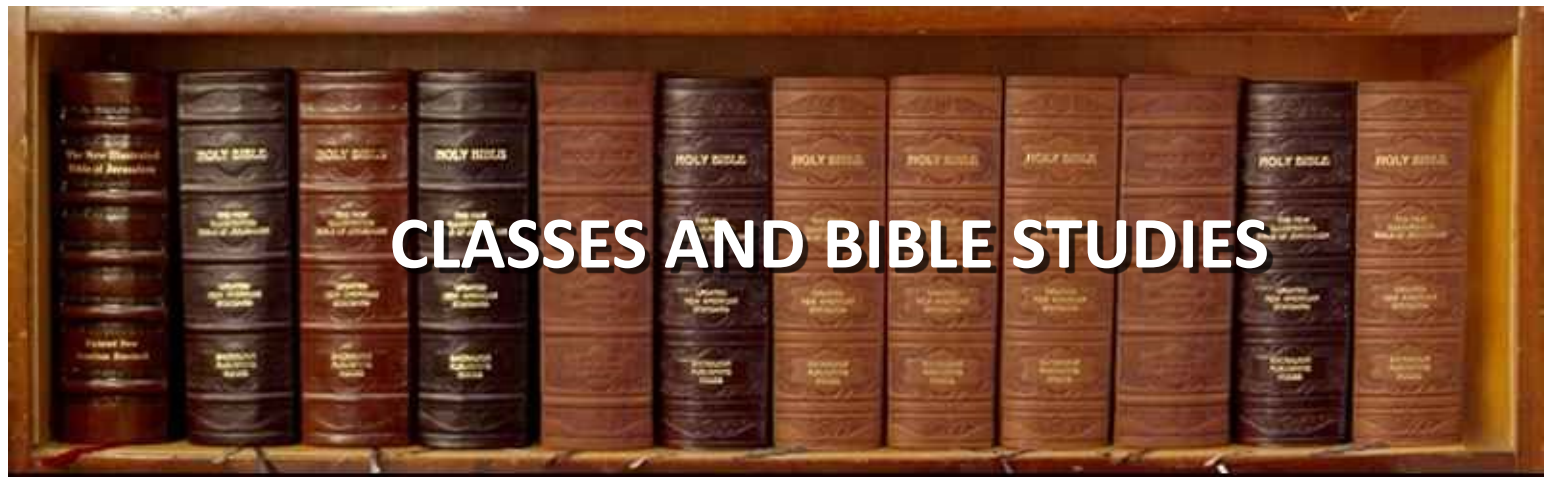
This is a group for moms with children of all ages. Come out and celebrate motherhood and build relationships with other moms. Children can attend AWANA while you attend your group.

Begins September 4th

W2 GROUP

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service. Come out for a time of fellowship and great food.





CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Book of Isaiah - 9am led by Wanda Gallimore in Lewis Hall **ends Aug 4**

Every Man's Battle - 6pm led by Phil Musket @ FBC **ends Aug 4**

Ecclesiastes - Open discussion in kitchen 9am

C.A.M. Song of Solomon - 9am led by Poe, Crushong, Rivera

Book of Genesis - led by Mark Punchard @ 10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

Rethinking Sexuality - 6:30 -8pm led by Harris's (Aug 7,14,21,28)

THURSDAYS

Men's study of Romans - 5:30am led by Pastor Carl in his office

9:30am study of 1&2 Timothy and Jude led by Pastor Carl in his office

SEPTEMBER 21

@ 7:30 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Faith, Food & Fellowship



Thanks to everyone who came by to help Lilly paint the music room and move furniture. It took a few days, but the room looks great!

Stop by and take a peek!



Our VBS program was a great success! We had over **150 kids** which was a record for our church! Praise God that this ministry grows every year! We had **19 kids** ask Jesus into their hearts and **25 kids** rededicate their lives to Jesus. Thanks to all the wonderful, dedicated volunteers that made this event possible. Without all of you, this couldn't happen, so, thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you

thank you



Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign is underway! We wait expectantly for the Lord to provide the funds we need to upgrade our church home. If you feel the Lord calling you to give, please indicate on the memo line of your check "capital campaign". Remember, you can also give online! Blessings!

20 **Sweet Hour of Prayer**
Sweet Hour L. M. D.

W. W. WALFORD W. B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

**JOIN TOGETHER TO PRAY
FOR OUR WORLD, OUR
NATION AND OUR
COMMUNITY. THIS GROUP
MEETS IN THE LIBRARY
OFFICE ON THE FIRST
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOLLOWING THE SECOND
SERVICE. **NEXT: AUG 4****

are,
hear
share,
rown;
less.
right;

Can you guess the hymn?

Born of the spirit
with life from above
into God's family divine,
Justified fully
through Calvary's love,
O what a standing
is mine!

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



On September 5th (Thursday) Pastor Carl's Bible Studies will be resuming. The Men's 5:30am group will be studying Romans and the 9:30 group will be studying 1 & 2 Timothy & Jude.

All Welcome!



Praise the Lord! During the month of July, 226 shoeboxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child at VBS. The children were so excited and willing to give so others could have needed items, and more importantly, hear the Good News of Jesus Christ! We prayed for each and every box knowing that God will direct it to the specific child that it will bless.

As you remember, each box takes \$9.00 to ship. This \$9.00 also pays for teacher training, materials used in discipleship, and the cost of in-country transportation (scooters, elephant rental, etc., to carry the boxes to their final destination). For 226 boxes, that amounts to \$2034.00 to send these boxes on their way. **The VBS families have donated \$1,040.00, leaving a need of \$994.00.**

You can help defray this cost by placing donations in the offering each Sunday. Please mark your donation "Shoeboxes." You can also fill the film canisters found in the foyer with quarters and place them in the offering.

Thank you so much for your prayers, time, materials, and money to support our VBS children and enable them to share the Gospel with others.

The shoebox team will not meet on Sundays or Make-it days in August or September. We will meet again in October to prepare for the November opportunities. If you'd like to make items at home, please see Fran Rohrer (717-676-0524). We are currently collecting gently used T-shirts to be made into jump ropes for next year's boxes.

May God richly bless you.

The Shoebox Team



On behalf of Answers in Genesis, you are invited to a two day seminar at FBC entitled:

SACRED SEXUALITY -

Embracing God's Design for Sexuality

Friday, September 27th from 6:30 - 9 pm

Saturday, September 28th from 9:30 -12:30

1:30 - 3:30 (1 hour break for lunch)

Registration Forms available in the office and on our webpage @ www.fbcgettysburg.net

Childcare for ages 3 and under provided

The foundational truth of our sexuality is being challenged in our society. How do we respond biblically to this war on sexuality? How do we view the gift of sexuality when we are single or married? How can we evangelize and help our youth who are growing up in this sex crazed world?

Many of the presenters in the video conference are on the front lines when it comes to these issues. All are actively speaking, writing, encouraging and equipping Christians to get off the bench and enter the battlefield.

At this conference, you will receive solid teaching from God's word that will encourage you.

Sign up today!



M.O.P.S. WHEEL DAY

August 7, 2019

10am - 1pm

FREE LUNCH!

Hot dogs and Burgers!

GOD ON THE GROUND

Saturday, August 24th 3-7pm

Food, Fun, Fellowship. Bring the Family!

Gettysburg Recreation Park



Taryn He - 1

Colby Holtzople - 4

Pauline Seibel - 4

Kileigh McLaughlin - 5

Linda Punchard - 7

Brylee Arentz- 8

Halle Henson - 9

Pat Flinn - 9

Warren Wagner – 9

Janet Coleman - 10

Shirley Sidenstricker - 10

Shania Celius- 11

Dave Rohrer - 12

Josh Henson - 13

Linda Potter - 13

Wanda Werner Miller - 16

Linda Kump - 17

Faith Rice - 20

Tracey Thomas - 20

John Fitzgerald - 21

Andy Hoffman - 23

Kaylee Baker - 24

Danise Kelly - 25

Luther Guise - 27



August

Happy
Anniversary



Tony & Lori Miley -3

Mac & Arla McBeth -7

Norris & Susan Flowers-9

Bob & Shirley Smith -18

Jim & Sue Stockman -19

Ron & Pat Reuse -20

Mike & Brenda Scyphers -25

Brian & Cindy Rice -31



The Cyclers are coming!!!! The Cyclers are coming!!! Join us for our second annual celebration as we host this great group of cyclers. We'll be having a dinner of BBQ Ribs and other great food and providing a place of overnight rest and relaxation for this group while hearing about their ministry. Come out for a great dinner and make some new friends.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST DINNER AT 5PM



On the 2nd Sunday of each month, FBC'S SHOEBOX GROUP holds a short meeting in the music room following the second service. Also, on the second Monday of each month, there is a 'Make-it Monday' at the Rohrer's home where items are made to go into the boxes. **There will be no meetings for August and September** but meetings will resume in October to get ready for the November activities. For questions, please call Fran Rohrer @ 717-676-0524.

On July 14th Michelle Stockman shared with the church about her life, her work and how God called her to the mission field. It was great to hear her story. On the 28th of July, Lexie Tate told us of her plans to serve in Chad and her desire to minister to the women of that region.

This month, on August 11th come and hear the Eysters tell their story and on the 18th the McVickers will be here.

Don't forget that on Sept 29th, Ari Hauben from Chosen People will be sharing his story with us.

If you have a desire to partner with any of our missionaries, please contact Kim Wagner. If you can't partner monetarily, please consider being a prayer partner.

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BREAD PICK -UP
Holtzople - 3
Hess/VanArsdale - 10
Merson - 17
Gipe - 24
Holtzople - 31

August

Thursday, August 1

Cyclers from Restoring Hope Ministries
Dinner @ 5PM at FBC

Friday & Saturday, August 2-3

High School Boys Youth Sleep Over
Friday Night 6pm

Sunday, August 4

Sweet Hour of Prayer- following 2nd service
Recommissioning Michelle Stockman @ both services
Youth Group - Obstacle Course - 6pm

Tuesday, August 6

Intercessors - 5:45pm
Board Meetings - 6:15pm
Official Board - 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 7

M.O.P.S. Wheel Day 10am -1pm

Thursday & Friday, August 8-9

Staff away at Leadership Seminar
Office open from 9-12:30

Sunday, August 11

Eyster's speaking at both services

Wednesdays August 7, 14, 21, 28

Sexuality Bible Study "Rethinking Sexuality" begins
6:30 -8pm

Friday, August 16

Parents Night Out
6-9 pm

Sunday, August 18

McVicker's Sharing @ both services

Monday, August 19

GIDEON'S PICNIC
6-8pm

Saturday, August 24

GOD ON THE GROUND @ Gettsburg Rec Park 3-7pm

Sunday, August 25

KID'S MUSICAL "FAITH NEWS" 10am
Youth Pool Party @ Holtzople's 6-8pm

ANSWER TO HYMN: Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul

**All articles for the
newsletter
must be
submitted by the 20th
of the previous month.**