



# FEBRUARY

What a most wondrous and joyous experience we had in Haiti this past week! God called nine of us together as we ministered in 4 villages on La Gonave Isle. I want to thank you for your prayers and generous support in helping us get there – we could not have done this without God’s help and the support of friends, family and the body of Christ. For those who ordered pizza, ham sandwiches, ribs or chicken, or just gave financially, I say “thank you” as together we were able to do great things in Jesus’ name!

The medical team (Mac, Charles, Clotaire, Kevin, Shirley, Diane, Jenny) saw over 750 patients and the construction team (PC and Greg) worked on decaying walls in two churches, started construction on a three room Sunday school wing and spent several days working on the air strip. Greg and I met with 35 pastors and lay leaders for a teaching on “Returning to the Basics of Pastoral Care”. Diane and Shirley had their annual training with 55 teachers from all over the region. I also preached (Clotaire translated) on Sunday morning and gave an evangelistic message at an outdoor evening service. We also provided scholarships for 12 students, purchased and fitted a wheelchair for a disabled man, installed metal doors on a home, gave financial gifts to 18 teachers in Gros Mangles, provided a ticket for our translator to attend school in the DR, employed over 150 workers during the week, and collectively demonstrated hundreds of “random acts of kindness”.

God was/is so good and faithful as he kept special watch over us and we felt his favor as we traveled and ministered in his Son’s name. Jesus! Sweetest name I know. I pray that he will continue to use us each day as we purpose to put our hope and trust in Him alone!

Tentatively, it looks like the team will be sharing their experiences, pictures and videos during a combined service on **Sunday, March 11** at 10am (There will be no Sunday school, traditional service, contemporary service, Kid’s church. Nursery only). Look to our church web site for updates and check out some of these drone videos that Charles McBeth took. Blessings in Christ Jesus, PC

Ocean, Palm Trees, Sunsets from 400 ft with Drone!: <https://youtu.be/n5DrOGu3KYM>  
Haiti Airstrip Drone Flyover and Motorcycle Chase!: <https://youtu.be/nAmjNCNUvEw>  
Reverse Osmosis Update 2018 Gros Mangle, Haiti: <https://youtu.be/Ryq0bVgkB88>  
Barefoot Palm Tree Climb!: <https://youtu.be/uF1n9uRweOY>  
Haiti Boat Ride, Flips, Snorkeling, and More!: [https://youtu.be/qN\\_yR7OR5mE](https://youtu.be/qN_yR7OR5mE)  
Haiti Rock Crawling Pickup: <https://youtu.be/WCh1OshobTM>  
La Source Truck Ride GoPro: <https://youtu.be/pcEU9uNy7sk>  
Rough Rocky Road Conquered by Old Toyota Pickup: <https://youtu.be/7yDVlfrCrT9k>  
Snorkeling Off La Source and La Gonave Island, Haiti: <https://youtu.be/zJV6iMhvN2w>



Fusion February 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.

Valentine's Day is supposedly a time to spend with your significant other, be it girlfriend/boyfriend, fiancé, spouse, or a dear family member or friend.

Now think of some of the biggest most memorable Valentine stories, whether your own or one you heard, and how extravagant they were. So much planning, lots invested into it, thoughtful gestures and surprises involved and planned by the person creating the special plans....this, not even the most extraordinary of Valentine's day plans could ever touch the immeasurable amount of planning and investment our Creator put into each one of our lives.

He knows how to bless us way beyond our simple minds and imaginations can fathom. So why do we have a hard time trusting Him sometimes? Because of the sin in this world, NOT because God has not been there for us, but because the enemy has fogged our view, our perspective and makes us think that God is lightyears away. The truth shall set us free and the truth is God's word alone. So sit back and take in the extraordinary love and plans God has made for you since before time began.

We have lots happening in the next few months, a snow tubing trip, high school retreat, middle school retreat, and many other things that are sure to bring us closer to God and be fun in the process. Thanks to all who helped make our January youth Sunday happen! God is good!

Upcoming Fusion events for February, March, and April:

**February**

Feb 4th: NO FUSION (Super bowl Sunday)

Feb 4th: High school retreat sign-up deadline

Feb 9th: FUSION snow tubing night @ ski liberty 6:45pm-9pm

Feb 11th: FUSION birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

Feb 18th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Feb 25th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

**March**

Mar 2nd-4th: High School Retreat (Planet Wisdom)

Mar 4th: NO FUSION

Mar 11th: Fusion bday/game night 6pm-8pm

Mar 11th: Middle school retreat sign-up deadline

Mar 18th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Mar 24th: ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

Mar 25th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

**April**

April 1st: NO FUSION (Happy Easter!)

April 8th: Fusion bday/game night 6pm-8pm

April 15th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

April 20th-22nd: Middle School Retreat

April 22nd: NO FUSION

April 29th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

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

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

**W2 GROUP** will have a movie and discussion time on  
February 25 following the second service.

# THROUGH A LENS DARKLY

GRIEF, LOSS AND C.S. LEWIS



**ASK  
ANYTHING**

FOR AGES 18 -25 LED BY CRUSHONGS AND RIVERAS IN  
LEWIS HALL SUNDAYS @ 9AM

***MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE –***

**VOLUNTEER IN AWANA**

Children look forward to AWANA all week! It's where they hear the gospel and learn the Bible in a fun setting, complete with games, theme nights, and special events. But AWANA can't happen without dedicated volunteers who serve each week. Volunteers make all the difference in these children's lives.

Whether you like to teach, be a listener, work with kids, play with puppets or keep records, we have a place for you. One thing is for sure – you will have fun!

**Help us reach more kids with the gospel!**

At FBC, AWANA is held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm September 6-April 11.

\*\*\* To volunteer or for further information, please contact Neil Tate at 717-226-7378, Melanie Tate at 717-515-0591, or [mntate90@gmail.com](mailto:mntate90@gmail.com). \*\*\*

[Volunteers are cleared to work with children and youth].







MIKE SCYPHERS

## Counting blessings

Every so often, sometimes during a quiet time, my mind drifts back to earlier times when influential events or people provided positive direction for my life. I'm quite sure many of these have long since retired to the far recesses of my brain, but fortunately I can still remember several even if some details have disappeared. Usually I don't dwell too much on the past, however, in the spirit of "counting my blessings", it seems beneficial to occasionally think back to how God has blessed me and guided my path over the years.

Recalling these events and people remind me of my life's walk and how God has directed it over the years. They have led me along the "narrow" path and brought me back to it when I strayed from it. I thought I would share a few with you in the hopes it might help you recall some blessings you have received.

No list would be complete without mentioning my parents and the home I grew up in. Without getting into specifics, suffice it to say there was love, hard work, and integrity. School work was important, and so was going to church and Sunday School. For parents that grew up during the Great Depression, practical management of finances was important, including ensuring their kids had the resources to go to college.

I owe a lot of my Christian background, training, and spiritual growth to our pastor. He was pastor at our church from 1950 to 1990, long enough to shepherd me from kindergarten thru and beyond college, to baptize me (and Brenda), and to marry us. He believed the whole Bible is foundational (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17) and that it is essential to live by it. I remember one of his favorite verses was Psalm 119:11 "Your word have I hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You." (NKJV). For him, every interaction was an opportunity to teach and impart life lessons.

There were also many great Christian examples at church growing up. Sunday School teachers, deacons and other leaders, friends of parents, and others. These examples are important to watchful young folks soaking it all up. One Junior High Sunday School teacher has stuck in my memory over the years. He loved young people and it was evident in the way he taught and interacted with the class. Interestingly, when I came back to the area and church after college graduation and began to get involved in church service, I found myself serving with many of these great examples. They were also great mentors, accepting me as "one of them". It was interesting learning to call them by their first name after so many years of Mr. or Mrs.

There was the mountain top (or better described, above the clouds) experience during a 1970's flight back from California. It was a time of renewal and commitment as God was "right there with me". And what about getting married? And having three little ones calling you "Daddy"? Can't be beat!

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings from God is His promise to forgive us our sins: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 NKJV). Certainly I don't deserve it. Thankfully He loves me enough to do it.

Also, many blessings have come after mistakes or difficult experiences that God either allowed, or that resulted from poor choices. I've learned that if I keep my eyes on Him, I come out on the other side stronger and more secure in Him, and truly blessed. It's helpful to picture myself on my knees before Him, for, as James says: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10 NKJV).

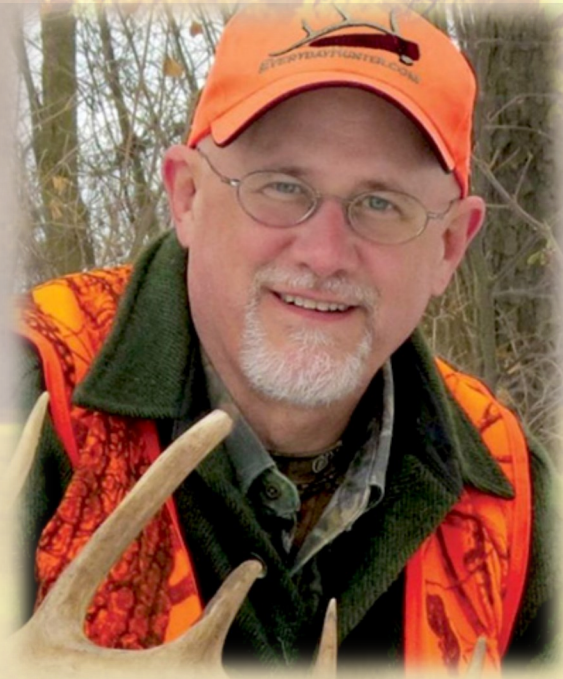


# FBC *Wild Game* DINNER

***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th @ 5:30***

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GETTYSBURG 1015 CHAMBERSBURG RD 717-334-2564

**Guest speaker Steve Sorenson**



Steve Sorenson received the 2015 "Pinnacle" Award from the Professional Outdoor Media Association. Sorensen won the NRA "Best of the Best" Award for Outdoor Writing!

Great Food!  
Great Fellowship  
DOOR PRIZES &  
MORE!

BRING THE ENTIRE  
FAMILY!

TICKETS ON SALE  
NOW FOR A \$10  
DONATION

**Dave Poe will be teaching a 6 week bible study beginning on Sunday, February 18th @ entitled "PREDATOR".**





## NEW TESTAMENT STUDY

**Take a walk through the New Testament on  
Sunday mornings @ 9 am. Wanda Gallimore  
leads this study.**

# JAMES

**SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9AM**  
**Led by the McBeths in Lewis Hall**





**‘Answers for Women’ Conference coming in April**  
**WHEN?** April 6-7

**WHERE?** Florence, KY (Florence Baptist at Mt Zion)

This conference is called *LIFE...contending for life from beginning to end...* you will learn how to contend for life at every level. The most vulnerable in our society today are the unborn, the disabled and the elderly. Our culture is increasingly devaluing human life, putting the lives of precious humans, made in God’s image, at risk.

For all the information to to this link

<https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women/>



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Have you been having a desire to get involved, be part of something bigger, or to be used by God, but teaching just isn't your thing? We are looking for individuals who have a heart to help the less fortunate, who can bring structure, organizational skills, planning, ideas, and creativity to the ministry of Operation Christmas Child in our area! If you are feeling God's tug on your heart to become involved with this incredible, life changing ministry, please follow the Holy Spirits leading and join this amazing outreach. We are one body in Christ and every part is just as vital as the next!

For info, see Fran Rohrer



"A must-read for anyone who wants to know what's going on in this world today!"  
DR. TIM LAHAYE, bestselling coauthor of the Left Behind series

*A Complete Overview  
of Bible Prophecy and the End of Days*

# THE END

MARK  
HITCHCOCK

**Sunday Mornings  
10:30AM**

**This new study takes you  
through the prophecies  
foretelling the end times.**

**Led by: Mark Punchard**

The Book Of  
**ACTS**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9AM.  
OPEN DISCUSSION**



## ***From Stephanie.....***

Thank you FBC for your kindness and your generosity that affords me this opportunity of a three month sabbatical! I am so grateful for your endless love and support! I will miss you all, my church family, but will be seeking the Lord and trusting him to continue to do the great work he has begun at First Baptist Church Gettysburg! Thank you for your prayers on my behalf as well as for those who will be filling in for me while I am gone. I love you all!

## ***My Schedule...***

**Feb 1 - Mar 9**

Various personal retreats in Pennsylvania and South Carolina

**March 10 -17**

Member Care conference with Thomas and Cheri Henry in Spain

**March 17- Apr 11**

Traveling to North Africa

**Apr 11 -18**

Relational Care Intensive with Thomas and Cheri Henry in Slovenia

**Apr 17 - 30**

Back in Gettysburg

**May 1**

**BACK AT FBC!!!!!!!!!!**



## **Life Together Groups *Spring 2018***

WHO: Bob and Shirley Smith  
WHAT: Multiple topics, call for availability 528-4348  
WHERE: Smith's home - 640 Buttonwood Rd. York Springs  
WHEN: Sunday nights 6:30 - 8:30pm

WHO: Kevin and Mary Ann Filler  
WHAT: Abundant Living in the End Times  
WHERE: Thomas home - 320 Montclair Rd. Gettysburg  
WHEN: Sunday nights 6:30-8pm

WHO : Van and Kristen Weber  
WHAT: Book of Romans; study the Roman road to salvation  
WHERE: Weber home - 71 Regiment Dr. Gettysburg  
WHEN: Wednesday nights 6:30-8:pm

WHO: Pastor Carl  
WHAT: Men's Bible study of the book of Hebrews  
WHERE: FBC Music Room  
WHEN: Thursday mornings 5:30-7pm

WHO: Wanda Gallimore  
WHAT: Women's Bible study titled "Deeper Still"  
WHERE: Gallimore home - 85 Apple Way Rd. Gettysburg  
WHEN: Every other Thursday 12-2:00pm

WHO: Pastor Carl  
WHAT: Bible study on the book of Judges  
WHERE: FBC Music Room  
WHEN: Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11am

# CAM (College Age Ministry)

## CAM (College Age Ministry) January Newsletter

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope”

It was such an awesome month having our college students back! Some graduated, some transferred, and some went back for their next year at the same school, and some went to new bases for further military training. No matter their destination, we are confident they all are taking the love of Jesus and the truth of the Gospel with them. The church has impacted each one of these students and it is wonderful to see. We have been blessed to have Dave and Heidi Poe join our CAM Sunday school teaching team! Also please continue to pray for the students and young adults, and our very own JR as he continues to recover from his foot surgery. We are planning events for this spring/summer/fall for CAM and are so encouraged by the feed back we have been getting. God bless!

### February

Feb 5th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

Feb 12th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

Feb 19th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

Feb 26th: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

### March

Mar 5th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 12th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 19th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 26th: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

### April

April 2nd: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 9th: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 16th: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 23rd: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

April 30th: CAM 630pm-8pm

If you are in college or age 18-25yrs old, please feel free to come see myself, Faith, JR and Robin Crushong, Jaime and Rick Rivera, or Dave and Heidi Poe to get plugged in to our Monday evening bible study (currently studying Chip Ingram, Over coming Emotions that Destroy) and our Sunday morning class, or find us on the CAM Facebook page.

Pastor Matt & Faith :)



# Can you guess the hymn?

Answer on last page

Tho they are slighting Him,  
Still He is waiting,  
Waiting the penitent child to receive;  
Plead with them earnestly,  
Plead with them gently,  
He will forgive if they only believe.

*Reach Out!*

## Post Card.

It's always nice to receive a card or a phone call when you're going through a difficult time. Below are some of our members who would benefit from a call, card, or visit.

Place the Stamp Here  
One Cent for  
United States, and  
Island Possessions,  
Cuba, Canada and  
Mexico.  
Two Cents  
For Foreign.

Stephen & Meagan Stremmel - 145 Brookside Ln Biglerville, PA Phone 677-0667

Linda Punchard 80 Maple Ave Gettysburg, PA Phone # 334-8672

Cathy Hertz 2370 Mummasburg Rd Gettysburg, PA Phone# 339-8283

J.R. Crushong - 735 Fairview Fruit Rd. Gettysburg, PA Phone# 968-9689

Danise Kelly -1760 Shriver's Co. Rd Gettysburg, PA Phone# 717-778-8712

Loren Lustig - 795 Stone Jug Rd. Biglerville, PA Phone # 717-357-5113

Karen Holsopple - 118 Eagles Trail Fairfield, PA Phone # 443-896-3194



## Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet Hour L. M. D.

W. W. WALFORD

W. B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

On the first Sunday of every month, a small group gathers together for a special time of prayer. Prayer time begins directly after the second service and meets in the library (Kim's office). Come out and join us as we purpose to pray for our world, our country, our town and our church. Our next meeting will be on February 4th.

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## MISSION: TO CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD

Meet together to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of being a mom.

All meetings include childcare for under 3 and participation in AWANA for 3-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

MEETINGS BEGIN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17 FROM 6-8 AT FBC



# February

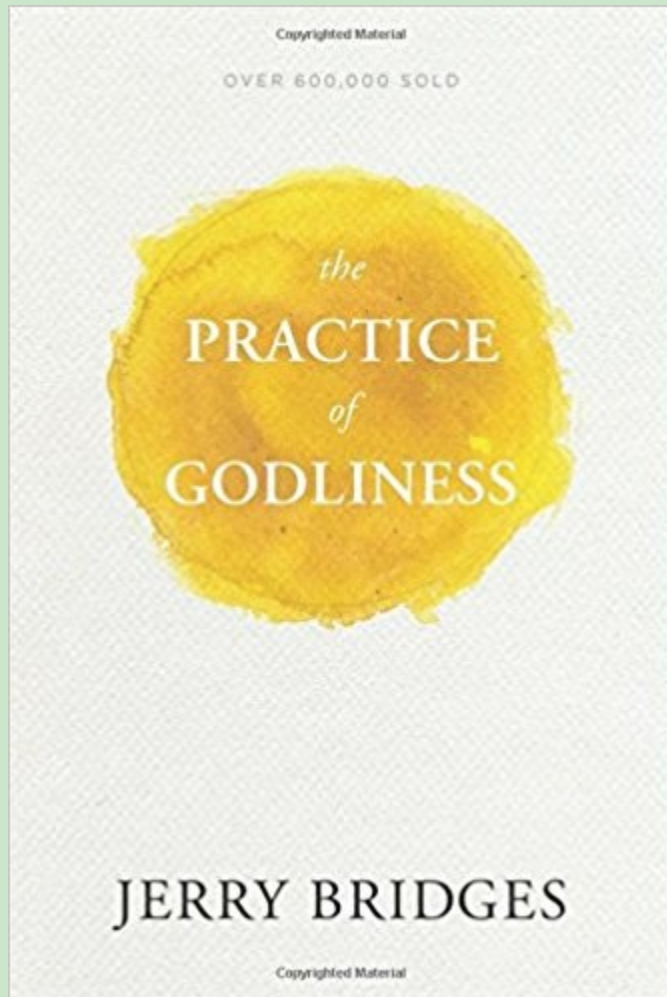
## *Birthday Blessings*

Sue Happel - 3	Delaney Brown - 19
Peyton Stonesifer - 6	Rebecca Negro -20
Danielle Beard- 7	Nancy McGlaughlin - 22
Genny Freedman - 8	Carolyn Tuckey -23
Ron Reuse - 8	Mallory Thomas - 23
Linda Wigent - 9	Ali Rice -24
Lorraine Stonesifer -10	Makayla Reiter -25
Spencer Thomas -11	Dennis Weber -26
Josh Blair -14	Tony Wylie -26
Cathy Double -18	Margery Bley - 27
Owen Thomas -18	
Arla McBeth -19	



Jim and Nancy Temchack

Greg and Sally Hurda



***EVERY Wednesday!***

***Ladies Only in the music room***

Led By Jan Newton and Stephanie Punchard

It is both the privilege and duty of every Christian to pursue godliness, to train himself to be godly, to study diligently the practice of godliness.

**plug in & serve**

**LAY VISITORS**  
**WORSHIP TEAM**

**HANDYMAN**

**PRAYER INTERCESSORS**

Adams Christian Prison Ministry

**Sunday School Teacher**

VBS HELPER

**Special Music**

**VBS TEACHER**

**Hospitality**

Life Together Group facilitator

**Serve on a Board**

**Soup Kitchen**

C.A.R.E.S  
Gettysburg

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sound and Audio**

**Prayer Warrior**

**Kid's Church**

**Dramas & Plays**

**PRAYER WARRIOR**

**DECORATING**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**AWANA**

**USHERS & GREETERS**



## Our Ministry Team

### Senior Pastor

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### CHECK OUR WEB SITE

[www.fbcgettysburg.org](http://www.fbcgettysburg.org)

# February EVENTS

### February 1

Lay Visitors - 11:00 am

### February 6

Intercessors - 5:45  
Board Meeting - 6:15  
Official Board - 7:30

### February 9

Youth Snow Tubing - 7-9 pm  
@ Liberty Mountain

### February 10

Wild Game Dinner - 5:30 pm

### February 16

Presidents Day - No School

### February 17

Men's Breakfast - 7:30 am  
T & T Bible Quizzing  
@ Grace Fellowship in York

### February 19

No Preschool - President's Day

### February 23 -24

ALL BOARD SUMMIT  
Friday 7-8:30 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 12 noon  
Official Board - working lunch @ noon



ANSWER TO HYMN: Rescue the Perishing

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### Book of James

Led by Mac and Arla McBeth  
Sundays @9:00am in the preschool room

### Revelation

Led by Riveras, Crushongs & Poes  
18-25 year old's  
Sunday mornings 9:00am

### Basic Bible Knowledge New Testament Study

Led by Wanda Gallimore  
Sundays @ 9:00am in Lewis Hall

### The End

by Mark Hitchcock  
Led by Mark Punchard  
Sundays @ 10:30am

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