

June 2018



To God be the glory! When I think of God's great love and mercy for us, there is nothing but overwhelming gratitude and joy that fills my heart. To imagine that the Creator loves us, is with us, and has something special for us to do is almost too much to comprehend! What amazing news we get to share with others!

This summer offers some great opportunities be rooted, growing and serving! Hot Summer Nights returns providing a fun and active opportunity to pray for our community and to be the hands, feet and voice for Christ. We will gather on Wednesday, June 13 in the parking lot of the Gettysburg Shopping Center (in front of Dollar General – 10 Springs Ave) at 6:30 pm for prayer and instructions and then move out into the town by two's - prayer walking through Gettysburg College and Seminary, businesses and residences near the square looking for opportunities to be used by God. We will also meet on Wednesday, June 20 in front of the Gettysburg Recreational Park - Charlie Sterner Building (Breckenridge Street) for a similar format of praying over our hospital, police, fire station, businesses and neighborhoods on the "south side". Chances are good that we will visit Rita's or Mr. G's.

On Wednesday, June 27, a group of cyclists from Cornerstone Church of Easton, PA will be overnighing at FBCG as their tour helps raise awareness and support to "Restoring Hope Ministries" a ministry supporting churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo. As fellow Christians, this groups wishes to fellowship and eat with us. I will be grilling ribs and chicken – bring a dish to share - 5:30pm.

On Sunday, July 22 at 6:30 pm, the Elders will again be holding a healing service. We will simply be following the mandate of James 5:13 – 18, anointing with oil and praying for all who come forward. This is also a good time to stand in the gap for someone or something. We have seen some strong moves of God during these services.

Another opportunity to share the gospel will be at the South Mountain Fair on July 31 – August 4. From 4pm – 9pm we will share the blessed gospel through the colored beads on leather bracelets, and walking sticks as well as using the "colors" for face painting. A brief sharing of how to share the gospel through the colors will be conducted in the pastor's study on Sunday, July 8th from 10:10am – 10:25am and 11:45am – noon, and on July 22 from 6pm – 6:30pm (Healing service at 6:30pm). Look for sign-up sheet in July.

Closing out our summer schedule, we will be joining 10 other churches for a community outreach called, "God on the Ground" taking place at the Gettysburg Recreational Park on September 8, from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. This will be a Christian music fest of sorts with games, food and the gospel being lifted up (I will be cooking and speaking).

In addition to these, there remain some strong options to continue to grow in Christ and serve this summer. VBS, Operation Christmas Child in July, Habitat for Humanity, Soup Kitchen and Littlestown Food Pantry all offer some great opportunities to serve! There are also some strong Sunday School classes for all ages and well as some Life Groups to help us stay rooted. Through mid July there are two studies: Thursdays – Gospel of Mark (9:30am – 11am at FBCG) and Thursdays (Men) – Book of Romans (5:30am – 7:00 am at FBCG)

See you this summer, PC

A Letter from Stephanie Punchard

Thank you FBC for your generous provision of a 3 month sabbatical! It was indeed a gift that refreshed, revitalized, renewed, and encouraged me greatly! Thank you as well to those who came out to hear all that God did in me during that time as well as to let me share with you the future plans He is placing before me!

In 2004, during a journey to the Middle East, God prompted my heart to return one day. That was most certainly something HE did and was not my own doing (only God can create a passion like that!). Over the years, God has fostered that desire but continued to confirm His calling for me here at FBC. During my sabbatical, that call began to change and God clearly confirmed His plan for me to be part of what He is doing and plans to do in North Africa. I will be joining a husband and wife team whom I met at Moody Graduate School and who also served in the Middle East in the same country I was in on the Arabian Peninsula (a country that is a closed door right now). There looks to be another single gal with the potential of at least one more couple joining us as well. This team is in addition to a handful of other workers (about a dozen or so) serving in the same city. I will begin with 2 years of learning Arabic and trust God to use that time to direct me into the long-term role He has for me. That role might include teaching piano lessons as an opportunity to be Christ and share Him with the local community. I do look forward to doing media follow-ups, connecting with those who express a desire to learn more about Jesus as well helping to provide support and encouragement for the workers serving there. At some point I will also likely partner with Thomas and Cheri Henry in facilitating Relational Care workshops among single women. These will likely happen a few times a year.

I plan to continue teaching piano lessons until the end of 2018 and my final Sunday on staff at First Baptist will be January 20, 2019. I am excited for this new journey God is taking me on, but my heart grieves all I will leave behind and you, FBC, are a HUGE part of that loss! I love my role here and prayerfully will continue to serve you faithfully. I appreciate your prayers for me as I make this transition as well as for my family who are greatly impacted, and for God's provision to fill the gaps I will leave behind. Thank you for loving me so well and loving Jesus with all of your heart! I praise God upon my every remembrance of you! You rock FBC church family!



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.

Hey it's June! Summer time is here and there is no better time to start spending some quality time with God than the present. If you have been feeling bogged down recently, try going outside into God's creation and thank Him. A simple sunset, sunrise, field of flowers or body of water is a great way to take a minute and recognize God. Really acknowledge Him and know that He made the thing you are admiring. A simple mindset of thankfulness can and does have the power to change someone's day and refocus their heart off of the stress, anxiety, and busyness and back into God's all encompassing peace.

Coming up we have some exciting events and we hope and pray that any students entering 6th-12th grade will join us in this fun-filled and spirit-filled summer! Here are some upcoming Fusion events for June and July:

June

June 3rd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

June 8th & 9th: High School Girls Night Sleepover 6pm(8th)-9am(9th)

June 10th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

June 17th: NO FUSION (Happy Father's Day!)

June 24th: Fusion birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

June 25th-30th: Missions Week!!!

June 25th: Help at Bethels Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

July

July 1st: NO FUSION

July 8th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

July 15th: Fusion birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

July 22nd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

July 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, check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

CAM (College Age Ministry)

CAM (College Age Ministry) June 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”

In our Monday night study we started a series called “Adulting” and it covers the topics of God’s will, Career, Singleness, Dating, Commitment and Faith. Going from high school to college or from college to the full time work force can be full of challenges. Our goal is to help bring some guidance to build your confidence in God’s plan and help you know you’re not alone in this phase of life. Keep your eyes fixed on God’s desires for your life and learn to trust Him especially when your plans don’t go as planned. Can’t join us on Monday nights? You can always get plugged in on Sunday morning in the CAM Sunday school class at 9am! Don’t forget to come out to our social gatherings this summer, too! We will be having a cookout, going to a lake, going tubing and bowling at different points during the summer so keep your eyes peeled on texts and our CAM Facebook page for more details! God bless and we look forward to spending the summer with you all!

Here are some events for CAM! God bless!

June

June 4th: CAM & Summer Kickoff Cookout 6:30pm-9pm

June 11th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

June 18th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

June 25th: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

July

July 2nd: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

July 9th: CAM Laurel Lake Night! 6:30pm-8pm

July 16th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

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

July 27th: CAM tubing trip

July 30th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

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

Pastor Matt & Faith :)



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

FBC is having ***two shoebox collection times!! -- Christmas in July during VBS and the regular third week of November.***

For VBS, we are encouraging families to donate items, help fill boxes and make monetary contributions. Ideas for donations will be made available. Our

VBS kids will be making gifts for the shoeboxes and we could use help packing the boxes during that week (July 16-20). There is a donation box in the foyer for items like chalk, sunglasses, socks, hair accessories and toys. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship. You can make monetary donations towards this by placing them in the offering basket and marking your envelope "OCC Shoeboxes". We will need approximately \$1,300 to mail the boxes. Thanks so much for partnering with us and those around the world to bring Good News to children and their families. Look for upcoming get togethers for making gifts called "make it together" on Mondays. For more information, See Nancy McGlaughlin or Fran Rohrer.

Sunday, June 24 @ 6:30 pm

Hymn Sing

Refreshments served,
Come out and request
your favorite hymn.



YOUTH GIRLS OVERNIGHT!!!

JUNE 8 -9

**COME OUT FOR SOME FUN
AND FRIENDSHIP!!!!**



July 16 -20

Interested in Serving? Please see Kim Gipe

Outdoor Worship Service

Lloyd Vandenberg is our Guest Speaker

JUNE 10TH @ 10:00 AM PICNIC TO FOLLOW

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND LAWN CHAIRS----HOT DOGS , HAMBURGERS AND DRINKS PROVIDED



**MISSIONS WEEK IS JUNE 25-29 WITH A SLEEPOVER
ON FRIDAY NIGHT! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOUR TEEN TO SERVE OTHERS.
SEE MATT AND FAITH FOR DETAILS.**

DANNY & THE SHACKS



A Bible Story-Inspired Musical For Kids

Coming to FBC on AUGUST 26TH @ 10:00 AM
Practices will be during Sunday classes
starting June 3rd @ 9 am.

CLAY/SKEET SHOOTING SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH @ 9 AM
Carlisle Fish and Game Cost: \$13 per person (buys 50 targets)
See Dave Poe for more info

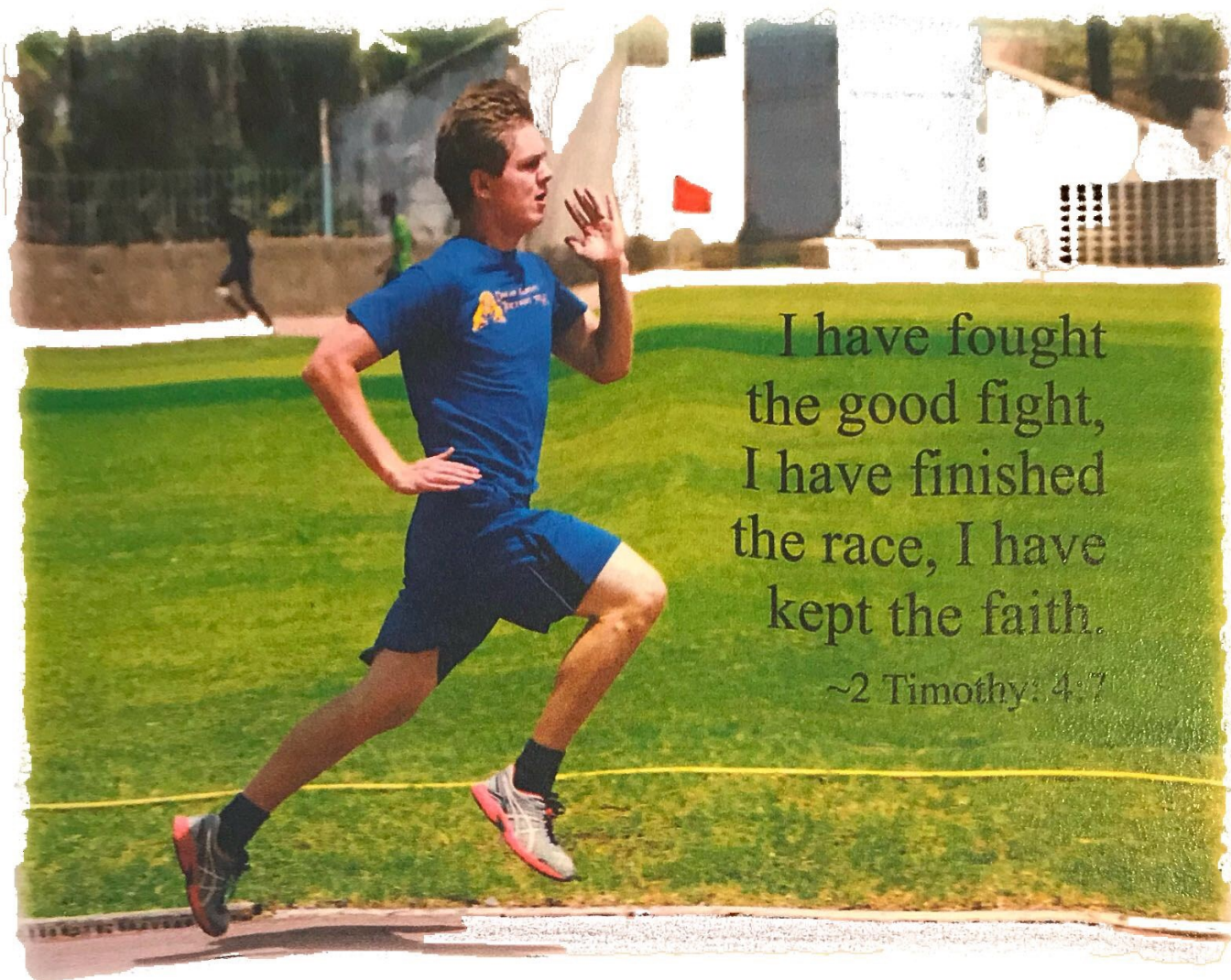


HOT Summer NIGHTS

ENJOY SHARING THE GOSPEL?

Come out on two nights in June @ 6:30 pm to walk through town praying as the spirit leads.

On June 13th, meet at the Gettysburg Shopping Center and on the 20th, meet at the Rec park. There will be a short time of prayer before going out. There also will be a stop for ice cream afterwards!!!



Thank you for your kindness during
this difficult time.

Dear Church Family at FBC,

Thank you so much for coming alongside of us during our recent heart+break, as we lost our dear son Caleb. The prayers you offered and the cards you sent encouraged us, and the generous financial gift you sent lifted a heavy burden. It was a blessing, not having to worry about how expenses were going to be covered, and that gave us the freedom to focus on grieving Caleb's loss and being there for Will, Sam and Anna.

Our family has been forever changed, and we will never stop missing Caleb. But we trust that he is now with his God and Savior, and we know that we will see him again one day, so we do not grieve without Hope. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers, as we learn to navigate life without our precious boy.

with love in Christ, Bill and Kathy Martin

PS-We have received permission from both our mission here in the States and our ministries in Senegal, to remain in MA for a time of bereavement for the next few months. We will fly back to Dakar on August 7. ♥

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Whenever you make a purchase online, you can automatically donate money to Sonshine Preschool. This service doesn't cost you anything and your purchases remain private. When you're ready to make a purchase, visit **smile.amazon.com** instead of www.amazon.com. The price will be exactly the same. When prompted to choose a charity, choose **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GETTYSBURG**. After that, for every purchase you make, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to SonShine. What a great way to support our preschool as they purpose to teach children about the love of God.



On Wednesday, June 27th @ 5:30 pm a Men's Christian Cycling group from Cornerstone Church in Easton, PA will be spending the night here at FBC on their way to complete a tour from Virginia Beach to Easton, PA. We will be hosting a pot-luck dinner for them that evening (Ribs and Chicken!!) and enjoying some fellowship with the group. We would love as many as possible to welcome this group and get to know a little about their ministry. There will be NO DONATION TAKEN. Hope to see you there.



Thank you to everyone at FBC that donated items for our local soup kitchen. In total we received 67 cans of Chunky Soup and 152 boxes of Mac n' Cheese. What a blessing to be able to help those in need!



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 Ephesians
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 Romans
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 Mark
WHERE: FBC Music Room
WHEN: Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11am

Can you guess the hymn?

Answer on last page

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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.

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

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

Pat and Cathy Double - 838 Fairview Ave Gettysburg, PA 17325

Dennis Ruth - 64 Prospect St Aspers, PA 17304 Phone# 717-458-4416

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

Bill and Kathy Martin - 33 Cross St. Franklin, MA 02038

Bill Coleman -1280 Biglerville Rd. Gettysburg, PA Phone# 717-334-1902

JUNE

Birthday Blessings

Oscar Wantz- 2

Elaine He - 7

Junie Zentz - 8

Robin Crushong- 9

Bradley Filler - 10

Jennie Harrison - 11

Maya Blair - 11

Brennan Double -13

Donna Lechak -13

Jim Stockman -14

Lily Blair -14

Conrad Jiao-15

Braydon Harrison -17

Matthew Lustig -17

Donna Ruth- 19

Sally Hurda -20

Roxie Breighner- 21

Brianna Zeigler Tate -23

Nancy Temchack - 24

Caroline Hurda -26



June

happy ANNIVERSARY

Dick and Wanda Gallimore -1

Whitney and Sally Myers -6

Warren and Kim Wagner -6

Dave and Fran Rohrer - 7

Bill and Vickie McCloskey -8

Matthew and Cynthia Lustig - 16

Ron and Deanna Smith -17

Gene and Ruth Blinn -18

Brandon and Danielle Beard - 20

Mark and Linda Punchard - 23

Gerry and Sharon Sheagren -26

Mike and Rose Hoepfl -27

Bob and Jamee Conover -28

Josh and Jamie Farace - 30

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet Hour L. M. D.

W. W. WALFORD

W. B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,

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 June 3rd.

And bid my prayer to him whose truth and faith - gage the wait-ing soul to bless.
 To him whose truth and faith - gage the wait-ing soul to bless.
 Till, from Mount Pisgah's loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight;

plug in & serve

LAY VISITORS
 WORSHIP TEAM

HANDYMAN

Adams Christian Prison Ministry

PRAYER
 INTERCESSORS

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

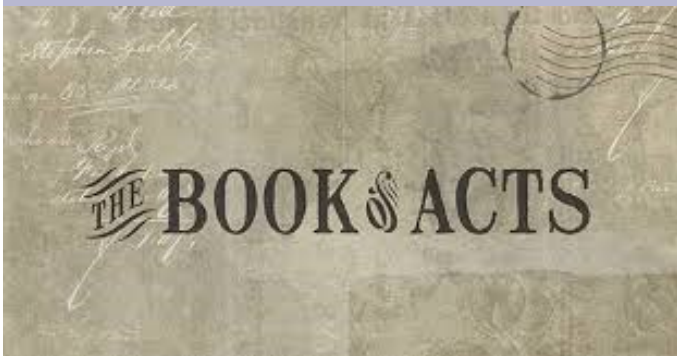
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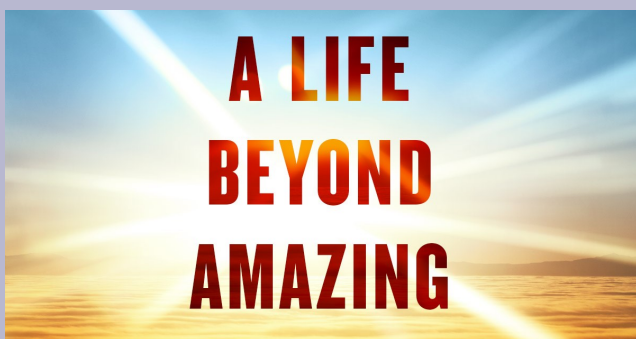
SUNDAY CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES



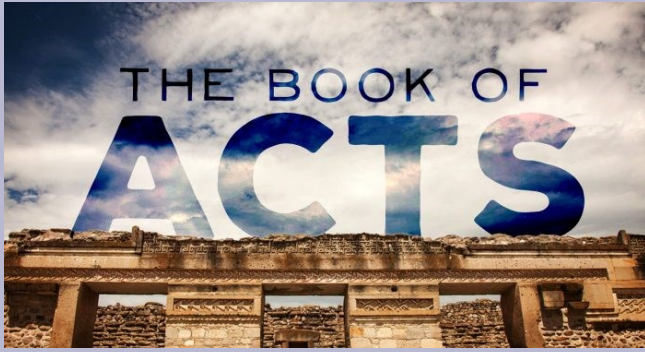
A girls- only study on
Tuesday nights @ 5pm
under the pavilion



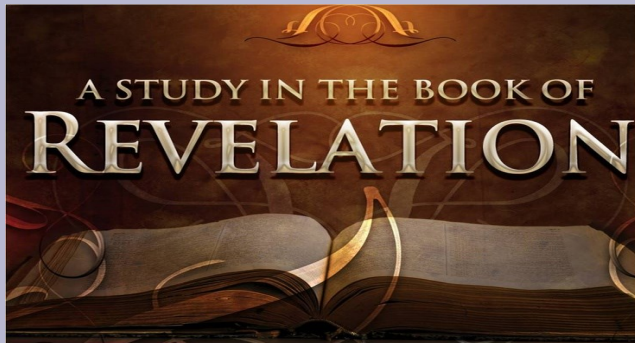
A study on *Heaven*
Sundays @ 9am. Wanda
Gallimore leads.



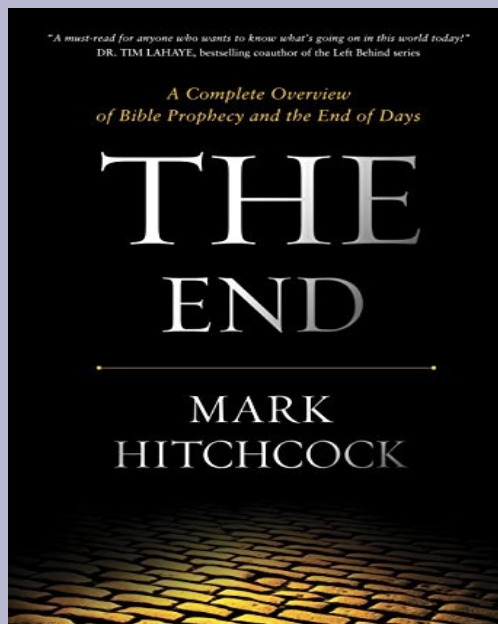
Sundays @ 9 am.
McBeths lead. Dive into
the fruit of the spirit.



Open discussion in the kitchen area Sundays @ 9am



CAM Study for ages 18-25 Sundays @ 9am
Crushong, Rivera & Poe lead.



Walk through the prophecies foretelling of the end times. Sundays @ 10:30 am. Mark Punchard leads.

Our Ministry Team

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June EVENTS

June 3

Musical Practice Begins - 9:00 am

June 5

Intercessors - 5:45 pm
Boards - 6:15 pm
Official board - 7:30
Girls Only bible study in Pavilion

June 10

Outdoor Combined Service - 10:00 am
Piano Recital - 2 pm

June 24

Hymn Sing! 6:30pm
Refreshments served!

June 25-29

Youth Missions Week

June 26

Soup Kitchen 10:30 am

June 27-28

Restoring Hope Ministries
Cyclists Arriving

ANSWER TO HYMN: O Worship the King

SUNDAY CLASSES

A Life Beyond Amazing

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

Book of Acts

Open discussion in kitchen area @ 9 am

The End

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

BREAD PICK -UP

Holtzople - 2
Hess/VanArsdale - 9
Merson - 16
Gipe - 23
Holtzople - 30

