

### Beware the Jaws of Offense

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

Perhaps it's just me, but does it seem that people are more easily offended than normal? One just needs to turn on the news to find the left offended with the right and the right offended with the left, and it seems that it does not take much (a tweet, a jacket, a late night joke or eating at a particular restaurant) to get someone's feathers ruffled.

Proverbs 19:11 tells us it is to our "glory to overlook an offense," and in Ecclesiastes 7:9 we are warned "not to be quickly provoked in our spirit." In other places we are called to "bear with one another" (Colossians 3:12-13), and to "forgive whatever grievances we have against one another" -just as the Lord forgives us.

The Greek word for offend is "scandalon" which refers to the piece of a hunter's trap to which the bait is attached. In trapping, the goal is to lure an animal to take the bait, getting caught in the deadly jaws of the trap. Similarly, offenses can be costly for us. We must be on guard when offended. When an offense is made, we have the choice (1 Corinthians 10:13) to not take the bait, for if we do, we can expect the jaws of anger, resentment, quarreling, and unforgiveness to snap shut on us.

What to do when offended? Consider overlooking it, extending forgiveness, or lovingly confronting the offender using the guide mapped out in Matthew 18:15-20. Scripture also gives us a strong warning against those who offend (Proverbs 19:11), so let us be quick to listen (seeking understanding) and slow to speak (airing our opinions). Offend not. Be not offended. Christ will help us with both.

In Christ, Pastor Carl

# 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 longterm 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!



#### Fusion July 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.

June brought us a lot of excitement! We had a lot of new 6th graders move up and join us on Sunday nights and for our missions week where we served at various locations in Adams county! The students got to see first hand what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ as we served. Some jobs were really fun, some were really hard, but the youth jumped in, and had hearts that were focused on Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support over this ministry! We look forward to the summer months ahead and the spiritual growth God has planned for us!

Coming up we have some really 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 July and August:

#### July

July 1st: NO FUSION

July 8th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

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

July 22nd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

July 29th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

#### August

Aug 3rd-4th: High School Guys Night Sleep Over 6pm-9am

Aug 5th: FUSION OBSTACLE COURSE NIGHT 6pm-8pm

Aug 12th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Aug 19th: FUSION 6pm-8pm Uprise sign up deadline!

Aug 26th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

For more information about these events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at <a href="mailto:fusionfbcg@gmail.com">fusionfbcg@gmail.com</a>, check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith:)



## CAM (College Age Ministry)

#### 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"

Hello all! So, we have made a change to the CAM schedule to better fit the needs of the young adults and Faith and I are pretty excited about it! Instead of meeting for Bible study on Monday nights, we are now meeting on Wednesday nights, same times and places, just changing the night of the week. With that said, in our Wednesday 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 and our goal is to help bring some guidance and build your confidence in God's plan and to help you all know you are 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 our plans don't go as planned. Can't join us on Wednesday 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!

#### July

July 4th: NO CAM

July 11th: CAM Laurel Lake Night! 6:30pm-8pm

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

July 25th: 6:30pm-8pm

July 27th: CAM Tubing Trip

#### <u>August</u>

Aug 1st: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

Aug 8th: CAM Bowling Night! 7pm-9pm Rockwell Lanes

Aug 15th: CAM 6:30pm-8pm

Aug 22nd: CAM 6:30pm-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 and our Sunday morning Sunday school class, or find us on the CAM Facebook page.

Pastor Matt & Faith:)

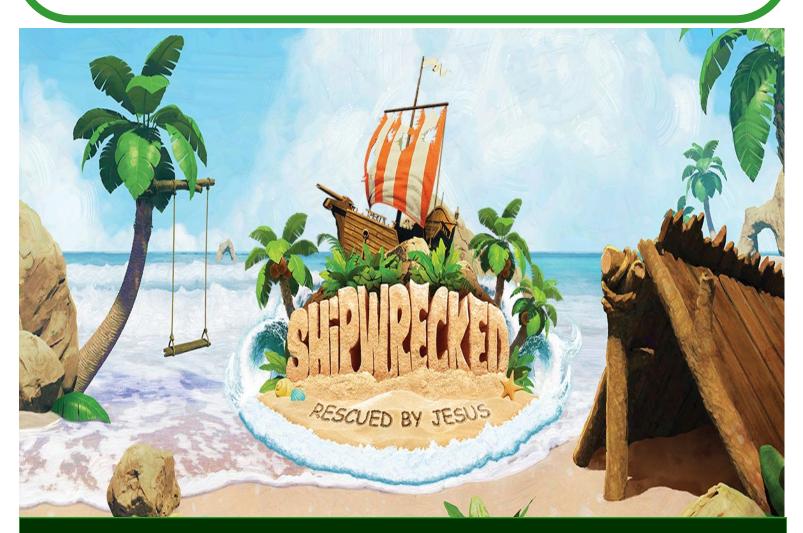


# Operation Christmas Child

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### Christmas in July during VBS!

FBC is having two Operation Christmas Child shoebox collections this year!! Christmas in July during VBS and the regular collection the third week of November. For the November collection, we are encouraging families to fill and make monetary donations as was done in the past. The July VBS collection is new this year. The children will make and prepare items for in the boxes, and pack the boxes during VBS (July 16-20). They need your help! Currently, the greatest needs are for blunt scissors, musical instruments, colored pencils, chalk, socks and toys (we have enough balls). We will need approximately \$1300.00 (\$9.00 per box) to mail the boxes in November. We could also use help packing the boxes during VBS week. There is a donation box inside the front doors of the church (under the mailboxes) if you choose to donate items to help fill the shoeboxes. You can make monetary donations by placing them in the offering basket and marking your envelope "OCC Shoeboxes". Thanks so much for partnering with us to bring Good News to children and their families. Any questions? Please see Nancy McGlaughlin or Fran Rohrer



July 16 -20 9am -12 noon Would you lie to help? Please see Kim Gipe

#### THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER by Mark Punchard Sr.

We often wonder if our witness for Christ is making any difference in people's lives.

Sometimes we are given the privilege to see the results this side of heaven. Other times we won't know until eternity if the testimony we lived out before the world for Christ drew any people to Him.

I have a book written by D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe entitled *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* that shows what a powerful influence Christianity has had on the world since the days of Pentecost.

The following are some highlights showing what a difference living for Jesus made in the world and people's lives.

Kennedy and Newcombe say the greatest tragedy of the Christmas holiday each year is not so much its commercialization (bad as it is), but the trivialization of Jesus birth and its impact on the world. They say the greatest tragedy is that people have forgotten Him to whom they owe so very much.

The followers of Jesus brought about hospitals, universities, literacy and education for the masses, capitalism and free enterprise, representative government, separation of political powers, civil liberties, the abolition of slavery, modern science, charities, higher standards of justice, elevation of women, the condemnation of adultery, homosexuality, and other sexual perversions, the civilizing of many barbarian and primitive cultures, greater development of art and music, and most important of all, the changed lives because someone met Jesus.

The 1946 film starring Jimmy Stewart, *It's a Wonderful Life*, shows what life would be like if he had never been born. The main point of this film is that each person's life has an impact on everybody else's life. Kennedy and Newcombe highlight many of the things that came about because Christ lived on this earth. The quality of people's lives have improved tremendously because of Jesus' influence.

Abortion, infanticide and abandonment disappeared in the early church. Homes, orphanages and nursery homes were started to house children. Christ brought value to human life and infanticide was outlawed in the Roman Empire.

The killing of baby girls where the gospel had not yet been preached was not just in the ancient world, but was a common practice in late nineteenth-century China. The family would put them outside the house as food for wild dogs and wolves or the father would take them to a baby tower where they would soon die of exposure and starvation. They also buried them alive in the ground or threw them in a nearby river.

The Eskimos got rid of their elderly by setting them adrift on ice floes going out to sea.

In India and Africa, they had the practice of burning the wife when the husband died.

All these practices were stopped when the people were exposed to Christianity.

William Wilberforce spent most of his life working to stop slavery in the British Empire. After 45 years when Wilberforce was on his deathbed he received word that 700,000 British slaves had been freed.

H.L. Hastings visited the Fiji Islands in 1844 where you could buy a person for \$7.00 which was cheaper than a cow. You could whip him, starve him or eat him according to your preference. Years later, when he returned, you could not buy a person, not even for 7 million dollars because over 1200 Christian chapels had been erected where the gospel of Christ had been proclaimed. The people had been taught that we are not our own, but that we were purchased with a price, the precious blood of Jesus.

Christian influence led to orphanages such as those lead by George Mueller and organizations like the YMCA and YWCA to help the poor and downtrodden. The Salvation Army and Rescue Missions were formed not only to meet physical needs, but to encourage personal salvation.

Education for the masses came through Christian influence. The Reformation really stressed this idea. The reformers, like Martin Luther and John Calvin believed the only way the Protestant Reformation would hold would be for the people to read the Bible for themselves. Gutenberg and his movable type printing press made mass producing books possible. Gutenberg's goal was to produce the Bible so every individual could have their own.

Every collegiate institution founded in the colonies prior to the Revolutionary War – except the University of Pennsylvania, was established by some branch of the Christian church to train ministers or others for some Christian purpose. George Whitefield played a prominent role in the founding of the University of Pennsylvania.

The form of government we have came from our founders of whom most were true believers. They followed the writings of John Calvin who based everything on Scripture. In fact, in England they called the revolutionary war the Presbyterian Rebellion because most of the leaders got their principles from John Calvin and the Bible. The Great Awakening which took place in the 1740's-1750's under George Whitefield helped to reconfirm the republican form of government the colonists saw in their Bibles.

Scientists who were believers in creation greatly increased our knowledge of the earth. Men like Joseph Lister – antiseptic surgery, Louise Pasteur – Bacteriology, Isaac Newton – Calculus, Michael Faraday in the field of electricity, Gregor Mendel in genetics and the list goes on.

Christian hospitals go back to 400 A.D.. The oldest one in the United States is the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia started in 1751 with a lot of help from the Quakers. The American Red Cross was started by believers.

Lives were changed. People made decisions to receive Christ as in the Wale revival of 1901-1905. Bars and saloons were closed, jails were emptied – all because God changed the hearts of the people.

In his book *Friendship Evangelism*, Arthur McPhee tells the legacy of Edward Kimball, D.L. Moody's Sunday School teacher. He went to see Moody at his uncle's shoe store and led him to Christ.

Years later in sharing this testimony in F.B. Meyer's church, he inspired a Sunday school teacher to lead every member of her class to Christ. This revolutionized Meyer's ministry.

Meyer, when preaching, put the emphasis on consecration to Christ. He would say "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" That statement shook up a young man in the back row where he was preaching. That man was J. Wilbur Chapman, a leader in the YMCA movement along with D.L. Moody.

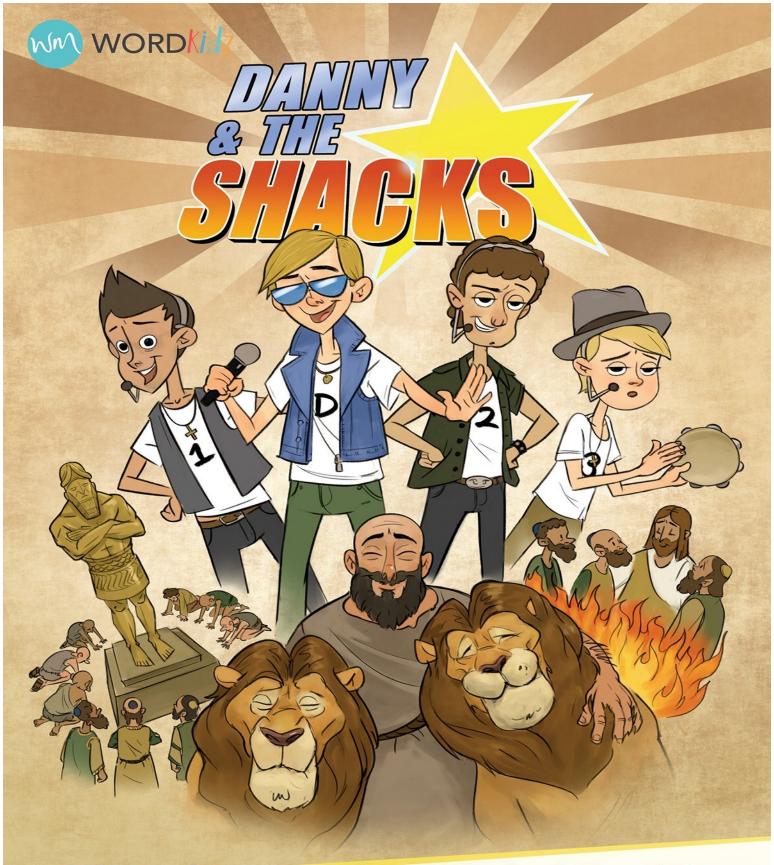
When Chapman returned to the pastorate, he turned over his YMCA ministry to a young clerk, a former professional baseball player, named Billy Sunday.

In 1924 Billy Sunday came to Charlotte, North Carolina. Through his preaching, a layman's group was formed that sought to carry on a witness for Christ in the community. In 1932 they organized a crusade and called Mordecai Ham to be the evangelist.

A young man and his friend Grady Wilson attended many of these services over a 3-month period. One night, they both went forward to give their lives to Christ. That young man was Billy Graham. We all are familiar with his ministry. He was instrumental in pointing me to the Savior when I attended one of his crusades in Pitt Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1968, a few weeks after graduating from high school.

Reflect on this testimony / legacy of Edward Kimball. One person can make a difference.

Keep Looking Up,



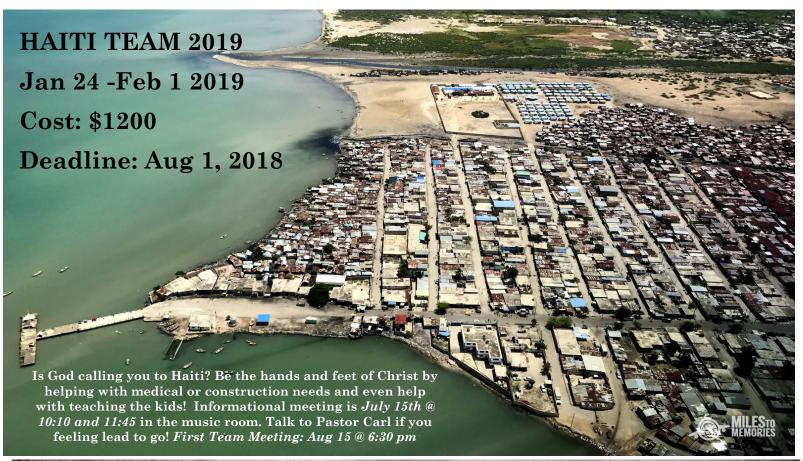
A Bible Story-Inspired Musical For Kids

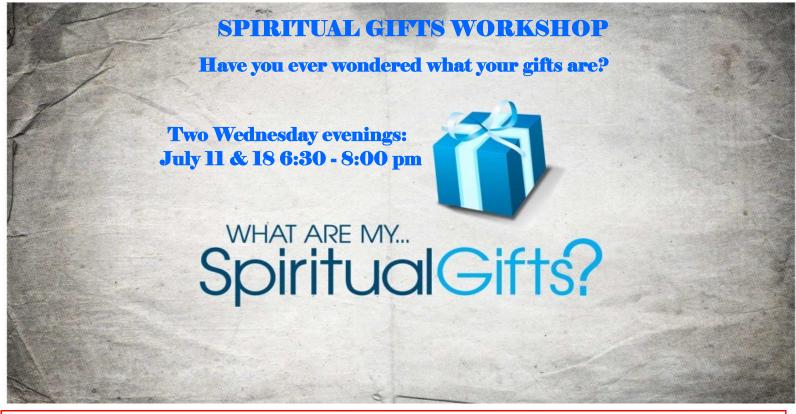
Coming to FBC on AUGUST 26TH @ 10:00 AM
Practices will be during Sunday classes
starting June 3rd @ 9 am.





Like to build?
Come out and join
Habitat for Humanity
on July14, 2018 from
8:00am -12:00 to work on
the new house being built
at 320 East Middle Street
in Gettysburg. There will
be snacks! Any questions?
Contact Jim Stockman







Pastor Carl will be preaching at the Gettysburg Amphitheatre on Sunday, August 26th @ 8 am. Warren Wagner is providing the music



THIS IS A GROUP FOR MOMS WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. COME OUT AND CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MOMS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

@ 6:30 PM





## An "Employer" Unlike Any Other

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what he has kept for his people.

For Christ is the real Master you serve" (Colossians 3:23-24 GNT)

When we work for, and are devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have a wonderful employer like no other. He loves us, forgives us, trains us and equips us. He has life-time work for each of us to do, work that has eternal value, not just temporal value. In the kingdom of God, there are no mergers or acquisitions, no lay-offs and the retirement benefits are "out of this world."

Whitney V. Myers www.ScriptureWay.com

Bible references: Colossians 3:23-24, John 3:16, 1John 1:9, 2Timothy 3:16-17, John 14:2-3<sub>12</sub>



Are you in need of Healing? Come out for a time of prayer and anointing with our pastor and elders.

This is a great opportunity to stand in the gap for a friend or family member.

JULY 22, 2018 @ 6:30 pm



#### FROM THE NEWTONS...

Greetings everyone. After almost 20 years in Gettysburg and almost 19 years of being members of First Baptist, George and I have decided now is the time to move south. We both very much dislike winter. No, we are not returning to Texas! As much as I love Texas, I have also come to love the four seasons which George always missed while living in Texas as he grew up in Maryland.

We know God's hand is in this decision. We will be moving to the Greenville, SC area. Simpsonville to be specific. With God's clear guidance, we found a house on the internet that had only been listed for one hour! It looked perfect. We actually placed an offer contingent upon being able to see it in person. We went down to see it and it's everything we were hoping it was. We'll be moving early September provided our house sells quickly.

We very much value the friendships we have made in this area and will miss you all very much. But as I've said to a few people, we didn't know anyone when we moved here so I'm confident we'll fit in there as well. Our realtor goes to a Baptist church which sounds very promising. We've also found a church online that we want to visit as well.

The Official Board was informed a couple of weeks ago so that they may begin to find a new Treasurer. I hope to have ample time to train and transition to the new Treasurer.

Please know we will miss you but very much look forward to what God has in store for us in South Carolina.



## Life Together Groups SUMMER 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 Not meeting in July

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 Not meeting in July
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

Five bleeding wounds He bears; Received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O forgive" they cry. "Forgive him, O forgive" they cry. "Don't let that ransomed sinner die."



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.

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

Bob Smith - 640 Buttonwood Rd York Springs, PA Phone # 717-528-4383

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

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

Linda Punchard - 80 Maple Ave Gettysburg, PA Phone# 717-334-8672

Brian Rice - 52 Heritage Dr. Gettysburg, PA Phone# 717-337-9224

Helen & Lorraine Stonesifer -2380 Old Rt 30 Orrtanna, PA Phone #717-337-1797

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# Birthday Blessings

Pierson Beard- 5

**Chad Huestis-5** 

Dick Gallimore - 6

Paul Jay - 6

Bob Negro - 9

Tammy Wylie- 10

Aidan Brown - 11

Gabriel Harrison - 11

**Haydon Wantz - 11** 

Rachel Wantz -11

**Kylee Roden -12** 

Alyssa Farace-14

Derek Tate-15

Mac McBeth -15

**Grace Lustig -16** 

Kate Shay- 16

Madelyn Farace -16

Ella Beard-21

**Daniel Miley-22** 

Benton Celius - 23

**Andrew Hirneisen -26** 

Makenzie McGlaughlin -29

Neil Tate -29





Carl and Jennefer Harris - 4

Todd and Rebekah Hirneisen -5

Tony and Kim Gipe -10

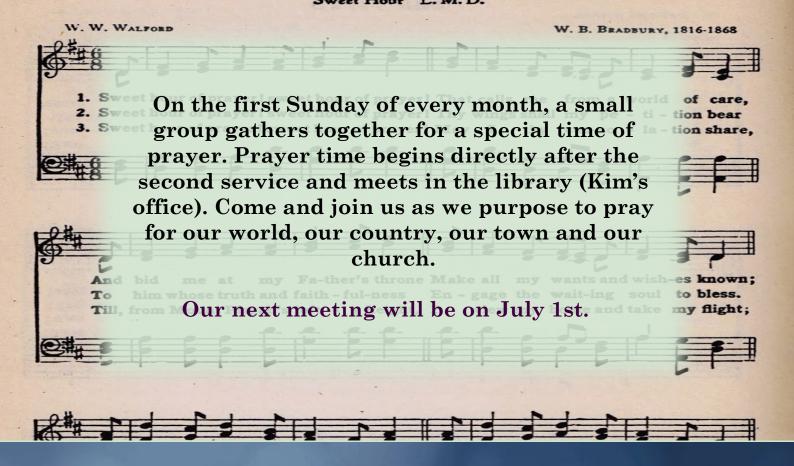
Kevin and Mary Ann Filler - 18

Matt and Sharla Reiter -22

Ric and Jaime Rivera-26

Ellen and Charles Van Arsdale -26

Dennis and Sherry Weber -30



# plug in & serve

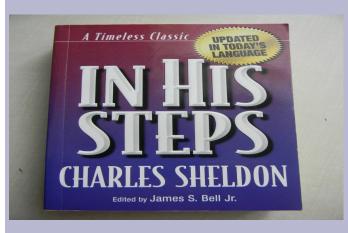


Hospitality

## SUNDAY CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES



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



## STARTS IN AUGUST!

Sundays @ 10:30am. Bill McCloskey leads.

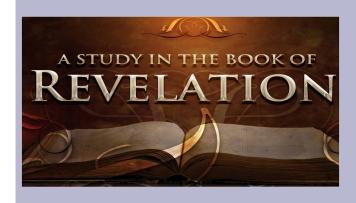


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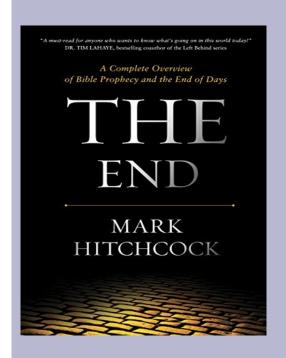
Sundays @ 9 am. McBeths lead.



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.

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## July **EVENTS**

#### June 30 -July 7

Pastor Carl & Family on Vacation

#### July 4

Office Closed

#### July 11

Spiritual Gifts Workshop 6:30 - 8 pm

#### July 14

Habitat for Humanity Build 8 am -12 pm

#### July 15

Haiti Team Meeting 10:10am & 11:45am

#### July 16 -20

Vacation Bible School 9am -12

#### July 18

Spiritual Gifts Workshop 6:30 - 8 pm

#### July 19

Constitutional Rewrite Committee Meeting 2pm

#### July 22

Healing Service @ 6:30 pm

#### July 24

Soup Kitchen 10:30 am

#### July 26

Widows to Widows 11:00 am

#### July 28

Staff Picnic 1-3

**July 29** W2 Group - after 2nd service

## July 31 - Aug 4 South Mountain Fair

#### **SUNDAY CLASSES**

#### A Life Beyond Amazing (ends July 8)

Led by Mac and Arla McBeth Sundays @9:00 am in Lewis Hall

#### Book of Galatians (begins July 15)

Led By Mac and Arla McBeth Sundays @ 9 am in Lewis Hall

#### 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 - 7** Hess/VanArsdale - 14 Merson - 21 **Gipe - 28** 

