

Acts 13:47 (NIV)<sup>47</sup> For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (NIV) <sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...

2 Corinthians 5:14, 18-20 (NIV) <sup>14</sup> For <u>Christ's love compels us</u>, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died... <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. <u>And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.</u> <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Please join me in being part of a wonderful tool designed to help us pray for our neighbors. Blesseveryhome.com is a browser based tool (not a phone app) that will allow you to identify your neighbors and aid you in praying daily for them by name. Daily reminders will be sent to you listing your neighbors and will offer you scripture and prayer that you can pray over them each day. There are also helpful videos that you can view to give you some ideas about how to pray and reach out to them. You can also order free *Jesus Film* DVD's that you can hand out.

Start by going to *https:/blesseveryhome.com/light/?cust=9472* which will also tie you into our church family and then follow the prompts to add your name and address. The website will do the rest, showing you a map of your neighborhood and the names and house locations of your neighbors. By clicking the top right icon of your home page, you can add up to 250 surrounding neighbors, which is nice if have homes on a walking route that you want to pray for.

I am excited about what the Lord is going to do through this ministry. With God's help may we love and care for our neighbors well enough to share the best News in the Universe!



### June 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.

We pray everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and was able to bless a Mom or Mom-figure in their lives. Another June has arrived and boy did we get a lot of rain leading up to this month! Rain, although usually cold, wet, and gloomy, has the ability to bring life. It can wash away dirt, grime, and mess, and restore things that were all but dead like one of Faith's blackberry bushes that was all but dead. Much like rain, is the working of the Holy Spirit, Jesus's cleansing blood, and God's life-giving grace. They are not always fun to experience in the moment, just like rain is not fun when it changes or completely cancels your plans. But once the "Son" comes out from behind the clouds in life, we get to behold and take part in the awesome benefits of all that God had planned during that rainy season. If we will just hold on a little longer during those hard times, we can remain confident of this: "I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13"

### June

June 2nd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

June 7th & 8th: FUSION HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SLEEP OVER NIGHT 6PM-9AM

June 9th: FUSION Birthday Game Night 6pm-8pm

June 10th: MISSIONS WEEK 8:45am-3:30pm

June 11th: MISSIONS WEEK 8:15am-3:30pm

June 12th: MISSIONS WEEK 8:15am-3:30pm

June 13th: MISSIONS WEEK 8:15am-3:30pm

June 14th-15th: MISSIONS WEEK & SLEEP OVER 8:15am drop off on 6/14 9am pick up on 6/15

June 16th: NO FUSION, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 23rd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

June 30th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

July 7th: NO FUSION, 4th of July weekend

July 14th: FUSION Birthday Game Night Cookout at HURDA'S 6pm-9pm

July 21: FUSION 6pm-8pm

July 28th: 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:)

### THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

About 4 ½ months ago, I was having breakfast with a few Christian brothers. When one of them asked me if he could call me that afternoon, I said sure, no problem. Later that day he called me and said that earlier in the week he had sex with a prostitute. It apparently bothered him enough that he confessed it to his wife who said he needed to get an accountability partner. He wanted to know if I would be that person.

I told him that I would be glad to do whatever I could to help him. This situation reminded me of handling repairs around the house. I have always been a DIY (do it yourself) type of person. I've enjoyed simple plumbing, electrical work and anything else like repairing appliances, doors, windows, etc. However over the years, I've also learned that if you think you're getting in over your head, it is time to call in the experts rather than screw it up yourself.

This, I felt, was one of those times. I have never counseled anyone in this kind of situation and I realized I was getting in over my head and needed to reach out to people that had more experience in dealing with these kinds of problems. I reached out to Pastor Carl who I know does a lot of counseling. He said he would be glad to help and also recommended I get in touch with Phil Muskett who was an experienced counselor on this type of issue. Phil, too, was glad to help.

I called this man back and encouraged him to get in touch with Pastor Carl and Phil. I told him I was still glad to help, but he needed more professional help than I could offer. I emphasized that he needed to follow through and do this because this affects his testimony, especially if you're a leader in your church, teach Sunday School, etc. which he did.

In talking with this man and his wife later on, I learned that dealing with pornography has been a problem off an on most of his life. This addiction which it is – is similar to someone addicted to drugs, alcohol, cell phones or anything else. If you can stay clear of these temptations, you can usually do okay with support which we all need. But this addiction is just like one drink of alcohol, one dose of a narcotics or one suggestive picture— it is all we need to fall back into our old ways.

Dave Willis, who along with his wife Ashley, conduct marriage conferences. They have seen first hand how pornography can devastate marriages. He also says they're convinced that there is no greater enemy of intimacy than pornography. They are also convinced that it's a secret among Christians that needs to be dragged out of the darkness and into the light.

Dave also shared that according to Barna Research, 62% of men and 15% of women who claim to be Christians view pornography at least once a month, and these numbers are on the rise.

He says pornography is no more a form of entertainment than rat poison is a form of food.

Dave says he has lived a story of grace. "I've known the forgiveness of a Savior who gave His life to set me free from all sin and shame. I've also known the love and forgiveness of an amazing wife who helped me, even while healing from her own wounds that were caused by my sin. I've known redemption and freedom and you can too!"

Willis says we need accountability. We need to reclaim God's original and still perfect plan for sex and marriage. "If you are currently struggling with pornography, please know that you're not alone and there is help and hope available. Your first step is to confess your sin to your Savior and embrace His forgiveness. Next, confess your sin to your spouse and work to rebuild the trust your actions have damaged. Third, actively pursue accountability and install porn-blocking and tracking software on all your devices through services like COVENANT EYES OR X3WATCH.

Steve Gallagher, is the founder and CEO of Pure Life Ministries. He calls pornography THE GREATEST THREAT TO TODAY'S CHURCH. He defines it as a spiritual disease racing through the Christian community. He says, "We are talking about the influence of millions of men who are outwardly presenting themselves as religious while inwardly maintaining a virtual mental library of pornographic images."

Steve is convinced that demonic powers are involved with the entire pornographic industry from top to bottom. "It goes without saying that the enemy will do everything within his power to enslave Christian men in habitual sexual sin. Why? Because he realizes that a lust filled Christian offers no threat to his kingdom, and worst of all disgraces God."

In his article on pornography, Steve points our that the percentage of Christian men viewing pornography is the same as that of non-believers (33-50%). Barna Research says that this finding could help explain why 35% of born-again Christians believe sex outside of marriage is morally acceptable.

Steve shares: "Pornography appeals to one of the most powerful physical drives a male human being possesses: His sex drive. Furthermore, men are visually stimulated, making them extremely vulnerable to sexual images. When a man sees sexually oriented pictures, the demand to see and experience more becomes intense and overwhelming."

He also observes, "The greatest threat to the Church today is not so much the pornography itself as much as it is the lackadaisical attitude many Christians have about its wrongness." This effects the overall level of godliness in the Church. "It seems the general urgency to live a consecrated life is at an all-time low."

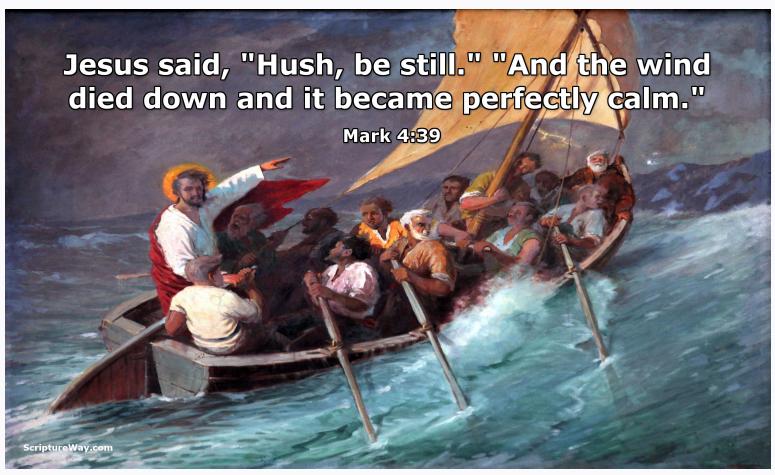
Luke Gibbons, author of "The Conquer Series" provides some statistics which show us that this is not an issue we can kick down the road or blow off: (1) 76% of 18-24 year old Christians actively seek out porn, (2) 71% of teens hide online behavior from their parents, (3) Over 40 million Americans are regular visits to porn sites. The average visit lasts 6 minutes and 29 seconds, (4) There are around 42 million porn sites which totals around 370 million pages of porn, (5) The annual revenue in the porn industry is more than the NFL, NBA and MLB combined. It is also more than the combined revenues of ABC, CBS and NBC, (6) 47% of families in the USA reported that pornography was a problem in their home, (7) Pornography increases the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%, (8) Eleven is the average age that a child is first exposed to porn and by 14 years of age, 94% of children will have seen it., (9) 56% of American divorces involve one party having an obsessive interest in pornographic websites, (10) 68% of church-going men and over 50% of pastors view porn on a regular basis, (11) 59% of pastors said that married men seek their help for porn use, (12) 33% of women aged 25 and under search porn at least once a month, (13) 87% of Christian women have watched porn, while only 13% say they never have, (14) 55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month, (15) 69% of pastors say porn has adversely impacted the church.

Luke says their data finds that only 7% of pastors say their church has a program to help people struggling with pornography.

I am pleased to announce that beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we will be holding a study for men called "EVERY MAN'S BATTLE". It will start at 6PM and go to 7:30PM. It will be led by Phil Musket and run for 8 weeks.

I would encourage every man in church to make an effort to attend and invite male friends and family members. Even if this is not a big issue for you, at least we will become better aware of how to help people who are addicted to pornography, and if someday you get a call like I did to become an accountability partner, you'll have a better idea of what you can do.

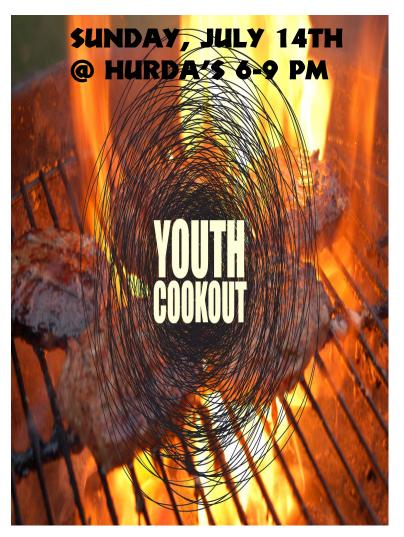
Keep Looking Up!!!



Jesus Calms the Storm. Submitted by Whitney V. Myers (www.ScriptureWay.com).



**Blue Morpho Butterfly at Hershey Gardens** 





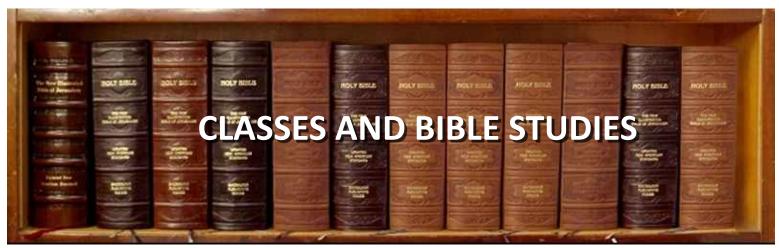


embracing the journey of Motherhood

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.

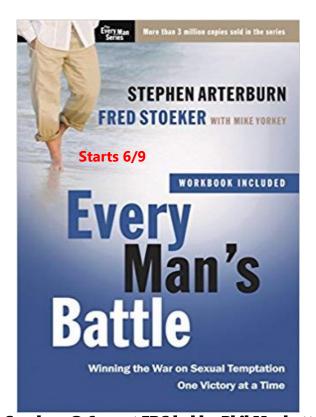
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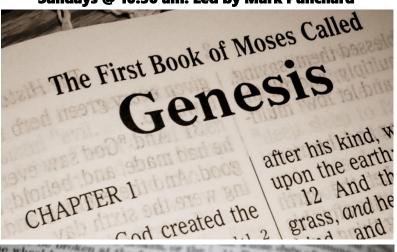
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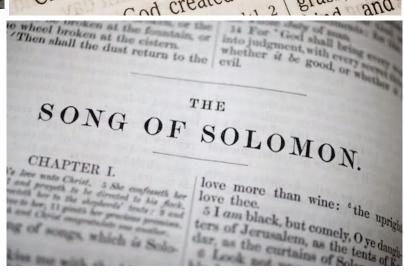
Sundays @ 9am Open Discussion in Kitchen



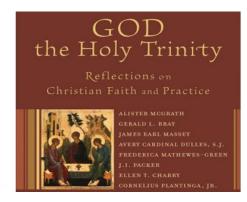
Sundays @ 6pm at FBC led by Phil Muskett

Sundays @ 10:30 am. Led by Mark Punchard





CAM Sundays @ 9:00 am led by Crushong, Poe, Rivera



Sunday mornings @ 9: 00 am led by W. Gallimore



July is fast approaching and that means the Shoebox Team is gearing up for **Christmas in July.** In fact, both June and July look to be busy months for Shoeboxes.

On June 6, from 6-8 pm., we will host a Shoebox Summit in Lewis Hall. The summit will be presented by the Adams County Shoebox Team. Anyone in the county who is interested in learning more about shoeboxes – how to help your church effort, how to pack or ship shoeboxes, how your church can become a drop-off center, etc. – is invited to attend. There is no charge for this event. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors. The event is open to everyone.

Then, on June 30, Wendy Burkett, our Area Co-coordinator for Operation Christmas Child, will speak at church. She will present in both the 9 am and the 10:30 am service, as well as to the teens and Children's Church. The children will be able to pack some shoeboxes during Children's Church.

July brings Christmas in July!

Adults are encouraged to check out the Shoebox display table to learn about shoeboxes, their purpose, and various items suitable to place in shoeboxes. There will also be patterns for items we can make for the boxes. There will be an opportunity for adults to donate in November.

One of the highlights of this month's events occurs in VBS. Not only do the children learn about the shoebox ministry, they are given the opportunity to pack a box themselves. In order to make this happen, we need help. Below you will see a list of items needed to pack the shoeboxes. Please look through the list. Any item(s) you can donate would be appreciated. Simply place your donation in the Shoebox container under the mailboxes by the end of June. We'll take it from there.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, place your donation in an envelope marked "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate. It does cost \$9.00 to mail each box. This money also helps cover the cost of training nationals to present the gospel, and transportation once the boxes are in a country, among other things.

As previously stated, we are currently in need of items to make available to the children when they pack their boxes. The list is below. There is a warehouse where items can be purchased at a reduced rate. The warehouse is moving and will open in Shippensburg in June. Let us know if you would like to visit there, or would like to provide so we can shop for you.

#### **Needed items include:**

<u>School supplies</u> - colored pencils, regular pencils, larger erasers, pencil sharpeners, blunt and pointed scissors, paper clips, pencil cases, bags in which to carry books/etc.

Toiletries - toothbrushes for 5-14 year old's, combs, soap

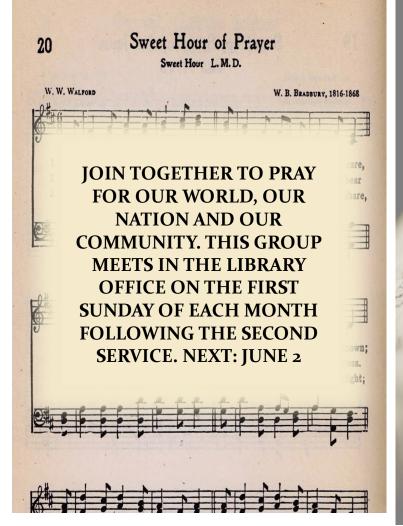
Clothing items - socks, underclothes, t-shirts, caps, slippers, flip flops, winter hats, etc.

<u>Assorted items</u> - balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, matchbox cars, yo-yos, musical instruments, heavy plastic bowls, cups, and tableware, handkerchiefs, shoelaces, jewelry, girls hair barrettes, rubber bands, sunglasses, marbles, fishing gear, tools for older boys, etc.

<u>Much prayer</u> is needed for the shoebox volunteers both in the giving country and the receiving country, safe arrival and distribution of the boxes, and the children and families of those who will receive the boxes.

God has provided so that we <u>have enough</u> toothbrushes for young children, sewing kits, coloring books, stuffed animals, washcloths, and crayons. Thank you, the FBC Shoebox Team





Can you guess the hymn?

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, My Savior!
Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouch-safe to me Thy grace.



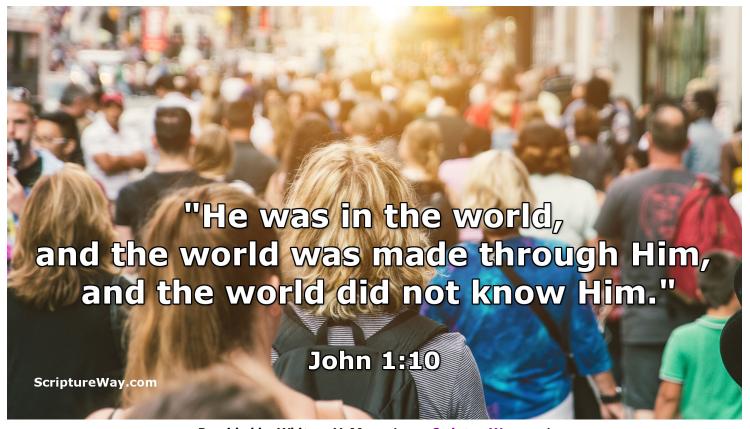
## FBC VB\$ July 15-19

9am- 12 noon
Ages 4- 6th grade
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The National Christian Choir
Coming to Gettysburg High School on Saturday, July 6th, 2019 at 4pm.
Don't Miss this SPECTACULAR Concert!



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

# HAPPYRETURENT

Chaplain Will Olsen is Retiring! Please join us as we celebrate him and his work on Sunday, June 23rd here at FBC from 3-5 in the foyer. A love offering will be taken to help send Chaplain Will off. Come out and help say goodbye!



CONFERENCE COMING
THIS FALL HERE AT
FBC..... MORE INFO TO
COME!



Do you love to share the Gospel with people? If so, then come out and join us as we prayer walk through the streets of Gettysburg interacting with folks as the spirit leads. Meet at Starbucks (on the square) Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 pm and again on June 19th at 6:30 pm at the Lincoln Train Museum (425 Steinwehr). On that day, you will get a free 20 minute tour of the museum before the prayer walk begins! Come be a part of something special!





Greg Plank - 1

Jaime Henson - 3

Elaine He - 7

Junie Zentz - 8

Pat Hertz - 8

Robin Crushong-9

Bradley Filler - 10

Jenny Harrison - 11

Maya Blair – 11

Brennen Double - 13

Donna Lechak - 13

Jim Stockman - 14

JUNE

John Hoffman - 14

Lily Blair-14

Brayden Harrison - 17

Cole Hoffman - 17

Matthew Lustig -17

Donna Ruth- 19

Sally Hurda- 20

Roxie Breighner - 21

Nancy Temchack - 24

Caroline Hurda - 26



Wanda & Dick Gallimore -1

Whitney & Sally Myers -6

Warren & Kim Wagner -6

Dave & Fran Rohrer -7

Bill & Vickie McCloskey -8

Tom & Linda Paull -14

Matthew & Cynthia Lustig -16

Gene & Ruth Blinn -18

Brandon & Danielle Beard -20

Mark & Linda Punchard -23

Gerry & Sharon Sheagren - 26

Mike & Rose Hoepfl - 27

Bob & Jamee Conover -28

Sean & Adrienne Fitzgerald -30





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 and the purpose is to make items to go into the boxes. Everyone is invited to both activities. For questions, please call Fran Rohrer



On June 16, our own Rusty and Rissa Innerst will be here at FBC! Rusty will be preaching at both services and updating us about the exciting work they have been doing in Peru. This is a great opportunity to get connected on a deeper level with our missionaries. Come out and meet Rusty and his Family!

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### June

Sunday, June 2 Sweet Hour of Prayer - following 2ND service Healing Service & Baptism @ 6:00 pm

June 4

Board Meetings 6:15 pm Official Board - 7:30 pm

June 5

Hot Summer Nights @ 6:30 pm

O.C.C. Shoebox Summit in Lewis Hall 5-9 pm

**June 7-8** 

Youth High School Girls Sleepover

June 9

Combined Outdoor Service & Picnic @ 10 am Every Man's Battle Men's Bible Study 6pm

June 10-14

Youth Missions Week

**June 13** 

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

June 19

Hot Summer Nights @ 6:30 pm

June 26

Lay Visitors Meeting 1:00 pm

**June 27** 

Widows to Widows @ 10:00 am

ANSWER TO HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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