

# March 2019

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.*

<sup>2</sup> *How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!*

<sup>3</sup> *He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.*

<sup>4</sup> *He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. Selah*

<sup>5</sup> *God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.*

<sup>6</sup> *Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

<sup>7</sup> *For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.*

<sup>8</sup> *God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.*

<sup>9</sup> *The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted. Psalm 47:1-9 (NIV)*

To be sure there are many national and political headlines that bring despair, discouragement and doubts. If I did not have the ability to look back 50 years, perhaps I would feel less disturbed by the breaking news of the day. But as we keep informed and actively pray for the current events, maybe we need to put down the newspaper, turn off the cable news and set aside our news apps on our smart phones, and read Psalm 47 out loud.

This was the advice of David Jeremiah in a devotional that he wrote entitled, "53 seconds". "The writer tells us to clap our hands and to shout in triumph (verse 1) for God is awesome, the King of the earth (verse 2). He will subdue peoples and nations (verse 3). We can sing his praises because he reigns over the nations and sits on His throne (verses 6-8). He is greater than all the leaders. He is highly exalted (verse 9).

Jesus came to die and rise again, ushering in His kingdom. We are His kingdom now, but one day, His kingdom will fully come. Circumstances are aligning for his return and one day soon the kingdoms of this world will be the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Jesus may come in the next 53 seconds. So let's not lose a minute in anxious fretting about this world. Let's hold tightly to the truth of Psalm 47 and remember who is truly in charge."

As headlines come and go, we are reminded that the kingdom of man is destined to fall, yet the Kingdom of God is one that will continue to advance until Jesus' return and will never fail. Let's keep praying and doing our part as ambassadors of God's Kingdom and let us not grow weary for our God is working and in control.

Blessings,

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For more reading see 1Peter 4: 7-11



### Fusion March 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.

What an incredible weekend we had at the high school retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center in February! This was a new adventure for us at this specific retreat and man, God blew us away and we highly recommend Black Rock Retreat Center to those looking for a firmly biblically based retreat location! One theme that seemed to be repeating at the retreat, and honestly everywhere recently, is that God has to break things, people, and situations apart (sometimes painfully ripping) in order for us to be rebuilt into a better, closer, healthier relationship with Him. It is one of the hardest and scariest things to go through, but God. Never. Fails! It is so worth it to see the rebuilding and to feel His tender but strong hands carefully and lovingly building us back up and putting us back together in a way that pleases Him and forms stronger trust and obedience in and to Him. Thank you to all who prayed for us during this past month with youth Sunday, the retreat, and snow tubing. One day God will be able to show you just how great of an impact your prayers had as He proudly shows you each individual treasure He stored for you in Heaven.

We look forward to March and the bonfire as well as the regular Fusion meetings. Just a reminder that starting March 17th, the youth will be handing out the empty Easter eggs after each Sunday morning service to the church body so they can be filled with teeth rotting goodness (don't tell your dentist) :) Looking forward to the weeks and months ahead and if you are planning to come to the Middle School Retreat, please make sure you sign-up and turn your money and registration form in no later than March 10th! Below are some dates of what's coming up!

#### March

March 3rd: FUSION Bonfire & Birthday Game Night 6pm-8pm

March 10th: FUSION 6pm-8pm (Middle School Retreat Sign-up and Pay dead-line)

March 17th: FUSION 6pm-8pm (Youth hand out Easter eggs after church)

March 24th: FUSION 6pm-8pm (Youth hand out Easter eggs after church)

March 31st: FUSION 6pm-8pm Youth hand out Easter eggs after church)

#### April

April 7th: FUSION Glow Night & Birthday Game Night 6pm-8pm

April 12th-14th: Middle School Retreat!!!!

April 14th: NO FUSION (Middle School Retreat)

April 21st: EASTER SUNDAY! NO FUSION!

April 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](mailto:fusionfbcg@gmail.com), check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



A photograph of a straight asphalt road stretching into the distance, flanked by snow-covered fields. On the left side of the road, there is a tall, weathered stone cross. The sky is clear and blue.

**"Make Thy way straight  
before my face."**

**Psalm 5:8**

**Reynolds Avenue, Gettysburg National Military Park - Psalm 5:8 - Submitted by Whitney V. Myers ([www.ScriptureWay.com](http://www.ScriptureWay.com))**

A photograph looking down into a concrete-lined well. A wooden pole with a metal bucket attached is being lowered into the dark water. The bucket is partially submerged and contains some debris.

**"What's in the well  
comes up in the bucket."**

**-- old proverb, author unknown**



**Sunday, March 24th @  
6:30 pm**



GOSPEL MUSIC  
***Hymn  
SING***

**Light refreshments served**



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.

**Every Wednesday Night  
from 6-8 pm.**

## **W2 GROUP**

**March 31st**

**Guest speaker will be Liz Chambers. Bring a sandwich to share. Liz will be bringing Jewish cookies. Come for some fellowship, food and support**

# ALL—BOARD SUMMIT @ FBC

FRIDAY NIGHT 6:30 –8PM

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SATURDAY 9-12NOON

AT NOON OFFICIAL BOARD STAYS FOR LUNCH MEETING

March 1-2



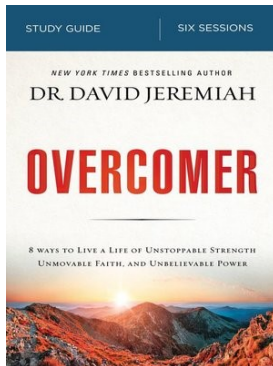
**SATURDAY MARCH 30TH @ FBC 5:30**



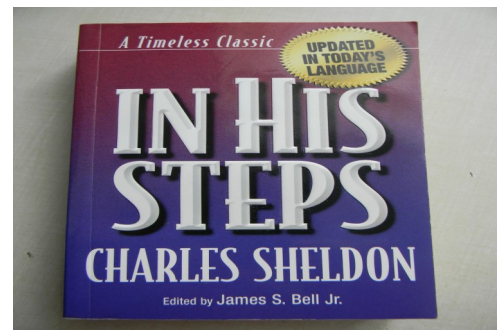
COME OUT FOR THIS FAMILY EVENT FILLED WITH GREAT FOOD AND FUN. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE **RANDY MCPHERSON**. HE IS THE BROTHER OF MATHEW MCPHERSON, CEO OF **MATHEW'S BOWS**, THE LARGEST ARCHERY COMPANY IN THE WORLD. THERE WILL BE GUN GIVE AWAYS AND OTHER DOOR PRIZES. TICKETS GO FAST!!!! SEE NEIL TATE OR DAVE POE FOR TICKETS. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE, TOO. A \$10 DONATION IS REQUESTED PER TICKET. RANDY WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING THE NEXT DAY AT OUR SERVICES.

# CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

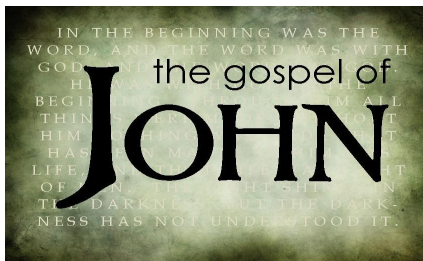
Sunday mornings @ 9: 00 am Led by McBeths



Sunday mornings @ 10:30 am Led by Bill McCloskey



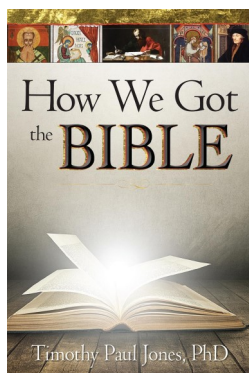
Sundays @ 10:30 am. Led by MarkPunchard



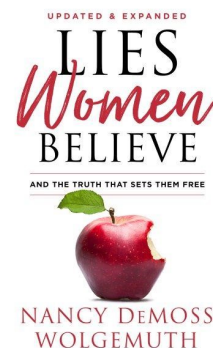
Sundays @ 9am Open Discussion



CAM Sunday mornings @ 9:00 am Led by Crushongs, Poes and Riveras



Wednesdays at 10:00 am Led by Jaime Rivera. Ladies Only.





# MEET JOHN HARRISON HOFFMAN...

If you've seen a little towheaded boy with hipster glasses, riding in a hefty stroller on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, you may have been curious to know his name or his backstory. Please allow me to share both with you! This little sweetheart is John Harrison Hoffman...also known as John Boy, John-John, or Judge John, due to his uncanny ability to roll his eyes and raise his eyebrows at precisely the funniest moments. He is two and a half years old, and is usually not too far away from his big brother, Cole.



John is our miracle boy. When he was born in June 2016, we were catapulted on to a wild ride that we were not expecting nor prepared for in the slightest. To make a long story short, he was in the York NICU for nine weeks, and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for another three weeks. Almost every specialty evaluated him, but the most anyone could do was give us individual diagnoses. Nothing to link them together. John finally came home for the first time in early September 2016.

Let me switch gears and explain some of John's needs. I'll start from the top and work down.

- He has epilepsy, however, it is well-controlled with medication.
- He is far-sighted, has peripheral cataracts, and has astigmatism in one eye, thus his need for the ultra-cool glasses.
- He has hearing aids because of mild-moderate loss in both ears. He can hear pretty well though, but the aids help distinguish the high-pitch sounds not easily heard (-ch, -sh, -th).
- He cannot talk yet, but does understand a good amount. He has made up some of his own signs, and he is very opinionated.
- He gets a small amount of oxygen via nasal cannula overnight because of his sleep apnea.
- One of the more noticeable things about John is his low muscle tone (hypotonia). He cannot sit up by himself yet, though he did for about 50 seconds a few weeks ago.
- He has had feeding difficulties because the low tone affects his inner muscles too. He has a feeding tube in his stomach (a small button), as he used to get the majority of his nutrients that way. However, food is John's best skill and the area he has improved in the most. He now can have almost everything by mouth, except for thin liquids like water. We have kept that tube just for water and medication, but we hope that he will be able to grow out of the need for it soon.

One issue that has been persistent lately has been his distention/bloating and all things related to his GI tract. We are in the midst of tests, a new diet, and different medications.

If you've seen John or taken care of him in the nursery, you may have noticed his calm demeanor. He is usually very relaxed and is content to play with his toys and roll around. He really only gets fussy if he is really hungry or overtired. He loves any toy that he can manipulate with his hands, classical music, and blueberries. John LOVES blueberries.

Currently, we are praying for answers about his GI issues. Our constant prayer is for an overall answer someday. We have been blessed with excellent doctors, overnight nurses, therapists, and now a loving church family. I know that God has a special plan for John. I know that He has directed us to certain doctors at certain times, and even toward certain friends who have dropped their own plans to help us in one way or another. Though a different circumstance that led me here to FBC last year, it was John that forced me to rely on faith almost three years ago. I hold Isaiah 41:10 and 1 Corinthians 13:12 close, and I pray that someday all of this unknown about John will become known and clear.



Bless you all, Kristen Hoffman

# EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

**6:30 AM  
SUNRISE SERVICE**

**10:30 AM  
COMBINED SERVICE**

Can you guess the hymn?

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine  
than the sunshine of His face,  
Content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.

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## Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet Hour L.M.D.

W. W. WALFORD

W. B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

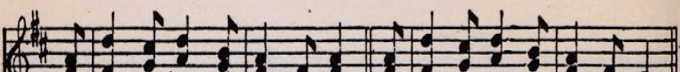
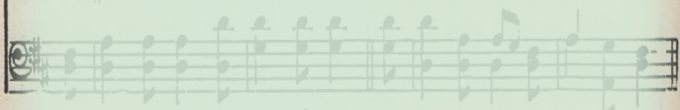


1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion share,

**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: MARCH 3RD**



**WEDNESDAYS 6-8 pm**

**Kids look forward to AWANA all week. It's where they hear the gospel and learn about the Bible in a fun setting complete with games, theme nights and special events.**

**LAST AWANA WILL BE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH**



**MARCH**  
**3 -8**

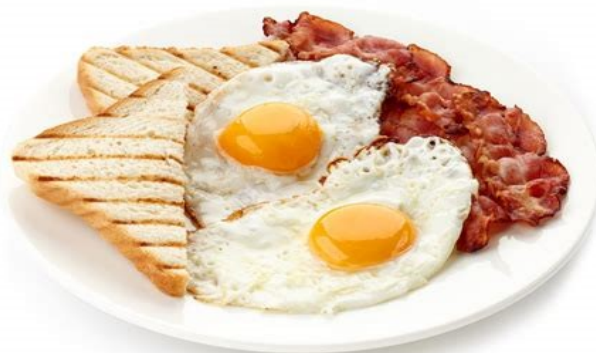


Come to our  
**BOOK FAIR!**

Enter the Kingdom of Books!

**BOOKS GALORE!**

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday,  
March 16th @ 7:30 am

**Bacon. Coffee. Friends.**  
**God's Word.**

## MARCH 2019

24calendars.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> All Board Summit	<b>2</b> All Board Summit
<b>3</b> Sonshine Book Fair Sweet Hour of Prayer	<b>4</b> Sonshine Book Fair	<b>5</b> Sonshine Book Fair	<b>6</b> Sonshine Book Fair	<b>7</b> Sonshine Book Fair	<b>8</b> Haiti Team Sharing 6:30 pm last day of Book Fair	<b>9</b> AWANA Grand Prix 9 am
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> No Preschool	<b>16</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 am
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Hymn Sing @ FBC 6:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Wild Game Dinner 5:30 pm
<b>31</b> W2 Group after 2nd service						

# EASTER EGG HUNT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH @ 11:00 AM**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**If you are available to help, please contact the office**

**717-334-2564**

*appreciation*  
**DINNER**



**FOR AWANA LEADERS**

**MONDAY APRIL 8TH**





## MARCH

Frank Giorno - 1

Cynthia Lustig - 3

Heidi Poe - 3

Brandi Plank - 8

Joe Hurda - 8

Vickie May - 9

Wanda Gallimore - 9

Brenda Scyphers - 11

Lilly Poe - 12

Gabi McGlaughlin - 14

David Green - 15

Pat Reuse - 15

J.R. Crushong - 16

Sherry Hess - 20

Victoria Double - 22

Bari Roden - 23

Mary Wingert - 23

Brendon Wantz - 26

Todd Hirneisen - 28

Austin Crushong - 30

Briana Crushong - 30

Bob Smith - 30



Happy  
*Anniversary*



*Elmer & Marge Bley - 2*

*Van & Kristen Weber - 13*

*Neil & Melanie Tate - 24*



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**BREAD PICK -UP**  
**Holtzople - 2**  
**Hess/VanArsdale - 9**  
**Merson - 16**  
**Gipe - 23**



# March

### March 1-2

#### All Board Summit

Friday 6:30 -8pm  
Saturday 9-12noon w/ OB lunch @ noon

### March 3

#### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Following Second Service in Sean's Office

### March 4-8

Sonshine Book Fair

### March 8

Haiti Team Sharing  
6:30 pm

### March 9

AWANA Grand Prix  
9:00 am @ FBC

### March 16

Men's Breakfast

### March 24

Hymn Sing @ FBC  
6:30 pm  
Refreshments served

### March 28

Widows to Widows  
10:00 am

### March 30

Wild Game Dinner  
5:30 pm @ FBC  
Guest Speaker Randy McPherson

ANSWER TO HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus