



Greetings,

Laughter is an amazing ability that God has given us all. Laughter strengthens our immune system, boosts mood, diminishes pain, and protects us from the damaging effects of stress. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Simply put, humor and laughter is good medicine.

Proverbs 17:22 says a cheerful heart is indeed good medicine.

So, come and laugh, a lot, with us!

Marriage is God's great gift to us. This gift takes work, commitment, sacrifice, seriousness and ... laughter? Yes laughter! Humor has a way of lightening our burdens, inspiring hope, connecting us to others and enabling us to see the larger purpose of married life.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage reminds us that perhaps we have become too stoic and serious in our union. Instead of being a "kill joy", maybe we just need to chuckle with joy at how God has brought two very different people together and made them one through the covenant of marriage.

Join me and Pastor Sean as we laugh together, thus bringing good medicine to your marriage! We will be meeting in the sanctuary each Sunday night in March, 6pm-7:30pm. Childcare is provided. Because of the transparency of topics in this teaching, we are recommending this seminar for adults only.

Blessings,

PC



MARCH

**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.
Galatians 2:20**

Welcome to March! Only a few more months of school left! If this school year has been difficult for you, know that you are not alone and that it is almost over. Give God your best and trust Him. There are going to be times in life where trusting God seems hard if not impossible, but don't believe the lie that it's safer to trust only yourself. Trusting God is the ONLY way you will have peace, rest, stability, and His perfect unfailing love.

Due to situations that were outside of Faith's and my control, the pastor for the middle school retreat at Camp Yolijsa that we usually do in April informed me that unfortunately they had cancel it. Faith and I have researched and narrowed it down to a few places that we will be praying over and about for the replacement retreat. The timing however will be in the fall/winter rather than the spring, so please know we are still going to do a middle school retreat, but that it won't be until later in the year. Thank you for your understanding and patience, and we will send out that information as soon as we finalize the details and come to a decision. We are sorry for any inconvenience with this cancellation.

March

March 1st: FUSION Birthday Game Night, **Bonfire**, 6pm-8pm

March 8th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

March 15th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

March 22nd: FUSION 6pm-8pm

March 27th: Easter Egg Packing Party 5:30pm-7pm

March 29th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

April

April 4th: Church Easter Egg Hunt 9am-12pm for those who want to help

April 5th: FUSION Birthday Game & **GLOW** Night 6pm-8pm

April 12th: NO FUSION, HAPPY EASTER!

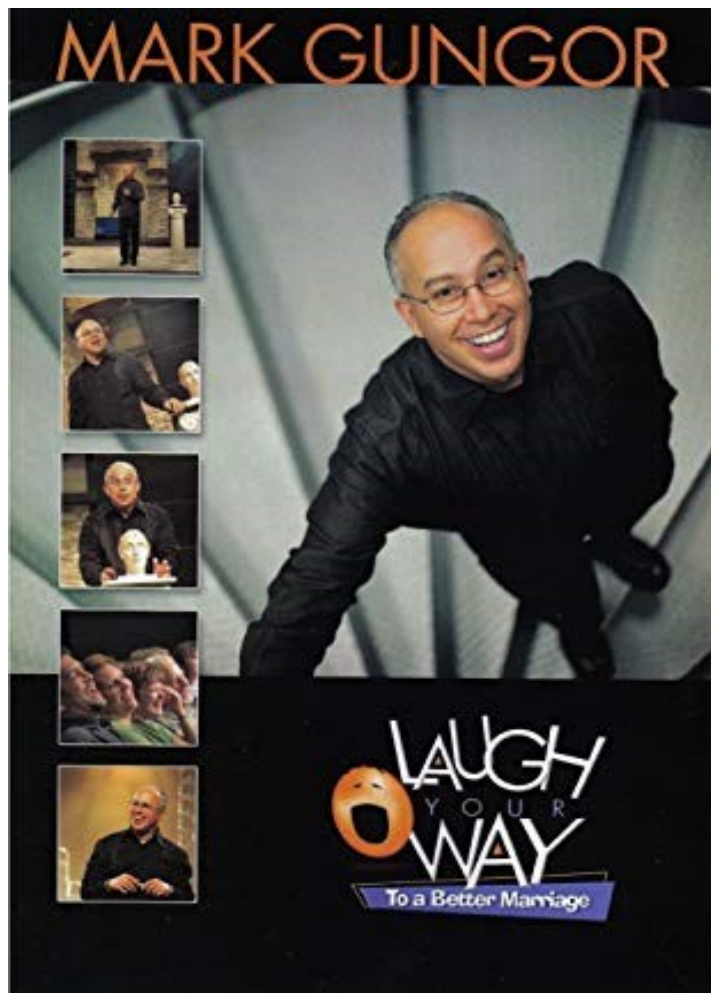
April 19th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

April 26th: 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 :)



Come out for a great
MARRIAGE SEMINAR
that's *different* from anything you've
ever done before!

LADIES: Learn about your husband's needs in a way that
makes sense to you!

MEN: Finally figure out what "If you don't know, I'm not
telling you" means!!! :)

Sunday evenings

in March from 6-7:30pm

CHILDCARE PROVIDED!

**Come and have some fun
and learn some stuff, too!**

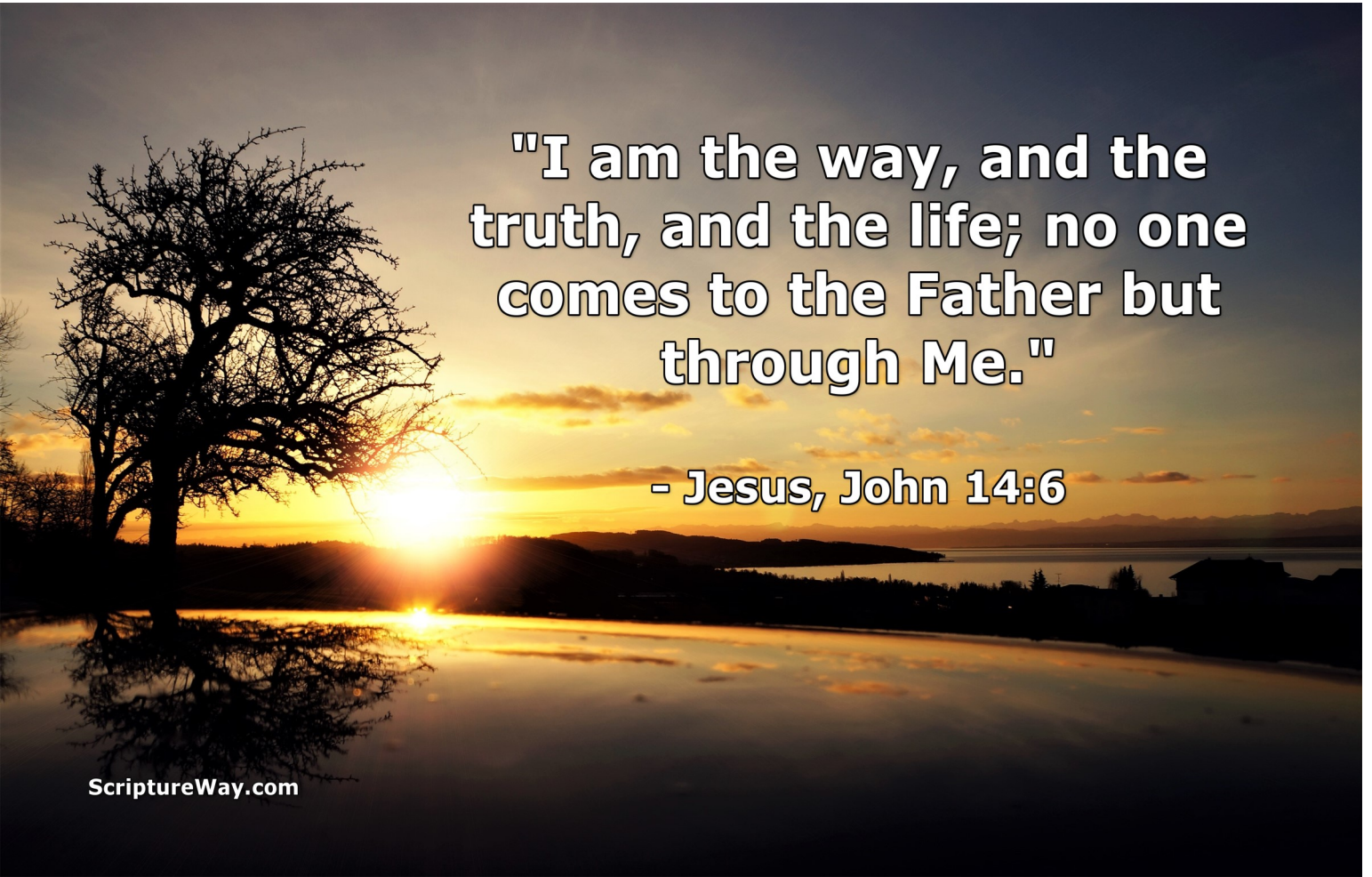
**Led by Pastor Carl
and Pastor Sean**

Sign up at the Welcome Center



Saturday, April 4th @ 11:00 am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT THE OFFICE



"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- Jesus, John 14:6

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Sunrise on Lake Constance (Germany/Switzerland /Austria)



Led by

JORDAN EYSTER

@ FBC

**Saturday, March 21st
@ 9:00 am -3:00 pm**

W2 GROUP

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service to support and love each other.

**NEXT: March 29 will be
"Fondue, Fun and Games"**

"Come now, let us reason
together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as
white as snow"
Isaiah 1:18

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



LOIS OWINGS

A \$5000 gift has been anonymously given to establish the "Lois Owings Memorial Fund". This fund will be used at the discretion of the FBCG Pastor and reported to the Diaconate. The purpose of this fund is to support and encourage widows and widowers attending or connected to FBCG. This support may take place in the form of a financial gift, payment for utilities, repairs, mortgage, medical expenses and any other need. This fund will also "take a widow or widower out to lunch" and will help foster fellowship times for those involved with FBCG's W2 ministry. If you would like to contribute to this fund, or include it in your will, we invite you to do so

(checks can be made out to FBCG, Lois Owings Memorial Fund (LOMF) in the memo). ⁵



GATEWAY THEATRE 8

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From the filmmakers of I CAN ONLY IMAGINE comes I STILL BELIEVE, the true-life story of Christian music mega star Jeremy Camp and his remarkable journey of love and loss that proves there is always hope in the midst of tragedy and that faith tested is the only faith worth sharing.



OPENS FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, WITH EARLY SHOWS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12th

To watch the trailer and to read more about the movie, please visit the website:

<https://www.lionsgate.com/movies/i-still-believe>

To buy tickets, visit the box office or buy online here:

www.rc theatres.com/locations

For group sales information, please call the theatre at 717-334-5575 or email:

GatewayMovies@rc theatres.com

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

The references to write this article were *Israel My Glory Magazine (January/February 2020)*, *The Case For Zionism by Thomas Ice*, *A Legacy of Hatred by David Rausch*, *What Should We Think About Israel? by J. Randall Price* and *Hitler's Cross by Erwin W. Lutzer*.

Since the days of the Egyptians in Exodus and Haman in the book of Esther, through the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the pogroms(an organized massacre of helpless people, especially the Jews) in many countries, especially Russia, through the Holocaust until today, anti-Semitism has been prevalent.

Anti-Semitism is simply hatred of the Jewish people. It can appear in many forms: racial, ethnic, social, economic, political and religious for example. "The term "Anti-Semitism" was coined in 1879 by a racist named Wilhelm Marr. He founded the League of Anti-Semites. In Europe the term Semite was used strictly for the Jews, and everyone knew that anti-Semite meant anti-Jewish."

"Lest one believe that racism against Jews, was only a European or German problem during this period (the late 1800's), consider that in 1877 a Jewish lawyer was black-balled by the New York Bar Association solely because of race; and that businessman Joseph Seligmann and his family were the same year refused lodging at the Grand Union Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York because of their race. In America also, the Jew was seen by some as an alien."

When Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, asked a trusted advisor for the strongest piece of evidence for the existence of God in a few words, he replied, "The Jews, Sir, The Jews."

Remember the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in October 2018 by a white supremacist, eleven people died all because they were Jewish. Do you know that anti-Semitic hate crimes increased by 63 percent in 2019 in New York City alone?

In his book, *A Legacy of Hatred*, David Rausch writes that Martin Luther became irritated when the Jewish people continued to resist conversion. In 1526 he complained of the Jews stubbornness and by the 1530s he was presenting the common medieval stereotypes accorded to Jews. In conversations in *Table Talks* he caricatured Jews as "stiff-necked," "iron hearted," "stubborn as the Devil," and "usurers". In 1543, at the end of his life, he wrote three derogatory treatises against the Jews, which anti-Semites would quote for the next 400 years. So horrible were his statements that Julius Streicher, Hitler's hate-sheet editor and propagandist in *Der Sturmer*, cited Luther at his Nuremberg trial to justify his actions."

St. John Chrysostom was the first person to use the term deicide for the Jews or "Christ Killers." Origen, Irenaeus and Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage all hated the Jews and wrote negatively about them. Emperor Constantine, in 325 A.D. forbade the Jews to live in Jerusalem.

According to J. Randall Price in his book, *What Should We Think About Israel?*, "The Nazis in World War II were guilty of unspeakable evil. They committed indescribable crimes, some unparalleled in human history. During their reign of terror, nothing displayed the depth of evil in their hearts more than the Holocaust(in Hebrew the name is Shoah), an event that truly defies description."

"Before the Holocaust there were 9 million Jews in Europe. Afterward, the number was 3 million. Nine out of every ten Polish Jews were butchered. Who can imagine a massacre on this scale?"

Yet there are people out there who said it never happened. I know for a fact it did. I had a husband and wife as customers when I worked in Gettysburg in the middle 70s to middle 80s who still had their concentration camp number tattooed on their arms. Linda and I went to a Holocaust Museum when we were in Dallas, Texas for a Gideon Convention. The day we visited we had the opportunity to hear a concentration camp survivor speak of his ordeal. When I was in Israel a few years ago I had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Museum they had called Yad Vashem (which means a memorial and a name). It focuses on the Jewish resistance in the Warsaw ghetto and the uprisings in the Sobibor and Treblinka death camps and the struggle of survivors to reach Israel.

In one chapter of Price's book they tell of Jews being forced to dig long pits, after which they were lined up and shot to death, turning the pits into grave sites. Thousands were forced upon entering

the camp to strip naked and take a shower for hygiene. However, the showers, instead of water, had poisonous gas. Obviously no one made it out alive. In the town of Kiev lived 30,000 Jews. Over 2 days they were taken to a ravine, ordered to strip naked and shot to death in the ravine. They then were covered up with dirt and rocks.

What is so astounding is that one demented person in Germany could convince others to hate the Jews so much as to try and exterminate them and so many people go along with this thinking.

What I find incredible is that the Holocaust took place in a civilized, cultured and Christian Europe, not in a continent of savages. The people of Europe were educated. They appreciated the finer things of life. They had great universities, cultural centers and religious centers. They had a Christian tradition dating back to the days of the apostles."

Price raises the question "Who is to say it could not take place again, even in America? This is why it is important for Christians to stand with Israel as a nation."

"The word Semite describes any descendant of Noah's son Shem (Genesis 6:10). Both Jews and Arabs descended from Shem..... Although the term Semitic can refer to either Jew or Arab, the term anti-Semitism refers only to a person, event, or act that is directed against the Jewish people."

Ty Perry writes in *Israel My Glory* that in the middle ages, so called "Christian armies massacred Jews throughout Europe. For example, a German nobleman and crusader led his marauders to attack Jewish communities throughout the Rhineland in 1096. They went from town to town with the message convert or die."

He also says "today college campuses are hotbeds of anti-Semitism and mainstream society is not far behind. The Anti-Defamation League recorded 1,879 anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in 2018 alone."

Tom Simcox writes in the same magazine that over the centuries, Jewish people have been blamed for everything from wars to the bubonic plague. They've been herded into ghettos, denied citizenship, denied land and murdered in random killing sprees called pogroms. While the diaspora or the scattering of the Jews was God's punishment for their disobedience; it was also His way of preserving them until He brings them all home again.

Another type of anti-Semitism is the "BDS movement." BDS founded in 2005 means Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Its purpose is to destroy Israel. This is an economic movement to stop dealing with any company that does business with Israel. The goal is to destroy Israel economically. Some mainline Christian denominations have joined this movement.

Replacement Theology is another form of anti-Semitism. It goes back to the days of the Apostle Paul and grew tremendously in the second and third centuries when the church had more gentiles than Jews. Very simply this thinking says the church has replaced Israel in the promises of God. Any serious student of Scripture will find this untrue. Paul addressed the future of Israel in Romans, chapters 9 to 11. This is a prominent false doctrine that many people subscribe to today.

In closing, here is a quote from Mark Twain from an essay he wrote for *Harpers Magazine* in 1899: "The Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of...The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed; and made a vast noise and they are gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. They saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was,.... No dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:6).

Keep Looking Up!!!

Mark Punchard Sr.



Did you know that only about 10% of Christians have a current will or trust, thus by default, leaving it up to the Government to manage the distribution of their assets when they pass?

ESTABLISH OR UPDATE YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST



Reduce or eliminate estate taxes



Quicker distribution of assets to beneficiaries



Prevent court control of assets



Provide maximum privacy



Avoid costly probate at death

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FREE SEMINAR

Where: First Baptist Church of Gettysburg
1015 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
When: Monday, Mar. 16 @ 7:00-8:30pm EST
What: Seminar "Establish or Update Your Will or Living Trust"
Who: Co-hosted by John Frick of SAT-7 in partnership with Financial Planning Ministry (FPM)

SAT-7 is partnering with Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) to take the mystery out of estate planning. Join this informational seminar to learn more about how you can prepare a legacy plan that protects your family while being a wise steward of God's resources. If you choose to have a trust and/or will prepared, SAT-7 will link you via email to a representative at FPM.

Register at sat7usa.org/fpm-seminar or 866-744-7287.

Note: All your information is confidential between you and FPM.



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BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS

Men's study of Ephesians - 5:30am led by Pastor Carl in his office

9:30am study of James led by Pastor Carl in Music Room

Let's Dig In together

SUNDAYS

Sunday School Hour

Led by McBeths @ 9am
in Lewis Hall

A series on dealing with
Stress, Anxiety and Depression
from a biblical perspective

Holy Ambition - Open discussion
in kitchen 9am

The Foundations
led by Mark Punchard
@ 10:30am

A detailed mosaic of the Apostle Paul, showing him with a full beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe over a blue garment. He is set against a golden background with a halo. Greek text is visible on either side of his head.

**"For I am not ashamed of
the gospel"**

**- Apostle Paul,
Romans 1:16**

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Paul Mosaic at Chora Church Istanbul (www.ScriptureWay.com)

Maundy Thursday Service

April 9th 7pm

Sunrise Service

April 12th 6:30am

Combined Easter Service

April 12th 10:00am

A graphic for Easter Sunrise Services featuring three crosses on a hill against a sunset background. The word 'Easter' is written in a large, white, cursive font, and 'SUNRISE SERVICES' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

Easter
SUNRISE SERVICES

Can You Guess The Hymn?

**When I reach the river
Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the
swelling current,
Land me safe on
Canaan's side:
Songs of praises,
songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee**



March

Frank Giorno - 1

Cynthia Lustig - 3

Heidi Poe - 3

Brandi Plank - 8

Joe Hurda - 8

Vicky May- 9

Wanda Gallimore - 9

Brenda Scyphers - 11

Lilly Poe - 12

Pat Reuse - 15

J.R. Crushong - 16

Sherry Hess - 20

Victoria Double - 22

Bari Roden - 23

Mary Wingert - 23

Todd Hirneisen - 28

Austin Crushong - 30

Bob Smith -30

Brianna Crushong - 30



MARCH

Happy
Anniversary

Elmer & Margery Bley - 2

Van & Kristen Weber -13

Neil & Melanie Tate -24



YOUTH EGG STUFFING PARTY

Friday, March 27th

5:30 -7pm

@FBC



**Make a difference in a child's life! Volunteer at
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.

**Mark your calendars for some upcoming events:
Awana Grand Prix Race is Saturday, March 7th !**

At FBC, AWANA is
EVERY Wednesday @ 6-8pm Sept-April.

Contact Neil (717-226-7378) or
Melanie Tate(717-515-0591)
or mntate90@gmail.com



**Saturday,
March 21st @ 7:30 am**



**COOL STUFF HAPPENING
IN MARCH!**

On March 8th, Dan Zychal will be here to give a Missions Moment on Young Life and on March 15th, we will have John Frick from Sat7 giving a Missions Moment. Both speakers will be present at both services!

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BREAD PICK -UP
Holtzople -7
Hess/VanArsdale -14
Merson - 21
Gipe - 28
(5th Saturdays - May)

ANSWER TO HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

March EVENTS

Sunday, March 1
Laugh Your Way... (Session 1) 6-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 3
No Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 4
10:30am Women's Bible study of Ruth
AWANA 6-8pm

Thursday, March 5
Men's Bible study 5:30am - Book of Galatians
9:30am Bible study - Book of James

Saturday, March 7
AWANA Grand Prix Race in Lewis Hall 9am

Sunday, March 8
Laugh Your Way...(Session 2) 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 11
10:30am Women's Bible study of Ruth
AWANA 6-8pm

Thursday, March 12
Men's Bible study 5:30am - Book of Galatians
9:30am Bible study - Book of James

Sunday, March 15
Laugh Your Way...(Session 3) 6-7:30pm
Ham Sandwich Pick-up 2 FBC

Monday, March 16
Ham Sandwich pick-up

Tuesday, March 17
John Frick Estate Planning 6:30 @ FBC

Wednesday, March 18th
10:30am Women's Bible study of Ruth
AWANA 6-8pm

Thursday, March 20
Men's Bible study 5:30am - Book of Galatians
9:30am Bible study - Book of James

Saturday, March 21
Men's Breakfast 7:30am

Sunday, March 22
Laugh Your Way...(Session 4) 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 25
10:30am Women's Bible study of Ruth
AWANA 6-8pm

Friday, March 27
Youth Egg Stuffing Party 5:30-7pm

Sunday, March 29
W2 Group
Laugh Your Way...(Session 5) 6-7:30pm