

The recent Supreme Court hearings have caused me to consider the reality of both giving an account to God, and receiving his forgiveness. I have also been pondering the question, "Do past sins disqualify us from being used by God?" Perhaps at the end of the day, we will not fully know what took place (if anything) between Judge Kavanaugh and Ford (and the others), but we can rest assured that God knows all with exact precision and detail.

Truth be told, all of us are sinners (Romans 5:12) deserving of death (Romans 6:23). If on trial before our Holy and just God, none of us could ever stand blameless in His presence. In His court room, there are no excuses, blaming someone else, collaboration, rationalization, memory loss, or lies. Justice is served as God deems best (and his justice is always fair, just, right and deserving).

Oh, but what God has done in sending his One and Only Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16-17), is almost too great to take in. Jesus, who was without sin, perfect in every way, takes on the sins of the world as though he himself had committed every vile and ghastly deed, and then receives the just sentence: death (Romans 3:21-26, 1 John 1:7). Jesus' death on the cross atoned for our sins, and we can barely take it in. But take it in, by faith, we must. The actions of one (Adam) brought sin and disqualification, whereas the action of another (Jesus Christ) brought forgiveness that qualifies us as righteous.

In 1 John 1:8-10 (NIV) we read that, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Yet if we "confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives." To be sure, there may be some sins that carry long consequences and have an impact on our freedom in this earthly life. In all sins we are called to confess, repent and ask God to help restore us. Once God has forgiven us, we stand before him in the righteousness of his Son who qualifies us to be used by him.

Abraham slept with his housemaid. Moses killed an Egyptian guard. David had a man killed for the purpose of committing adultery with his wife. The apostle Paul was a hater of Christians and was found leading a mob that stoned Stephen to death.

In fact it was Paul who said, "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)).

Sin brought death and disqualification. Christ brings life, forgiveness and qualifies us as righteous. In Christ there is no shame or condemnation. For those with sins of old, we may find the Lord moving us to make it right and to seek reconciliation, or he may just remind us that it is remembered no more. For those who have been sinned against long ago, may Christ bring healing, peace, and forgiveness to move you forward into his Light for he also qualifies you and has a wonderful work and plan for your life.

Blessings,

Pastor Carl



#### Fusion October 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.

September was an intense month! Lots of things happened. Pastor Carl went to Haiti, I went on vacation, Hurricane Florence hit the coast, Fusion went to Uprise Festival and Faith and I started school with our kids! Yet in every situation, God worked, protected, brought back safely, balanced, and shined through like only He can! Praise God for bringing Pastor Carl and Clotaire back safely from Haiti and for getting us and the youth to and from Uprise safely and for the beautiful weather He provided. If you are 6th-12th grade and missed Uprise Festival this year, we encourage you to go next year. It is so spiritually rich and a blast of fun at the same time. God always provides for our every need and He will continue to because that is what He promises. God NEVER breaks His promises! The High School Sunday School class just started a study on the book of Daniel and it is so life-giving to see God at work in Daniel's life! Please welcome Tracy Thomas as our new co-teacher with Carolyn Tuckey for the Middle School Sunday classes. We are so happy to have her! Thank you Kevin Filler for your many years of service with the youth program & Sunday Classes! Below are upcoming events so please take a gander!

#### **October**

Oct 7th: FUSION Birthday/Game Night 6pm-8pm

Oct 14th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Oct 21st: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Oct 28th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

#### <u>November</u>

Nov 4th: FUSION BIRTHDAY/CAPTURE THE FLAG NIGHT 6pm-8pm

Nov 8th: Worship practice for youth Sunday 6pm-8pm

Nov 9th: Skit practice for youth Sunday 6pm-8pm

Nov 10th: Worship & Skit run through practice for youth Sunday 4pm-6pm

Nov 11th: Youth Sunday!!! (NO FUSION) Annual meeting & potluck

Nov 16th: FUSION BONFIRE NIGHT 6pm-8pm

Nov 17th: Rain date for bonfire 6pm-8pm

Nov 18th: NO FUSION (Thanksgiving Banquet)

Nov 25th: NO FUSION (Thanksgiving weekend)

\*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 <u>fusionfbcg@gmail.com</u>, check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



Submitted by Whitney V. Myers. The photo is of the One-Way Sign on Confederate Avenue in Gettysburg National Military Park. You can download the photo with Jeremiah 32:39 from <u>https://twitter.com/scriptureway</u>

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Sunday, November 18th @ 5 pm Lincoln Elementary School

#### <u>The Bible Has The Answer</u> by Mark Punchard Sr.

Over the years I have never ceased to be amazed at the influence of the Bible in American culture. Especially the biblical expressions that have found their way into our everyday language.

Before I list some of these I'd like to give you a little background into how we got our Bible.

This past year for example the Gideons gave out 87 million copies of Scripture. We pretty much did this around the world without fear of persecution. Yet, this has not always been the case.

The church in the middle ages especially kept the Bible from the common person, believing that they could control those people better if they could not read the Scripture. They depended on the biblical ignorance of the laity. Any free use of the Bible in worship and thought signaled a deep threat to the church's authority.

Jan Hus and William Tyndale were both burned at the stake for believing that the common man should have access to the Bible. John Wycliffe also believed along with Martin Luther that the common man should have the Bible in his own language. These last two, while they experienced persecution, were at least not burned at the stake.

William Tyndale is given credit for two quotes. The first: "I defy the pope, and all his laws; and further added, that if God spared his life, ere many years he would cause a plow boy that driveth the plough, to know more of the Scripture than he (the pope) did." The second quote is from when he was being burned at the stake, he prayed, "Lord open the King of England's eyes."

It was in 1408 that England passed a law known as the "Constitutions" that forbade the translation and reading of any non-approved English Bible.

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms in 1521 told the religious leaders that his conscience is captive to the Word of God. "I can not and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience." Luther's unyielding belief that God's authority was in the Scriptures alone led to the doctrine of "Sola Scriptura" (Scripture only).

This was the common thread among the Reformers, it was their intense belief that the authority of God was expressed in God's Word, not through church cannon or papal dictates, and every man, woman, and child must be able to read it in their own language. (*A Visual History of the English Bible by Donald L. Brake*)

It was William Tyndale who first translated the Bible into English from the Greek New Testament and John Wycliffe translated the first Bible into English from the Latin. Martin Luther was the first to translate the Bible into German.

It was Miles Coverdale who published the Great Bible in 1539 and standardized the order of books as we have them today. It was Thomas Cromwell who advocated the reading of the Bible in English. This would bring about the licensing of the English Bible by the king.

Thus, we have the King James Bible (KJV) published in 1611 which was accurate and easy to read and dwarfed the work of all previous translations. The translators of the KJV according to Donald Brake relied heavily upon the work of William Tyndale. It is estimated that 80 to 90 percent of the KJV is the direct work of Tyndale who also because of his command of the English language, greatly influenced William Shakespeare.

Some of the following authors were greatly influenced by the KJV; Charles Dickens who wrote A Christmas Carol, Charlotte Bronte who wrote Jane Eyre, Fyodor Dostoevksy who wrote The Brothers Karamazov, C.S. Lewis who wrote The Chronicles of Narnia and the Screwtape Letters, J.R.R. Tolkien who wrote The Lord of the Rings and John Bunyan who wrote Pilgrim's Progress.

Around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a newspaper in Washington had a quote from Ben Franklin on its header that said "A Bible and a newspaper in every house."

In the last part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century according to America's

Public Bible, the newspapers had frequent references to the Scriptures. They printed sermons and Sunday school lessons and some ministers offered lessons through newspaper Bible Clubs. Newspapers featured jokes whose punchlines required familiarity with the Bible. They aired political commentary that cited the Bible on all sides of a given issue. At Easter and Christmas, they reprinted long portions of the Scriptures. Some newspapers even sold Bibles.

The New Testament was quoted more than the Old Testament even though the Old was three times longer than the New.

The American Sunday School movement made popular "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God (Luke 18:16). During the Civil War, Acts 17:26 was popular because it said God has made of one blood all nations of men. It was used as proof for the unity of human beings regardless of race. John 15:13 was quoted in memorializing the dead from the Civil War and World War I – that is "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

One oddity I found in researching this article is that Samuel J. Tilden, who ran against Rutherford B. Hayes in the 1876 presidential election quoted I Samuel 3:4 that said "the Lord called Samuel." How is that for biblical application of Scripture?

Here are some familiar biblical quotes that we use in our everyday language. Hope you enjoy them: The salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13), The signs of the times (Matt. 16:3), Escaped by the skin of my teeth (Job 19:20), Pride goes before a fall (Prov.16:18), A man after my own heart( I Sam.13:14), A fly in the ointment (Eccl.10:1), The powers that be (Romans 13:1), The blind leading the blind (Matt.15:14), A drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15), Go the extra mile (Matt.5:41), A little birdie told me (Matt.16:23), Out of the mouth of babes (Psalm 8:2), Nothing by skin and bones (Job 19:20), The handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5:5), A labor of love (I Thes.1:3), Thou are the man or You da man (2 Samuel12:7), A thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7), The laborer is worthy of his hire (Luke 10:7), Joy cometh in the morning (Psalm 30:5), All things to all men (I Cor. 9:22), You don't work, you don't eat (2 Thes.3:10), The love of money is the root of all evil (I Tim. 6:10), Spare the rod and spoil the child (Proverbs 13:24)

Chuck Swindoll, in his *Living Insights Commentary on the book of John*, tells of an English teacher named Thayer Warshaw who taught at a school near Boston in 1964. He was worried that when the Bible was banned from school that students would be deprived of an important part of their culture.

To prove his point, he devised a quiz on common allusions to Scripture as they appear in secular literature and language. The majority of college-bound students couldn't complete the following common expressions: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares" (63%), "Many are called, but few are chosen" (79%), "The truth shall make you free" (84%), "Pride goeth before a fall" (88%) and "The love of money is the root of all evil." (93%). He also shares that several students at this nationally acclaimed school thought Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers. Asked to name the 4 gospels many gave Matthew, Mark, *Luther* and John. They also thought Jesus spoke in parodies, rather than parables.

This is why we need to be in the Word. This is why we have AWANA, Bible studies, Sunday school and Small groups. It gives us opportunities to know the Bible better.

People who don't come to church say they can be close to God at home. How is that working when supposedly intelligent students give very disappointing answers to simple questions? We need to help one another and challenge one another to be in the Word. May God help us to accomplish this goal!!!

Keep Looking Up!!!





Day	Led By	Time	Location	Торіс
*Monday	Harrises	6:30p	Starbucks (Square)	Sermon
*Sunday	McBeths	6:00p	Home	Anxious for Nothing
*Sunday	Lechaks	5:00p	FBC	Sermon (Bring bag dinner)
*Sunday	Gallimores	6:00p	Home	Sermon
*Sunday	Mark Punchard	6:30p	FBC	Sermon
Sunday	Smiths	6:30p	Home	Various
Wednesday	Steph Punchard	10:00a	FBC	Romans
Thursday	Wanda Gallimore	12:00p	Home	Deeper Still
Thursday	Pastor Carl	5:30a	FBC	Romans
Thursday	Pastor Carl	9:30a	FBC	Proverbs
Wednesday	Barb Hanna	6-8p	FBC	M.O.P.S.
Wednesday	Webers	6:30p	Home	Galatians



# PLEASE KEEP OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER

PRAY for the Martin family as they transition back into life in Africa while continuing to grieve the loss of their son Caleb.

**PRAY** for Disciple Makers' Colleen Christian as she transitions out of work at Gettysburg College to work close to family whom she can help care for.

**PRAISE GOD** for Blake and Katie Stone (whom FBC supported while they served in Haiti) as they prepare to be parents this February 2019!

**PRAISE GOD** and **PRAY** for Brandon and Cheri Boyd as they transition to life in TX where Brandon will serve as an Assistant Missions' Pastor and Cheri will continue to help meet the educational needs of families serving with SIM.

**PRAISE GOD** for Rusty and Rissa Innerst (Peru) who celebrated 15 years of marriage this past June! **PRAY** for them as they seek to serve remote communities by meeting physical needs. Pray that God will open doors to share Christ as well!



OCTOBER 7, 14 21 following the second service. See Pastor Carl if interested.

Saturday, October 20th 10 am- 2pm

& Rib

Barbecue

FBC's second annual BBQ ribs and chicken fundraiser for HAITI will be held here at FBC on Saturday, October 20th from 10am -2 pm. Come out for a great meal and support our HAITI team for their upcoming trip in January.

Chicken

# Reach out and Help the Homeless November 12 -24

FBC will host Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. for two weeks. If you can help, please contact the office.





# WEDNESDAYS 6-8 pm

Kid's 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.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILDS LIFE VOLUNTEER IN AWANA (See Neil Tate)



# Fall Fundraising Banquet October 16, 2018 7-9PM

Bay City Restaurant - 110 Eisenhower Drive Hanover, PA

# Experience THE JOURNEY God has taken Steventhen Holland on.



- His mother was raised in a facility for mentally ill patients. Pregnant after being assaulted and gang raped, she ran away.
- Facing seemingly impossible odds (low I.Q., alone, homeless and being pressured to abort daily) she still chose LIFE!
- Placed in foster care and adopted, Steventhen spent most of his life with many questions and no answers.
- At 27 years old he was reunited with his birth mother.

Everyone searches for Peace. You too will find the peace of God that passes all understanding!

FREE Attendance - Dinner is Complimentary An Opportunity to Make a Financial Gift Will be Extended Reservations Required – RSVP by Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Debbie at 717-633-9685 or <u>debbieroyston@gmail.com</u> www.tendercare.org/events





# ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

# Sunday, November 11 @ 6pm

Potluck dinner @ 5pm

# A Note of Thanks from Ellen VanArsdale

September 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Many of you have been praying for me for a long time. I want to thank you for your prayers and tell you how much they have been a blessing and comfort to me and to Charlie. After two hospitalizations, many doctor appointments, and test, test, tests, my lungs are clear and healed from pneumonia, and I do not need a pacemaker. This journey that started in Feb is now resolved. God receives all the glory and praise for this.

Please let me assure you that our God does walk beside us in every way and in every day. I am living proof of that. He has been faithful to me and my family every step of the way. He provided me with His presence, and that is all we need. I am grateful for all the doctors and medical help that I have received. And they are a gift from our Lord. But we know that our God is the ultimate Healer. He brought me to where I am in His own time and in His own way. And I am grateful and humbled. Please trust our Lord and Savior in all areas of your life. He is always there waiting for us. Nothing is too small for His touch. Reach out to Him, and then you will know the peace that passes all understanding as I did and still do.

And praise God for our praying, loving, caring First Baptist Church. We are blessed to belong to this body of Christ where we care for each other in so many ways through meals, cards, emails, phone calls, and visits. Charlie and I will never forget all that was done for us during this time.

God's blessing to each of you,

Ellen VanArsdale



October is Staff Appreciation Month! Please put your thinking caps on and be creative in encouraging our great staff. Write notes or letters, email or give gifts of appreciation. Take them out to lunch or have them over to your house for dessert. Whatever you decide, just love on our wonderful staff and make them feel special like they are!











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. Can you guess the hymn?

We are the body of which the Lord is head, Called to obey Him now risen from the dead; He wills us be a family diverse yet truly one; O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.



#### **Calling All Ladies!**

Time to get planning for a trip to the Answers for Women annual conference in Williamstown, KY. April 5-6, 2019. The theme this year is "Sacred: Embracing God's Design for Sexuality."

The conference is being held at the world-renowned **Ark Encounter** which will provide an excellent opportunity to tour the attraction and also visit its sister attraction, **The Creation Museum**. For more information about the conference, please visit <u>www.answersforwomen.org</u>.

Arla McBeth and Carolyn Tuckey will be coordinating the details of the trip to the conference and <u>need to have a head</u> <u>count</u> so that hotel reservations and transportation can be arranged. If interested in learning more or getting you name on the list of attendees, please contact either Arla (<u>arlastarnermcbeth@gmail.com</u>) or Carolyn <u>(ctuckey@gettysburg.edu</u>) no later than October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note:** the dates of the trip will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. The approximate cost of the conference, which includes admission to both Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, is only about \$94 with our group discount. This is a HUGE bargain! Hotel expense with 4 people sharing the cost of a room will run no more than \$145 per person for all 4 nights and includes a wonderful hot breakfast! There will be an additional charge for transportation but that will be determined later.<sup>15</sup>



Scott Breighner -4 Emily Harris -7 Jon Harris -8 Jan Newton -9 Elmer Bley - 10 Jerred Holtzople -10 Cynthia Taylor -12 Matt Rice -13 Ric Rivera -13 Grace He - 16 Whitney Myers -16

Ellen VanArsdale -18 Kyle McGlaughlin -18 Phil Lechak -19 Melanie Tate -21 David Filler -26 Nathaniel Beckman Baker -28 Barb Merson - 31 Cynthia Baker - 31



Jerry and Donna Kollars

# WHY VOTE IN THE MID TERM?

Mid-Term elections are November 6, just 36 days away.

## The deadline for registration is October 9. If you are not registered, you can do so at 1- 877- 868 - 3772 or pavoterservices.pa.gov.

Usually mid-term elections are not viewed as important.

This vote may be the most important vote of a lifetime. Last week provided a display of the real issue: **Do you believe in God?** No question in my mind - this is what it is all about.

This country was dedicated to God by George Washington and John Adams immediately after their inauguration in 1789 on the church grounds where a portion of the World Trade Center now stands. Dedication to God is of greatest importance. If we ignore him, he will ignore us. There is a faction in this country that would not only ignore Him, but deny Him. If we let that happen, they will deny us our rights and privileges to worship as we see fit. We may not even be allowed in certain restaurants, and we certainly will not be allowed to speak out in public.

If God's people do not show up and vote in this election, (and the non-believers are counting on this) - we may regret it for years to come.

Please be sure to vote. Our freedoms may be on the line.

E. Bley grandfather of 14 grandchildren who would like to keep their freedoms.

Gettysburg, Pa.

1 Oct 2018

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BREAD PICK -UP Holtzople - 6 Hess/VanArsdale - 13 Merson - 20 Gipe - 27

# October EVENTS

#### October 2

Board Meeting 6:15 Official Board 7:30

October 7 New Membership Class Begins (after 2nd service) Meet and Greet with new CEF director 2-5 pm

> October 8 No Preschool - Columbus Day

**October 14** Annual Reports Due 2nd New Membership Class (after 2nd service)

October 15 Gettysburg CA.R.E.S. Training 6:30 pm

October 20 Chicken and Ribs drive -up fundraiser for HAITI 10 -2 pm

**October 21** 3rd New Membership Class (after 2nd service)

> October 27 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am

ANSWER TO HYMN: We are God's People

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