



It seems that there is an endless list of headlines that bring bad news. Climate change, natural disasters, mass shootings, poverty, illegal immigration, pollution, wars and rumors of war, and now impeachment. If we are not careful, these headlines can consume us, depress us, cause anxiety and rob us of our hope.

Perhaps God will allow these headlines to move us into action through prayer or some other specific response, but we must not let them push us into anxiety (Philippians 4:4-7), fear or doom and gloom. God always call us to cast all our worries onto Him (1 Peter 5:7) and as we pray and release these issues to Christ, His peace will transcend our understanding and guard our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7). Prayer will also allow us to hear specifically from the Lord especially if He is requiring some action from us. Releasing our concerns during prayer also reminds us that He is still in control, on His throne, and working all things for His good and the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

During Jesus' day there was no lack of headlines, corruption, and injustices, yet he was not fixated on these things. What He was focused on was loving His Father, loving others and reconciling them (2 Corinthians 5:19) unto their Creator (Luke 19:10). As God called Jesus, Jesus called His disciples to go and do the same (John 20:21). As the will of our Heavenly Father becomes our focus, the headlines of the day find their proper place.

As we ponder current events, let us take hold of the fact that God has us here for such as time as this! Everything we need He will provide. May we continue to love Him with our all (Matthew 22:37) and to love others as we purpose to give the reason for the hope (1 Peter 3:15) that we have in this broken and dark world.

In practical terms, perhaps we need to watch less news? Most news is not new news but old news getting rehashed over and over again. Why not turn off the news and turn to God's Good News which will transform our minds (Romans 12:1-3) and bring us to a place of understanding God's good and perfect will. Meditating on God's Word will keep us from sinning and usher us into His presence. May He forgive us of our sins and have mercy on us.

His blessings, PC

***I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.  
Psalm 27:13-14***



## 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.**

This month is a fun one! We have another shoebox packing party for OCC on Sunday, October 6th from 6pm-8pm. Pizza will be provided for the youth students. We will be having Youth Sunday as well this month! Please be sure to continue to encourage the students and pray for them with school and family life as well. Each month that goes by can take a toll on the students, but it can also grow them spiritually, and that is what we pray for. Below are some events coming up, so be sure to check them out!

### October

Oct. 6th: FUSION Birthday Game Night and OCC packing party with PIZZA! WEAR PAJAMS! 6pm-8pm

Oct. 13th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Oct. 20th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Oct. 24th: Youth Sunday Worship Practice 6pm-8pm

Oct. 25th: Youth Sunday Skit Practice 6pm-8pm

Oct. 26th: Youth Sunday Full Run Through (dinner provided for youth) 4pm-6pm

Oct. 27th: YOUTH SUNDAY!!!!

Oct. 27th: NO FUSION

### November

Nov. 3rd: Capture the Flag Night and Birthday Game Night 6pm-8pm

Nov. 10th: NO FUSION, Church Annual Meeting

Nov. 15th: Bonfire Night 6pm-8pm (rain date Nov. 16th)

Nov. 17th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Nov. 24th: NO FUSION, Church Thanksgiving Banquet

**\*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 :)



# Haiti and Africa FUNDRAISER

CHICKEN AND RIBS SALE TO BENEFIT HAITI AND SENEGAL, AFRICA

**Saturday, October 12th**  
**10am -2pm @ FBC**



*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.

**Wednesdays 6-8pm**

## W2 GROUP

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service. This month, on Oct 27th, everyone brings their favorite casserole and Lori Miley will be taking some questions.



# BIBLE STUDY

## THURSDAYS

Men's study of Romans - 5:30am led by Pastor Carl in his office  
9:30am study of 1&2 Timothy and Titus led by Pastor Carl in his office

Let's Dig In together

# Sunday School Hour

## SUNDAYS

The Foundations  
Led by McBeths @ 9am  
in Lewis Hall

Ecclesiastes - Open discussion  
in kitchen 9am

Book of Genesis  
led by Mark Punchard  
@ 10:30am



## ■ ■ From the ■ ■ Associate Pastor

Starting this month we are taking intentional steps to minister to students at Gettysburg College. As a part of reaching out to the college-aged men and women, we recognize that the transient nature of the demographic requires that we review how we minister to them every 3-4 years. To give an example, most college students at Gettysburg this year do not have a driver's license. This is largely due to their work ethic that does not allow them time enough to get one. The result is that they are rarely, if ever, away from campus and do not get chances to get to church.

Thankfully, they have the *Disciple Makers* ministry that we are working closely with. This ministry, however, is not the church and is mostly an in-depth Bible study. The Disciple Makers leader, Jordan Eyster, has asked that we provide for these students in ways that they cannot.

What these students need most is the fellowship and hospitality of the church. We need the church to volunteer once or twice a month to pick up 1-3 students on Sunday morning. We need parents and grandparents to take these students out to lunch and become their friend. By building meaningful relationships with this group of students, we can have a greater influence at this point in their lives than their friends or even their parents. These students crave intergenerational connections that give them a chance to decompress from school and enjoy grace.

If you are unable to volunteer, please tell us about someone who can. This is an amazing opportunity we have to impact tomorrow's leaders and help them move from a works-based love to a grace-based love.

Respectfully,  
Sean D. Fitzgerald  
1LT, CH, USAR  
Chaplain Candidate



# Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign is going great! Right now we are at **\$62,491!!** which is **76%** of our goal. If you feel the Lord calling you to give, please indicate on the memo line of your check "capital campaign". Remember, you can also give online! Blessings!

20 Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Sweet Hour L. M. D.

W. W. WALFORD W. B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

**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: OCT 6](#)**

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## *Can You Guess The Hymn?*

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
and were the skies of parchment  
made,  
were every stalk on earth a quill,  
and every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the  
whole,  
though stretched from sky to sky.





Annual  
Report

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

*Due by*

**October  
13th**

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**FBC**

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th  
6pm**

**Tender  
Care**  
Pregnancy Consultation Services

**This year, the Fall Fundraising Banquet will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at Bay City Restaurant in Hanover from 7-9pm. The guest speaker will be Windsor Dienert-Bauders. She is the granddaughter of Billy Graham. Admission is free and dinner is complimentary but a love offering will be taken. Please make reservations by October 10th.**

**Call Debbie @ 717- 633 -9685 or email her at  
debbieroyston@gmail.com.**

**Sonshine  
Christian  
Preschool**



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Extravaganza  
SILENT  
AUCTION**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1 1:00am to 2:00pm  
at**

**First Baptist Church Gettysburg  
1015 Chambersburg Road  
Gettysburg PA  
717-334-2564**

**DOOR  
PRIZES**

**JOIN  
US  
FOR  
LUNCH**

**Silent  
Auction  
& BBQ  
Chicken**

*Fun For Children:*

*Face Painting  
Adopt-a-Pet  
Puzzles  
Games  
Crafts*

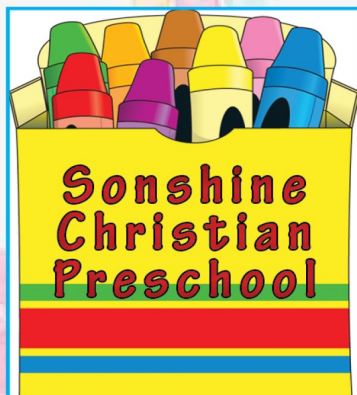


Join us for lunch and the chance to bid on great items and packages.

**Just hungry??? Get your lunch to go!**

Tickets only needed if you plan to purchase lunch.

**A fun time for the entire family!**



**BBQ Chicken Lunch Available  
from 1 1:30am to 1:30pm**

**Advance Tickets Available Now!**

**\$8.00/Adults and \$3.00/Children**

**Tickets Purchased at Door:**

**\$10.00/Adults and \$5.00/Children**

*This fundraiser helps Sonshine Christian Preschool raise money for day to day operations.*





**October is Staff Appreciation Month!!!**



### ***GETTYSBURG LIFE CHAIN***

**On October 6th from 2:30 -3:30 pm, meet at the square in Gettysburg for a silent and peaceful protest against abortion. You can carry a sign if you wish as you prayer walk around the square in support of life. All are welcome.**




A top-down view of various breakfast items including a slice of bacon, a glass of orange juice, two white eggs, a banana, a biscuit, and a cup of coffee, all arranged on a dark, textured surface.

# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

**Saturday, October 19th @ 7:30 am**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOYER**

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest of tall, thin trees. The sun is shining brightly from behind the trees, creating a lens flare and casting long shadows on the path. The leaves are in shades of green and yellow, suggesting autumn.

**"Let your light  
shine before men  
in such a way that  
they may see your  
good works, and  
glorify your Father  
who is in heaven."**

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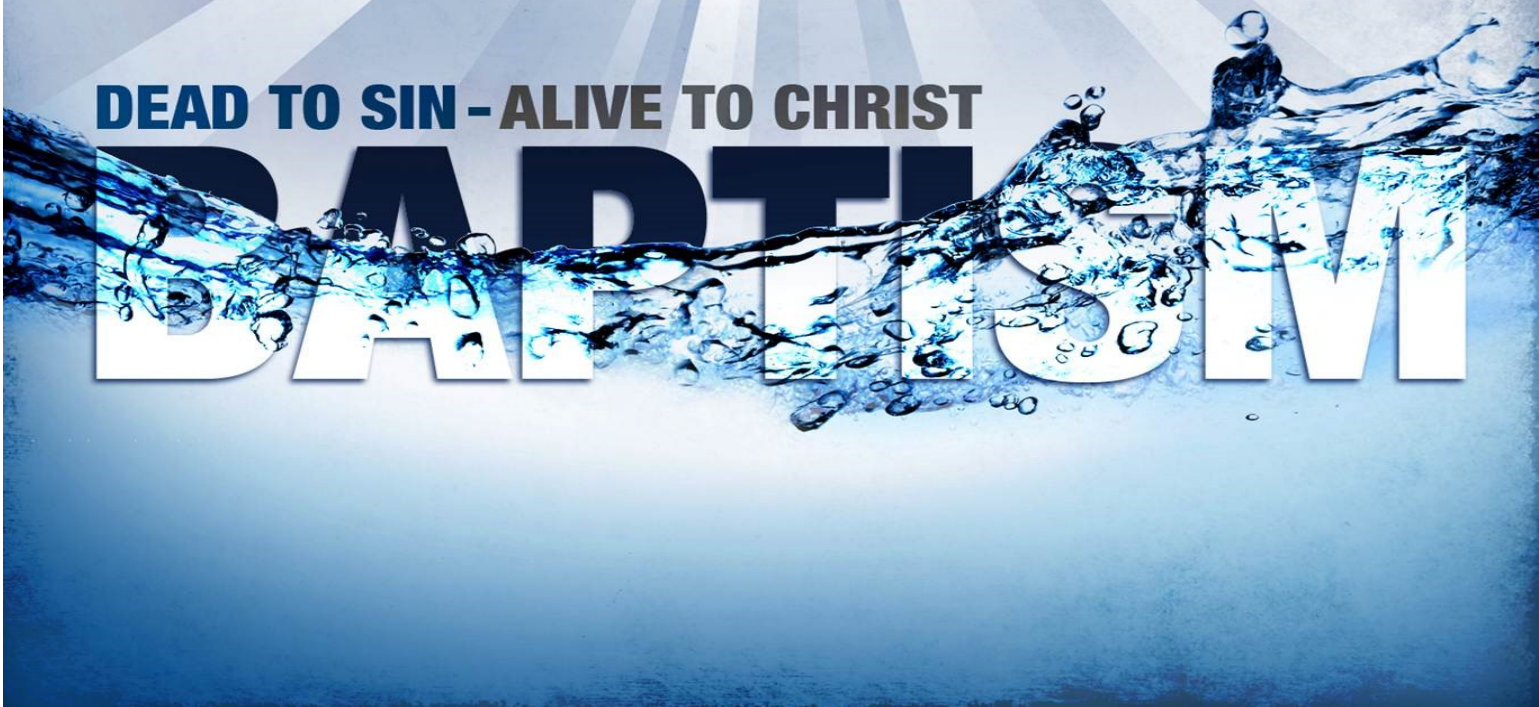
**Jesus, Matthew 5:16**



**OCTOBER 20th @ 5PM**  
**SEE PASTOR CARL FOR DETAILS**

**DEAD TO SIN - ALIVE TO CHRIST**

**BAPTISM**



**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 18TH**

Send them a card,  
give them a call,  
take them to lunch,  
Don't forget Pastor Matt  
and Pastor Sean!

*Pastors*  
**Appreciation**

**FBC Thanksgiving Banquet**



Sunday, November 24  
@5pm LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



During the month of October, our **Ruth's Harvest** donation box will be in the foyer. Please donate individual servings of foods like pouches of tuna, single servings of soup, juice boxes, ramen noodles, individual mac n' cheese or any other individual lunchbox food that can be packed in a child's backpack. They will be used to create backpacks for hungry children to bring home over the weekend.



Scott Breighner - 4

Emily Harris - 7

Jonathan Harris - 8

Elmer Bley - 10

Jerred Holtzople - 10

Cynthia Taylor - 12

Matt Rice - 13

Ric Rivera - 13

Grace He - 16

Whitney Myers - 16

Ellen Van Arsdale - 18

Kyle McGlaughlin - 18

Phil Lechak - 19

Melanie Tate - 21

Loren Lustig - 22

David Filler - 26

Sean Fitzgerald - 27

Nathaniel Baker - 28

Barbara Merson - 31

Cynthia Baker - 31



Eric and Karen Holsopple - 3

Jerry and Donna Kollars - 23





**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.

Whether you like to teach, be a listener, work with kids, play with puppets or keep records, we have a place for you. One thing is for sure, you'll have fun!

Will you help us reach more kids with the gospel?

At FBC, AWANA is every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm Sept-April.

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



**M I S S I O N S**

Before we blink, it will be November. We do have so much to be thankful for - so many blessings from our Heavenly Father. Thank you so much for sharing some of those blessings with children around the world through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program.

So far you have donated enough to pay for shipping for all of the 226 shoeboxes the children packed at VBS. Thank you and praise God.

We have another challenge for you. The teens are planning a packing party next week. They need items for in the shoeboxes or money to purchase the items, and funds to ship the boxes. Since they are hoping to send over 226 boxes, the need is great. But our God is greater!

Please prayerfully consider what God would have you do to help the teens send these "little missionaries" around the world to spread the gospel. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked "shoeboxes," and donated items can be placed in the shoebox container under the mailboxes.

The whole church collection date is November 17. Thank you for all you do for the Lord through the shoebox ministry.

**Last month, we were blessed to have Angel Perez as well as Ari Hauben share with us. This month, Mark Punched will share. Keep your eyes open for our next missionary or missionary family to visit with us.**

**If you have a desire to partner with any of our missionaries, please contact Kim Wagner. If you can't partner monetarily, please consider being a prayer partner.**

*The prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective. James 5:16*



**"You will know them  
by their fruits."**

**Jesus, Matthew 7:16**

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***COMING SOON...***



**Parents'  
Night Out**

**DETAILS TO COME SOON!**



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**BREAD PICK -UP**  
**Holtzople - 7**  
**Hess/VanArsdale - 14**  
**Merson - 21**  
**Gipe - 28**

# October EVENTS

**Week of October 1-5**  
Painting the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, October 2**  
AWANA 6-8 pm

**Sunday, October 6**  
Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Youth shoebox packing party @ 6pm  
Gettsburg Life Chain on the square 2:30 -3:30pm  
**Life Groups** Begin

**Wednesday, October 9**  
AWANA 6-8 pm

**Thursday, October 10**  
Men's Bible study 5:30 am - Book of Romans  
9:30 am Bible study - Book of 1 & 2 Timothy

**Saturday, October 12**  
BBQ Chicken & Ribs Drive-Up Sale  
10am-2pm @ FBC

**Sunday, October 13**  
Pastor Matt Rice's Birthday  
**Life Groups**

**Wednesday, October 16**  
AWANA 6-8 pm

**Friday, October 18**  
Pastor Appreciation Day!

**Saturday, October 19**  
Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, October 20**  
**Life Groups**

**Wednesday, October 23**  
AWANA 6-8 pm

**Sunday, October 27**  
Youth Sunday  
Pastor Sean's Birthday  
W2 Group  
**Life Groups**

**Wednesday, October 30**  
AWANA 6-8 pm

ANSWER TO HYMN: The Love of God

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