



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

**What's
Happening**



Weekend to Remember
February 6-8 2026
Hershey, PA

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 21st
@ 7:30am

All Board Summit

Friday and Saturday, February 27 & 28

from the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

During a testimonial time at a Dwight L. Moody evangelist meeting in Brockton, Massachusetts around 1886, a young man stood up and sincerely declared, "I am not quite sure – but I am going to trust and I am going to obey". Daniel B. Towner was leading the music at that meeting and wrote down that simple declaration and sent it with a note to his friend John H. Sammis who would then be led to write the words to the Hymn, "Trust and Obey".

In this day of busyness, uncertainty, heartbreaking and concerning headlines, it is good to remind ourselves that true joy and peace are not found in the things and events of this life, but in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we choose to trust and obey God, He moves to bless and guide us into His comfort, purpose, rest, wisdom, peace and joy. Spend a few minutes considering the words of this inspired and timeless hymn – then spend time with the Lord declaring His praise, then just wait and see what He can do!

Blessings, Pastor Carl

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

*Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.*

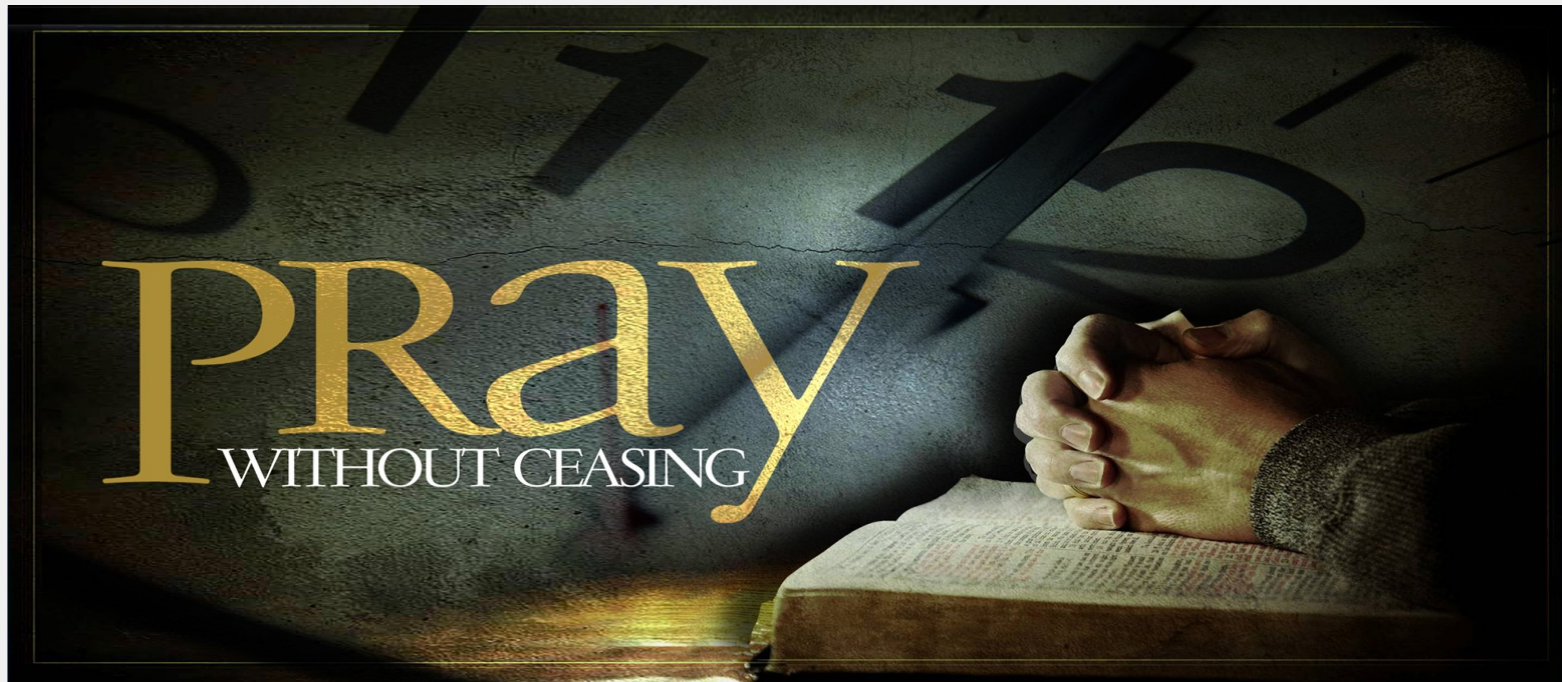
*But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey*

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John 15:9–11 (ESV)⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love....¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



Join us on the 4th Sunday of this month (February 22nd) for a night of praise, scripture reading and prayer! Jesus declared to His followers that His House is to be a "House of Prayer" (Matthew 21:13), and although I consider FBCG to be a praying church, I truly believe that the Lord wants to "do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20-21) and this will be best accomplished by God working through our prayers and petitions.

In light of all that God is doing in and through our church, I invite you to join me, along with other devoted prayer warriors, as we come together before the Lord. Let us approach Him with hearts and minds full of expectation, trusting that He is both able and willing to accomplish "greater things" in our midst.

Beginning February 22, 2026, we will gather in our sanctuary for prayer and then on the fourth Sunday of each month following from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Let it not be said of us that we did not have because we simply did not ask (James 4:2). But rather, may it be said we asked much and it pleased the Lord to respond in doing great things among us, our families, community, county, state and world. May our prayers result in advancing God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you for your prayers offered in faith and your consideration in being part of these prayer gatherings!

His blessings and love,

Pastor Carl G Harris

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. - Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

*⁷"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)*

*²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)*



February Events & Info

Fusion Youth February Birthday Game Night!!! Bring your friends!!! February 1st!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On February 8th.

GLOW NIGHT

Fusion Annual GLOW Night!!!

That's right, it's time for our February Birthday GLOW NIGHT!!! February 1st meet at the church from 6-8pm & bring your friends for a fun packed night of food, games, & of course GLOW STICKS!!!

PARENT MEETING:

Sunday evening February 15th at 5:30pm in the youth building. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

FAST FOOD MADNESS!!!

Join us on March 1st for a Fast Food Madness Birthday Game Night!

It's going to be a night of food, fun, and friendly competition!



- If you have any questions about these events please contact Pastor Matt 443-846-5094
- Check us out on Facebook at [FUSION Youth Ministry](#) & get the FUSION App!

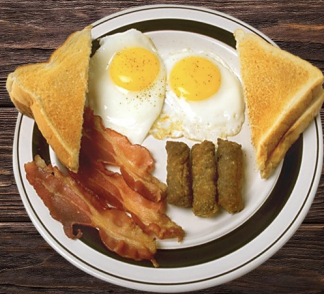


AWANA BUILD DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
9:00am

AWANA GRAND PRIX
SATURDAY, MARCH 28th @
9:00am

Men's Breakfast

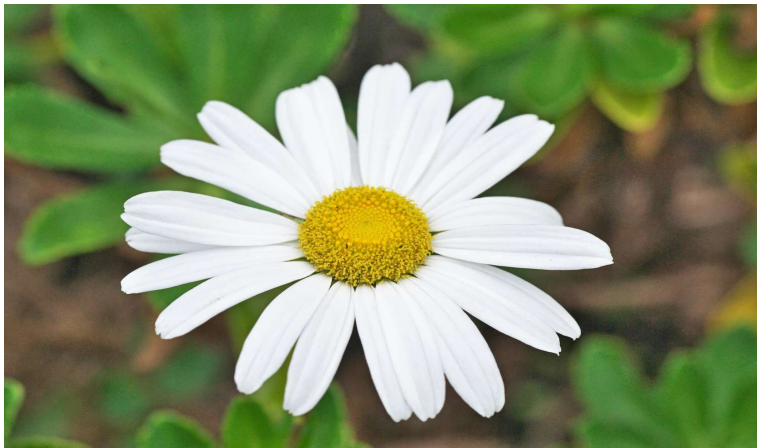
*Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship*



Saturday,
February 21st
@ 7:30am

ELDERS
Leading. Shepherd. Teaching.

Elder's Meeting
Tuesday,
February 10th
@ 4pm



W2 GROUP

Sunday, February 22
following the second service.



The numbers are in! There were **793 shoeboxes** donated by FBC during 2025. The drop off center collected and transported a total of 2,703 shoeboxes meaning approximately 27,030 people heard the message of salvation because of the shoeboxes processed by FBC alone!

Those shoeboxes have taken the message of salvation to children and their families in the lands of Thailand, Burundi, and South Africa!

Thank you for your prayers and contributions toward this outreach. 🙏

We have already started preparing for the 2026 shoeboxes. Since it's so cold here, we are going to start by collecting winter items like hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens. These items can be hand made or purchased. Simply put them in the small box in the women's baptismal room or give them to a member of the Shoebox Team.

We are also in need of someone willing to use their sewing skills to God's glory.

We always cherish your prayers for the ministry.

Thanks again,

The Shoebox Team

Replacing our HVAC in the sanctuary....

Our HVAC system has done a fantastic job of heating, cooling and removing unwanted humidity from our beautiful sanctuary for almost 20 years. This large commercial system includes the two large compressors located outside to the right of our main entrance and the large system suspended from the ceiling to the right of the stairs leading to the attic.

Although the Trustees have been very intentional in maintaining and repairing all our HVAC systems, these large units have run their course, with one needing to be shut down in late December and the other one running on emergency heat as it struggles to keep the sanctuary temperature regulated.

We are asking the church family to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond their regular tithes to give what they can towards these replacements and then to have the long-term investment fund pay for any remaining balance. Although we are blessed to have this fund, it is only equivalent to three months of expenses and we would prefer not to use it.

We are also proposing that any funds used from the long-term investment fund will be replaced through surpluses from the general giving.

All Board Summit



Join us for our

FBC All Board Summit

Friday, February 27th (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Saturday, February 28th

(9:00am-12noon Official Board lunch to follow)



New Life in Christ

“New Life in Christ”

Sunday Bible Fellowship Class beginning February 1 at 9AM!

This will be a 15-week course taught by our Elders and is designed to equip and challenge new believers to grow into all that God has intended them to be. This class will foster friendships, prayer, and a love for the scriptures. Its main purpose is to touch on the core doctrines of the faith as well as to help attenders foster a devotional time and learn how to share their faith with those around them. If you are new in the Christian faith, or just getting serious about fostering a deeper walk with Christ, this is the class for you!

A note of thanks from our board



REACHING THE NATIONS FOR CHRIST

MISSION GIVING

As the new year dawns, the Mission Board extends its heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast generosity in supporting missions throughout the past year. Despite budget constraints towards the year's end, your contributions helped us achieve our financial objective. If you wish to continue funding this ministry, kindly check the mission box on the church offering envelope or the mission dropbox under other gifts if you're donating through the website, and specify the amount you'd like to contribute. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing financial support and prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

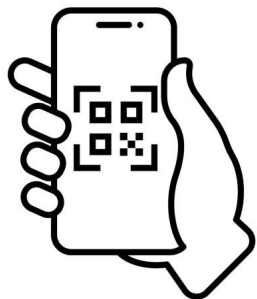
Marty Miller Memorial Fund



Most of you have continued to keep Carolyn and Joel Miller in your prayers as they mourn the sudden death of their beloved Marty. They are grateful for the love, calls, cards, flowers and prayers from their church family and we will continue to walk with them through this season.

Some of you have been asking if there is more that can be done in supporting this family. In talking with Carolyn, she has some concerns about the financial challenges that she will have in getting Joel through the last 1.5 years of college. With this need in mind, the Official Board has approved (with Carolyn's blessing) the 'Marty Miller Memorial Fund' designed to enable you to give directly to the needs of Joel's schooling. This will be a short-term fund and will not be tax exempt, but if you are able and feel led to help, it would be greatly appreciated! Gifts can be given to FBCG online, at the office, or during church service (offering basket) with the memo indicating that it is for the "Marty Miller Memorial Fund".

Thank You and Blessings



It's a snap!

GIVING



FBC WEBPAGE



REACH OUT TO US FOR SUPPORT



We all go through hard times.

When you are suffering or a loved one is sick or has passed away, please reach out to the church office to let us know.

You are part of a loving, compassionate church family who wants to help.

Keeping us informed helps us to know how to pray for you and meet your needs.

We are here for you!

717-334-2564

feel free to leave a message

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Lexie Tate, Pioneers, Chad

Due to the international situation between the United States and Chad, Lexie is currently unable to return to her ministry field for the time being. As she waits developments, she is in London getting additional training and working with other mission workers in that city, and plans to return to Chad full time As soon As the Lord reopens the door. Pray to that end.

Greenlight Operations, Central PA

This ministry, and outreach to victims of human trafficking, is currently providing a safe residence, counselling, support and training to young women rescued from this unspeakable evil. Pray for the Lord to deeply touch each victim of this scourge, ease their suffering and surround them with His loving arms.

Brian and Cathy Hutchens, Shiloh Military Ministries, Ft. Polk, LA

This couple continues to host a support outreach to military members far from home and facing the life crises that the high intensity career they have As they strive to raise families and model self-sacrifice for their brothers and sisters in arms. Pray that the Lord would lead those most in need to the Shiloh ministry and give Brian and Cathy the right resources to support and encourage each.

The Walking Stick Outreach

Will become active when the South Mountain Fair, here in Adams County, comes around again. But it's not too early to pray for divine appointments for those lost and seeking with volunteers ready to share a simple clear presentation of the gospel. Watch for upcoming gospel-sharing training opportunities and consider volunteering for a shift or two during the fair once dates are announced!

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SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

HEBREWS (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST - (Bjorkman) 9:00am Lewis Hall

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

DEEPER INTO FAMILIAR 'A New Testament survey' (Gallimore) 9:00am Sonshine Classroom

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

PRE K - 5TH GRADE Answers in Genesis 9:00am Lewis Hall

NURSERY 10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - THE GOSPEL PROJECT (ages K-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS & OTHER MINISTRIES

TUESDAY

GOSPEL OF LUKE (J. Harris) ZOOM 6:30-7:45pm

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

WEDNESDAY

AWANA - 5:50 - 7:30 Dinner at 5:15pm (see bulletin for menu)

THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY - (Jeremiah) 9:30am (Youth House)

REVELATION (led by Van Weber) 6:30pm ON BREAK

DEEPER STILL @ Gallimore's 12:00pm Every other Tuesday