



MONTHLY CONNECTION



Mark Your Calendar

- October 12 (Columbus Day)
Church Office is closed

- Annual Women's Gathering

Living in the Real World with Confident Faith in God's Goodness. Gather with the women of our community for a time of fellowship and faith. *October 24th - 9:00am - 2:00pm*

Register



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- Church Membership Classes

Interested in joining or learning more about our church?

Join our 3-part New Membership Class on Sundays (Oct 18, Oct 25, & Nov 1) from 9:00–10:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. Learn more and sign up online!

Register

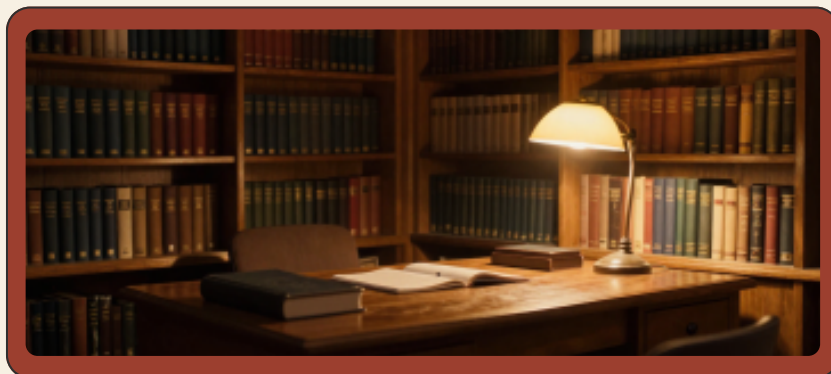


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- Movie Night

"A Great Awakening" – 10/25 Starts at 6PM
Chilcare provided. More details coming.



Pastor's Pen



In last month's newsletter, we shared a need and request from Pastor Beramon and the Nazarene church in Gros Mangles, Haiti. The request was to help the congregation raise funds. They needed \$3,250 to complete the \$5,250 total required to re-sheet their sanctuary roof with aluminum metal.

Thanks to Stan Gilmore's creative design! Stan created a display of the sanctuary using blocks to represent each of the 93 metal sheets needed (\$35 each), while our Mission Board hosted the sign-up table. In just one Sunday, your remarkable generosity not only met the goal but exceeded it, bringing in a **total of \$3,810!**

Thank you for giving so generously to this project! Your continued faithfulness in giving to our General, Benevolence, and Mission Funds makes a huge difference—please keep in mind that our Mission Fund is currently behind target and appreciates any extra support.

Please continue to hold our Haitian brothers and sisters in your prayers as they move forward with their sanctuary repairs.

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Happy Birthday

10/1 – Parker Kelleher
10/2 – Maria Weaver
10/7 – Long He
10/12 – Cynthia Taylor
10/13 – Matt Rice
10/15 – Joan Bennet
10/15 – Grace He
10/25 – Janice DelCostello
10/27 – Sean Fitzgerald
10/29 – Kristen Weber
10/31 – Barb Merson



Pastor's Pen Cont'd



Starting **October 4**, the Elders are offering a 15-week discipleship class designed for adults of all ages who want to deepen their faith and walk with Jesus Christ. This second volume of teaching will explore foundational biblical principles and encourage practical spiritual disciplines to foster ongoing growth. Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Sonshine Classroom. Steve Bjorkman will serve as the primary teacher.

Pastor Sean and I will also be offering a new members class, October 18, 25, and November 1 which will meet on Sunday mornings at 9am in my study.

Join our Elders for a Downtown Gettysburg Prayer Walk on **Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 PM**. We will gather in pairs to walk through town, praying for our community and watching for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with those we meet.

We will kick off with a brief orientation and prayer before heading out.

- **When:** Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 PM
 - **Meeting Location:** The parking lot next to Gettysburg Battlefield Tours (across the street from Rita's Italian Ice)
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On another topic, several years ago, the Elder Board had some growing concerns about our denominational affiliation, ABC/USA. Following a review, we identified some areas that brought great concern and decided to bring further review this past summer. What we have found out since our last review is that there seems to be an even greater lean in the direction that is outside the things that honor God.

Unfortunately, like many American denominations, ABC/USA has become trapped in progressive ideologies and unbiblical stances, forcing many conservative churches to find alliances and fellowships elsewhere. It has become clear to the elders that recent movements in ABC/USA leadership indicate a path that we are feeling we cannot follow.

While we continue to research, we are feeling the need to share with our church family some of our findings and what might be our unified response. We have scheduled two open meetings, presenting the same materials and concerns, **December 6** and **January 10** in the evenings. Further details will be forthcoming. Please keep this in your prayers and join us at one of these informational meetings.

May the Lord be praised in all that we do!

Blessings,

Pastor Carl



First Baptist Church of Gettysburg



FBCG COMMUNITY



Ways to Give

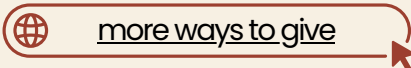
A Shoebox. A Child.
An Eternal Impact.

Suggested donations for this month include:

- yarn
- small hammers or screwdrivers
- puzzles
- LEGO toys
- card games such as UNO or Phase 10.

Your \$10 donation covers much more than shipping. It also helps provide training, materials, and The Greatest Gift booklet, which is translated into many languages. This booklet shares the message of Jesus and helps begin a journey of transformation and salvation in the lives of children and their families.

To learn more about additional ways to give, visit:



Ministry Spotlight

Operation Christmas Child –

As a church family, we are blessed to be Jesus' hands and feet through Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox we pack is more than a gift; it carries a mission of love and the hope of the Gospel to children worldwide. Through our prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve, God uses these simple boxes to touch hearts, open doors for ministry, and remind children that they are deeply loved and never forgotten.

Together, our congregation is making an eternal impact, sharing Christ's light and fulfilling the Great Commission, one shoebox at a time.

If you would like to support this ministry, you may place donated items in the small box in the baptism room behind the sanctuary or give them to a shoebox team member. Please place monetary donations in the offering plate and mark your envelope "Shoeboxes."



DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, our church packed 787 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Through the generosity and hard work of our congregation, each shoebox was filled with gifts, essentials, and prayers to bring hope and joy to children around the world during the Christmas season.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



AWANA Kickoff Update

We kicked off the year with a fantastic first night! On night #1, we welcomed 67 kids and served over 50 meals. With 79 clubbers already registered, this is shaping up to be an incredible, fun-filled year.

Our Cubbies class is currently full, but space is still available in our other age groups!



 Register Today

Looking to make a difference? Help us disciple the next generation of Adams County kids! Contact Eric & Karen Holsopple or Abi Miller to get involved.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Journeying Through Paul's Letters

This October, our children are embarking on an exciting journey through Galatians, Thessalonians, and key parts of Acts! As we follow Paul on his missionary travels and read his letters, children will discover that there is only one true Gospel: salvation through Jesus Christ. They will also learn about the unwavering hope we have in Jesus, seeing how Paul encouraged the early church to stay strong even during tough times and persecution.

The Key Memory Verse for this month

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Diving into Joshua at SBF!

Did you know the Israelites crossed a parted body of water on dry land more than once by God's power? Or how many times they marched around Jericho? Did you know Rahab's story places her right in the family lineage of Jesus—as His 29th great-grandmother?

This month, SBF children are diving into the book of Joshua to uncover God's incredible might, glory, and faithfulness. Together, we'll see how every miracle and event in Joshua unfolds God's perfect plan of salvation through Jesus.

The Key Memory Verse for this month

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

YOUTH MINISTRY



Mark Your Calendar

FUSION CAPTURE THE FLAG 🚩

- Our epic Daylight Savings tradition is back!
- When: Saturday, Nov 1st
6:00–8:00 PM
- Where: Meet at the church
- Wear: Camo gear
- Bring your friends and get ready for action. See you there!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY NIGHT! 🎂🎉

We're celebrating October birthdays

- When: Sunday, October 4th
- Where: Fusion Youth
- Bring: ALL your friends!

Lets celebrate, and kick off October together.



FUSION Guys Night!

Middle and high school guys, join Pastor Matt for an overnight at the church on October 2–3

- Drop-off: Friday at 6:00 PM
- Pickup: Saturday at 9:00 AM
- Dinner and breakfast provided!

Bring your friends and let Pastor Matt know you're coming by **September 27** so we can plan meals. See you there!

Youth Sunday Is Coming!

Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 and 10:30 AM

Get ready for an exciting Youth Sunday service! We're calling all students to step up, get involved, and use their gifts and talents to glorify God.

There's a place for everyone—whether you want to help with::

- 🙌 Greeting
- 🎭 Skits
- 🎵 Worship
- 🎤 Speaking
- 🙏 Prayer
- And more!

Sign up in the Youth Room or see Pastor Matt to get started.

Practice Schedule

All practices will be held at the church.

- Worship Team: October 15, 6–8 PM
- Skit Team: October 16, 6–8 PM
- Combined Skit & Worship Practice: October 17, 4–6 PM

Dinner will be provided after Saturday's practice!

Let's come together, have fun, and see what God will do through YOU!

We've got some exciting things happening! Sunday mornings, we're exploring Paul's letter to Philemon.



On youth nights, we're tackling weekly topics picked by our youth!

FUSION YOUTH RETREATS 🔥🏕️

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend. Registration is now open for both upcoming retreats:

- High School Retreat: Jan 22–24, 2027 🌟 Middle School Retreat: Feb 19–21, 2027
- Cost: \$160 (Includes meals, transport, lodging, worship & activities)
- Sign-Up Deadline: October 4th, 2026 Need a scholarship? Reach out to Pastor Matt or Faith before the deadline!



October 2026

Beyond Our Walls



Rebecca and Clark Mummau

Rebecca and Clark serve with Disciple Makers on DeSales University, Lafayette College and Muhlenberg College. Their goal is to raise up the next generation of leaders for the church by training college students in Bible study and just ready to share the Gospel at every opportunity. They are helping freshmen get acquainted with college life. They would like prayers for strength as they gear up for a busy fall. Pray for vision for student leaders to see Christ as the point of their whole life, leading them to boldly share him with new students. Pray for * James a freshman Clark met who doesn't believe Jesus is God despite a Christian background. They had a long talk and he said he will start reading the Bible more. Pray that Rebecca and Clark will continue to honor God in their marriage and that they will trust him with their future.

Bill and Kathy Martin

Bill and Kathy serve with Converge International Ministries in Senegal with emphasis on reaching the unreached Wolof and Fulani. Bill serves as the leader of the Metro Sen West Initiative and continues to reach out to university students teaching English as a foreign language. Kathy assists with administrative duties and working with female team members. The last couple of months they have been in the States spending time with family and getting some much-needed downtime. However, even though they are not in Senegal at this time they are still doing God's work. They are visiting churches that they have been partnering with over the years (like our church last January). They are also meeting with people about summer internship for next year. Please be praying for their safe travels and for God to keep them healthy, also pray for the other team members that are still in Senegal.

Adams County Prison Ministries

Adams County Prison Ministries is a ministry that shares the Gospel and God's love with people serving in the Adult Correctional Complex and with their families. Their mission is to change lives through God's love and faith in Jesus Christ. They offer Pastoral care to inmates and staff, weekly worship services, weekly Bible study, mentorship program for those released, and bridges to life program (a 14-week faith-based program that works with people in the correctional facility to reduce people getting rearrested and support healing). On Friday, November 13 at 6pm is their annual banquet at the Wyndham Gettysburg. They will once again be doing Christmas Blessing Bags (special care packages for each inmate) a list for donated items and drop off details will soon be on their website. To donate your time or to give them a monetary gift, please check out their website for details.



www.fbcgettysburg.net



Hope for Elizabeth

LIVING KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED



Kidney Donor Needed: Supporting Elizabeth Fetter

Elizabeth Fetter, wife of Dan Fetter, is currently in urgent need of a living kidney donor. She undergoes dialysis three times a week at 4:00 AM, a grueling process that leaves her with very little recovery time between sessions. Elizabeth is currently near the bottom of the national waitlist for a deceased donor kidney, with an estimated wait of at least six years.

Finding a living donor can drastically change her timeline and prognosis:

- *Higher Success Rates:* The 5-year graft survival rate for a living donor transplant is 85%, compared to 72% for a deceased donor.
- *Paired Kidney Exchange:* If a donor volunteers on Elizabeth's behalf but isn't a direct match for her, their kidney will go to another matching recipient. In return, Elizabeth moves to the top of the list to receive a matched kidney from another living donor. If the donor is a direct match, Elizabeth receives the kidney directly.

Donor Safety & Costs

- *Zero Medical Costs:* The donor incurs no out-of-pocket expenses for medical evaluations, donor testing, surgery, or hospital stays.
- *Low Risk:* Living kidney donation is safe for carefully selected candidates. The risk of perioperative death is extremely low (<0.03%), and long-term risk of kidney disease remains under 0.5% at 15 years.
- *Quality of Life:* Most living donors maintain a quality of life similar to or better than pre-donation levels.

Who Can Donate?



- *Age:* 18 or older in good physical and mental health.
- *Exclusions:* Individuals with diabetes, cancer, liver disease, heart disease, HIV, or existing kidney conditions.
- *Voluntary:* Donation must stem from an unselfish desire to help (no financial compensation is permitted). Potential donors may change their mind at any point during the process. Your decision is voluntary and should be made with careful and prayerful consideration.

How to Help or Learn More

- *Contact Elizabeth and Dan:* Call 717-334-5333 to speak with them directly.
- *Contact UPMC Harrisburg Kidney Transplant Services:* To learn more about living donation or to schedule a confidential screening, call 877-778-6110 or visit UPMC.com/CentralPaTransplant.