



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

**What's
Happening**



AWANA resumes!
Wednesday,
January 7th 5:50-7:30pm

New Bible Fellowship Class!
"New Life in Christ"
@ 9:00 in Lewis Hall
begins Sunday, February 1st

**Fusion Youth
High School Retreat
Jan 23-25**

from the Pastor's Desk

Greetings,

It is hard to imagine that in just a few days we will be ushering in a New Year! For some of you, 2025 has been a good year, for others, 2025 has been a year full of trials, losses and disappointments, and you are ready to put this “old year” behind you. The Lord declared to the prophet Isaiah 43:18–19 (ESV), “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

One of the themes that runs throughout the Bible is that God is in the business of making things new. In the Psalms, there is a promise of a “new song” in the mouths of the faithful (Psalm 40:3). In Isaiah, there is the promise of “a heaven and a new earth” (Isaiah 65:17). In Ezekiel, there is a promise of an “undivided heart and new spirit” (Ezekiel 11:19). In Joel, “new wine and oil to satisfy fully” (Joel 2:19). In the New Testament, there are promises of “new treasures” (Matthew 13:52), “new tongues” (Mark 16:17), “new wineskins” (Luke 5:38), “new covenant” (Luke 22:20), “new commands” (Matthew 5 - 7, John 13:34), “new armor” (Ephesians 6:10 -17) and “new life” (Acts 5:20)!

I don’t know what 2025 was like for you, but the Father knows and promises to be with you through it. Scripture is clear... something new in Christ is on the horizon of 2026! In fact, he is making all things new, do you not perceive it?

Be assured that in 2026, our Lord will sovereignly work all things for good for those who love him and are called according to his good purpose (Romans 8:28). In the coming year, we can rest assured that Christ will be with us at every moment, having what we need, and covering us with his provision, mercy and love. May He give us the eyes and faith to perceive his wondrous presence and activity!

In the coming year, may we look for new opportunities to love and serve the Lord and to care for those around us. May we lovingly share the Good News with a world that desperately needs “saving”. Being renewed yearly, one day at a time, Pastor Carl

Ephesians 4:20–24 (ESV)

But that is not the way you learned Christ!—

***assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,
to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,
and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.***

Isaiah 48:6 (ESV)

“You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forth I announce to you new things, hidden things that you have not known.

Revelation 21:5 (KJV)

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

January Events & Info

FUSION January Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! January 18th!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On January 25th.



Fusion Bowling Night!!!

UPDATED: Get ready for a fun packed evening!!! We will be meeting at

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If you would like to watch videos of children receiving their boxes and hear their stories, go to:

www.samaritanaspurse.org then, in the task bar at the top, tap videos, then Operation Christmas Child.

FUSION High School Retreat!!!

It's time to get ready for our High School Retreat!!! Please keep an eye out for information that we will be sending out to you as we receive it. Like packing lists & other information. We will be meeting at the church at 3pm on the Jan. 23rd. If you have any questions please contact Matt or Faith. Looking forward to a great retreat weekend!!!



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



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!!!

Isaiah 43:19

**For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun!
Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.**



- 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 Youth Ministry App!

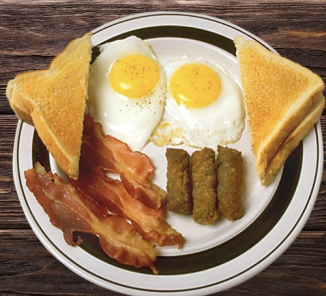


Happening in January



Men's Breakfast

*Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship*



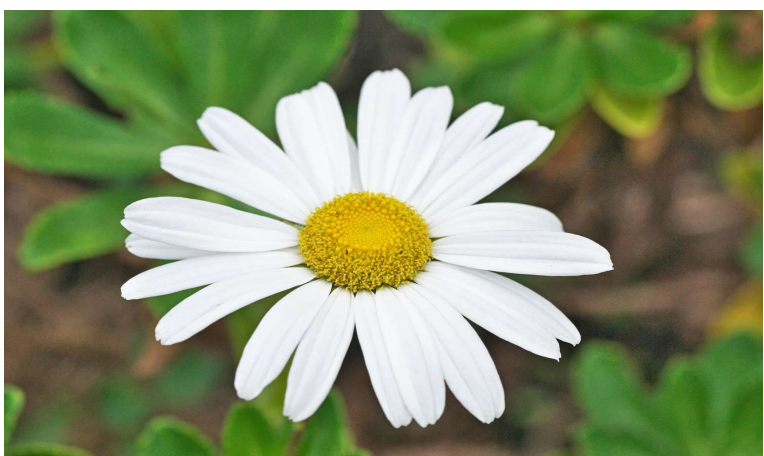
**Saturday,
January 17th
@ 7:30am**



Youth Bowling

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 18TH
4-6PM**

@ Rockwell Lanes



W2 GROUP

Next meeting will be
Sunday, January 25th
following the second service.



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**Rejoice with us,
The Shoebox Team**

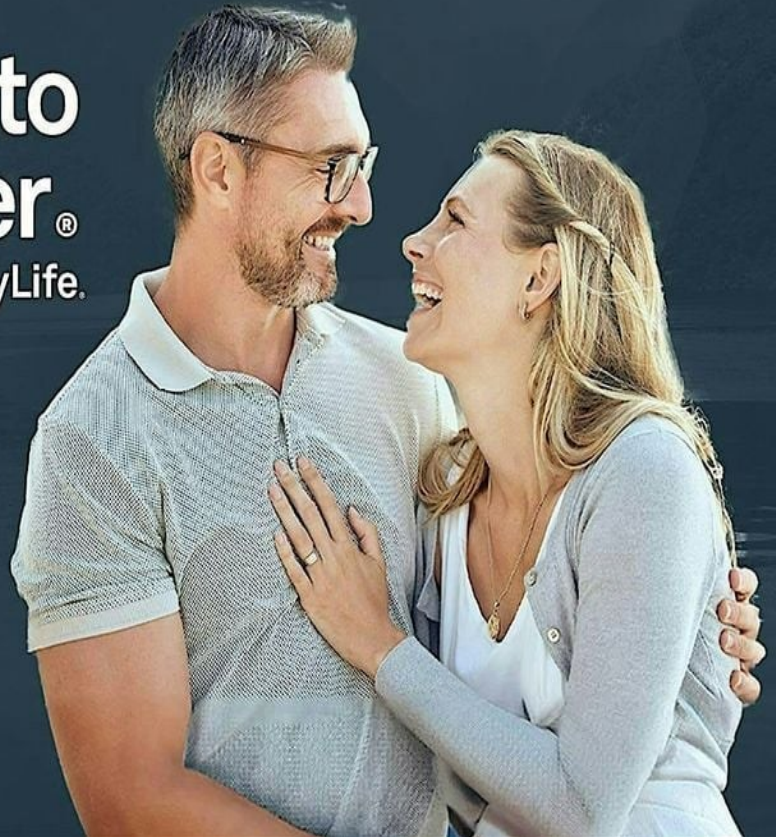
February 6-8 2026 Register now!



Weekend to
Remember®
by FamilyLife.

Get Away
To Get
Together

www.familylife.nz



ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

will now require checking in at the Kiosk.



New Life in Christ

Starts February 1st!

“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!

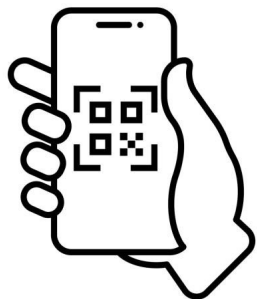
Marty Miller Memorial Fund



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



Thomas and Cheri Henry

Thomas and Cheri Henry are currently stateside and continuing to serve singles and couples in ministry through their "Intensives" programs, drawing workers into deeper relationships with God and with each other. They are planning to move back to the USA by 2028, wanting to have established facilitators for the intensives in countries located in Europe, Middle East, and Asia. They are asking for your prayers and financial support so they can continue to travel and train others, and for expenses associated with their residential permit in the UK.

Stephanie Punchard

Stephanie Punchard writes, "Greetings FBC! Life and work among worker families living and working in Topaz continues. Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes it's joy-filling! But God reminds me frequently that He is always working and He hears our prayers. We have seen Him answer some incredibly specific prayers lately providing in ways only He can. Deepening connections between kiddos and teens and I are in progress. God is growing me and deepening my connection with Him as well as my trust in Him on behalf of those I serve right here and those I love throughout the world. Thank you for loving the Father and me so well!!!"

Michelle Stockman

Michelle Stockman resides in Belize with her two daughters, Erika and Mireya. Michelle has begun homeschooling Mireya, and it has been going very well. This has truly been a blessing, as it allows Mireya to travel with Michelle and Erika to Erika's medical appointments in Guatemala City, keeping the family together during long and often tiring days away from home. Erika continues to battle migraines and has recently started new medication to address low blood pressure. Meanwhile, Michelle remains faithfully engaged in ministry, serving the community through the food pantry to meet practical needs and continuing her work with children's programs at her local church. Please join us in praying for improved sleep for Erika and relief from episodes of acute pain. The family is deeply thankful that the pain pump is helping manage her chronic pain, but they ask for continued prayers for strength and endurance, as further pain treatment will not be available until March.

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SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

HEBREWS (McBeth) 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