



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

**What's
Happening**



**HEALING SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
@ 6PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
@ 7PM**

**OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24th, 25th, 26th
HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

from the Pastor's Desk



Isaiah 9:6–7 (ESV) ⁶*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* ⁷*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

Romans 5:20–21 (ESV) ²⁰*Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,* ²¹*so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

“The zeal of the Lord will do this”. This month we celebrate the most amazing sacrifice and gift that the world has ever known, Jesus Christ! Humanity got its first glimpse of God’s redemptive plan in the garden as God stated that the seed of Eve would one day crush the head of Satan, the one who had tempted her (Genesis 3:15). Later, we would learn through the prophets and followers of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that God was planning for a day that he would send this “seed” to redeem fallen humanity and he would be called Yeshua, Yahweh, Adonai, the Messiah, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Immanuel, God with us and God’s only Son!

Search the genealogies of Jesus and you will quickly realize that God sovereignly worked through thousands of years and countless (Millions? Billions? Trillions?) of different and complex scenarios and situations to usher in his Passover Lamb at just the right time and place. Peer into any point of Jesus’ genealogy and you will find that if it was not for God’s guidance, provision, intervention and mercy, it would have most likely not happened. Only God could work through some of the faithful like Abraham, Ruth, Hezekiah, Josiah, Mary and Joseph, but even so much more through (and despite) the likes of Tamar, Rahab, David and Bathsheba, Manasseh and so many others.

Search the scriptures through Jesus' genealogy and family tree and you will find liars, adulterers, idolaters, foreigners, outcasts and unimaginable rebellion including his blessed covenantal people who called for his crucifixion. How great and unfathomable is God's sovereignty, mercy and love that these did not disqualify nor nullify the promise and plan that he had made.

This same God continues to do mighty things in our world, nation, church, family and individual lives. Sometimes through willing and righteous vessels, but also through, and despite, rebellion and sin. Become convinced that God is still working to bring about his remaining promises of his constant presence and return for his saints and making all things new! Remember he who began a good work in you will purpose through the many ups and downs in your life to bring you to completion! Praise be to God! May we find hope and encouragement as we grasp that God continues to work all things for good for those who love him! Blessed and Merry Christmas and New Year! Pastor Carl

December Events & Info

Fusion Youth December Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! December 21st!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On December 28th.



Cookie Packing Party!!!

Come help us spread the CHRISTmas cheer!!!

On Sunday December 14th we will be packing cookies from 6pm-8pm at the church. We will be handing out the cookies on December 24th after the Christmas Eve service. Come on the 14th to pack cookies & then join us on the 24th to help pass them out!!!

Mark your calendars! The FUSION YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on December 21st at the church from 6pm-8pm. Please bring a wrapped gift that cost around \$5. There will be plenty of food to go around so please bring your friends along for this fun packed night!

**YOUTH
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



Christmas is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing & renewed strength as well. Sure, enjoy the season but remember to rejoice as well! After all, the true meaning of CHRISTmas is the celebration of God's ultimate GIFT, the birth of Jesus!!!

God Bless & Merry Christmas!!!

Fusion Bowling Night!!!

Get ready for a fun packed evening!!! We will be meeting at Rockwell Lanes in Gettysburg on January 18th at 6 PM. Please bring money for bowling, shoe rental & any snacks you may want to purchase. Pickup is at 8 PM. See pastor Matt to get signed up! Looking forward to seeing you there!!!



- 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 MinistryApp!



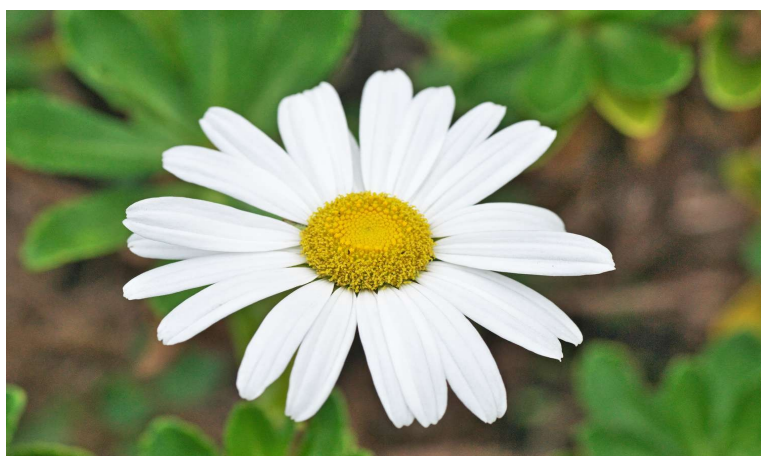
Youth Cookie Bake
Sunday, December
14th
6:00-8:00pm



Youth Christmas Party
Sunday,
December 21st
6:00-8:00pm



There will be
NO
Men's Breakfast
in December



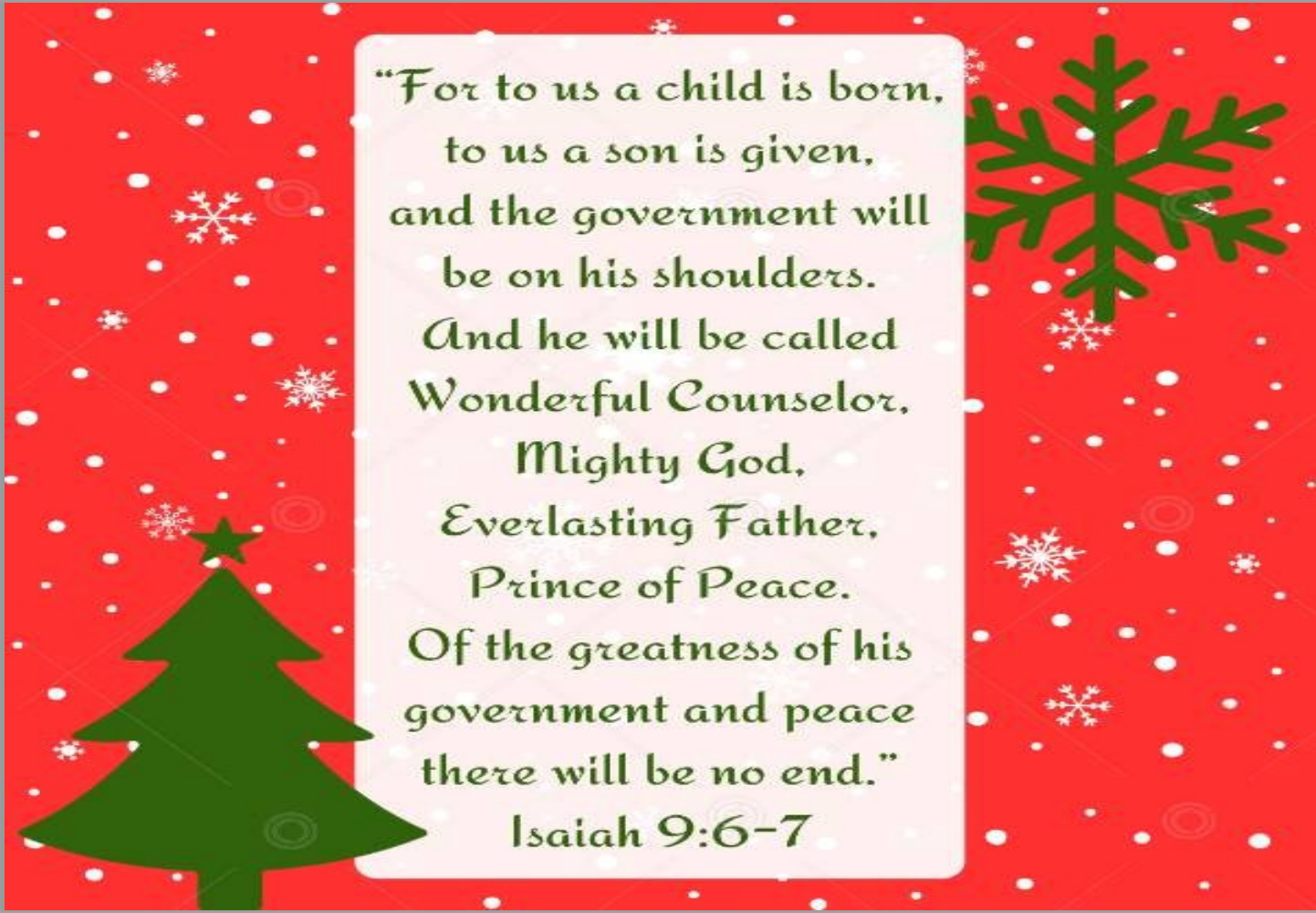
W2 GROUP

The group will not be
meeting for the
month of December.

Sunday, December 7th @ 6:00



healing service



"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will
be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his
government and peace
there will be no end."
Isaiah 9:6-7



ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

will now require checking in at the Kiosk.

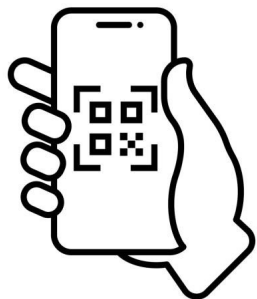
Join us for our candlelight service



Christmas Eve

— a savior is born —

Wednesday, December 24th



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



C.A.R.E.S.

Cares is an organization consisting of 12 board members, a director, volunteers, and salaried workers. We provide emergency shelter in the winter months, October through April. Eleven churches and Arendtsville Lions helped us out this year by volunteering for two weeks to make and serve breakfast and wash the blankets of the guests. St. James church houses them every winter. Our resource center director helps find work and a permanent place to live for some.

This year, our church, FBCG, served with breakfast, devotionals, and laundry washing from November 3-17. Thank you to all who volunteered. Your love and dedication to this cause are inspiring. To God be the Glory! Mathew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful."

Gideons

The Gideons are bouncing back from COVID. In 2020, because of the epidemic, we were restricted to locations and thus gave out a little over 30 million Bibles/Testaments. This fiscal year, we distributed around 70 million, which is much closer to our pre-COVID rate of 80 million. We now have on our Gideon Bible App the Bible in almost 2400 languages for 223 countries and territories. Most of these languages can be either read or listened to.

While Nigeria, which is the worst country in the world for persecuting Christians, we have still been able to give out a little over 89 million copies of Scripture since 1964, when we started a ministry in that country.

At the beginning of October 2025, we distributed over 19,000 copies of Scripture in the Lehigh Valley area over three days. We also participated in the Hanover Snack Festival, Jubilee Day in Mechanicsburg, South Mountain Fair, and Dickinson College.

On October 16th, we held a Pastor's Banquet at INN 94 to honor all the pastors in Adams and York County for their faithfulness in preaching the Gospel.

AWANA

We are so grateful for your partnership in our ministry to build resilient disciples. Thank you for the value that your church has placed on child discipleship. It is encouraging to hear churches and leaders making the most of their time to help clubbers grow in their faith and build lasting relationships with them. Time and time again, we have been told how much the care of a loving, caring adult can make all the difference in a child's discipleship journey.

Our Ministry Goals are to:

- Provide encouragement and solutions to all churches that are navigating through ministry challenges.
- Visiting our Awana Clubs while they are running and visiting with Awana Ministry Directors to encourage them.
- Keep reaching out to non-Awana churches.
- Challenging churches with a call to action, making child discipleship a priority.
- Prepare for the end of the year support raising campaign.

As we near the end of this year, let us remember the unwavering promises of our God. From the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation, God has consistently demonstrated His reliability and our ability to trust and hope in His promises.

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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 Genese 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