



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

What's  
Happening



A.C.P.M. Volunteer Breakfast  
Saturday, March 21st  
@ 8:30am

AWANA  
Grand Prix  
Saturday, March 28th @ 9:00am

Semi-Annual Reports  
Due by  
April 15th

# from the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

Last month I had the privilege of teaming up with Ben Miller to bring the evening message at the Adams Rescue Mission's (ARM) Thursday night service. ARM's primary mission is to, "proclaim the passion of Jesus towards the hungry, homeless, abused and addicted; to accelerate recovery and restoration to the least, last, lonely and lost."

Currently they are housing 28 men who receive housing, meals, training, discipleship and an array of additional support. This ministry is a "work oriented" program requiring each man work a steady 40 hour week where they are taught life skills based on the Word of God, receive counseling, daily chapel services and recovery classes. Since its early start in 1972, the First Baptist Church of Gettysburg has been supporting this ministry financially through our mission board offerings, as well as providing monthly teaching, sermonettes and testimonies often times overseen by our Deacon Board. In addition to supporting this ministry, we have also blessed its sister ministry, The Agape House (for displaced families), in a variety of different ways.

Last month was Ben's first time at the mission, and he was able to set the direction and tone as he shared his testimony as to when he first began to take the Word of God seriously, acknowledging its life-giving truth and authority over his life. I then followed Ben's sharing with a bit of my own testimony of when God's Word became living, active and transformative (beginning in my early twenties). We then shared with the men some Bible passages that spoke of their importance (some of those listed below).

We then challenged the men to prayerfully get into the Word of God. First to receive Jesus as their Lord, then to ask him to help them to understand and apply His Word to their lives.

How about you? Do you hunger for the Word of God, inviting him to speak to your heart, mind, soul? Is it the authority that shapes your life, priorities, work ethic, free time and relationships? If you struggle reading the Word, have you trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior (see Romans 10:9 – if not, why not trust him today? If the answer is "Yes", then start prayerfully reading in the gospel of Matthew or John, first asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you and your life situation. I recommend reading for depth and not for length. Start with 10 to 25 verses, reading it several times, asking what the Author (God) wants you to know and do. Choose to believe, trust, obey. If the readings bring encouragement, understanding or wisdom, praise God! If the reading brings conviction, repent (1 John 1:9) and praise God! Then purpose to live out your day in obedience and trust in the Word you have studied. Remember, God will help you to understand and apply his Word! His Blessings, P. Carl

***2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.***

***Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.***

***Psalms 119:105–106 (ESV)<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. <sup>106</sup>I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.***

***Psalms 119:9–11 (ESV)<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. <sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! <sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.***

# March Events & Info

**Fusion Youth March Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!!**  
**March 1st!!!**



## **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!

**We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.**

**Proverbs 16:9**



### **YOUTH SUNDAY!!!**

**YOUTH SUNDAY IS ALMOST HERE!** We are getting ready for an **awesome** Sunday morning service on **April 19**, and we want **YOU** to be a part of it! This is our chance to serve God, lead our church, and show what God is doing through our youth

If you're interested in being part of the **worship team or skit team**, check out the practice schedule below:

**Worship Team Practice:** April 16 | 6:00–8:00 PM

**Skit Team Practice:** April 17 | 6:00–8:00 PM

**Combined Worship & Skit Practice:** April 18 | 3:00–6:00 PM (**Meal provided afterward!**)

**See Matt or Faith to get signed up.** Let's come together, have fun, and glorify God in a BIG way!

Don't miss it—Youth Sunday is going to be AMAZING!

- 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!

MONTHLY

# PRAYER GATHERING

**6:00-7:30pm**

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month (March 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.

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)*

*<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If 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)*

*<sup>20</sup>Now 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, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)*

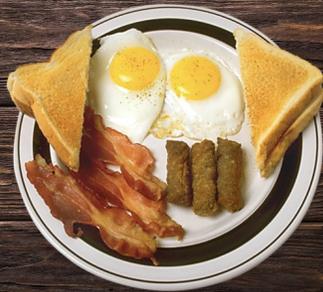


# AWANA GRAND PRIX

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 28th  
@ 9:00am

## Men's Breakfast

*Join us for  
food, faith, and  
fellowship*



Saturday,  
March 21st  
@ 7:30am

## Board Meeting



**Board Meetings will not  
be held in March  
due to the  
ALL BOARD SUMMIT**



## W2 GROUP

Sunday, March 29th  
following the second service.



**Thank each of you for your prayers and gifts for spiritually lost children around the world. Each child who receives a shoebox will hear the gospel of Christ. Currently the Shoebox Team needs yarn, tote bags, and small toys like matchbox cars, small stuffed animals, and plastic animals.**

**There is a small box in the women's baptistry for donated items.**

**Ministering with you,**

**The Shoebox Team**

DISCOVERING  
**CHURCH**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
CLASS

**We will be offering  
a 4-week membership class  
for those who would like to  
join the church.**

**The class will be Tuesday March  
10,17,24,31 from 6:30-7:30pm.  
Please see a pastor if interested.**



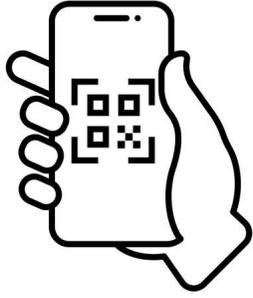
**I will sing of mercy  
and justice;  
To You, O Lord,  
I will sing praises  
Psalm 101**

## **Coming Soon in April.....**

- ✓ Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 2nd @ 6-7pm
- ✓ Sunrise Service - Sunday, April 5th @ 6:30am
- ✓ Easter Service - Sunday, April 5th @ 10:00am ONE SERVICE w/BAPTISM
- ✓ Women's 'Answers in Genesis' Conference April 8th -11th
- ✓ Healing Service - Sunday, April 19th @ 6:30pm
- ✓ Youth Sunday - Sunday, April 19th

## **Coming in May**

- ✓ Rooted in Faith Spring Festival Saturday, May 2nd 1-4pm



# 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



## *Bill and Kathy Martin-Converge International Ministries*

Bill serves as leader of the Metro Sen-West Initiative they are asking God for 5% of Senegal's Urban Triangle to become disciples of Jesus with emphasis on the unreached Wolof and Fulani. One of the challenges they are facing is the family comes first so it's very difficult for an individual in a Muslim family to come to know Christ. Please be praying for more workers to come to Senegal . Also that many of his students at the English center will want to study the Bible and want to partner with staff members and become disciple makers themselves.

## *Rusty and Larissa Innerst-Global Outreach International*

Rusty and Larissa are serving in Peru trying to strengthen and establish churches in the Amazon jungle. In the last two weeks God is leading them in a new direction with their ministry but their objectives will remain the same. Larissa has a chance to teach at a bilingual Christian school in Lima (the capital) for the school year (March-December) and Rusty will still be able to make trips into the jungle from their new location. They are asking for prayers that they can secure housing in Lima, in packing up their house that they are living in now, and also for securing transportation. Please also keep praying for their protection since that is an ongoing problem.

## *Rebecca and Clark Mummau-Disciple Markers*

Rebecca and Clark are working with students at DeSales University, Lafayette College, and Muhlenberg College. One of the biggest challenges they are facing is that each one of these colleges are very academic driven which mean a lot of the students pack their schedules full with classes and leave little time for anything else like going to a Bible study. Please be praying that the students would be willing to hear the word of God and to make time for God. Also please be praying for their upcoming Women's Conference (April), Focus (May), and Fall Conference (October).

## *Adams Christian Prison Ministries*

One of the local ministries that we help to support is the Adams Christian Prison Ministries. The Prison Ministries has a new chaplain, Chaplin Rachel DuPhily, a licensed minister. The prison ministry's goal is not only to work and help inmates but also to support and help their families. Anyone who would like to volunteer with this ministry can go on their website and download the Volunteer Packet.

## **Our Ministry Team**

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### **CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

[www.fbcgettysburg.net](http://www.fbcgettysburg.net)

# SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

**HEBREWS (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall**

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST - (Elders) 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**

**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)**

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