



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

What's  
Happening



## Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd

6:00-7:00pm

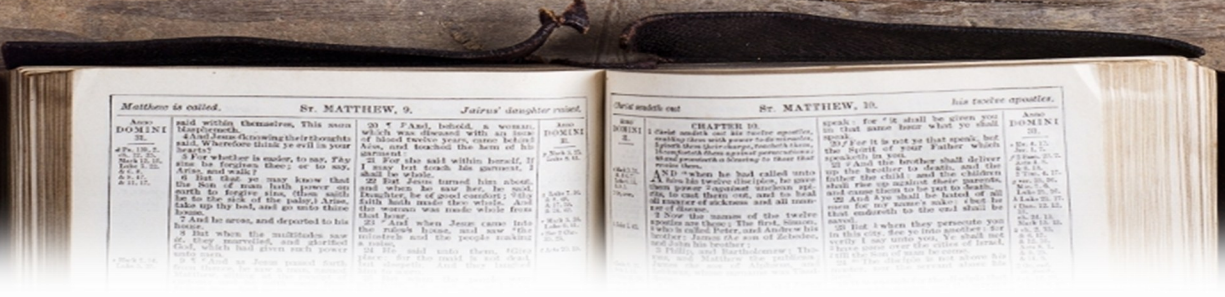
## Easter Sunrise Service

April 5th @ 6:30am (outdoor weather permitting)

## Easter Morning Service

April 5th ONE SERVICE @ 10:00am with Baptism

# from the Pastor's Desk



## Revival on The Farm

*John 17:19–23 (ESV)<sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.<sup>20</sup>"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,<sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

Six years ago, 13 churches in Upper Adams County area came together for prayer to pray for their churches and communities. From those prayers came, Revival on the Farm (ROTM). ROTM was birthed from the concept of days gone by when it was common for churches to sponsor tent revivals, however this one is sponsored not by one church, but by many. The purpose of this outreach is to, "bring glory to God by worshiping as One Church, reviving the believers, and reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

For the past three years, I have personally attended some of these tent meetings located at Thomason's Olde Thyme Herb Farm (170 Stoney Point Road, East Berlin, Pa) and I know that some of you have attended as well, enjoying a night of worship, good preaching and Christian fellowship. This past year the leadership team of ROTM have been feeling led to expand this ministry to other churches in Adams County and have reached out to First Baptist Church Gettysburg asking if we would partner with them in 2026.

This year's revival is taking place June 7-10 at 7PM and the theme is focused around the 7 churches of Revelations. I have been asked to host the June 8 meeting and oversee the prayer tent on June 10<sup>th</sup> (need 3 helpers), as well as be part of the leadership team. In addition to providing financial support and prayer, they are looking for volunteers to help as parking attendants, greeters, security, ushers, set-up and break-down, children's ministries (Child Evangelism Fellowship taking the lead), and folks to man the prayer tent. Would you prayerfully consider giving a few hours of your time and talents to serve in one of these areas? What a great opportunity we have to partner with these 13 churches to lift up the love and gospel message of Jesus Christ so that our community will know that God has sent his Son for all. A schedule signup will be available in our foyer during the month of April if you are interested.

Blessings, Pastor Carl

# April Events & Info

**Fusion Youth April Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! April 12th!!!**

**There Is No Fusion Youth On April 5th or 19th.**



## Fusion Bonfire Night!!!

Get ready for a fun packed evening!!! We will be meeting at FBC on April 12th from 6-8pm. We will have food, games, & of course a fire!!! Invite your friends & we will be looking forward to seeing you there!!!

**So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.**  
**Galatians 5:16**

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



## Spring Festival Community Outreach!!!

Come out & help our church with our 1st ever Spring Festival Community Outreach!!! We need your help to make this happen!!! There are many stations to serve in. From crafts, & games, to story time and more! Come be a part of sharing God's love with our community in a fun and meaningful way.

The date is May 2nd from 1pm-4pm. You can sign-up to help with this event in the youth room.

## Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting to go over our Fusion Summer events & go over any questions you may have! We are looking forward to our 5th graders moving up to youth group!!! The meeting will be on May 17th at 5:30pm in the youth room. See you then!



- 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

**Next meeting:  
Sunday, April 26th 6:00-7:30pm**

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 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)*

**OFFICE CLOSED**

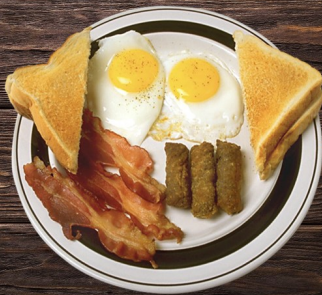
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 3rd &**  
**MONDAY APRIL 5th**  
**FOR EASTER**



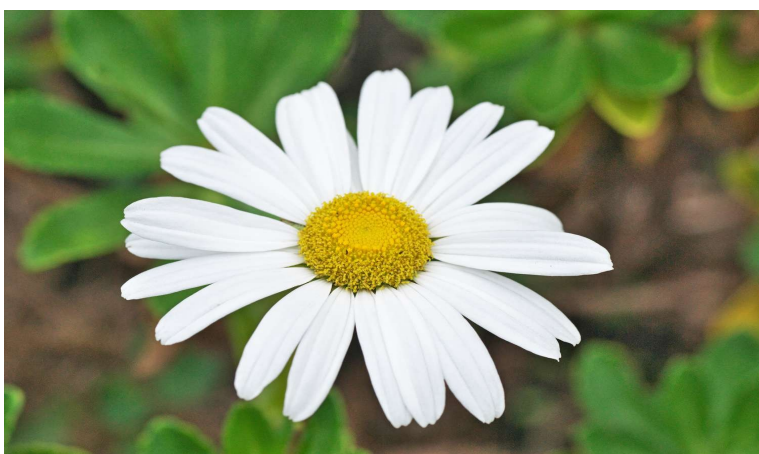
**YOUTH BONFIRE**  
**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 12th**  
**6:00-8:00PM**

## Men's Breakfast

*Join us for  
food, faith, and  
fellowship*



**Saturday,**  
**April 18th**  
**@ 7:30am**



**W2 GROUP**

**Sunday, April 26th**  
following the second service.



Take a few minutes to watch the following video and think about the numbers. The numbers represent shoeboxes...Shoeboxes that are filled especially to bring joy to children and their families. Shoeboxes that make it possible to bring the Good News of salvation in Christ not only to one child, but to their entire family and many of their friends. Each shoebox brings Jesus to approximately 10 people, both children and adults. They change lives, cause communities to change, cause church buildings to be built, bring peace and joy to hearts. Thank you for the part you have played in the collection and distribution of these special shoeboxes that help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/thank-you-for-packing-over-12-million-shoebox-gifts-in-2025/>

If you would like to donate items to be packed in this year's boxes, we are looking for yarn, glue sticks, crayons, combs, stuffies, and small toys especially for girls.

Thank you especially for your prayers.

The Shoebox Team

Sunday, April 19th @ 6:00pm



*healing  
service*

**Let's Go Local!**

**FBC Missions Conference**

**Sunday, April 26th**

**ONE SERVICE**

**10:00-11:30am**

Hear from GIDEONS, TENDERCARE, GETTYSBURG C.A.R.E.S., AWANA, SONSHINE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL, DISCIPLE MAKERS, GREENLIGHT OPERATION, ACCA, YOUNG LIFE, CEF, WALKING STICK, ARM, ACPM, AND LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

**Semi-Annual reports due by Wednesday, April 15th**



He is not here, but is risen!





**save THE DATE!**

**ROOTED IN FAITH**

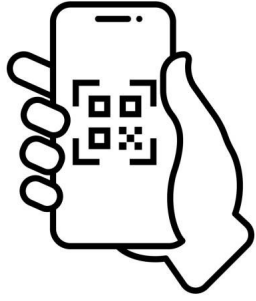
# **SPRING FESTIVAL**

**Story Time ~ Face Painting ~ Games Crafts ~ Prayer Walk  
Music ~ Raffles ~ Nature Nook ~ Bounce House ~  
Free Hot Dog Lunch!**



**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**

**1:00PM-4:00PM**



# 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



## Adams Rescue Mission

The Adams Rescue Mission serves the community through emergency shelters (along with a preventative and post-care ministry to those who transition out of housing), the ARM-UP Greenhouse, the Agape Boutique (thrift stores). Recent updates include a Saturday glass recycling program and the launch of "Little Ones Childcare." ARM also offers a "Warehouse Church" service (first Sunday of every month for worship, a sermon, and fellowship. Get to know ARM, our staff, men, and families!). Executive Director Will Hudson also highlighted local homelessness in early 2026 by conducting a 24-hour "Bench Talk" event in Gettysburg Square.

## Emily La Bianca

Lots of updates for Emily! As you may know, she is currently serving in Budapest, Hungary in an organization doing anti-trafficking work as a team leader of a ministry called Door of Hope. Emily leads a team which reaches out to women who are trapped in prostitution and provides spiritual & practical help and support. A recent outreach includes the renovation of a Grace Beauty Salon. Picture above shows Emily unpacking some equipment. Check out her video explaining a recent miracle regarding her residency status and most recent update! See link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdyeH75sU-M>

## Sat 7

SAT-7 supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. They beam the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the center of family life. We deliver Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa.

As Gulf states continue to face a barrage of drone and missile strikes, threatening the safety of civilians and causing widespread disruption, SAT-7 is connecting people across affected countries through live broadcasts and social media initiatives.

Prayers for Protection: "My husband is in the UAE," a woman shared with SAT-7 ARABIC's Viewer Support team. "I am afraid for him. Lord Jesus, bring Your peace upon them and protect them." "Protect my children and relatives in

Kuwait," prayed another viewer. "I am from Syria and I am visiting my daughter in the UAE," said a third. "Please pray for me because I am very tired from everything in my life. Dear brothers and sisters, please pray that I may have peace."

Messages like these reveal how widely the impact of the conflict is being felt across the region. And how important it is for many viewers to have a place where they can feel supported by others in prayer. Please pray for the impact of SAT-7!

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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 (2 weeks left)**

**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/HIGH SCHOOL 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**