



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

**What's
Happening**



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

@ 10AM ONE SERVICE!

PICNIC TO FOLLOW - BRING A DISH TO SHARE

LUNCH N' LEARN

WITH GINA AND DWAYNE PIPER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

FOLLOWING 2ND SERVICE (DETAILS INSIDE)

ACPM Banquet

Friday, November 14th @ 6pm

@ The Gettysburg Wyndham

from the Pastor's Desk



Two Ways We Care For the Least of These!

Matthew 25:35–40 (ESV)³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Why should we C.A.R.E.? Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. (Combined Area Resources for Emergency Shelter) is a community cold weather shelter and a resource center geared to provide support, shelter and the Good News of Jesus to those who are homeless in Gettysburg. The core of the ministry is to offer a resource center during the day that aids guests to find employment, housing, finish a GED, work through legal issues, and to provide clothing, meals, emotional and spiritual support. During the evening, Saint James Church opens their facility from November to April where guests can come for a hot cup of coffee, to be encouraged by an inspiring devotional, and have a safe and warm place to sleep (mats provided by CARES) for the night. In the morning, the residents head to the St. James youth house to enjoy a breakfast prepared by different churches in our community.

When I first learned of this ministry, I confess I was a bit naive to our "little town's" needs. After all, Gettysburg has the Rescue Mission for Men, the Agape House for families and a shelter for woman and their children. We also have an excellent Interfaith Housing Authority that offers many low-income housing solutions. I knew that we had homeless people in Gettysburg, but I was not aware of the scope of those who were homeless. Last year 20-30 homeless were blessed by the ministry of CARES; a widow who lost her home, a young mother with her two children, a newly divorced man who "lost everything", a high school student who came from a dangerous home life, another who had a mental break and was unable to keep a job, one man recovering from addictions, just to name a few of the stories I heard.

Yes, there were also those who seemingly "choose" this as a lifestyle with no aspirations to work towards structured housing. But for the most part, these are folks like you and me who have fallen on very hard times. This year we are providing evening devotions and breakfast for C.A.R.E.S. residents from November 3 -17 and I pray that we can again love on these and encourage them to place their hope and trust in Jesus Christ. If you are feeling led to help you can sign up electronically through the Sign-Up Genius emailed from FBC.

Another way you can care is by prayerfully and financially supporting the Adams Christian Prison Ministries. On November 14, ACPM is hosting a Fundraiser Banquet at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. ACPM is a non-denominal, 501- c3 ministry that purposes to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with inmates and staff at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex here in Adams County. ACPM employs a full-time prison chaplain who works behind the walls with inmates, prison staff, clergy and churches to bring daily Bible studies, services, pastoral care and other faith-based ministries designed to heal and transform inmates and their families. Join us for a night of inspiration, good food, testimonies as we meet our new chaplain and prayerfully and financially partner with this excellent ministry. See Mac McBeth or myself for tickets if you would like to attend, 6PM – 8PM.

Thanks for loving and ministering to the "least of these", Pastor Carl

November Events & Info

Fusion Youth November Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! November 2nd!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On November 9th, 23rd, & 30th .



FUSION CAPTURE THE FLAG NIGHT!!!

Don't miss this yearly tradition!!! Every year for daylight savings we get a GIANT game of CAPTURE THE FLAG together & this year is no different!!! Invite your friends & wear your camo clothes & closed toed shoes for this fun packed night! We will meet at the church on November 2nd from 6-8pm! Bring your friends & we will see you there!!!

FUSION Middle School Retreat!!!

For those signed up for the Middle School Retreat, we will be meeting in the youth room on Friday November 7th at 5pm for dinner (pizza) & be leaving shortly after. Please remember that no electronics including cell phones are allowed.

Please see pastor Matt or Faith with any questions. See you then!!!



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 here before you know it! This year our Christmas party will be on December 21st at the church from 6-8pm. Each student, please bring a wrapped gift that cost around \$5. There will be plenty of food to go around so please bring your friends along!



FUSION High School Retreat!!!

It's time to reserve your spot for our High School Retreat! The dates are January 23rd-25th 2026. The cost is \$150 per person. This covers the whole weekend. Food, room, transportation, speaker, worship, games, & much more. Please see Matt or Faith to get signed up. If you need a scholarship please let us know ASAP.

Registration & payment deadline is November 9th.

- 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!

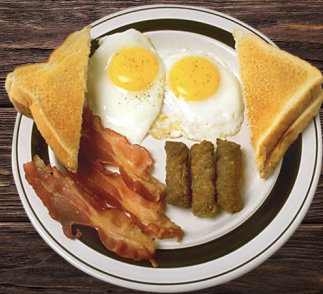


Fusion Youth Capture the Flag

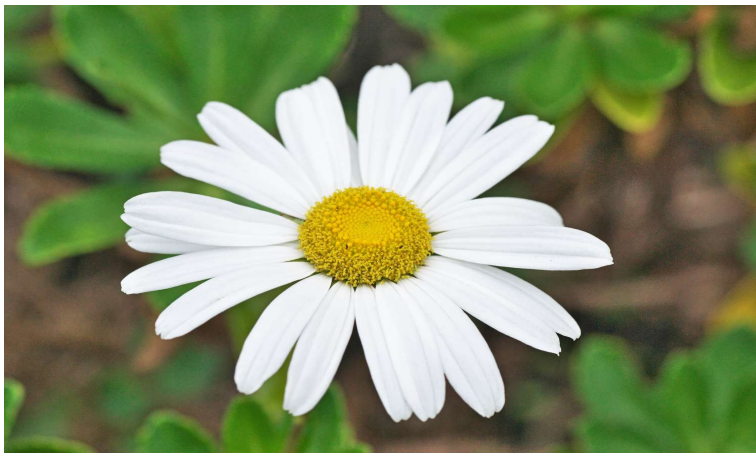
Sunday,
November 2nd
6-8pm

Men's Breakfast

Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship



Men's Breakfast
Saturday,
November 15th
@ 7:30am



W2 GROUP

The group will not be
meeting for the months of
November and December.



**There is
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
on Sunday,
November 30th (5th Sunday)**



Couples looking to enrich their marriage relationship will benefit from this 2-day marriage enrichment workshop provided by Rev. Dr. Angel M. Perez and his wife, Nicole Perez, founders of Home Front Leadership.

The workshop will provide the encouraging and practical principles found in the 8 habits of Successful Marriages.

LIMIT: 18 COUPLES

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP



NOVEMBER 7-8

FRIDAY: 5:30-8:30pm

SATURDAY: 9:00-3:00pm

Cost: \$50/per couple; includes: materials and 2 meals.

Register and pay online by: Oct 31





The Adams Christian Prison Ministry (ACPM) will be hosting a banquet on Friday, November 14th at the Wyndham in Gettysburg @ 6:00pm.

Tickets are FREE!

If you would like a ticket, please see Mac McBeth or email him at:

macmcbeth@gmail.com

Tickets are needed to attend.



Sign up today!

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. provides a cold weather shelter and a Resource Center geared to provide support to our homeless guests. With over 100 trained volunteers, our program director, and part-time staff, we are able to maintain our Shelter and Resource Center programming.

We are very grateful and blessed to have so many people and organizations who want to help improve the lives of our homeless neighbors. Our staff, Board of directors, and our homeless guests thank you for your contributions to Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

November 9th
ONE SERVICE @ 10:00am

BAPTISM



STAND SUNDAY

Sunday, November 9th

**York Springs Global
Methodist Church
840 Trolley Rd, York Springs
6:00pm**

Join for a prayer walk and stop by the tables of local agencies for more information while you enjoy refreshments. Keystone is hoping to raise awareness about how vulnerable children and their families are being served and cared for Adams County.

SOUP & CHILI
COOK OFF!

LUNCH AND LEARN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

after second service

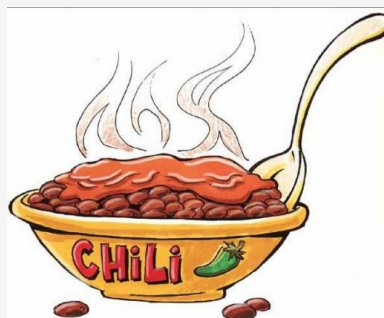
BRING A POT OF YOUR FAVORITE SOUP OR
CHILI FOR A COOKOFF (PRIZES!)

and hear about

WHAT GOD HAS BEEN DOING FOR

GINA AND DWAYNE PIPER

WHO HEAD TO BUDAPEST IN JANUARY



If you would rather bring a dessert instead of a soup or chili, that would be fine



FBC Thanksgiving Banquet
Sunday, November 23rd
@ 5pm Fairfield Fire Hall
(Steelman Rd, Fairfield)
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!



Sunday, December 7th @ 6:00

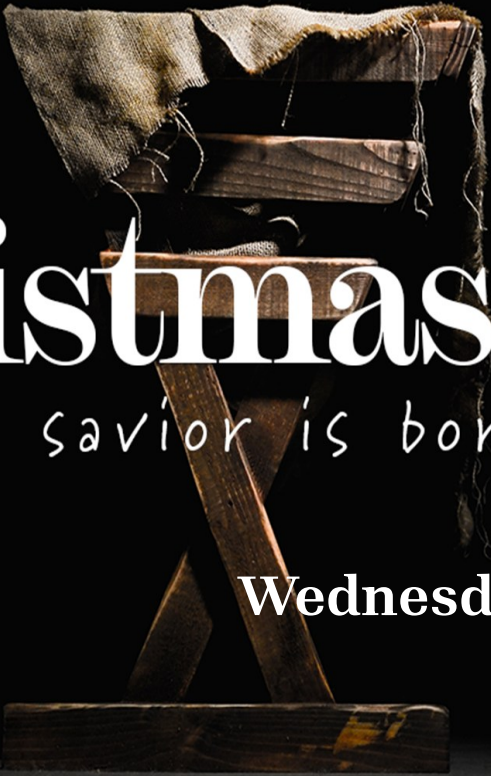
healing
service



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



All FBC women are invited to attend the annual **Answers for Women Conference, April 8 – 12, 2026**. We will travel by coach bus to Kentucky and tour The Creation Museum, as well as, The Ark Encounter and then be equipped and challenged like never before by conference speakers Ken Ham, Dr. Georgia Purdum, Avery Foley, Heidi St. John, Monica Cline, Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr., Mark and Amber Archer, Megan Basham, Dr. Rosaria Butterfield, and Dr. Christopher Yuan. Multiple uplifting worship sessions will be led by Michael O'Brien and special, award-winning artists, Shane and Shane.

This is more than a conference. It's a call to action—a call to be unshaken in faith unwavering in truth, and unafraid in love. We invite you to come, be equipped, be emboldened, and be anchored! If you are interested in registering for this life-changing experience, please contact Carolyn Tuckey (ctuckey@gettysburg.edu). A limited number of special price tickets are available right now, for \$149. If needed, scholarship funds are available to help defray the cost. This is the early-bird ticket price and includes admission to both The Creation Museum, The Ark Encounter, and bus transportation. Hotel reservations have already been placed and will add approximately \$250 per person to cover all four nights. Food will be on your own. If our early-bird tickets run out, tickets can be purchased online for \$169 but this conference sells out quickly so don't hesitate. Please contact Carolyn if you have questions.

This entire experience is a golden opportunity for women of all ages...moms with teen daughters, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, neighbors, and friends. Please don't miss this chance for fun, fellowship, and a spiritual feast from God's truth! It WILL change you!

VBS SHOEBOXES OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



National Collection Week will soon be upon us!

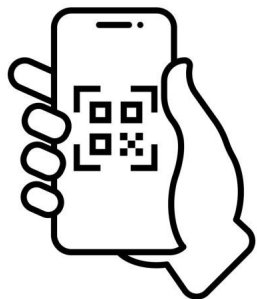
From November 17th through November 24th, FBC will serve as a Drop-Off Center for shoe boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox will contain toiletries, school supplies, and small toys for needy children around the world. Each box can open a door to present the message of Jesus' love to children, some of which have never heard of God's forgiveness.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those of you who would like to help prepare the shoeboxes for travel. (The OCC staff calls what we do 'cartonizing.' 😊) Each shift here at FBC will last 2-3 hours.

On Dec. 12, a group from FBC will travel to the Processing Center near Baltimore to make sure the shoeboxes meet customs requirements and send them on their way to the children. If you would like to go with us, please contact Fran (717-676-0524) or Karen (717-398-5113) to reserve your spot.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support this year. God is working to bring many into His Kingdom.

The Shoebox Team

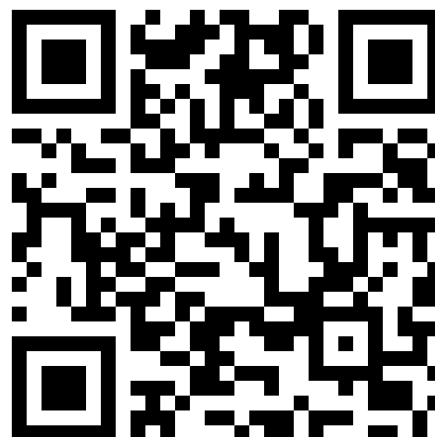


It's a snap!

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



SonShine Christian Preschool Ministry Update

The new school year is off to a great start for the staff and children. This is a huge praise. During October we will be having our annual inspection for licensing. We trust that it will go well. We will be having a Mama K's Buns Fund raiser in November and will be opening it up to the church family so be looking for that. They are delicious and can be frozen for the holidays if you can resist eating them right away. Continue to lift the staff and children of SonShine up in prayer and that any families looking for a church home would decide to make FBC their home church. This is an amazing ministry that reaches not only the children but the families and extended family.

Exciting News from English Café! Nelson and Cheryl Buchanan

We're thrilled to announce a new partnership between **English Café** and **Embassy**, a program with the **Crescent Project** that focuses on reaching Muslims through online relationships. This collaboration will allow us to better connect with Muslims—an area that has often been challenging—and to combine Embassy's outreach experience with our platform and curriculum. Together, we're developing new resources and training volunteers to share the Gospel more effectively.

Muslims make up **56% of the world's unreached people**, and God is moving powerfully among them today. Through Embassy, anyone with a phone can connect with Muslims in closed countries who are seeking truth. If you'd like to be part of this outreach, you can learn more or apply at crescentproject.org/embassy. Thank you for praying for this new partnership and for your ongoing support of our ministry!

Child Evangelism Fellowship - Pam Blankenship

CEF here in Adams County is going strong. All schools are open for Good News Club. All are up and running but one, James Gettys. We do not have children enrolled there yet. Our volunteer base is growing and we are excited to be adding the Armor of God to our Life of Christ teaching series this year. We appreciate every prayer offered for this ministry.

Frontier Ventures - Ed and Joan McManness

Praise! Ed was affirmed for an additional two years as the General Director of Frontier Ventures through summer of 2027. Ed is joined on the Executive team by two other members of the organization to assist with overall leadership. Prayer Requests:

1. Frontier Ventures celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2026 and is praying about 5 new priority areas to focus on in 2026 and beyond. Pray as we seek guidance on locations, activities, socio-religious groups to prioritize as a mission.
2. In my role at Frontier Ventures, Ed is working on an initiative with others to assist in developing a global leadership forum for women and men in the global south. Please pray for the details to come together, leadership, and finances as we look to a 2026 launch of the first cohort.

Prayer for our Perspectives Global team, the course is in 38 countries with the Perspectives and engaging with another 10+ countries, most notably in Francophone Africa. Its impact globally has been significant for the good news among frontier peoples.

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