

### **Greetings in Christ!**

August was filled to the brim with serving the Lord faithfully and advancing the kingdom of heaven. This month, we have concluded our teachings from the Elders which included parenting, discipleship, and hermeneutics. Thank you to the Elders that continue to lead our church. During the Elder Q and A, they encouraged the church to think Biblically about life issues.

Our children have been very involved as well as we celebrated our Kids For Christ musical and potluck luncheon. Our youth went out of their way to raise over a thousand dollars for our Belize missionary, Michelle Stockman. They also hosted our annual corn roast where we saw visitors from the community and enjoyed a full night of eating and fellowship.

As we prepare ourselves for September, I want to thank everyone who has pulled together in Pastor Carl's absence. While he has been away, the whole church continued to function well as one body in Christevery part working together in unity. He will be starting September by traveling to Zambia for a week to encourage church planters and challenging them in Christ.

This month, our church continues to move forward as the school year kicks off. SonShine Preschool is now in full swing, Awana is starting up, and our children's ministry is growing. I encourage every one of you to lean on the Lord and step out in faith in the direction He wants you to go. There are ongoing opportunities in ministry through our children, discipleship, evangelism, worship, and maintaining a beautiful house of worship. Our nominating committee is working diligently to help shape the structure of our church body, and if you haven't done so already, it is now time for you to find your place in God's ministry. If you are unsure about your gifting or about the needs of the church, you can ask any Elder or Deacon for advice and recommendations.

We may not be able to see into the future, but we know that God is doing a great thing and we get to be a part of it. He gets the glory and He is returning. Trust in Him always, for His grace is sufficient for you.

Blessings, Pastor Sean



# September Events &

# Info

Fusion Youth September
Birthday Game Night!!! Invite
your friends!!! September 28th!!!

# There Is No Fusion Youth On September 14th.



#### **UPRISE FESTIVAL TRIP INFO**

FOR THOSE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND UPRISE FESTIVAL, WE'LL BE MEETING AT THE CHURCH AT 2:30 PM AND LEAVING SHORTLY AFTER. PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

MONEY (FOR FOOD AND MERCHANDISE), SUNSCREEN, HAT, SLEEPING BAG, BACKPACK, CLOTHES, WATER BOTTLE, & TOILETRIES.

WELL BE STAYING AT FBCG ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS. PICK-UP WILL BE AT THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER THE FESTIVAL ENDS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO FAITH OR MATT.

### Father Son Camp 2025

How does a young boy grow into a man? A man of values? A man of principle? A godly man? In a world ripe with confusion and conflicting messages, the pathway to manhood is anything but easy to navigate.

While we certainly can't correct all of the spiritual and social woes in a single four-day weekend, we can strive to come alongside fathers who want to do everything possible to make the most of the fleeting years of boyhood. Come join us on this weekend of investment.

Children must be 6-year-old or older to attend.

Go to https://www.fathersoncampeast.org/ to get more information & register or contact Matt or Faith.





### Fusion Youth Hosted Shoebox Packing Party!!!

Join us on September 28th from 5-8 PM for our Pizza Packing Party—open to the entire church! We'll be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and yes... pizza will be provided!

This is an awesome opportunity to serve others and make a global impact—right here in our hometown. Sign up with Matt or Faith to let us know you're coming. Let's come toaether, have fun. and bless children around the world! See you there!

### FUSION Guys Night!

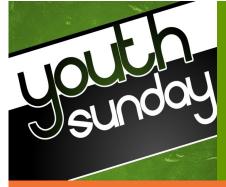
Pastor Matt is putting together an epic evening just for our Middle & High School guys—and you're invited! Join us for a sleepover at the church on October 3rd–4th!

Arrive: Friday at 6:00 PM Pickup: Saturday at 9:00 AM Dinner & breakfast provided!

Bring your friends and get ready for a night packed with fun, food, and great memories. Let Pastor Matt know if you're coming so we can plan food accordingly.

Can't wait to see you there! The signup deadline is September 28th.





Youth Sunday - Outdoor Service! October 19th at 10:00 AM

Join us for a powerful outdoor Youth Sunday service! We're calling all students to step up and use their gifts and talents for God's glory—whether it's greeting, skits, worship, speaking, prayer, or more. There's a place for YOU! Get Involved! Sign up in the Youth Room or see Pastor Matt to get started.

Practice Schedule: All practices will be at the church

Worship Team: October 16th, 6-8 PM

Skit Team: October 17th, 6-8 PM

 $\textbf{Combined Skit \& Worship Practice: October 18th, 4-6 PM \ Dinner provided after Saturdays practice!}$ 

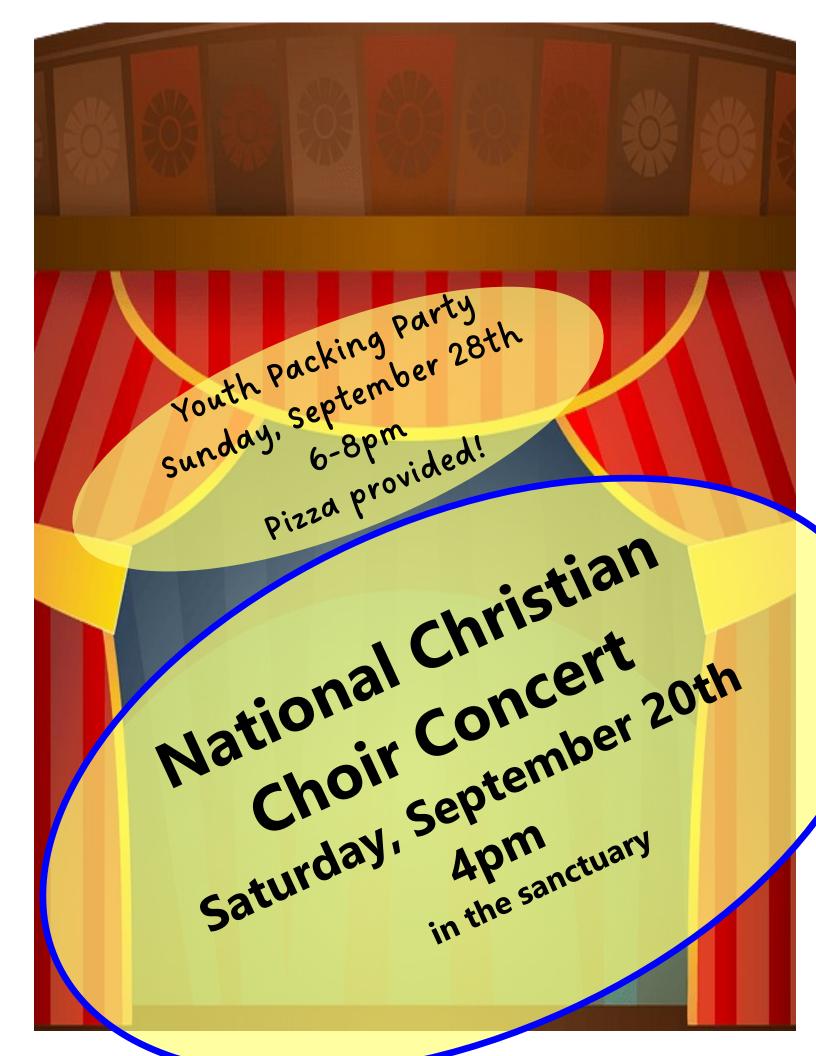
Let's come together and see what God will do through YOU! Sign up today!

- If you have any questions about these events please contact Pastor Matt 443-846-5094
- Check us out on Facebook at <u>FUSION Youth Ministry</u> & get the FUSION Youth Ministry App!



# AWANA BEGINS! Wednesday, September 17th @ 6pm

Helpers and Teachers needed See Eric and Karen Holsopple





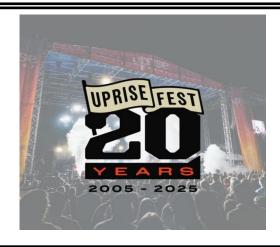
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CLOSED

FOR LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPT 1

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!



# YOUTH UPRISE FESTIVAL

**SEPT 12-14** 



# SonShine Christian Preschool

FAMILY PICNIC Friday, September 19th @5:30pm



# W2 GROUP

Support Group meets on **Sunday, September 28th** following the second service.

# KIDS MINISTRY LIPINITE SUNDAY, September 7th following 2nd service. All teachers and volunteers are encouraged to come!



Beginning September 7th,

ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

will require checking in at the Kiosk.

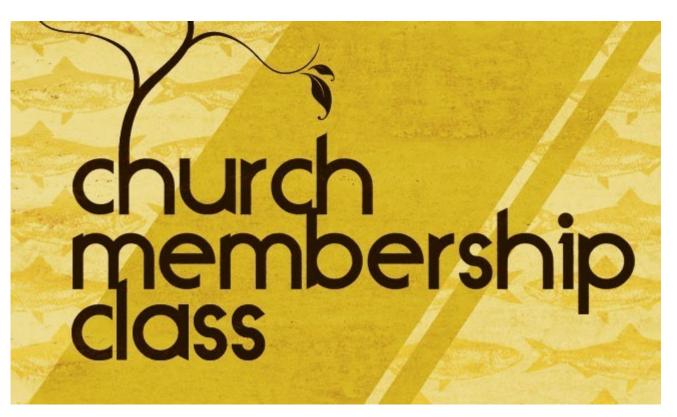
See Abi Miller and Jen Harris if you have questions.



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 (<a href="mailto:ctuckey@gettysburg.edu">ctuckey@gettysburg.edu</a>). 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 <u>WILL</u> change you!



Interested in church membership? This membership class is three sessions on October 12th, 19th and 26th at 9:00am in Pastor's study. See a pastor if you would like to join.



Sunday, October 19th is Youth Sunday! This will be an outdoor service with a picnic to follow. There will be ONE SERVICE ONLY this day.

Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.



September is Packing Party month. The Teens are again sponsoring a church-wide shoebox packing party on <u>Sunday, September 28, from 5-8 pm</u> in Lewis Hall. They will supply pizza at 5, and the packing party will follow. The activities will end when supplies are gone. Everyone, young and older, are welcome to participate.

Other opportunities to participate with the shoebox ministry include:

Each box costs \$10.00 for shipping and handling. This also covers teacher training, transportation, and the distribution costs in the gifted country. If God impresses you to help with these costs, please place your donation in the church offering clearly marked "Shoeboxes."

National Collection Week will be from November 17-24. Details will follow.

If you would like to learn more about the Shoebox Ministry world-wide, you are welcome to attend the <u>Project Leader's Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10-1:30, at the Littlestown Chapel.</u>
Let us know if you plan to attend or desire more information. (We need a count for lunch.

We plan on helping at the Shoebox Processing Center in December. More to follow.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Fran at 717-676-0524.

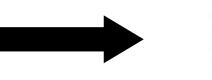
Thank you so much for your support.

The FBC 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.

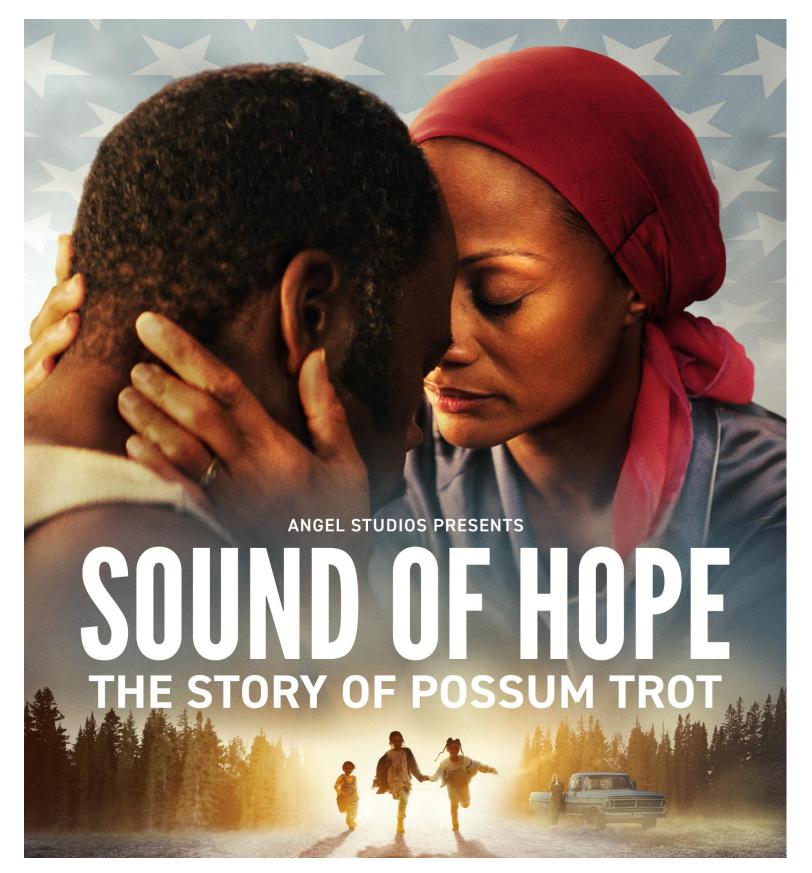
You are part of a loving, compassionate church family who wants to help.

Keeping us informed helps us to know how to pray for you and meet you needs.

We are here for you!

717-334-2564

feel free to leave a message



# Movie Night!

Sponsored by the Keystone Family Alliance Sunday, September 7th 6-8pm

This film is rated PG13. childcare will be provided. Come and see what a church can do when they are united in love.



# Emily LaBianca

Emily recently moved from Berlin to Budapest, and in September will be a part of a team organizing and running a beauty shop near the area where she works with women who have been caught up in prostitution trafficking. The name of the shop which became available to them is Grace, a word that was given to Emily in her prayer time, before she knew anything about a beauty shop coming their way. Emily writes that she is "stepping into a completely new season of ministry and an increased level of responsibility." She asks for prayers for protection and for the ministry which will reach customers in this low income area, as well as a teaching place for women who need job training.

## **Dwayne and Gina Piper**

Gina and Dwayne Piper are new additions to our mission support list beginning in January '26. They, too, will be living in Budapest, but will be traveling to countries in the MENACA (acronym for Mid East North Africa Central Asia) region mentoring and helping field workers plant churches and conducting mission training classes. They connected with Emily on their vision trip in May. Emily introduced them to the international church that she attends and they were immediately drawn into it and will be attending there. One of their first assignments will be in our own Topaz not far from where Stephanie serves. In fact, she met some of the workers there and they will be getting together. The Pipers are thankful for the support from FBC and ask for prayers as they must have many things to get in place before they leave in mid January.

### Sat 7

FBC has also supported SAT-7 for several years. This media outreach to the Mid-East and North Africa directs people who call into churches in their area. Right now, SAT-7 is asking for prayers for Christians in Tajikistan who are being deported back to Afghanistan where they will be persecuted and even put to death for being a Christian. Pray that many seekers will be directed to the churches planted by the workers raised up by these people and organizations we support. God is certainly working in these areas and we are called to hold them before the throne of God in prayer.

# SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

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

THE MESSIANIC PROPHESIES OF JESUS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Mohler) 9:00am Kitchen

**DEEPER INTO FAMILIAR (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) BEGINS 9/18

**REVELATION** (led by Van Weber) 6:30pm ON BREAK

**DEEPER STILL** @ Gallimore's 12:00pm ON SUMMER BREAK