



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GETTYSBURG NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

## What's Happening



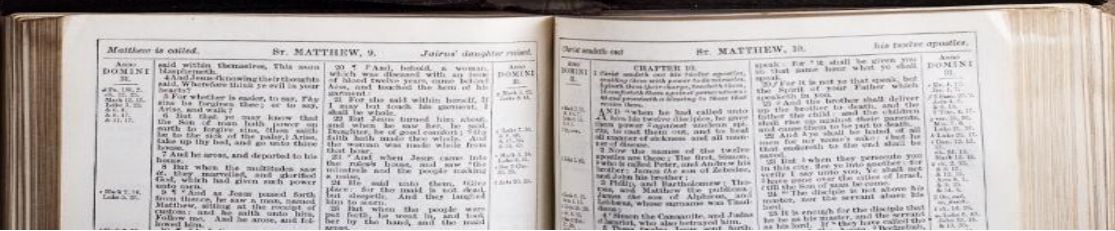
Revival on the Farm  
June 7-10 @ 7pm

Afternoon in Nature

Sunday, June 14th 1:00-4:00pm @ Strawberry Hill

Vacation Bible School  
Emerald Crossing  
July 13-17 9:00am-12noon

# from the Pastor's Desk



Psalm 145:4 (ESV)

*One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.*

Oftentimes when I prepare for a funeral service (this week it's for Vivian Browning), I am mindful that life is very much like a relay race in which we as "the runner" press forward to finish our part well and thus, set up the team behind us to finish their leg of the race well.

The purpose of our race is found in the very fabric of who we are. Created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), knitted together in our mother's womb, fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 130), adopted as sons and daughters through faith in Christ (Galatians 4:4-7), God's "workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which he created for us so that we would walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). Whatever our course, we are called to "do it all unto the Lord" (Colossians 3:23-24) as we love him with our all and glorify him with our lives.

The writer of Hebrews (Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)) states that we are, "surrounded by a great a cloud of witnesses" and thus we should, "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

As Christ followers the focus of our race is on Jesus Christ our Lord. Although we have great intentions to run this race of life well, sin seeks to weigh us down and undermine our efforts to stay the course that God has placed us on. Running to "win the prize" will mean that we purpose to find our encouragement and endurance in Him, trusting that he is committed to helping us (Philippians 1:6).

Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 9:24-27 ESV) to be intentional to run our race in such a way as to receive the prize that Christ has in store for us. This will require from us determination and self-control, as well as intentionally seeking God's good will for our lives and with his help obeying it.

May we live to help, encourage, and love those who come behind us and be able to say the words of the apostle Paul:

*2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*

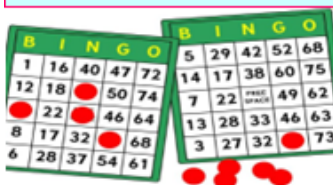
I'm grateful for the great crowd of Godly witnesses that have gone before us and for those who are faithfully enduring and helping those around them to finish well. This is perhaps our greatest legacy.  
Pastor Carl



# June Events & Info

**Fusion Youth June Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! June 7th!!!**

**There Is No Fusion Youth On June 21st.**



## FUSION BINGO Night!!!

Join us for a fun packed night of BINGO!!! Bring a friend & meet us at the church on June 7th from 6pm-8pm for our FUSION Birthday BINGO Night!!! It's going to be a blast!!! See you there!!!

## **FUSION Girls Night!!!**

Faith is planning a fun-filled evening just for our Middle & High School girls, and you won't want to miss it! Join us June 26th-27th for an exciting sleepover at the church. Dinner and breakfast will be provided, so just bring yourself and get ready for a great time! Arrive at 6pm on Friday & pickup will be at 9am on Saturday. Feel free to invite your friends for this epic night! Please let Faith know if you're planning to attend so we can get an accurate headcount for food.

We can't wait to see you there!



## Fusion Cookout & Swim Night!!!

July 19th bring your friends (permission slip required) to a fun filled night of food, fellowship, swimming, & food! Did I mention FOOD! We will be at the Hurda's house (120 Liberty Lane, Aspers, PA 17304) from 6-9pm & would love for you to join us! Please see Matt & Faith to get signed up. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Swimming will be in a pond, so please bring something to wear on your feet. Please contact Matt or Faith to get signed up. Can't wait to see you then!

## Father Daughter Camp 2026

A dad is the first hero a little girl has in her life. You're the first man she falls in love with, & the standard she'll compare all other men against. She needs your love. Your little girl, no matter her age, needs to know daddy loves her, & is willing to invest time & energy in her life. Come join us, invest into your daughter, & built memories that will last a lifetime.

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

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

**July 30 - August 2**

**September 24-27**

## Father Son Camp 2026

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 <http://www.fathersoncampeast.org/> to get more information & register or contact Matt or Faith

- 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!](#)

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!

# REVIVAL

*On the farm*



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HEAR & REPENT

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REVELATION 1-2

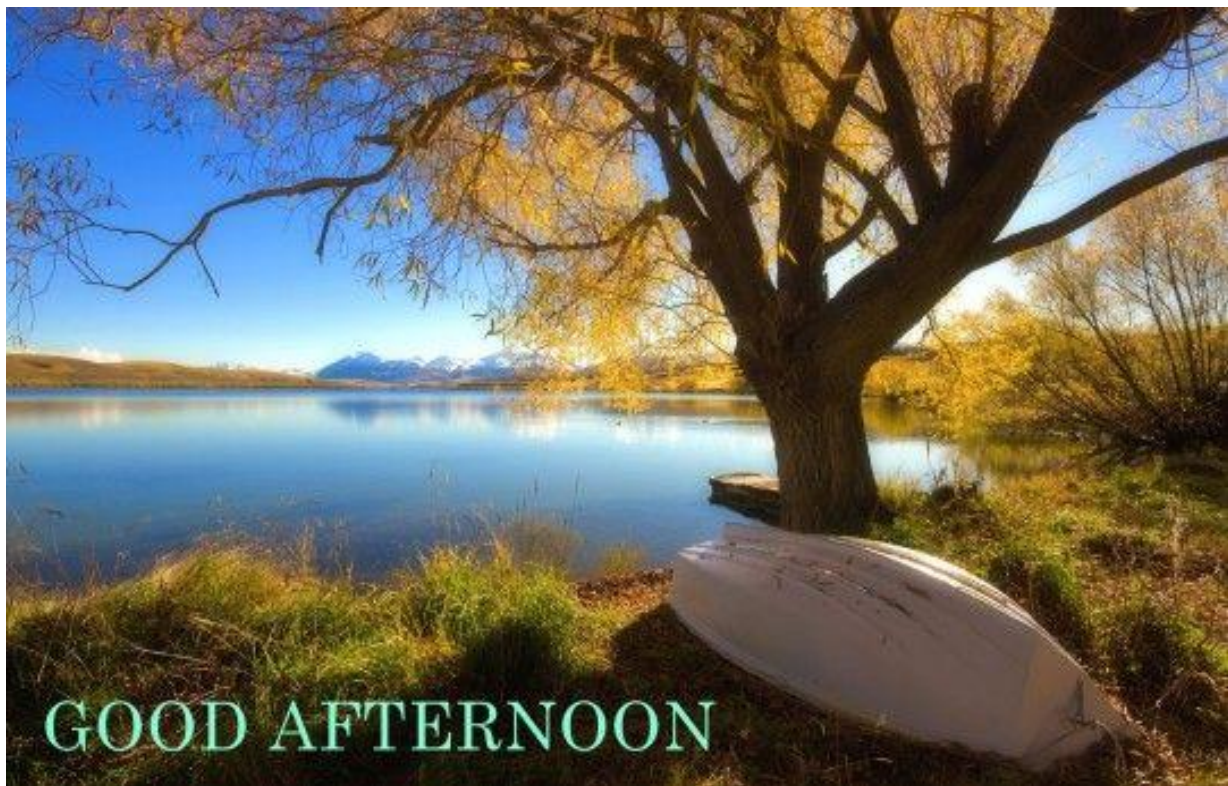
**JUNE 7-10 @ 7PM**

**(717) 528-4314**

Thomason's Olde Thyme Herb Farm  
170 Stoney Point Road, East Berlin, PA



Child Evangelism Fellowship will be teaching the children.



# *Afternoon in Nature*

Join our church family for a day of  
enjoying and learning about nature!

Come out to **Strawberry Hill** (1537 Mt Hope Rd,  
Fairfield, PA) on **June 14th, 2026** from  
**1-4pm**. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Bird and wildlife  
watching, nature journaling, hiking, creek  
playing and more! See Ruth Blinn, Heather  
Kelleher or Stephanie Gigous for more info.  
All welcome!



### Christian Apologetics Class

Discover how to confidently defend your faith with truth, reason and compassion. Whether you're strengthening your own understanding or preparing to answer tough questions from others, this class will equip you to stand firm and speak with wisdom. Taught by Mark Punched

**June 3, 17, 24, July 1 - 6:00-7:30pm Music Room**

### Visionary Parenting Class

Challenges parents to raise their children with a clear spiritual purpose centered on knowing and following Christ. This 4-week video teaching encourages families to move beyond survival mode parenting and intentionally build a home where faith, discipleship and Christian biblical values shape everyday life.

Facilitated by Pastor Carl and Jennefer Harris

**June 17, 24, July 1, 8 - 6:00-7:30pm Preschool Room**

### Discipleship Class

Designed to equip believers with the biblical principles, practical tools and relational skills needed to disciple others in their walk with Christ. Participants will learn how to intentionally invest in people, encourage spiritual growth and develop faithful disciples who can lead others to Christ.

Taught by Mac McBeth

**July 29, August 5 - 6:00 -7:30pm Preschool area**

### 'How to Share Your Faith' - Evangelism Class

Designed to help believers confidently share their Christian faith in everyday life. Participants will learn practical ways to communicate the Gospel clearly, answer common questions, and engage people with truth, grace, hope and love.

Taught by Steve Bjorkman

**July 29, August 5 6:00-7:30pm Music room.**



## **W2 Group**

*Support for widows and  
widowers*

Meets on Sunday,  
June 28<sup>th</sup>  
after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

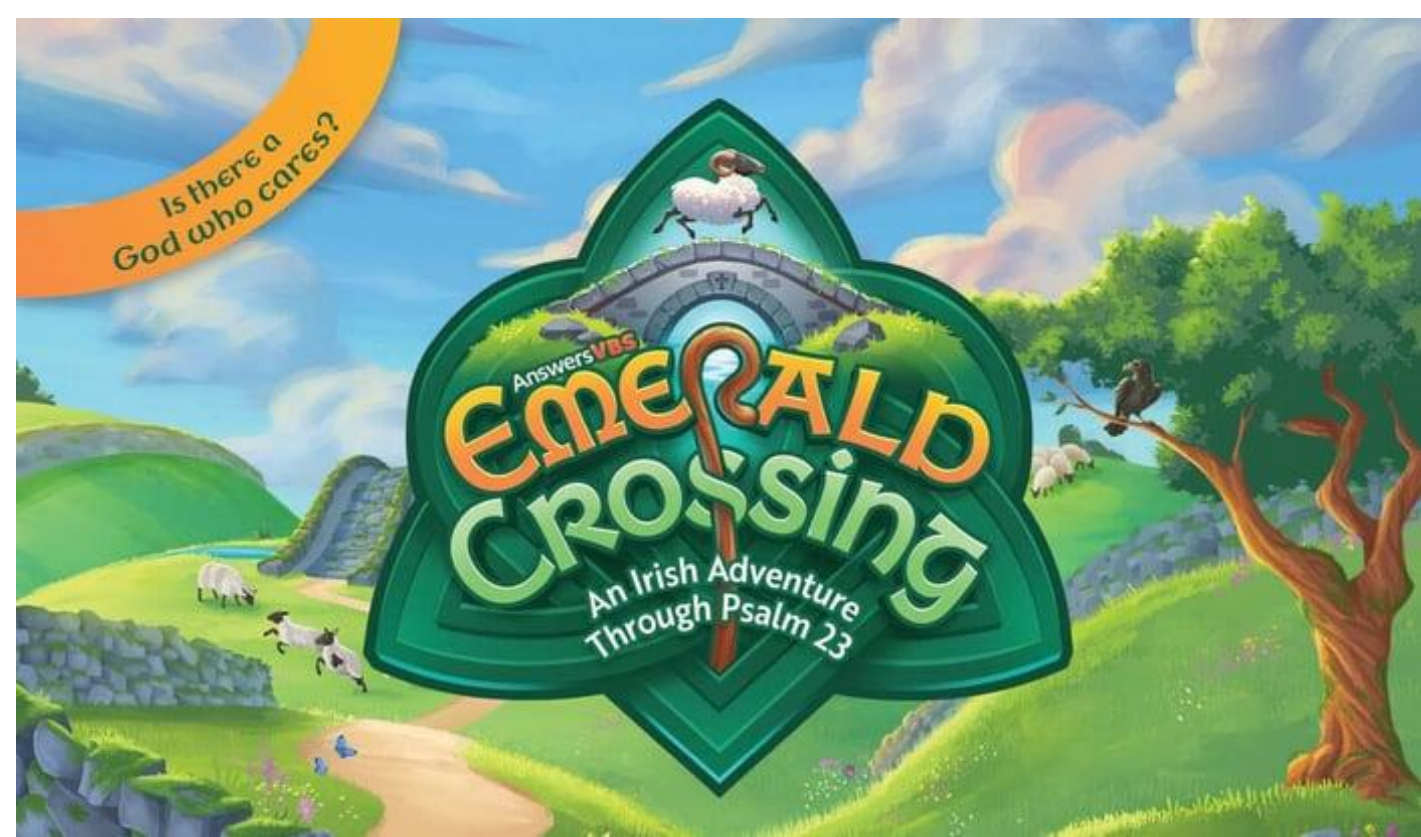


## **Fusion Youth Group**

will be going to the  
Ark Encounter &  
Creation Museum  
June 16-19



**OFFICE  
CLOSED  
FRIDAY,  
JULY 3rd**



Vacation Bible School  
will be here before we know it! Bring  
the kids and grandkids out for this  
Irish Adventure.

Monday through Friday July 13-17  
from 9:00am -12noon. This is a great  
week for the kids to learn about who  
Jesus is and to put their faith in Him.

Monthly Prayer Gathering  
“House of Prayer”



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO  
*Prayer.*

C O L O S S I A N S 4 : 2

Next Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Join us on the 4th 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)***

***“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 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)***

*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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV)*



## God is using shoeboxes every day

God continues to move through shoebox gifts in extraordinary ways, day after day, year after year. What may seem like a small, simple box to us often becomes a life-changing reminder to a child that they are seen, loved, and never forgotten.

What an incredible privilege it is that God allows us to be part of His work. By packing shoeboxes, we are not only giving toys or school supplies, but also sharing hope, spreading the love of Jesus Christ, and helping grow His Kingdom around the world.

If you are not already involved, we invite you to become a part of it. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has participated faithfully year after year. Your generosity and support continue to make a tremendous difference. Let's make this year another meaningful and successful one!

If you would like to support this ministry, donated items may be placed in the collection box located in the small room behind the sanctuary. **Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate—please mark your envelope "Shoeboxes."**

**Suggested donation for this month:** glue sticks and scissors for 10-14-year-olds.

Thank you for helping bring hope, joy, and the love of Christ to children around the world.

Have a blessed day,  
The Shoebox Team



**Women of FBC: please join us as we travel to the Ark Encounter and attend the annual Answers for Women Conference:**

**“Steadfast: Unwavering Faith for Fearful Times”  
April 7-11, 2027**

We will travel by coach bus to Kentucky and tour The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter and then be equipped and challenged by conference speakers Ken Ham, Dr. Georgia Purdum, Heidi St. John, Ruth Chou Simmons, Jimmy Ardavanis, Abbie Halberstadt, Susan Heck, Dr. Greg Gifford, Reagan Rose, Dr. Francine Tan, Nana Dolce, and Keith and Kristyn Getty. ([More info](#))

When fear overwhelms our society, we can lose hope and waver in our faith. Yet God exhorts us to hold fast and not waver. He wants us to be steadfast in the confession of our hope that is found only in Jesus, who is faithful to keep his promises to never leave us or forsake us.

*Steadfast* is more than a conference. It's a dynamic gathering for women featuring some of today's most authentic voices on living faithfully in fearful times. And it's a call to action—to stand firm on God's unchanging promises and live confidently with courage, clarity, and peace. We invite you to come be encouraged, strengthened, and steadfast.

[Register today!](#) Make sure you select the “Weekend Conference” dates, April 8-10. When you've completed registering, please contact Carolyn Tuckey ([ctuckey@proton.me](mailto:ctuckey@proton.me) or text 610-299-0155). She will add you to the list of women attending from FBC and secure lodging and a seat on the bus for you.

**This conference usually sells out** so, don't wait too long to register. The 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!

# 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*



## **NELSON AND CHERYL BUCHANAN - ENGLISH CAFÉ**

Their vision is to provide every believer with online opportunities to share God's word with internationals around the world. Pray for development of software, for their 200+ weekly students and 100+ online missionaries.

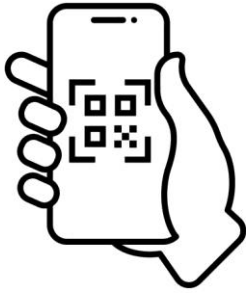
## **PAM BLANKENSHIP - CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP**

They are working on "Daily Walk" helping students be in the Word and pray every day and understand the armor God has given every believer to help in our lost world. Praise for a full summer schedule of day camps, VBS, South Mt. Fair. Pray for Pam's training school June 15-19 and for staffing for Good News Clubs in the Fall.

## **ED AND JOAN MCMANNESS - FRONTIER VENTURES**

- 1) Offering Perspectives (mission's course) in 40 countries and 9 different languages.
- 2) August event for 20 or more global women leaders to nurture the next generation. Pray that they receive their travel visas.
- 3) Pray for Ed's strength, wisdom and discernment.

*\*Christian and Kylene Bak from Denmark will be visiting FBC on July 12 and speaking at both services about their ministry to foreign students.*



# It's a snap!

**GIVING**



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## Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes

**The Witness of the Stars** (McFeaters/McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

**The Gospel of John** (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

**Middle/High School** 9:00am Youth Room

**PreK -5<sup>th</sup> grade** Answers in Genesis 9:00am Lewis Hall

**Children's Church** (ages K-5<sup>th</sup>) 10:30 Lewis Hall



life

GROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## GOSPEL OF LUKE

(J. HARRIS) 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY ZOOM 6:30-7:45PM - LADIES ONLY!

## THE BOOK OF JAMES

(PASTOR CARL) THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM - YOUTH HOUSE

**(ON SUMMER BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER) THE GROUP WILL MEET FOR A PICNIC IN MID JULY**

## DEEPER STILL

(W. GALLIMORE) EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT GALLIMORE'S 12:00 NOON

## MEN'S WORKOUT AND STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY

(PASTOR SEAN) THURSDAYS @5:30AM WORKOUT AT REC PARK  
AND 6:30AM STUDY @HEARTLAND DINER

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