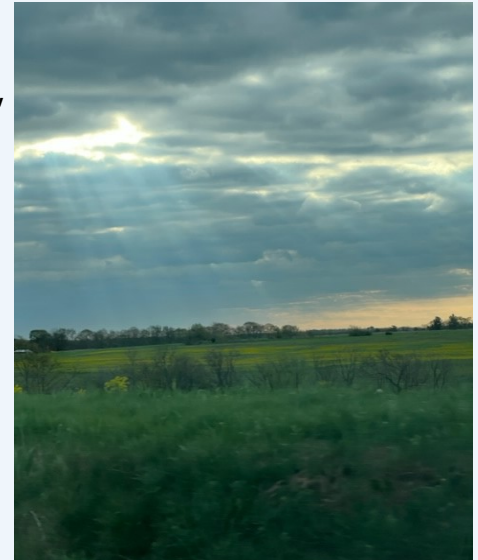




This morning as I was driving into church, the sky was full of dark, thick clouds as far as my eyes could see. But, as I traveled, I began to see spots where the intense light of the sun began to break through, not only producing light in the clouds but exhibiting intense rays of light that reached the ground.

My immediate thought was, "Oh Lord shine down from the heavens on me, on my family, and church body!" With God's light and glory shining on us, may we direct His light and love upon those who are around us.

As our world continues on a downward spiral into darkness, may we truly become the light unto this world as we abide in the source of this Light, Power, and Love.



Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV) "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

John 8:12 (ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

2 Corinthians 4:5–6 (ESV) For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:7–10 (ESV) Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Philippians 2:14–16 (ESV) Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain

May Events & Info

Fusion Youth May Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! May 7th!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On May 14th & 28th.



Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting to get ready for our Fusion Summer events! Come get the info & ask any questions you may have! We are looking forward to our 5th graders moving up!!! The meeting will be on May 7th following each service in the music room. See you then!

Philippians 2:14-16

Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people, 16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



High School Girls Night!!!

Faith is putting together a fun packed evening for our Middle & High School Girls & would love for you to be there! Join us June 9th-10th (dinner & breakfast provided) for a sleepover at the church! Arrive at 6pm on Friday & pickup will be at 9am on Saturday. Feel free to invite your friends for this epic evening! Please let Faith know if you are planning on coming so we can get a head count for food!

FUSION Johnstown Missions Trip Team!!!

Please mark your calendars. The Fusion Johnstown Missions Trip Team will be meeting at First Baptist Church after the second service at 12pm on Sunday June 18th & will be eating lunch (lunch will be provided) & packing the vans. We will plan on leaving the church to head to Johnstown at 1pm.

We will be arriving back to Gettysburg on Saturday June 24th & the tentative pickup time will be at 2pm (we will correspond any changes through text messages).

Everyone should have a packing list & tentative schedule for the week. If you have any questions or need anything please contact Matt or Faith.

YOUTH MISSIONS WEEK

- 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 signed up for emails & texts!



Perhaps you are familiar with this children's song by Evelyn Pulkin:

There are children all around the world.

Children just like me.

Children everywhere on earth.

Across the land and sea.

They need to know that Jesus died

And lives to set them free.

Who will go and let them know?

Oh Lord, send me.

There are children everywhere who need to know the love of Jesus. That is why we send shoeboxes with Operation Christmas Child. Before each child receives their shoebox gift they are told about God's love and Jesus' sacrifice for us. After receiving the gift they have the opportunity to be discipled through Bible studies using *The Greatest Journey* materials. *The Greatest Journey* is a series of lessons and materials that teach basic Biblical truths. Many of these children then teach others these truths.

You have the opportunity to help send these "little missionaries" to spiritually needy children around the world. To view some of their testimonies go to

<https://samaritanspurse.org/channel/operation-christmas-child>

As God challenges your heart concerning this ministry, there are ways you can help with the project here at FBC:

1) First of all, pray. Pray for the children to be receptive. Pray for the volunteers who make and/or collect gifts. We need wisdom about what to gather, and skill in making items. Pray for people who donate both items and dollars toward this ministry. Pray for all those many people involved in the transportation and distribution of the gifts.

2) Volunteer to help locally with the FBC Shoebox Team.

3) Donate funds toward the purchase of gifts and the mailing of the shoeboxes. It costs \$10 to mail each box. This includes all travel costs in this country and internationally as well as training teachers for the shoebox distribution.

Of course, the most important of all is prayer. Without God's help and direction, we can do nothing. Watch for His supply.

God bless you all. The FBC Shoebox Team



NEXT

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 6th
Saturday May 20th
@ 7:30am



The FBC
Outdoor Adventure Group
Begins!

Join the group for an afternoon of fishing on May 20th from 1-4pm.

More details to come

See Heather or Parker Kelleher for details



W2 Group

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month following the second service to support and love each other.

NEXT: May 28th
Shirley Smith will be presenting on Haiti



Children's Church Training

Feeling called to the Little Ones??
 Come out on
 Sunday,
 May 7th from 12-2pm
 for
 Children's Church training.
 Lunch will be provided!



SONSHINE PRESCHOOL COOK OUT

FRIDAY, MAY 12



Outdoor
Worship
Service

*Join us on Sunday,
June 4th
10:00am
Picnic to follow*



YOUTH
MISSION
TRIP

*Please keep the Youth in
prayer as they travel to
Johnstown, PA for a
week-long missions trip
June 18-24*



Our **VBS** will be
July 17-21
9-12noon



The Adams Rescue Mission - Heidi Acker Promotion and Development Director

The Adams Rescue Mission serves individuals and families through the Agape House Family Shelter, the Men's Shelter, the voucher program, and through the Adopt a Family for Christmas Program. Each client gives us a new opportunity to share the unconditional love of Christ. The family shelter clients attend group and one-on-one Bible Studies weekly, individual counseling, support and prayer anytime they ask for it, and everyone attends a church of their choice on the weekends. Many of these families get connected in their home church, and their children plug in to their youth groups. The individuals and families that are served through our voucher program each come in with their own story, and this gives our staff the chance to minister one-on-one, and often offer prayer and spiritual guidance along with meeting their basic everyday needs like clothing and household goods. The men's shelter clients have daily opportunities to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ through chapel services, recovery classes, one-on-one counseling sessions, and through interactions at their own home churches. It is our desire that everyone who walks through our doors hears about Christ and feels His love through our ministry.

Adams County Prison Ministry - Angel Perez

Angel Perez is doing a wonderful job as the chaplain at the Adams County Prison. He has started the "Chaplain's Weekly Bible Study". He would like us to pray that all goes well and that it would be a blessing to not only the inmates but to the staff at the prison. It is an opportunity for the staff to practice and prepare for when volunteers begin entering the prison to conduct ministry. Chaplain Perez would like us to pray for the families of the incarcerated people, pray for the volunteer program, and pray for the power of God's kingdom to continue transforming the lives of the leaders, staff, volunteers, and inmates at ACACC.

AWANA - Lanty and Tammie Moss

Lanty and Tammie Moss have been serving with AWANA in Pennsylvania and western Maryland providing leadership to the churches that use the AWANA ministry. They introduce others in how to use it to reach their communities with the gospel message. The children who are exposed to the AWANA ministry are learning so much about God. They are memorizing bible verses that will help them as they grow up in our post-Christian culture. The AWANA clubs are providing many events that have the potential to expose some unchurched families to the gospel message as they come to watch their children compete in "Bible Quizzing games, a Rain Gutter Regatta, or a Grand Prix race. They hope the message will be clearly presented and many will make the greatest decision of their lives at these events.

The Gideons of Pennsylvania - Mark Punchard

The Gideons of Pennsylvania are planning to hold their 118th State Convention in Gettysburg on April 20-23rd. This will be the first ever state convention to be held in our local area. Our own Mark Punchard is our representative. The Gideons have active camps in 200 countries, territories, and possessions around the world and have distributed over 2 1/2 billion scriptures since their founding 120 years ago.

C.A.R.E.S.

C.A.R.E.S stands for Combined Area Resources for Emergency Shelter. Beginning in October for the past 10 years, the churches in Gettysburg have volunteered to provide shelter to the homeless. They had 10 churches agree to shelter the homeless during the cold months. Each church provides clean mats, blankets, coffee, and breakfast. In the mornings they are driven to the Resource Center to shower, wash clothes, and use computers to find work. They had approximately fourteen guests each night give or take a few. Year to date.(2022 to 2023) the total guests served were 16 men 13 women and 1 child. There were 966 cumulative overnights. Cares gave out 1007 vouchers for various things, showers were used 95 times, 229 washer loads used, computers were used 95 times, and 41 bus passes were given. A few churches backed out because of the Covid Vaccination policy. Recently CARES applied for a grant from the ARRF (Adams Response and Recovery Fund). They were rewarded with a large grant. Plans are being made on how best they can serve the homeless. Please pray for guidance from the Lord.

The Buchanans - Nelson and Cheryl

The Buchanans have served 7 years in Taiwan as the leader of WOL (Word of Life). They had 15 missionaries running camps, media outreaches, English outreaches, and English discipleship centers called SYME (School of Youth Ministries in English). Syme was their biggest ministry. It was a 2 month program where students came and learned English and the bible. In 2016 they started a ministry called English Cafe. For 90 minutes each week, they let the community come in and have free English discussion groups that had a biblical focus. Students loved it and it grew. When Covid hit, they moved online. They could reach other countries as well. Now they are in 4 countries, with approximately 400 students every week. The Buchanans now live in Ohio, USA. Recently they just reached their goal of 100 online missionaries who share the Gospel and disciple others from around the world online. This online platform connects English speakers with speakers of other languages who want conversation practice. Using only English and the prompts provided, Online Missionaries can share the truth internationally from their homes.



**The church will
be closed on
Monday,
May 29th
for
Memorial Day**



We here at FBC would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Ann Stockman for her many years of service with AWANA. Ann has worked in AWANA for 18 years but was the AWANA commander for the last 3 years. She has worked tirelessly and faithfully and we are blessed to have had her.

Congratulations to Eric and Karen Holsopple! They will be the new AWANA commanders beginning in the Fall of 2023. Please cover them in prayer and support them in any way you can to make their transition as smooth as possible. May the Lord bless our AWANA program in 2023-24!

elder's corner

Have you ever had an amazing teacher? The kind that was extremely intentional with their plan/curriculum, had crazy high expectations, yet at the same time, knew just how to get the very best results out of you in a way that built trust in your teacher's methods and confidence in your own abilities to excel and thrive? That is Jesus. He knows each one of us inside and out, better than any human could ever know us, and He knows the potential we each have to fulfill the good plans He specifically designed for each one of us individually. Below is part of a devotion that explains in greater detail just how great of a teacher our Lord and Savior is, and how we, as his beautiful and purposefully made creation, can have an abiding walk with Him.

Great Teacher

We can know the designer of the Grand Canyon, the human eye, and the Milky Way galaxy. He is alive and well, and he invites us to know him. It is impossible to know the meaning of life if we do not know the Maker of life. Jesus came as our teacher and guide to reveal his heart, his joy, his passion, his plan, and his sorrows. We are not left alone with our wanderings and wonderings.

Yet Jesus doesn't hold his position over our heads. He stoops down to serve us as he shows us what the kingdom of God is like and the way to heaven. And he stands up on our behalf, placing himself between us and those who would accuse us as unworthy of his love, forgiveness, and salvation. When faced with our sin, voices of condemnation awaken in us. Satan tries to steal your peace, kill your dreams, and destroy your future. But he will not have the last word. Jesus has acted on your behalf. He stooped low enough to rub shoulders with the likes of you. Low enough to be crucified and buried. And then he stood up from the slab of death, and he stands up for you.

Wherever God sees sincere seekers with confused hearts, you can bet that he will do whatever it takes to help them see his will. Jesus carries the authority of God to teach us how to live, how to love, how to forgive. But most of all he teaches us why on earth we are on this earth. In this age of information there is much know-how, but hardly any know-why. We need answers. Jesus offers them. But can we trust him? Only one way to know. Seek him out. Lift up your eyes and set your sights on Jesus.

When you enter a difficult experience, trust in Jesus' work. And trust his Word. Don't trust your emotions. Don't trust your opinions. Don't even trust your friends. Heed only the voice of God. Satan will try to raise doubts about God and shift, ever so gradually, your source of confidence away from God's promise and toward your performance. Jesus' weapon of choice against Satan was Scripture, and it is yours too. Everything you need is in the Book; you simply need to heed it. God is constantly and aggressively communicating with the world through his Word. Wow! God is speaking still! Hang in there.

Our assignment is not fruitfulness but faithfulness. The secret to fruit-bearing and anxiety-free living is less about doing and more about abiding. To abide is to be at home. Our aim—our only aim—is to be at home in Christ. He is our place of refuge and security. We are comfortable in his presence, free to be our authentic selves. We know our way around in him. We know his heart and his ways. We rest in him, find our nourishment in him. Abiding in Christ, filling our minds with the truth of God and his goodness brings victory over anxiety and doubt and teaches us about God's faithfulness no matter what our circumstances.

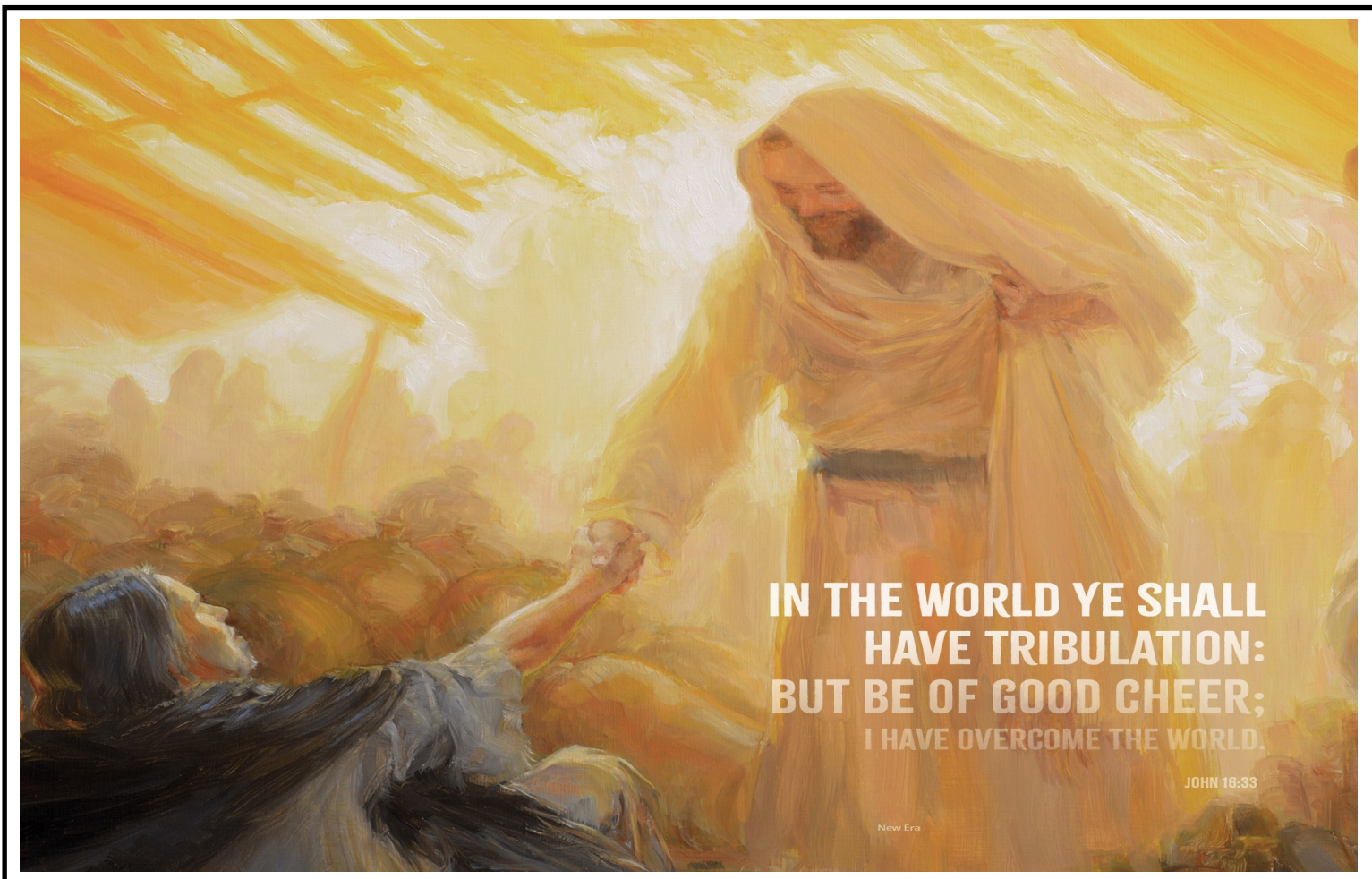
Respond

What is Jesus teaching you about yourself? What are you learning about his love for you?

What role does the truth of God's Word play in your daily life? How can Scripture keep you connected and at home with Jesus?

What anxieties and doubts do you need to surrender to confidence in God's promises?

Love in Christ, Matt



Walk
for Life



Tender Care
Pregnancy Consultation Services
TENDERCARE.ORG/WALK

VIRTUAL
SATURDAY MAY 13th 717-633-9685

Aniela Lustig will be 'Walking for Life' on Saturday, May 13th!

The following is from her:

Tender Care is a non-judgmental, non-profit, Christian pregnancy center, that strives to help pregnant women make the right choice about their unborn children. They provide pregnancy testing, pregnancy and parenting classes, and baby supplies; they also do counseling for those who have already had an abortion before. I will be doing a two-mile walk that Tender Care calls the Walk for Life. If you feel led to give to this amazing organization, please stop by our fundraising table at FBC on Sunday, May 7. If you are unable to give, please pray for this organization to be able to help as many women, parents, and babies as possible, and to be able to lead many to Christ.

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

BOOK of DANIEL (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

BOOK OF GENESIS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

BIBLE BASICS (Gallimore) 9:00am Sunday

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

NURSERY 10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ages K-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

KID'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9:00am

Focused Learners: (ages K-5th grade) Lewis Hall

Active Learners: (nursery/preschool) Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS

TUESDAY

GOSPEL OF LUKE (J. Harris) ZOOM 6:30-7:45pm

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

THURSDAY

BOOK OF HEBREWS (P. Carl) @ FBC 9:30am

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

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

SATURDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 1st Saturday of each month

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 3rd Saturday of each month

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace[®] UNIVERSITY

With the ever- growing uncertainty of our economic situations, FBC is teaching you how to be great stewards of the financial blessings God has given you. Classes start on Sunday, July 2 6-8pm and will run for 9 weeks. There is an \$80 admission fee that is fully refundable at the completion of the entire course. Scholarships are available. Financial mentors are needed. Online sign up will be coming soon. All are welcome!



**NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Classes will start on Sunday morning, June 18th at 9am and will run for 4 weeks. If you are ready to join our membership and FBC and serve God in new ways, please sign up in the foyer.



SonShine Christian Preschool
will be having their closing programs
on
Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18



SCAN THIS WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

Can You Guess The Hymn?

**From war's alarms,
from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm
our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion
in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace**



10 Questions

Spreading a Feast



- 1. What king had a feast where a mysterious hand wrote on the wall?**
- 2. Who threw a royal feast where his wife disobeyed him?**
- 3. Who spread a meal for some angels at the oaks of Mamre?**
- 4. Who gave a wedding feast and then pulled a trick on his son-in-law?**
- 5. Whose children were killed while attending a feast?**
- 6. Who told a bizarre riddle at his wedding feast?**
- 7. What Pharisee had a feast that Jesus attended?**
- 8. In Revelation, what holy figure has a wedding feast?**
- 9. Where did Jesus have a post-resurrection fish dinner with seven of his disciples?**
- 10. What dweller in Sodom had a meal prepared for angelic visitors?**

Moses and Miracles

1. What did Moses mount on a pole as a way for healing for the Israelites?
A BRASS SERPENT (NUMBERS 21:5-9)
2. What bird served as a miracle food for the Israelites?
QUAIL (EXODUS 16:11-13)
3. What did Moses do to bring forth water from the rock at Kadesh? **HE STRUCK IT TWICE (NUMBERS 20:1-11)**
4. What animal came forth out of the Nile in droves? **FROGS (EXODUS 8:5-7)**
5. What miraculous thing happened to Moses' hand? **IT BECAME LEPROUS, AND BECAME NORMAL AGAIN (EXODUS 4:7)**
6. What was the unique feature of the hailstorm that God sent upon the Egyptians? **IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FIRE THAT RAN ALONG THE GROUND (EXODUS 9:22-26)**
7. What did Moses' staff turn into?
A SERPENT (EXODUS 4:2-4)
8. What everyday substance was changed into a plague of lice?
DUST (EXODUS 8:16-17)
9. What caused the boils on the Egyptians? **ASHES THAT WERE TURNED INTO DUST (EXODUS 9:8-12)**
10. What did the Nile waters turn into?
BLOOD (EXODUS 7:19-25)

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