



Proverbs 3:5–7 (ESV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Luke 12:54–56 (ESV) He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time”?

Joshua 1:9 (ESV) “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

One of the most popular questions these days that I get asked is in reference to current events and signs of the times. This is not a bad question and honestly, like many of you, I have also been trying to make sense of the nonsense that seems to be happening on a variety of stages including; politics, economy, natural disasters, wars, moral decline, increase in crime, homelessness, divisiveness, greed, familial disfunction, rudeness, wokeness, CRT, revisionist history and theology, and seemingly a lack of compassion, mercy and love.

I’m aware that we can look back historically over the course of American history (and human history) and find times that have been extremely disturbing and no doubt grievous to our Lord. I also know that in pondering said inquiry of “signs and times” that it can be easily shut down by declaring Solomon’s words that there is, “nothing new under that sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). But as those redeemed by Christ, are we not to be alert, wise and aware of the signs and times in which we find ourselves? Has not the Lord given us prophecies and teachings in the Word to keep his children informed as to his plans and our honoring response to them?

In an attempt to give further exploration and thought into some of the current events and trends, we have launched a sermon series that is fondly entitled, “Making Sense of the Nonsense (in America)”. In this series we will look at the sin and consequences of personal and national pride (September 10, James 4:6), the importance of God building our house and watching over us (September 27, Psalm 127), what can happen when God is no longer Master of all (October 1, Matthew 6), what we can expect if rebellion continues (October 8, Romans 1) and to close, giving some thought to the “nonsense” in a eschatological framework (October 15, Matthew 24, 1 Thessalonians 4, 2 Timothy 3).

Regardless of one’s understanding on the “signs of the times”, as Christ followers, may the Lord find us about his business, walking in obedience in his Word and loving him with all our being (Mark 12:30, John 14:15, 1 John 5:1-5). May the Lord and others, see Christ reflected in who we are (Ephesians 5, James 1:22-25) and may we love others as Christ loves us (John 13:24-35) all the while being ready to give a reason for the hope that we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:5).

I am thankful in times like these that the Lord is sovereignly working all things together for those who love him (Romans 8:28) and to be called to be part of His Family of God at FBCG! Blessings, Pastor Carl

October Events & Info

Fusion Youth October Birthday Night!!! Invite your friends!!! October 22nd!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On October 29th.



FUSION Guys Night!!!

Pastor Matt is putting together a fun packed evening for our Middle & High School Guys & would love for you to be there! Join us October 6th-7th (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 Pastor Matt know if you are planning on coming so we can get a head count for food!

Fusion Youth Hosted Shoebox Packing Party!!!

Come join us on October 22ndth for our Pizza Packing Party!!! The whole church is invited to come help us pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child from 5-8pm. Pizza will be provided! Please see Faith to get signed up. This is a great way to get involved in missions from the comfort of your local town.



Youth Sunday will be on October 29th! We will need lots of help with many different tasks from greeting, skit, worship, speaking, prayer, & much more! Come bring your gifts & talents & see what God will do through you!!! To get signed up please see pastor Matt or signup in the youth room!!! Practices will be at the church. Worship team practice will be on October 26th from 6-8pm, skit team practice will be on October 27th from 6-8pm, & we will have a skit & worship team practice on October 28th from 4-6pm with dinner provided for the youth. Sign-up today!!!

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 for this fun packed night! We will meet at the church on November 5th from 6-8pm! See you then!



- If you have any questions about these events please contact Matt or Faith 443-846-5094
- Check us out on Facebook at [FUSION Youth Ministry](#) & get signed up for emails & texts!



Join us on
Sunday, November 19th @ 5pm
at the Fairfield Fire Hall.
Looking forward to a great banquet!
(106 Steelman St. Fairfield, PA)



Mission Trip

...From Shirley Smith

Because of violence in Haiti, we are unable to go to
La Gonave and minister to our friends there.

However, the Lord is nudging
me to visit the Dominican Republic
and help the teachers at the
Christian school on the compound at Las Colinas.

We could also reach out to Haitians
who have come to the DR,
trying to escape the violence in Haiti.
Clotaire and possibly some others may be able to
help with projects at the church and village.

If you feel a call to go,
please get in touch for more information.
Shirley Smith (717-357-7279)



October Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

In honor of Pastor Carl, Pastor Sean, Pastor Matt, and our church secretary, Kathy Negro, the Staff Relations Board has decided to collect monetary love gifts from the congregation during October's Staff Appreciation Month rather than at Christmas. This will be a tangible way of expressing our love and appreciation, as well as cheering on our staff.

Cash donations may be given to JR Crushong, Marty Tuckey, Van Weber, or Laura Meals during the month of October.

Of course, notes and cards of encouragement, a meal, or 'goodies' would be additional ways of expressing gratitude to our staff.

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ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Happening now!

Two Adult Sunday Bible Fellowship classes during both services will be showing videos of the speakers who were featured at the recent 'Answers in Genesis' Conference held this past Spring. (Wanda Gallimore's "Bible Basics will still be meeting) The theme of the conference was "Abide: Holding Fast in Suffering." A few of the featured speakers include Ken Ham, Dr. Georgia Purdom, Justin Peters, Heidi St. John, Jason Carlson, Costi Hinn, and Allie Beth Stuckey. Topics to be shared include "Hope Amid Despair," "The Truth About Trials," "Death, Suffering, and a Loving God?", "Suffering Like a Saint," "Prepare to Stand," and others.

For those who hunger for biblical teaching that speaks to the heart of our current cultural challenges, you will not want to miss this golden opportunity to be encouraged, equipped, and inspired! All FBC attenders are invited to participate, even if you don't currently attend Sunday Bible Fellowship classes. We hope you will make it a priority to join a class.

Abide

"Abide means to accept without resistance, to put up with something trying or painful, to remain, stay steady and keep your position. What it means to abide in Christ—that is to always be resting on him, anchored to him, fixed in him, drawing from him, continually connected and in touch with him. Abiding in Christ brings **peace, joy, and love**, answers to prayer, and fruitfulness in service. The abiding life is the abundant life." - Dr Georgia Purdom

Several scriptures come to mind as I think about abiding with the Lord:

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Psalms 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

John 20:19

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Abiding in Christ is necessary to experience true peace, joy and love. Psalm 16 clearly states that we can be filled with joy **in His presence**. Also, according to John 20:19, Christ is Peace, so true peace can only be experienced **in His presence**. Of course, Christ **IS** love so being in His presence, we experience love.

So how do we really reside in His presence? There are multiple ways. We can be in His presence by spending time in His Word, remembering that the Word is alive—the Word is Jesus. We can memorize the Word and apply it frequently. We can communicate with Christ which is praying. As we pray, we are in the presence of Christ. Through prayer, we can cast our cares upon him, giving our cares and concerns to Him. As we release and entrust Christ with our cares, we will have joy, peace and love.

October is an important month at FBC. It's the month of the last 2023

Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child.

Yes, I said PARTY!

On Sunday evening, October 22, the teens will host the Packing Party where everyone is welcome to help pack 200 shoeboxes to be sent to spiritually needy 10-14 year olds around the globe. We will meet in Lewis Hall from 5 - 8 pm on October 22 to enjoy pizza and celebrate the opportunity to share Jesus with others by packing shoeboxes for young people.

Shipping a box to an African country by UPS costs well over \$50.00. OCC asks only \$10.00 per box. What a deal! This small donation funds local and international shipping (by truck, boat, camel, canoe, elephant, motorbike, etc.). It also funds teacher training and supplies.

If you are able to help financially, please add your donation to this church's offering. Be sure to mark your donation "Shoeboxes."

The most important thing you can do to help the shoeboxes on their way is to pray. Every person there will hear of Jesus' sacrifice, some for the first time. Pray for prepared hearts. Pray also for safe travel and prepared teachers.

Hope to see you there.

The Shoebox Team



5th Sunday Children's Sermon



**Beginning October 29th and on EVERY 5TH SUNDAY,
there will be a short Children's sermon preached.
Children will be asked to come forward during the
service and sit to hear a message. Children will then
go back with their families for the remainder of
church. There is
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THIS DAY!**



**ANNUAL
REPORT DUE**

**ANNUAL REPORTS
ARE DUE BY
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 19TH.
THANK YOU**

NOW SCHEDULING TEACHERS/HELPERS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (SBF)

- ✓ **Great opportunity to invest in a child's faith**
- ✓ **Curriculum provided**
- ✓ **Training provided**
- ✓ **Small group size**
- ✓ **Two month commitment**
8:50-10:00am





**Men's Breakfast will
resume on Saturday,
October 21st @ 7:30 am.**

**Enjoy great food and
fellowship**



AWANA

**Every Wednesday,
from 5:50-7:30pm.**

**Looking forward
to a great year!**



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

Oct 29 - Bingo & Pie Fest

**Nov 19 - Thanksgiving banquet (not
meeting on Nov 26)
There will be NO MEETING in
December**



**Friday and
Saturday October
6th and 7th
6:00pm**



Emily La Bianca - Shepherd's Staff (Berlin, Germany)

The work in Berlin is going well. In the past week Emily and her team has been able to support several women from the red light district, and are currently planning a worship night for them. Lately they have been experiencing resistance in some of the strip club and brothels where they normally visit and she is asking for prayers for the owners of those establishments to show them favor and let them minister to the women. She is also asking for prayers for health and protection for her and her team.

Emily also sends love to the whole congregation.

Rusty and Larissa Innerst - Global Outreach International (Peru)

Rusty, Larissa and their family spent 3 weeks back in the states this summer. We were lucky to have them worship with us one Sunday. They are back in Peru, and the kids are setting back into the routine of school. On the weekend they also co-lead a youth group. In September Rusty is traveling to the Yine Communities for meeting with indigenous churches and leaders. In October they will be having a orality training in Pucallpa which they are planning for right now.

They want to thank everyone for their continuous prayers.



Office Closed
on
November 23rd & 24th
for **Thanksgiving**



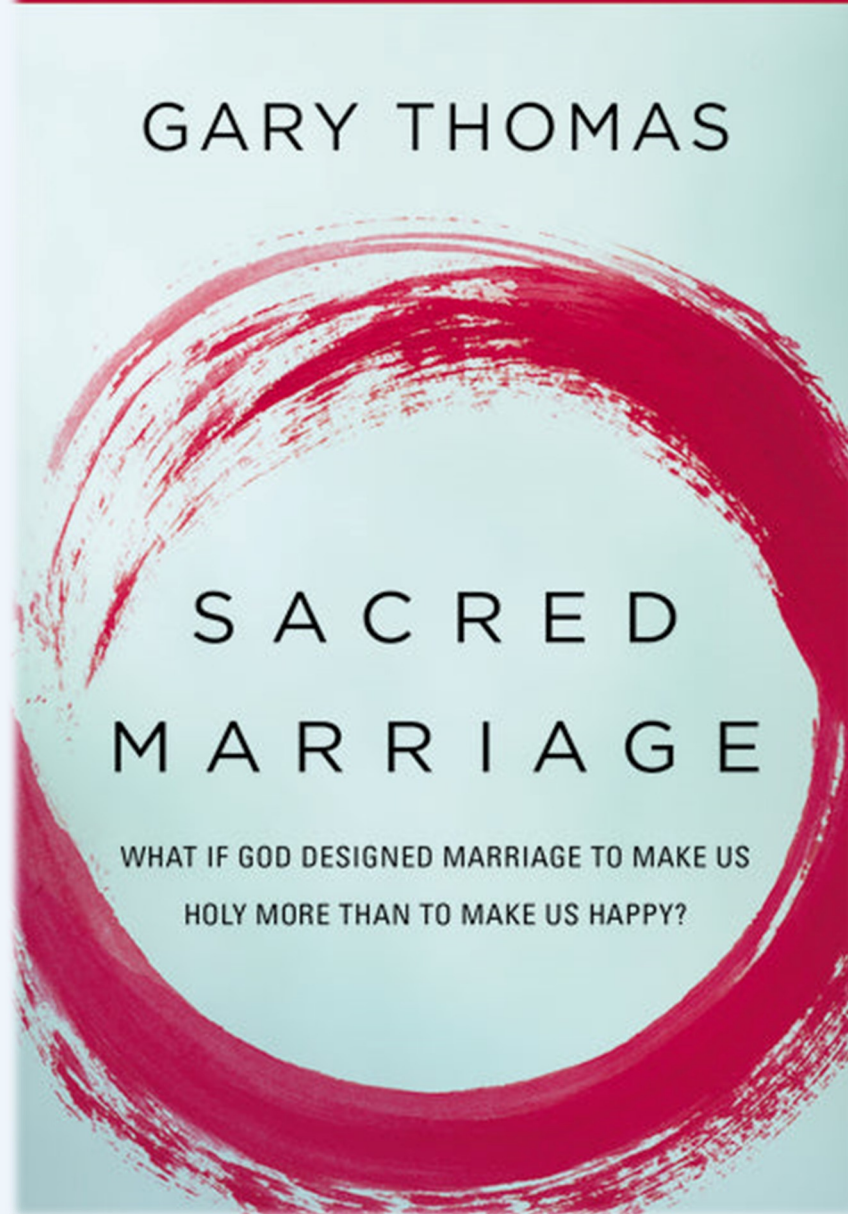
Youth Sunday
is
October 29th!
There is only one service
this day @ 10:00am



OUTDOOR SERVICE
Sunday,
October 15th @
10:00am
Picnic with Pie contest
following



Hymn Sing!
Sunday,
October 29th
6:30-7:30



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Friday, November 10th 6-8pm

Saturday, November 11th 9-2pm - lunch served

Childcare for kids under 12 will be provided!

Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It's a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.



2023 Women's Retreat

Come out for a sweet time of relaxation and refreshment with the Lord.

Saturday,

October 21, 2023

9:30-2:30pm

Brunch Served



Do you know that there are many people in our community who have heard about "The Chosen" and wonder about it, but have never seen it? Now we at FBC are inviting our community to "come and see" The Chosen. Your family, friends and neighbors can watch this worldwide epic series beginning September 24 at 6pm in the sanctuary. An episode or sometimes two, each week until the first or second week in November. We will take a break then for the holidays and return for season 2 in early January. If you have not seen this series you are missing a look at real life during the time of the gospels with many relevant lessons for today and many times a deeper knowledge of scripture from the Old Testament. Plan now to join us even if you have seen it as there is always something new to glean from this unprecedented series. Invite your family and friends as we want to do this as an outreach to the community.

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

Answers in Genesis - 9:00/10:30am - Lewis Hall

BOOK of DANIEL (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall (doing Answers in Genesis)

BOOK OF GENESIS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall (doing Answers in Genesis)

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

BIBLE STUDY - (Hosea) 9:30am Starts Sept 21st - meets in Youth room

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

DEEPER STILL @ Gallimore's 12:00pm Every other week starts 9/10

SATURDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 3rd Saturday of each month (starts on October 21st)

Coming Soon!

UKULELE SING ALONG



Saturday, December 9th @ 10:00am

Bring a friend!



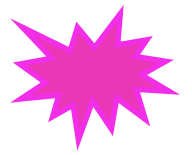
SCAN THIS WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

Can You Guess The Hymn?

**I was bruised
but Jesus healed me,
Faint was I from
many-a fall;
Sight was gone
and fears oppressed me,
But He freed me
from them all**



9 Questions



Violent People and Things

- 1.What oversized warrior had bronze armor weighing over 125 pounds?**
- 2.What Roman official in Jerusalem bowed to the wishes of an uncontrollable mob?**
- 3.In what city in Greece did a group of jews whip up a company of thugs in an anti-Paul riot?**
- 4.Who carried 5 smooth stones as his weapons?**
- 5.What did Ehud use to kill fat King Eglon and Moab?**
- 6.Who killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad?**
- 7.What did Jael use to murder Sisera?**
- 8.What rebel was killed by 3 darts shot into his heart by Joab?**
- 9.What prophet was commanded to make a model of Jerusalem and set battering rams against it?**

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People in Exile

1. What apostle was exiled to Patmos?
JOHN (REVELATION 1:9)
2. How many years were the Israelites in Egypt?
430 YEARS (EXODUS 12:40)
3. What prophet was exiled in Egypt with other people from Judah? **JEREMIAH (43:5-7)**
4. What was the first instance of exile in the Bible?
GOD DROVE ADAM AND EVE OUT OF THE GARDEN (GENESIS 3:24)
5. Who was brought down to Egypt and sold to a man named Potiphar?
JOSEPH (GENESIS 39:1)
6. Who chose to go into exile rather than constantly quarrel with his brother?
JACOB (GENESIS 27:41-45)
7. Who was exiled from the rest of the world? **NOAH AND HIS FAMILY, SINCE EVERYONE ELSE DIES (GENESIS 7:23)**
8. Who did Abraham banish to the desert? **HAGAR AND ISHMAEL (GENESIS 21:14)**

ANSWER: Hymn # 618 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.