



In Psalm 118, we are reminded to: "Give thanks to the Lord for his love endures forever!" What a glorious truth and reality this is for those who believe upon him as Savior and Lord! When we walk with the Lord over the years, oh the joy that is ours as we look back over trials, joys, and tragedies and can give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness through the many seasons of life!

Although he has brought us through many past trials, have we reached the point of knowledge and saturation in his faithfulness that we move through any current trial with his peace and the confidence that he who brought us thus far will again be with us through any rough, unknown waters ahead? My prayer is that this is more and more true of us. The work that he started in us he will bring to completion and perfection (Philippians 1:6) as we trust, worship and are eventually raised with him in glory!

"When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me. He is my helper." (Psalm 118:5-7). I don't know what you are enduring today, but rest assured that God does, and he is at the ready to give you all that you need according to his glorious riches (Philippians 4:19).

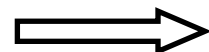
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July 2022

YOUTH GROUP CONTINUES!!!

As you all know, FBC Youth ministry is in a difficult season right now. Pastor Matt has been out for several weeks and it's unknown when he can return. But God has been faithful and we continue to hold Matt up in prayer for complete healing and health. We pray too, for Faith and the kids.

In the meantime, some generous volunteers have stepped up to fill in. Youth Group is still happening, Praise the Lord! Thank you to Sharla Reiter, Jerred Holtzople, and Eric Holsopple for your willingness to serve the youth of FBC during this most difficult time. We look forward to seeing Pastor Matt soon!





Pastor Carl will be on vacation: June 30- July 5

Pastor Sean will be on vacation: June 17- July 17 (Annual Training)

Kathy will be on vacation: June 24- July 1

Prayer

Lord, remind us that your call
is not just to the treasured time of worship
or to those peaceful moments of prayer, but,
because of the resurrection,
it is to move with courage into the encounters and arenas of life
where many have not heard the Gospel's call.

Help us to speak when it is not easy,
to act when it is safer to just go along with wrong.

Help us to know that in the day of Jesus Christ,
His kingdom will come;

and let us, O God, be bound by a love amazing and divine,
and then go out and embrace a weary and despairing world
and lift that world to You.

Amen.



Shoebox News!



July 2022

Can you believe it's July already! VBS is coming up fast. The children will again be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child during VBS. We will also have a teen/church-wide packing party in the fall.

In order to pack quality boxes, we need donations of the following items:

Colored pencils

Crayons

Pens

8 inch scissors for use with sewing kits

Small cars and trucks

Small toys and stuffed animals

Play dough and play dough cutters

Clothes pins (the pinch kind)

Glue sticks

Items to add to a small craft box (If you are a crafter, you may have left-over

beads, string, pipe cleaners, colorful straws, stickers, small pieces of anything a child could use to be creative.)

Mailing and distributing each box costs \$10 this year. If you can help with the shipping costs, please add your donation (any size) to the church offering. Remember to mark it "Shoeboxes."

Thank you,

The FBC Shoebox Team



LAY VISITORS MINISTRY

**Next Meeting:
Thursday, July 7 @ 11:15**

Pastor's office

Interested in being a visitor? See Pastor Carl



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

In October, the W2 Group will attend the show

"David"

at

Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster.

**NEXT: July 31st
Q&A**

With Mark Punchard (discussing Pharmaceuticals and Supplements)

August 28th: Fellowship time w/Bingo

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Helping you take what God has placed inside to the next level!



Spiritual Gifts Workshop

August 14, 21 and 28 6:30-8pm

This is a great class to explore and identify your spiritual gifts. Learn the difference between natural talents, fruits of the spirit and gifts of the spirit. Class will look at a variety of scriptures and will focus on the role of faith, obedience and love. Facilitated by Pastor Carl. Meets in the FBCG music room.



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS PRAYER WALK

Join us **at 7pm** for a brief time of prayer and then venturing out in pairs to pray for our town, neighborhoods and college. **On July 14**, meet at Rita's (523 Baltimore Street) **at 7pm** for a prayer walk through downtown Gettysburg. **On August 4**, meet **at 7pm** at Van and Kristen Weber's home (71 Regiment Drive) as we prayer walk through some of the surrounding neighborhoods including the new developments. **On August 18**, meet **at the Gettysburg College Football field** (Warrior Stadium, 37 Lefever Street) as we walk and pray through the campus.

elder's corner

What comes to mind when we say "PRAYER"?

Are we thinking "I can't do that" or "that is what our pastors and elders do".

Or can we trust, believe, and know that God's word is true. Just as our lives in Christ require us to be alert and steadfast, our prayer life needs to be the same. My hope is that these verses will cause you to walk closer with the Lord and trust in His word.

TRUST

1 Chronicles 5:20 "They cried out to God during the battle and He answered their prayer because they trusted in Him."

During our battles when we cry out to God, are we trusting in Him to answer our prayers?

I see later on in this chapter the same people that trusted God became unfaithful.

More reason for God's people to be alert and steadfast.

PRAYER LIFE

Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

God's word is amazing. The verses before this talk about putting on every piece of the whole armor of God so we can be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power because our fight is not against flesh and blood.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually" : "Never stop praying."

2 Thessalonians 1:11 "So we keep on praying for you asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call."

WORSHIP

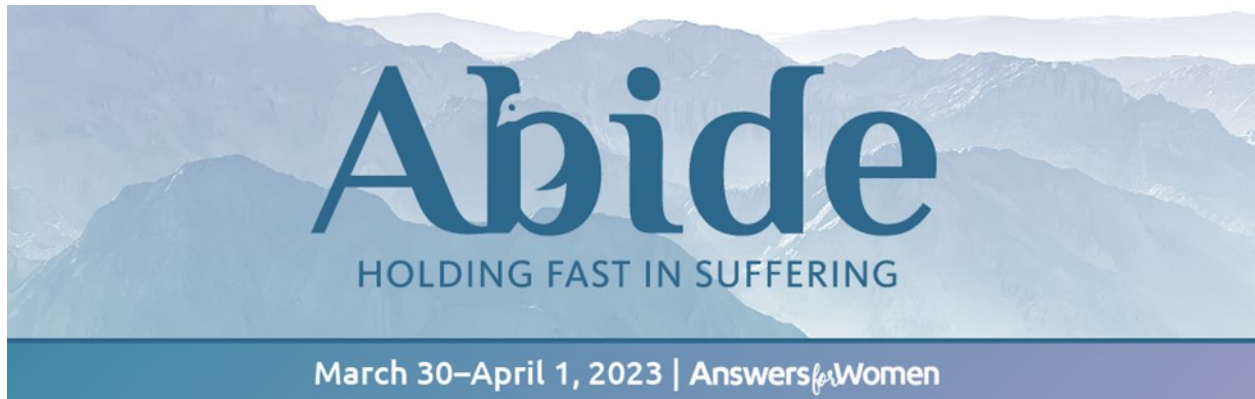
Paul, in 1 Timothy, gives instruction about worship, giving us a glimpse of what our prayer/ worship should be. So important and necessary to give all over to God.

1 Timothy 2:8 “In every place of worship I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2 “I urge you first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them. Intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.”
Isn't it good to know that God is near to us? We know this even more when we pray and talk to Him.

Deuteronomy 4:7 “For what great nation has a god near to them as the Lord our God is near to us whenever we call on him.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (TO BE CONTINUED)



Calling All FBCG Women – Save the Date!

“As Christians in the West, we have lived relatively free of suffering for years. We are accustomed to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and a general freedom to live out our faith without fear. So much so that many of us are unprepared for the tidal wave of persecution threatening to crash on our shores.

How many of us are ready to stand when the stakes are personally high? Are you? At Answers for Women 2023, you’ll learn how to abide in Christ and hold fast to the anchor of our souls through suffering and persecution. As we experience more and more persecution from all corners, we must develop a perspective on suffering that is rooted in God’s Word, enabling us to plant our feet firmly in the shifting sands. We can’t wait until suffering knocks on our door to figure out how we are going to react—we must firmly fix our hearts on Jesus *now* and plan to follow him, no matter what.

Please plan to attend “*Abide: Holding Fast in Suffering*” next March. Registration also includes 7-day entrance to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. See <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2023/> for a list of speakers. If at all possible, don’t miss this event. FBCG had 11 women attend the conference this past March and 7 already signed up for next year’s conference. The registration fee is currently \$99 for groups of 6 or more who sign up before Sept. 30. Please contact Carolyn Tuckey (ctuckey@gettysburg.edu or 610-299-0155) if you have questions or would like to register. We need 6 ladies to register at the same time as a group to get the best pricing.

ANSWERS FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE

SO MUCH FUN!!! JOIN US NEXT YEAR!!!!



2022

CREATION
MUSEUM



ARK
ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

DAVID JEREMIAH DVD study (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

ROMANS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

INTENTIONAL PARENTING (Blair) 9:00am Kitchen

SHEPHERDING YOUR CHILD'S HEART (Harris) 9:00am Sunshine

DOING LIFE WITH YOUR ADULT CHILD (Reuse) 9:00am Lewis Hall

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 ACTS (P. Carl) @ FBC 5:30am Men Only! OFF FOR SUMMER

BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS @ FBC 9:30am OFF FOR SUMMER

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

DEEPER STILL (Gallimore) @FBC 1:00pm Every other week

FRIDAY (every other)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Pastor Sean's home) 7:30pm Men Only! 11



Practice every Sunday @ 9am starting June 5 through the summer

Kid's for Christ Musical!!

AGES 4- 12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

See Lori Miley if interested

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BOOK REVIEW

ZOOM

“The Pursuit of
Holiness”

by Jerry Bridges

need link? See Pastor Carl

Can You Guess The Hymn?

O what emptiness
without the Savior
mid the sins and sorrows
here below!

And eternity
how dark without Him,
Only night and tears
and endless woe!

What though I might live
without the Savior,
when I come to die
how would it be?

O to face the Valley's gloom
without Him!
And without Him
all eternity!



10 Questions



AS A REMINDER...

- 1. What sign was given as a reminder that the world would never again be destroyed by a flood?**
- 2. What ritual was to be a reminder of Christ's body and blood?**
- 3. What day of the week is a reminder of God's completed creation?**
- 4. What was the manna put into the Ark of the Covenant a reminder of?**
- 5. What festival was to be a memorial of the Jews' salvation from the wicked Persian Haman?**
- 6. What feast was to be a reminder of the simple homes the Israelites had in Egypt?**
- 7. What feast was the reminder of the death angel killing the Egyptian firstborn?**
- 8. Who made brazen lights to remind the people of Israel that no one except Aaron's descendants should serve as priests?**
- 9. What woman did Jesus say would have her story remembered for doing a kindness to him?**
- 10. Who set up 12 stones to remind the people of God's power in bringing them across the Jordan?**

'Stones, Rolling and Non-Rolling'

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1. Who suggested that stones could be turned into bread? **SATAN (LUKE 4:3)**
2. Who used a stone for a pillow? **JACOB (GENESIS 28:11-22)**
3. What enemies of Joshua were pelted by stones from the Lord? **THE AMORITES (JOSHUA 10:11)**
4. In what humiliating way was Abimelech murdered? **A WOMAN DROPPED A MILLSTONE ON HIS HEAD (JUDGES 9:53)**
5. Who had a vision of an angel casting an enormous stone into the sea? **JOHN (REVELATION 2:17)**
6. Who erected a large pillar stone and called it Ebenezer? **SAMUEL (1 SAMUEL 7:12)**
7. What shepherd boy went into battle with a bag of stones? **DAVID (1 SAMUEL 17:49)**
8. Who built an alter of stone that was consumed by fire from heaven? **ELIJAH (1 KINGS 18:31-38)**
9. What patriarch and his father-in-law heaped up stones as a sign of their covenant together? **JACOB AND LABAN (GENESIS 31:44-52)**
10. Who sat on a stone while Amalekites fought the Israelites? **MOSES (EXODUS 17:8-12)**
11. Who had adream about a giant statue struck by a stone? **NEBUCHADNEZZAR (DANIEL 2:34-35)**
12. Which disciple was called a rock? **PETER (MATTHEW 16:18)**
13. In Revelation, what did the Spirit promise to the churches that would overcome? **A WHITE STONE (REVELATION 2:17)**
14. Who set up a commemorative stone after the Israelites covenanted to serve the Lord? **JOSHUA (24:27)**
15. Which of Paul's epistles speaks about a "spiritual rock" which is Christ? **1 CORINTHIANS (10:4)**

ANSWER TO HYMN: If I Gained the World #642

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