

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever

Psalm 136:1

Happy Thanksgiving!



I recently came across a great hymn written by August Ludwig Storm entitled, "Thanks to God for My Redeemer." Mr. Storm was born in Sweden in 1892 and worked for the Salvation Army. He was struck with a serious back disorder yet wrote some amazing poetry and hymns. This particular hymn is full of verses of gratitude, praise and thankfulness for the many blessings bestowed by God, but is equally thankful for the "storms, thorns, what has been denied, dark and dreary fall, and sorrow and pain."

How is it that we can find gratitude, praise and thanksgiving in unpleasant times? Because we have a loving Redeemer who "walks by our side, answers our prayers, dost supply, imparts heavenly peace and grace that none can measure, love beyond compare and hope for tomorrow and through all eternity!"

As we move through this season of life full of trials, let us do so with thanksgiving. May our eyes be found on Christ, may our minds be meditating on His Word, and may hearts be steadfast in prayer, as we wait, watch, serve and love with the joy of the Lord!

Colossians 4:2 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

1 Timothy 4:4 –5 *For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.*

Psalm 106:1 *Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*



It's hard to believe that it is already November and that Thanksgiving is just about here. It's no secret that the last couple months have been rather difficult for many folks, my family included, but the truth that the Lord is near to the broken hearted is so true and what a great comfort that is and every reason to be thankful. Thank you too for all the love, prayers and support you have shown our family and the Beam family. We are very grateful for God surrounding us with such care.

As we look forward into this months events, we, Lord willing, will have our annual Fusion Capture the Flag Night for 6th-12th grades on Nov 7th, and a Fusion Bonfire Night for 6th-12th grades at the Hurda's house on Nov 19th. In December we will be having our Fusion Christmas party. I know that seems crazy to be talking Christmas, but it is almost upon us!

The devotion below talks about knowing the end result of a race before it's even over. That is exactly what our life is like as Christians. We should never get tired of doing what God is calling us to do, even if it truly is physically, spiritually or mentally exhausting, because we know the end results with Christ. At the end of our lives, we who have accepted Jesus are going to be with Him in paradise forever, with all our loved ones who loved Jesus before us. So whatever you are going through, focus on the end game and end results.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13:7 NLT

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

2 Corinthians 4:16 NLT

How To Survive THRIVE - Spiritually

You Grow When You Approach Life With An Eternal And Not A Temporal Perspective

Have you ever played a game you knew you're going to win?

I recently watched my husband compete in a race where in the last few minutes, he was guaranteed to come third. The first two athletes had already finished, and the guys behind him were too far behind to catch him.

He was exhausted and sore. But he knew how the race would end. He had the courage to keep going. He fumbled a little here and there, but his mistakes were nothing in the big picture. He knew the outcome and he finished strong.

When you know how the race is going to end, suddenly the temporary pain is bearable. The setbacks and frustrations don't mentally throw you into despair. Hardship doesn't cause you to give up. You know how the game ends.

What are some struggles you're facing right now? What pain or hardship is making you want to give up?

As followers of Jesus, we know how the game ends. We can choose to look at things with an eternal perspective. Even the people we know who have hurt us, or disappointed us - we can look at them through God's eyes. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:16-17,

"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know Him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new".

Our eternal perspective is that Jesus has conquered death and pain.

Our eternal perspective is that God is making all things new.

Our eternal perspective is that we are God's children that He will never forsake, abandon or leave.

Our eternal perspective is that ultimately God is drawing everyone and everything to Himself, and this world is on a trajectory of redemption.

1 Corinthians 13:7 says this about love:

"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

God is love. And God loves you.

So today, remember this over your circumstances and give yourself an eternal perspective:

God always protects. God always trusts. God always hopes. God always perseveres. God never fails.

Amen!

For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



FBC will be hosting C.A.R.E.S. from November 15-29. This is a busy time and many volunteers are needed to make this work. We are in need of drivers, hosts and breakfast helpers. If you can help, please contact the office or Pastor Carl.

This important ministry provides shelter for people during the coldest months when no other shelter can be found. This is accomplished through a partnership with local churches and community service agencies.

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. consists of a cold weather shelter and a Resource Center geared to provide support to our guests. With over 500 trained volunteers, our program director, and four part time staff, we are able to maintain our Shelter and Resource Center programming.

We are very grateful and blessed to have so many people and organizations who want to help improve the lives of our homeless neighbors. Our staff, Board of directors, and our homeless guests thank you for your contributions to Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Pray before, during and after our Sunday services!

BE A *Prayer* WARRIOR

Luke 21:36

Join the FBC Prayer Intercessors. Pray for our leaders, our service and our church body. See Kathy or Arla McBeth to be placed on the 2021-22 calendar. This is a vital ministry and you do not need to be present to pray.



CHECK IT OUT!!!



6-7:30 PM
DINNER @ 5:00-5:50

Private Music Lessons



Jim Sitter gives private music lessons either by video or in person. If you are interested in taking lessons for guitar, bass, mandolin, ukulele, piano and of course drums,...please give Jim a call @ 541-499-7330

A top-down view of a rustic wooden table set for a Thanksgiving banquet. The table is adorned with four place settings, each featuring a white plate, a red napkin tied with a gold ring, and a small pumpkin. Various autumnal decorations are scattered across the table, including sunflowers, pumpkins, gourds, and baskets of fruit like apples and blueberries. A roasted turkey is visible on the right side of the table.

JOIN US!

Thanksgiving Banquet

Sunday, November 21st

Fairfield Fire Hall

5pm

youth BONFIRE HANGOUT

November 19th

6-8pm

@ FBC

Rain Date is Nov 20





JOIN THE NEW **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GROUP** ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH. THIS WILL BE TIME OF FISHING AND ARCHERY AT NEIL STARNER'S FARM LOCATED AT: 1490 COON RD, ASPERS, PA. PLEASE BRING EQUIPMENT, CHAIRS, A LUNCH AND A FISHING LICENSE IF NEEDED.





**"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"**

Philippians 4:4

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
20TH @
7:30AM**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Faith, Food &
FELLOWSHIP**





The gathering is complete.

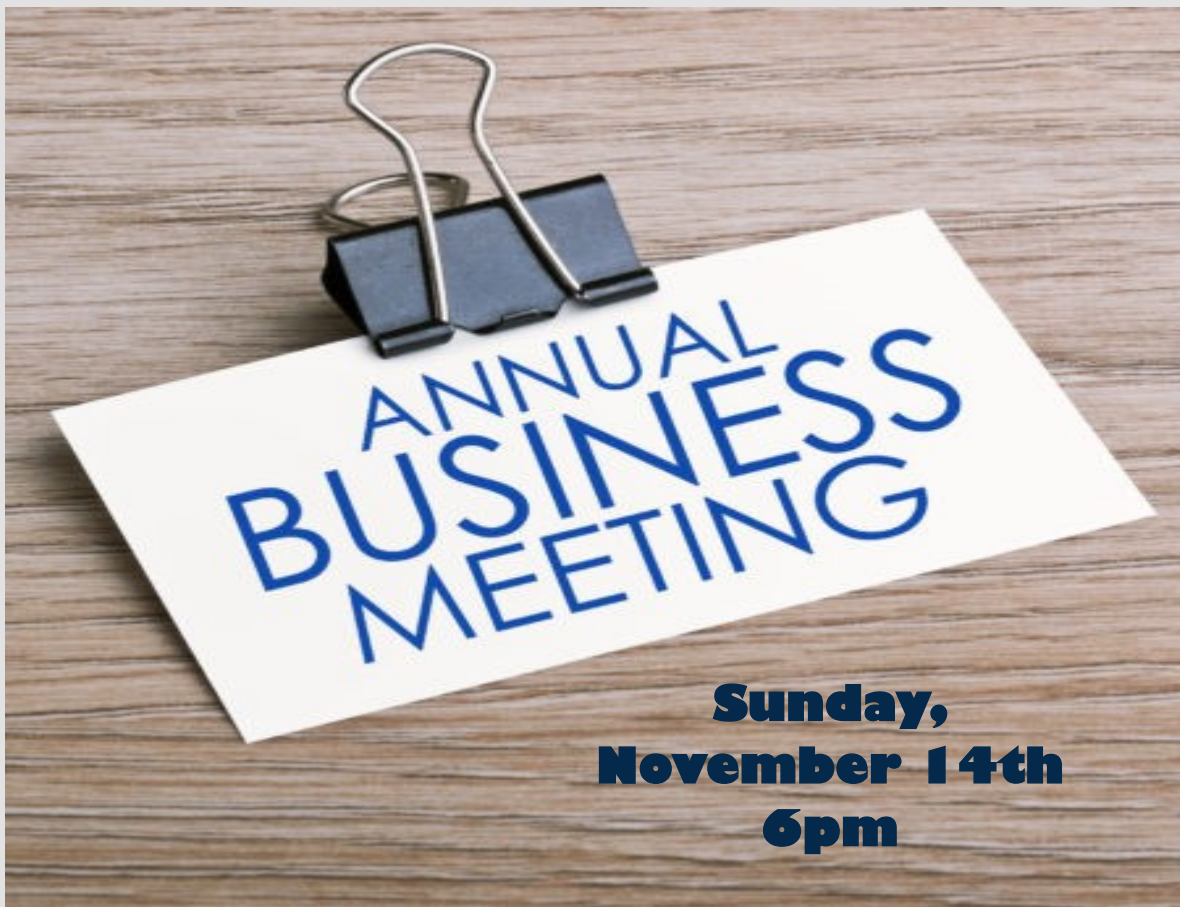
The packing is done.

The opportunities to serve continue to come.

There will be many opportunities to serve during the Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week, Nov. 15 – 22, 2021. NCW is when FBC serves as a place for individuals and organizations to drop off the shoeboxes they have packed. We collect the shoeboxes, count them, and place them in larger boxes for shipping. Volunteers help in shifts of 2 to 4 hours each day. We will also need one person per shift to lift the heavy cartons (of about 45 pounds) into the trailer. Volunteers can sign up in the foyer to help during one or more time slots.

Our time at the Shoebox Processing Center near Baltimore is on Nov. 26, or Dec. 3. This is where a team of volunteers checks each box to be sure it passes both OCC and custom's requirements. We can go as a group or individually. We would leave around 7am and return around 5pm. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fran Rohrer at 717-676-0524 or dfrohrer@gmail.com for more information.

Hope to see you serving,
The FBC Shoebox Team



November 24 - CLOSED

November 25 - CLOSED

November 26 - CLOSED

December 23rd - close @ 12:30

December 30th - close @12:30

December 24th - CLOSED

December 31st - CLOSED





Be a part of our new church directory. We have contracted with **Universal Church Directories** for a new color pictorial directory. We want as many families as possible to be included. Pictures will be taken on Dec 6 (Monday), Dec 7 (Tuesday), and Dec 8 (Wednesday). Sign up online: Go to www.ucdir.com, click on 'Photography appointment scheduling login', enter the church code: 'pa912' and enter the church password: 'photos'. Follow the remaining prompts.

Don't forget
to order your beautiful
Christmas Poinsettia
from **Musselman's Nursery**.
Order forms will be in the bulletin soon!



elder's corner

The purpose of the Elder Board as you folks already know is to guard the spiritual life of the church. But do you also know that as individual believers you and I are to take a stand for Christ every day of our lives. This is very important and you and I can make a difference in the lives of people we know and meet.

Taking a stand for Christ can cost us – financially, physically and spiritually. We need to have the attitude of the apostle Paul: For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21). Paul reminds us in 1:26 that we are to let our conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ. Here are some examples:

About 150 years ago there was a great revival in the country of Wales. As a result of this many missionaries came to north-east India to share the gospel. To this region known as Assam came American Baptist Missionaries to hundreds of tribes known for being aggressive head-hunters. Of course they were not well received.

However one of these missionaries led a man, his wife and two sons to faith in Jesus Christ. As a result this man and his wife began leading other villagers to accept Jesus. This angered the village chief who called all the villagers together. He then called the family who had first converted to Jesus to renounce their new found faith in public. The man refused to renounce his faith. He told the chief "I have decided to follow Jesus." This made the chief so mad that he ordered his archers to kill the man's two sons.

The chief of the village gave him another chance to reject Jesus and the man said "though no one joins me still I will follow. Though no one joins me still I will follow. Though no one joins me still I will follow. No turning back, no turning back. This so enraged the chief he ordered his wife to be killed with a bow and arrow also.

The chief gave him one more opportunity to renounce his faith in Christ. He replied, "The cross before me, the world behind me. The cross before me, the world behind me. The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back, no turning back."

He had his archers kill him with their arrows. But then a miracle took place. The chief who had this man and his whole family killed wondered "why should a man die for a Man who lived in a far-away place 2000 years ago on another continent. There must be some remarkable power behind this family's faith, and I too want to taste that faith."

The chief then declared "I too belong to Jesus Christ!" When the crowd heard this from the mouth of their chief, the whole village accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

It was the last words from this man known as Nokseng from the Garo tribe of Assam that formed the basis for the song used for many years at Billy Graham's Crusades known as "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus.

We have been studying the book of Daniel in Bible Fellowship class on Sunday mornings. This past week we looked at chapter three where Daniel's three friends were thrown in a furnace for refusing to bow down and worship an idol. They too were asked to compromise their faith and refused to do so. Look at this story from World War II about Paul Schneider and look at the similarity.

He was a pastor in the "Confessing Church" in Germany. The people making up this church believed the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and consisted of people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Neimoller. They did not give in to the Nazi's request to go along with Hitler's program.

Pastor Schneider had grown up being taught the Bible was full of errors and could not be trusted. In 1921 as he began his theological studies he realized that the great reformers, Martin Luther and John Calvin were right: man is a sinner in need of redemption. He saw that Biblical salvation was by repentance and faith in the crucified and risen Christ.

Pastors Schneider and Neimoller shared the dubious distinction of being Hitler's personal prisoners, meaning that he had personally signed the order to silence them.

Pastor Schneider refused to say "heil Hitler" since he considered that worship of an idol. He was asked one time to bow to the Nazi flag and refused to bow. For that he was whipped twenty-five times with a oxhide whip, thrown into a cell (4 feet by 10 feet) and bleeding for 15 months. All he received was bread and water. He had no furniture, no electric light and was not allowed a Bible.

One Sunday in 1938 he preached to prisoners through his cell window and within a few minutes the prison guards pulled him away from the window bars, tied him to a rack and gave him 25 more lashes with a leather whip. Schneider told a friend " Somebody has to preach God's Word in this hell."

A few months later Pastor Schneider did the same thing and received another 25 lashes.

For telling a guard the truth in answer to his question he was suspended by his wrists from the window bars, with his feet off the floor for hours.

Finally the Nazi's realized he was not about to cooperate with them. All he would have to do was sign a document saying he supported the Nazi regime and he would have been released. So a prison doctor injected him with an overdose of "strophanthin", a drug used to treat cardiac insufficiency and killed him.

In the last few years we have had Barronelle Stutzman, a florist who had served a gay customer for 10 years but refused to do flowers for his gay wedding. For this she was sued by the Attorney General for the state of Washington and the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union).

Also in the state of Washington, a football coach, named Joe Kennedy, was fired by his high school administrators for refusing to stop praying on the football field following games and practices with willing players.

Finally, there is Jack Phillips who bakes cakes for a living in Colorado. He is the owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop and refused to design a cake for a same-sex marriage ceremony. He won his case in 2018 in the U.S. Supreme Court. But was sued again for refusing to make a cake for a gender-transition.

The above cases have yet to be settled. But remember 2 passages of Scripture from Hebrews 10:23 – He who promised is faithful and 10:38, "the just shall live by faith."

Remember we are doing spiritual warfare. We need to support one another and especially uplift our pastors in prayer. Romans 8:31 says if God is for us who can be against us. Let us always strive to do the right thing decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Keep Looking Up!!!

Your Elder Board

Join a Life Group or Bible Fellowship Class today!

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

GALATIANS (Pileggi) 9:00am Lewis Hall

DANIEL (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

SOUL DETOX/FIGHT (Blair) 9:00am Kitchen

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

KID'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (ages 4-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS

TUESDAY

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

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

THURSDAY

GOSPEL OF JOHN (P. Carl) @ FBC 5:30am Men Only!

GOSPEL OF LUKE (P. Carl) @ FBC 9:30am All Welcome!

THE BAIT OF SATAN (P. Carl) ZOOM 7:00-8:00pm

1st/3rd Thursday - November book will be "Gentle and Lowly"

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

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

THE CHOSEN (Gallimore home) 6:15pm light meal served

FRIDAY

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight

SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH, 7PM

Bring bells to ring!



W2 Group

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service to support and love each other. All are welcome!

Next:
Sunday, November 28th
for a time of fellowship

Can You Guess The Hymn?

**Why should we linger
when Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then,
and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?**



15 Questions



Across the Biblical Spectrum

1. What color was the hideous seven-headed dragon in Revelation?
2. What is the first color mentioned in the bible?
3. What doting father gave his favorite son a coat of many colors?
4. What New Testament woman was a seller of purple cloth?
5. What book describes a handsome man whose hair is black as a raven?
6. What prophet had a vision of four chariots pulled by different colored horses?
7. According to Isaiah, what color does the Lord wear?
8. According to Isaiah, what color are sins?
9. What color was the sun in Revelation when it became like sackcloth?
10. What fabulous animal is mentioned as churning up white foam in the sea?
11. Who, according to 2 Peter, had a place of deep blackness reserved for them?
12. What evil woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and covered with jewels?
13. According to Joel, what fateful day will be a day of blackness?
14. Which Old Testament book contains the most references to the color blue?
15. According to Psalms, what color is the sinner after being washed by God?



Fran Rohrer - 5
 Mike Scyphers - 9
 Kim Gipe - 10
 Louise Lustig - 12
 Eli Shay - 13
 Emily Holtzople - 16

Greg Hurda - 17
 Laura Meals - 17
 Kim Wagner - 18
 Bobbie Cooke - 23
 Alanna Beckman Baker - 24
 Rhonda Blyler - 25

HAPPY November ANNIVERSARY



Paul and Nancy Jay - 2
 Patrick and Catherine Double - 12
 Thomas and Melisa Mohler - 20
 Sherry and Roger Hess - 24
 Barry and Peggy Ruhlman - 24
 Frank and Judy Giorno - 28
 Ron Miller and Wanda Werner - 28
 Kate and Jay Shay - 29

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1. What hyperactive person broke all the chains that had been used to bind him? **THE GADARENE DEMONIAK (MARK 5:3-4)**
2. Who dropped a scarlet cord from her window to aid the Israelite spies? **RAHAB THE HARLOT (JOSHUA 2:15-19)**
3. Who made chains strung with pomegranates to decorate the temple? **SOLOMON (2 CHRONICLES 3:16)**
4. Who put a chain of gold around Daniel's neck? **BELSHAZZAR (DANIEL 5:29)**
5. What people had chains of gold around their camels' necks? **MIDIANITES (JUDGES 8:26)**
6. What apostle had his chains removed by an angel? **PETER (ACTS 12: 6-7)**
7. Who bound King Zedekiah in chains and blinded him? **NEBUCHADNEZZAR (JEREMIAH 39:7)**
8. Who gave birth to twins, one of which had a scarlet thread tied around it by the midwives? **TAMAR (GENESIS 38:28)**
9. Who put a golden chain around Joseph's neck? **PHARAOH (GENESIS 41:42)**
10. What judge was bound up in cords by the Philistines? **SAMSON (JUDGES 16: 6-9)**
11. What prophet was bound up in chains, along with the others who were carried away as captives? **JEREMIAH (40:1)**
12. What figure in the New Testament is bound up for a thousand years by a chain? **SATAN (REVELATION 20:1-2)**
13. Who arrived in Rome bound by a chain? **PAUL (ACTS 28:20)**
14. Who wore an ephod with gold chains on it? **AARON (EXODUS 28:20)**
15. What apostle was on a ship where the ropes holding the lifeboat were deliberately cut? **PAUL (ACTS 27:30-32)**