

Psalm 102:25-27 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

Once again we find ourselves moving into the fall season with its many changes of temperatures, colors, and precipitation. With it also comes some nice changes in church life such as Life Groups, AWANA, and Sonshine Preschool. Although seasons and church life ebb and flow, we serve and love a Lord who does not change nor does his message or mission.

In Malachi 3:6 (NIV) we read, "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed." What Malachi is referring to is the Word and covenant that God made with Abraham and his descendants. Even though Abraham's descendants did not maintain their "end" of the covenant, God perfectly did and in His love for Jacob's descendants and for all of humanity, He sent his One and Only Son to perfectly fulfill (or stand in) on their (our) behalf and suffer the consequences as though He had broken every law and committed every sin. In doing so, God opened the door and extended his salvation to all who believe upon His Son! What a great Father we serve and what a timeless message we have to share with those around us!

Because God keeps his Word and does not change, we can rest in His promises, love, presence, comfort, care, peace, character, and returning. Because our Lord is the ultimate Promise Keeper, we can rest in His goodness as it applies for the "here and now" and forever. There may be many changes in our world, nation, church, and families, but our Lord and His promises will stand forever.

What does God require of us? To love Him with our all (Mark 12:30), to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8), to keep His commands (John 14:15), and to declare and proclaim the Good News of the gospel to the whole world (Mark 16:15)! In this season of change, let us keep our eye on the One who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Blessings, PC

Hebrews 13:8-9 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?



I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

September has come, and with it extra homework, school projects and busy schedules of never ending running around. While we might be tempted to complain about the way things are, after reading the devotion below we will no longer be able to have an excuse to complain. This devotion hit Faith and me right between the eyes as an awesome reminder and an eye opening reality of just how unhealthy complaining is to us as humans both spiritually and physically.

The pool party was great at the Holtzople's as always, and the rest of the month was hot but awesome because guess who is always on His throne no matter the weather.....the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We look forward to the school year coming up including youth Sunday at the end of October. Please do let Faith and me know if your student is involved in and interested in having us come watch, cheer, and support their extra-curricular activities this school season. We love to support the youth! We love you all and enjoy the following devotion!

Always be joyful. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 NLT

Do everything without complaining and arguing, 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.

Philippians 2:14-15 NLT

How To Survive THRIVE - Spiritually

You Grow When Your Gratitude Exceeds Your Complaining

Did you know that doing what the Bible says can actually make you healthy? With today's medical and technological advances, we often find that the ancient wisdom of Scripture is backed by science.

For example, God's Word is full of instructions to give thanks. From the Psalms to the New Testament, gratitude and thanksgiving are recurring instructions on how to go through life. Why does God want us to be grateful?

"A complaining tongue reveals an ungrateful heart." - William Arthur Ward

What do you complain about? The government, taxes, politics? Your family, your boss, your job?

I often complain about all the little things I do for our family that seem to go unnoticed. Ironically, what I am complaining about is a lack of gratitude from those around me.

Research from Stanford University has shown that complaining shrinks the hippocampus—an area of the brain that's critical to problem solving and intelligent thought.

While it's not an exaggeration to say that complaining leads to brain damage, it doesn't stop there. When you complain, your body releases the stress hormone cortisol. One effect of cortisol, for example, is to raise your blood pressure and blood sugar. All the extra cortisol released by frequent complaining impairs your immune system and makes you more susceptible to high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. It even makes the brain more vulnerable to strokes.

Taking time to contemplate what you're grateful for isn't merely the right thing to do; it reduces the stress hormone cortisol by 23%.

Just like smoking, drinking too much, and lying on the couch watching TV all day; complaining is bad for you.

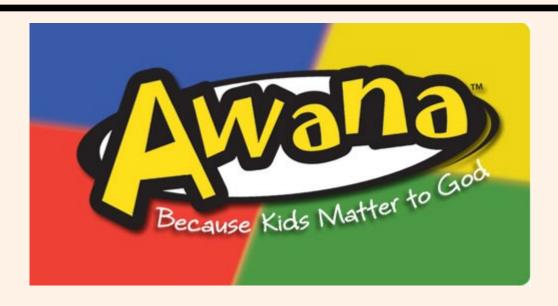
And the antidote to complaining, from science to Scripture, is to be grateful.

Look back at the list of things that you complain about. Can you find something to be grateful for instead?

Every time you catch yourself complaining, ask God to help you grow by noticing something you can thank Him for instead.

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.

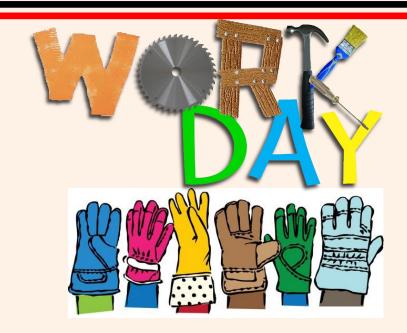
God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith:)



AWANA STARTS SEPTEMBER 15TH !!!!

NEW SCHEDULE

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



CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 8AM-12NOON
SPONSORED BY THE FBC TRUSTEES



Attention FBC Ladies!

Answers for Women 2022 Conference

March 31-April 2, 2022 (AnswersForWomen.org)

"Rooted: Standing Firm in a Twisted World"

As the confusion of the world grows ever more crooked and twisted, it's vital for us as Christ-followers to be rooted in the only sure foundation for our thinking – the Word of God. Come listen to passionate speakers who love God's Word and who will present practical tools for living out your faith in a dark world.

EARLY BIRD registration is \$99 (by September 30th)

and includes the conference as well as admission to both the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum attractions. The cost will be \$179 after the deadline. Please contact Carolyn Tuckey (610-299-0155) or Linda Kump (717-253-3163) for further details. This is an amazing and inspirational opportunity you don't want to miss! If you'd like to register, please contact Carolyn or Linda because a special code is needed to access the \$99 price.













CORN ROAST

SPONSORED BY FUSION YOUTH

Sunday September 12th 5-7pm under the pavilion ALL WELCOME! Bring side dishes for your family!







Fall is fast approaching and so is the 2021 National Collection Week. NCW is when churches and individuals from nations around the world take their filled shoeboxes to various collection sites and send them on the first leg of their journey to take the gospel to children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child has prepared a zoom presentation for anyone interested in learning more about the process churches and individuals go through to get the filled shoeboxes on their way. This zoom presentation will be available on Friday evening, **September 10**, **2021** from 7 – 7:45 pm. If you are interested in joining the presentation go to **https://samaritanspurse.cventevents.com/event/6d0600d7-4f64-4d75-880c-8e3fceb79a87/regProcessStep1:b78e4984-84dc-49f0-87dd-3ddbfbf9bc08** for the access code.

In addition to the zoom meeting, a Project Leader's Workshop will be held at Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1125 Frederick Pike, Littlestown on Saturday, **September 11 from 10-2pm.** Hands-on training and ideas will be provided at the training to give each of us information and ideas on how to pack the best shoeboxes possible.

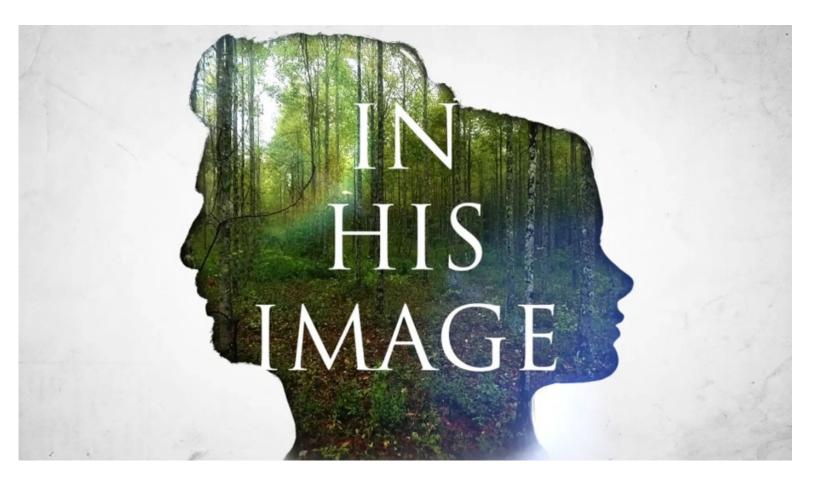
SAVE THE DATE: FBC's Fall Packing Party

October 28 from 6-8 pm.

Come join the fun and help send the Gospel to needy children.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

The FBC Shoebox Team



Movie Night at FBC!

This critical and urgent message is designed to equip the church to answer culturally controversial questions about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective. Every church in America is filled with hurting people asking these tough questions: Can you be gay and be a Christian? What if someone feels genuinely trapped in the wrong body? Did God make me this way? Is change even possible? This is a must see for parents and grandparents.

Sunday, September 26th @ 6:00pm

elder's corner

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing it is not only to be a child of God, but also to have the body of Christ that He gave us in each other as we make up the church. God has given us all gifts that complete the body and make it function as one. God connects all His children with His Holy Spirit and the call for all of us to "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength". Let us use our gifts that God has so richly blessed us with to encourage and minister to each other and glorify our Maker. The devotion below by Tony Evans does an excellent job of explaining the body of Christ.

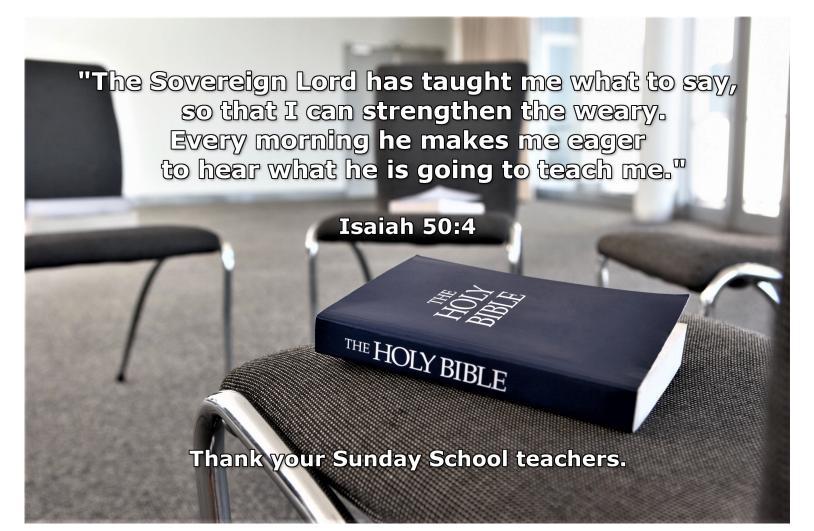
In Christ's love, The Elder Board

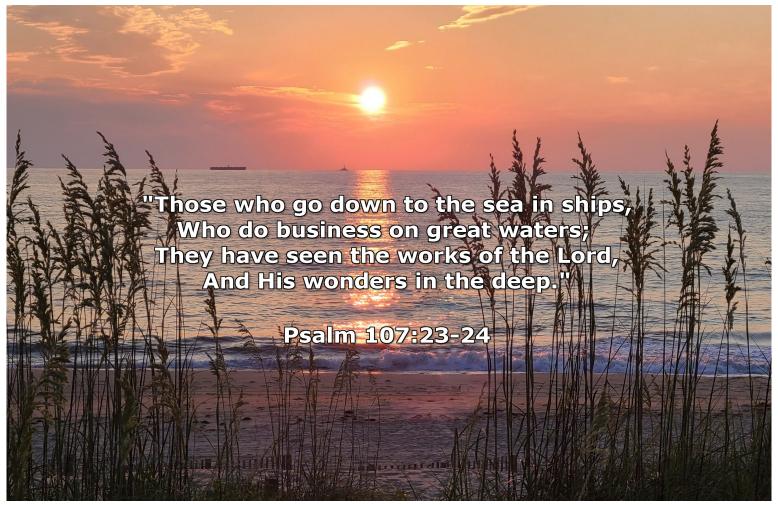
"Even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12

As believers and followers of Jesus Christ our Lord, our spiritual well-being depends on our connection with Christ through His body. In 1 Corinthians 12, the word *body* appears 18 times. Paul's conclusion in this chapter is that we must be connected to each other in order to be what God wants us to be.

In the New Testament, the human body became the primary picture of the church body. At the end of verse 12 Paul wrote, "So also is Christ." What the human body is to us, so also is Christ's body. There are many different parts doing many different things, but one unit. The reason our physical body is one is that all the parts are connected. If we cut off a finger, the finger dies. If we want it to function, we must get it reconnected quickly. Connection is absolutely necessary for life.

Christ's body, the church, is not an organization, but an organism. We can create a robot and have organization. The parts connect to each other so that it works. But the problem with the robot is that it has no life. It is organizationally connected, but it's not a living being. A human body, in contrast, has organization that makes it function, but it also is an organism. It's a living, breathing life. Connection in the body is necessary for function and for life, and it is essential if we are to leave a lasting impact and impression on our society and in our world."





THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

This summer I reread a book written by Erwin Lutzer, pastor emeritus of Moody Bible Church.

It was called When A Nation Forgets God, 7 Lessons We Must Learn From Nazi Germany.

George Santayana said "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

With everything going on in the world today I feel that the observations Lutzer makes we could benefit from. We most certainly can learn from the past so we don't make the same mistakes.

In his introduction to the book Lutzer points out that he doesn't expect America to ever gas millions of people because they belong to the wrong race; but the same values that destroyed Germany are being taught in many of our centers of learning today.

He says, "The experience of the church in Nazi Germany reminds us that Christ must always stand alone; He must be worshiped not as One who stands alongside the governmental leaders of this world but as standing above them as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The church has always been poised between two gods and two crosses. On the one side is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who died on a Roman cross, executed for the sins of the world. On the other side are any number of lesser gods and other crosses that promise a false salvation."

The following are insights Erwin Lutzer gives us for the church of today:

1. WHEN GOD IS SEPARATED FROM GOVERNMENT, JUDGMENT FOLLOWS

Hitler redefined Christmas and Easter. Christmas was turned into a pagan festival to be celebrated on December 21st – The winter solstice. School prayers were banned and carols and Nativity plays were forbidden in the schools. In 1938 Christmas was changed to Yuletide. Easter was turned into a holiday that heralded the arrival of spring.

Germany had a state church which paid the pastors salaries. Most of the churches bowed to the cultural currents and endorsed the "Positive Christianity" that was in line with government policies.

"Hitler would later try to obliterate the church. In the end he wanted to transform the church so thoroughly that every vestige of Christianity would be smashed. There was not enough room in the churches for both the cross and the swastika."

Martin Niemoller and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (both of these men landed in prison for taking a Biblical stand) opposed Hitler's intrusion into the affairs of the church. According to Lutzer, "more than two thousand pastors who had stood with Niemoller and Bonhoeffer withdrew their support. They believed that appearement was the best strategy; they thought if they remained silent they could live with Hitler's intrusion into church affairs and his political policies."

When the public square is free of any hint of religious values, secular values fill the vacuum, like the cheapness of human life (abortion and euthanasia) and the promotion of all forms of immorality (including homosexual marriages). Hate speech in this country will mean the same as it did in Nazi Germany: It is simply stating an opinion that the government thinks should not be expressed.

Lutzer says "Bonhoeoffer was right when he said that we will never be a victorious church until we see suffering as a divine gift.. "For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him but to suffer for his sake." (Philippians 1:29) He says it is time for us to reread the New Testament book of I Peter, written specifically to believers living in a hostile, pagan culture.

"Niemoller was right: we are being sifted to separate the wheat and the chaff. Whether in Nazi Germany or America, believers cannot choose to remain silent under the guise of preaching the Gospel. Sharing the Gospel is, of course, our primary responsibility since it is only the cross of Christ that can transform the human heart. We must be prepared to submit to the Lordship of Christ in all spheres.

2. It Is Always The Economy

Bonhoeffer and Niemoller broke away from the State Church and formed "The Confessing Church" which followed the Scripture instead of the government's orders.

Erwin says "given our penchant for wanting to live and not suffer deprivation, we are prone to do exactly what the German people did, and that is to overlook eternal ideals for the sake of temporal survival. So often we as Christians have been willing to compromise Christ to keep our jobs and to be assured of economic security, and to hide our faith in order to graduate from our favorite university."

"It is better to starve while doing God's will than to be a well-fed Christian who has chosen the short-term advantages instead of divine favor."

"The hard road is often the one we must have the courage to choose."

3. THAT WHICH IS LEGAL MIGHT ALSO BE EVIL

Hitler believed that the Jews were subhuman-parasites that needed to be exterminated. To make sure the Jews could be killed without reprisals he would change the law to ensure that extinguishing this race was not a crime. (a good example is abortion being legalized). "Whoever controls a nation's laws also controls a nation's agenda and values."

Evolution thinking and liberal theology have served over the years to weaken Christianity's influence.

4. PROPAGANDA CAN CHANGE A NATION

Hitler knew he could lead the masses if he could tell convincing lies. "The Nazi's censored film productions and textbooks to be used in schools. Books that did not match the Nazi ideal were burned or outlawed. Children's picture books demeaned the Jews and emphasized the glories of the Aryan race and they succeeded.

The Nazi's also sanitized their terminology. "When Hitler starved children, he called it' putting them on a low calorie diet.' And the extermination of Jews was called 'cleansing the land.' Euthanasia was referred to as 'the best of modern therapy.' Children were put to death in 'Children's Specialty Centers.'"

Examples today: homosexual behavior is alternate lifestyle, and adultery is an affair. Schools that demean religion and promote immorality are said to be value free.

5. PARENTS, NOT THE STATE - ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD'S TRAINING.

Textbooks were rewritten to reflect the view of racial fitness with an emphasis on German history and culture. If teachers wanted to keep their jobs they had to take an oath of loyalty to Hitler.

The purpose of school was not independent thought, but rather to transform the attitude and values of children to what the state wanted.

Truth was whatever the Nazis preferred it to be. Parents who tried to contradict what their children were being taught were punished.

Look at "values clarification" invented by Dr. Sidney Simon in order to change the beliefs, convictions and moral values of a child. It is based on the notion that there are no absolutes.

Teachers in North Carolina were told what values they should instill in their children. They were given a seven point list.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 God spells out what parents, especially fathers should be teaching their children.

6. ORDINARY HEROES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that "When God calls a man, he bids him come and die." He followed what he preached and was hanged a couple of months before the end of the war for standing for Christ. He wrote that cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace.....Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross and grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

"Today in America we need an army of ordinary heroes to stand against the gathering darkness in our land. We need people who will stand for truth courageously, consistently and with humility and

grace. " "We need to individually draw a line in the sand, making up our minds that we will not compromise our principles, even at great personal cost."

Lutzer gave an example of a hero he knew. His name is Zakaria Botros, a Coptic priest who through television and internet preaches the Gospel to fifty million Muslims in the Middle East each week. Tens of thousands of Muslims have come to Christ through his ministry. He is regarded as Islam's public enemy number one.

When asked by Lutzer what price he had to pay for sharing the claims of the Gospel this was his reply: "Whatever price I have had to pay is cheap in comparison to what Jesus Christ has done for me in shedding His blood for us!" But he went on to explain how his brother had his tongue cut out and a stake put through his head for preaching the Gospel in Egypt. "But that was okay if it was the price that needed to be paid for preaching the Gospel."

In writing about Chuck Colson he says, "No one is beyond hope; no one has fallen so far, but that God's grace can reach them."

7. WE MUST EXALT THE CROSS IN THE GATHERING DARKNESS

"Bonhoeffer warned that if the church should ever substitute one Lord for another, if the cross of Christ was replaced by any other cross, the Gospel would be betrayed and the church judged." He saw clearly what we in America have not yet grasped: that for us as Christians, the conflict is really between humanism and Christianity; or alternative religions and Christianity. "It is the meaning of the cross that gives Christianity its power."

"The cross has become an ornament hung around the neck, not an instrument that changes the heart."

In closing, Lutzer points out that "We must be confident that Christ will set the record straight. Those who are faithful to Him and His cross will be rewarded with joy unspeakable and full of glory.' All rival crosses will be exposed and judged, and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10-11)

Keep Looking Up!!!

Mark Punchard Sr.

Monday Mornings @ 6am - Pat Pileggi's (Men Only)

Friday Nights @ 7:30pm - Sean Fitzgerald's Deeper Still - Starts September 9 @ 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. (Ladies Only)

Sunday Fellowship Classes:

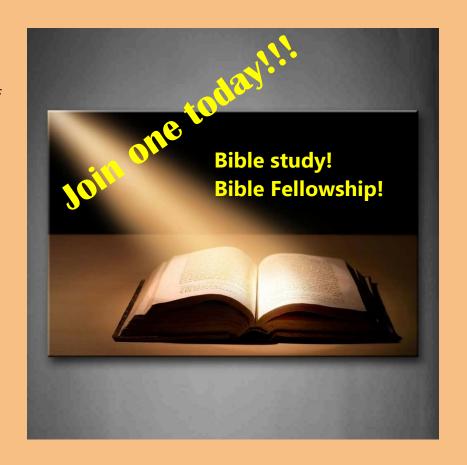
The Holy Spirit: (McBeth) 9:00am - Lewis Hall (Coming on September 12 - **New!** study of Galatians - led by Pat Pileggi)

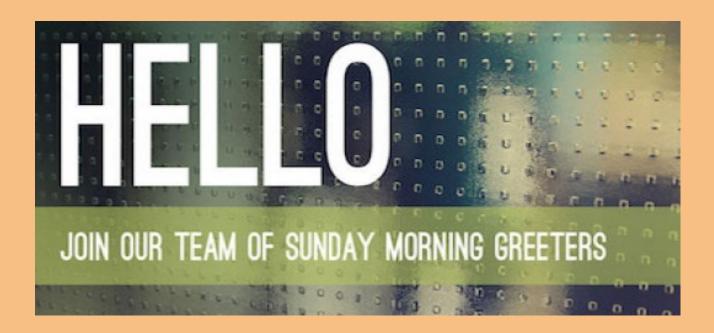
Apologetics: (How to defend our faith) (Punchard) 10:30am - Kitchen

Truth: (Answers for All of Us) (Tuckey and Kump) 9:00am-Youth Room

Soul Detox/Fight - (Blair) 9:00am Kitchen

Kids Bible Fellowship - ages 4-5th grade -Lewis Hall

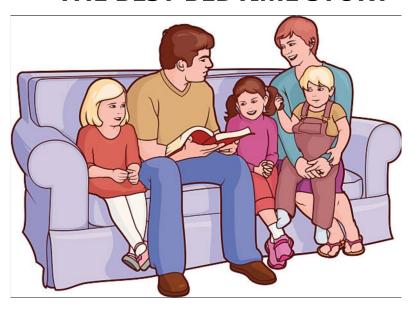




We are looking for some enthusiastic folks to be GREETERS on Sunday Mornings! This can be done in couples or singles. You would only need to greet folks for the service you attend. If you feel like you would enjoy welcoming people as they enter our church on Sundays, please contact Kathy @ 717-476-5934. We would love to have you join up to be an FBC GREETER!

KFC MUSICAL

"THE BEST BEDTIME STORY"



COMING SOON!

Sunday, September 19th @ FBC 10:00am ONE COMBINED SERVICE



Can You Guess The Hymn?

Room for pleasure,
room for business
But for Christ the crucified
not a place that He can enter
in the heart for which He died?
Room for Jesus, King of glory!
Hasten now His word obey;
Swing your heart's door
widely open
Bid Him enter while you may.



15 Questions Beople Getting Stoned



- 1. Who pelted David and his men with stones while he accused David of being a violent man?
- 2. What son of a priest was stoned to death by order of King Joash?
- 3. What owner of a vineyard was stoned after being falsely accused in front of Ahab?
- 4. Who was stoned by an irate mob while trying to carry out the orders of King Rehoboam?
- 5. Which of Jesus' parables talks about the stoning of a landowner's servant?
- 6. Who was in danger of being stoned after the Amalekites dragged off the wives and children of Ziklag?
- 7. What shepherd boy felled a giant with a single stone?
- 8. Who stoned the Amorites while Joshua led an attack on them?
- 9. Who was stoned for holding back some of the loot from Jericho?
- 10. For what seemingly minor offense did the Israelites stone a man while in the wilderness?
- 11. In what city do some Jews persuade the people to stone Paul?
- 12. Who fled from Iconium when they heard of a plot to stone them?
- 13. What deacon became the first Christian martyr when the Jews stoned him?
- 14. What gospel mentions Jesus miraculously passing through a crowd that intended to stone him?
- 15. Who intended to stone the woman caught in adultery?



Sherry Weber	- 3
Pauline Seibel	- 4
Nancy Jay	- 5
Jim Cooke	-6
Phil Gigous	-6
Steve Bjorkman	-7
Jeremy Rice	-12
Jerry Kollars	-12

Marty Tuckey	-12
Vickie McCloskey	-12
Carl Harris	-16
Gil Gibson	-18
Jay Shay	-19
Mary Ann Filler	-20
Brent Crushong	-23
Shelia Jay	-25

HAPPY September ANNIVERSARY



Greg and Tracey Thomas -2

Bari and Garey Roden -11

Pat and Joy Flinn -12

Dennis and Donna Ruth -12

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Answers to August:

15 Questions

- Why was Moses the most wicked man? HE BROKE ALL 10 COMMANDMENTS AT ONCE (EXODUS 32:15-19
- What book of the bible mentions a baseball player who hit ten home runs? (NUMBERS 11:32) "HE THAT GATHERED LEAST GATHERED TEN HOMERS"
- What Old Testament character must have been as strong as steel? IRON (JOSHUA 19:38)
- 4. What animal could Noah not trust? THE CHEETAH
- How long was Noah in the belly of the whale? NOAH WASN'T IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE - JONAH WAS
- How do we know there were newspaper reporters in biblical times? ZACCHAEUS COULDN'T SEE JESUS FOR THE PRESS (LUKE 19:3)
- What animal on the ark had the highest intelligence? THE GIRAFFE
- 8. Which burns longer a candle under a bushel or one on a hill? **NEITHER BOTH GET SHORTER**
- Out of Gideon's seventy sons, how many were big men at birth? NONE. THEY WERE ALL BORN SMALL AS BABIES ARE
- 10. What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark? FLOOD LIGHTS
- 11. When was the rooster's crow heard by everyone on earth? WHEN IT CROWED ON THE ARK
- 12. How does a lawyer resemble a rabbi? A LAWYER STUDIES THE LAW AND PROFITS
- How many animals did Noah bring into the empty ark? ONE. AFTER THAT IT WAS NO LONGER EMPTY
- 14. What New Testament book has an insect in the title? TI(MOTH)Y
- What are the two smallest insects in the bible? THE WIDOWS MITE AND THE WICKED FLEA (MARK 12:42 & PROVERBS 28:1)