



PASTOR'S PEN

NEW ENTERPRISE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN JULY/AUGUST



It was Mid-October 1992 – I found myself at 11,000 feet on the Flattops of Colorado about 2 miles north of Deep Lake. Elk and deer season would begin the following Saturday and I established an early camp ahead of my dad, brother-in-law and best friend. All of whom were coming up on Friday, but I needed time alone. My life was, literally, a mess – and like I had done so many times before, was counting on MY “skills”, MY “wisdom”, seeking a salvation through my own efforts. To be honest, I could already see that I was doomed to failure in those endeavors.

I decided late Wednesday afternoon to walk in the meadow just to the east of camp. Clouds from a coming storm were beginning to move into the area and shafts of sunlight broke through, highlighting vignettes of scenery. One such shaft, spotlighted a small ermine hunting chipmunks along a rotting spruce tree. His white and brown coat flashed in the sun, as he darted after one little chipmunk. I was sitting on a stump watching this as the chipmunk flashed by my feet. The little weasel ran right over my boot, looked at me as if to say – “excuse me”, then ran on in pursuit. The beauty of the moment reminded me about purpose and right focus. I was focused on the wrong things.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7 ESV)

Up to that point in my living, my focus was always on the wrong things. Perhaps if I had taken the time to read my Bible previously and had found this passage, I might have turned things around a lot quicker. But it was a start – over the next few years, the Holy Spirit began to mold me into someone who understands compassion, who lived through deep emotional breaks, and someone who finally began to understand that leadership is not centered on the “I” but should be focused on Jesus Christ alone.

For that brief time, however – it was a start. The Peace of God entered into me that day. As I have aged, I am finding that most things can be handled nicely by allowing the Peace of God to keep you focused and centered on things of Jesus Christ. Where are you focused today?

~Pastor Darwin Steele



Pastor Darwin lives in Six Mile Run with his wife Cheryl. He serves as pastor at the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salemville.
Welcome, Pastor Darwin!

Happenings This Month...

Picnic



On July 23rd, the pavilion by the lake at Camp Blue Diamond is reserved, along with a lifeguard for swimming. Come any time after 1 pm and enjoy swimming from 2-4pm with a picnic afterwards.

Water, soda and pulled pork will be provided along with silverware and plates. Bring a covered dish of your choice to share. Bring the kids, the neighbors, your family, and friends for a fun afternoon and evening at the lake!

Woodbury Food Pantry
Food for July:
Jello, Pudding, Mac & Cheese

Operation Christmas Child

Suggested items for July: Clothing items (socks, underwear, flip flops, etc.)



Your Flower Committee has been brainstorming a fundraiser to invest in two artificial Christmas trees for the sanctuary & narthex.

The new trees would address any allergy concerns that real trees create and eliminate the need to buy them each year. We are looking for our purchased trees to provide ease of decorating, give different lighting options and better storage solutions.

Our "Christmas In July" fundraiser will run the entire month of July, so you have 5 Sundays to help the cause!

We will be providing donation envelopes and we ask that, if you want your donation recorded (for those who regularly use giving envelopes), please put your assigned envelope # on the envelope and put in the collection plate.

So let's all jump on the "Christmas In July" fundraiser train, and help to bring home the best tree options available!



Bread and Cup Communion has been postponed for now. More details to come soon.



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 12th during worship. All school kids are invited to bring their backpacks along that morning.



Community Chaos Nite

On Saturday, July 30th from 4pm-8pm, the Evangelism Team and the Chaotic Fun crew are teaming up for a community event: **Community Chaos!**

They are planning on having an obstacle bounce house, bubble machine, light snacks and more. This is a family event and open to the whole community.

Sign up sheets are in the narthex for snack items and volunteers to help at different stations. Everyone is invited to come and bring the kids for a little bit of fun on a Saturday evening.

Sunday School: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, **8:30am-1:30pm**

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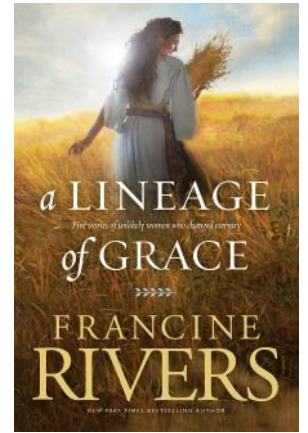
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Letters from the Library

A Lineage of Grace By Francine Rivers

Some authors are able to portray Bible stories as “real-life people” that you and I can understand. Francine Rivers is on that list of authors. She adds to the Bible story a humanizing “feel” for our total understanding.

Members of the Tuesday morning Bible study from last spring will recognize the main characters of this book - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. These names are a few of the women of the Bible that they discussed in their class. From the content of this book you will find these characters becoming a description to which you will be able to identify these women as those chosen by God to change eternity.....



Tamar - Unveiled - “dedicated to those who have been abused and used and yearn for justice”

Rehab - Unashamed - “dedicated to women who think past mistakes ruin any chance of a joy-filled future. Turn to Jesus and experience the wonders He has waiting for you.”

Ruth - Unshaken - “dedicated to my mother-in-law...whom I admire and adore.”

Bathsheba - Unspoken - “dedicated to women who feel they’ve lost their reputation forever. God can make beauty from ashes.”

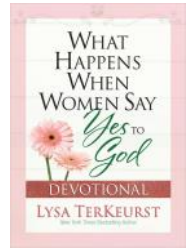
Mary - Unafraid - “dedicated to Jane Jordan Browne, a woman of faith.”

I hope that you will enjoy this book but also be able to understand their story on a deeper level as offered by Francine Rivers. By the way, I accidentally purchased 2 copies of this book...one hard copy and one soft copy...now more of you will be able to take advantage of it’s content. Enjoy.

~ Jeffie Singo, Church Librarian



Two new books in the library were purchased by the Men & Women's Bible Study Sunday School Class in memory of Betty Baker. They are titled “The Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak” by Shannon Bream and “What Happens When Women Say Yes to God” by Lysa TerKeurst. They are laying on the library table for your easy pick up.



Preaching Schedule

The preaching schedule has been temporarily modified while Pastor Darwin recuperates from his broken bones and injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Knowing that it will be several weeks, but wanting to stay flexible for Pastor Darwin to begin as he is able, the Pastoral Support Team is scheduling pulpit fill a few weeks at a time. Ergo, the Preaching Schedule in the Helping Hands section of this newsletter will have blanks as we play it by ear.

MISSIONS

Gideon's International will be the focus for the July mission offering. Gideons are God-called members, brothers and sisters in Christ, striving side by side to effectively and joyfully reach the world with the Good News. Members of The Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and Auxiliary in key locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails.

The August mission offering will go to the Village at Morrison's Cove Good Samaritan's Fund. This fund was established over 40 years ago to help offset the cost of caring for residents who do not have financial resources. This can include payment for medication, activities and haircuts. The funding can also be used for wheelchairs, beds, and electric lifts. Whatever residents need to assist with their daily lives, the Good Samaritan Fund provides it.

~ Ed Cook, Mission Team Chair

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for sharing ministry with me in this place. Thank you for your cards and gifts, but especially for your encouraging words, both written and spoken. You have been a joy! And God isn't finished with you yet. Christ's peace be yours,

Marlys



Chicken Barbecue

Get ready for the next NECOB Chicken BBQ – Saturday, August 13th.

We'll be having a Chicken BBQ to benefit our Capital Improvement Fund. The tickets have been ordered and we will post details as soon as they are printed and ready to go.



MIDDLE PA DISTRICT YOUTH

SUMMER SPLASH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 7:15-9:15 PM

at Martinsburg Memorial Pool
meet for registration and devotions at 7 pm

\$5 PER PERSON

(MAKE CHECKS OUT TO MIDDLE PA DISTRICT)

Join us for a private pool party for Middle PA District Youth in grades 6-12! All youth must be accompanied by an advisor or parent. Youth attending Youth Camp at Camp Blue Diamond will be attending as part of camp and don't need to register separately.

Please register with Amanda at amanda.r.helfrich@gmail.com with numbers by July 10th





Vacation Bible School was held June 6-9 here at the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren. This year we went with a four day VBS, which seemed to work well.

The theme was "Heroes- Trusting God." Each night featured a different biblical "hero": Noah, Jonah, David and Zaccheus. Kids learned the different ways and situations in which they trusted and listened to God. Each night opened with a skit featuring the hero of the day, followed by singing (with choreography!), games, crafts, snacks, and Bible lesson time. We had between 45-60 kids each evening.

This year we collected dog food, cat food, litter, leashes, snacks, etc. as well as monetary donations for the Bedford County Humane Society. There was even a competition to see who could raise more monetary donations: cats, or dogs. A cat and dog bank was placed in the fellowship hall for kids to put their money in. They named the cat bank "Trixie" and the dog bank "Billy." The dogs won, but it was a fairly close contest. The kids raised \$889.65 for the Humane Society.

Donations of water and Gatorade were also collected to be given to the Southern Cove Fire Company. They were very gracious and volunteered their time every evening to slow down traffic on 869 in front of the church and make sure that parents and kids got across the road safely. We are so thankful for our volunteer fire fighters!

On Thursday evening, the kids got a special treat from the Dairy Princess and the Guernsey Princess— ice cream sandwiches! What a great week!



Donations Taken to the Humane Society

On Tuesday, June 26th, a delegation of kids and parents delivered donations collected at VBS to the Bedford County Humane Society. While there, they got to have their picture taken with Trixie (the sweet beagle in the front row) and three kittens. They also spent some time with the cats and dogs before leaving.



Pictured above: 1st row (left to right): McKenna Reasy, Madelyn Reasy, Isabella Baker (and kitten), Samuel Baker, Grace Dainty (with kitten), Catherine Baker (and kitten), Trixie the beagle. 2nd row: Kelly Baker, Susie Dainty, Noah Baker.



Above: Our Jonah and the Whale mural, painted by our talented Decorations Committee.

Left: Some of the supplies collected for the Humane Society by the VBS kids.





When I was approached about being the VBS Queen (Megan Hall's fill in for VBS 2022), I thought NO WAY!!! How? Where do I start? How do I EVER do everything she does? How will I do it?? Well, with the frequent VBS thoughts awakening me often, I took it as a God nudge. So, I decided to try it. Every person I asked was quick to respond and even took it and "ran with it". Their ideas and excitement became contagious. It became a successful group effort. It glided smoothly. And for this, I want to express with my deepest heartfelt thanks for their kindness, willingness to do whatever asked, and a total joy to work with. Every one of these fabulous people are amazing and so appreciated. Thank you and may God richly bless each of them and all the families and children who attended VBS.

~ Susie Dainty

Bible Activity— Pastor Marlys

Emcee - Jeffie Singo

Registration Table -Margie Lippincott

Betty Sue Laird
Tonya Detterline
Peggy Ott
Carol Price

Skit Crew- Kelly Baker
Darlene Reighard

Kitchen/Snacks- Jeanne Defibaugh

Barb Settlemeyer
Betty Sue Laird
Ruby Kensinger

Crafts—Mandi Cottle

Riley Cottle
Annette Boyd
Elisabeth Sheppard
Kasey Wright

Music- Grace Dainty

Callie Miller
Ava Sipes
Laura Sollenberger
Megan Shirk
Noah Baker

Games—Jeff Browell

Ben Clark
Isaiah Baker
Weston Hart
Alex Britt

Classroom Staff...

Pre K - Kelsey Over
Andrea Musselman
Tracy Clapper
Tracey Britt

Kindergarten- Cindy Repogle

Logan Cottle
Callie Baker

1st Grade- Clay McIlnay

Addie Sipes
Jillian Morral
Carol Price

2nd Grade- Ryleigh Teeter

Ashlyn Reasy
McKenna Reasy
Connie Imler

3rd Grade- Rita Baker

Lane Sheppard
Rachel Bowman

4th Grade - Stephanie States

Janell Reasy
Nathan Eckenroad

5th Grade- Sara Browell

Kenny Ott

Decorations- Lisa Jay

Marcy Smith
Mandi Cottle
Riley Cottle
Kelsey Over

Sound System—Rick Defibaugh

Photographer & Videographer-

Tonya Detterline
Callie Miller

Nurses- Carol Price

Susie Dainty

Count Offering—Jeffie Singo

Marjorie Lippincott

Traffic & Road Safety—Sam Shope

Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Co.

Complaint Department—Susie Dainty 😊

July Anniversaries

4: Jimmy & Sheila Crawford
 7: Damien & Ashley Baker,
 Ray & Della Mae Grubb
 11: Ken & Peggy Ott
 24: Harry & Vi Brubaker
 26: Bill & Rita Baker
 27: Jesse & Darlene Reighard

July Birthdays

1: Alexander Britt, Lee Guyer
 3: Grace Dainty, Peggy Ott
 5: Danielle Settlemeier
 6: Elisabeth Sheppard
 7: Sydney Hull
 11: Gary Hall, Ryan Hall
 14: Ruth Clark
 15: Joe Furry, Joan Hershberger
 18: Marjorie Lippincott
 19: Ethan Boyd
 21: James Eshelman
 25: Dan Dainty, Tyler Hull, Stephanie States,
 Sandra Bessinger
 26: Paula Koontz
 27: Rick Bowman, Abigail Detwiler
 28: Ryan P. Hall, Jennie Turner
 30: Kenny Ott
 31: Harry Brubaker

Helping Hands For July

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 3- Brian Oakes
 July 10 - Jeff Glenney
 July 17- Ed Cooke
 July 24- Gideons International
 July 31-



SOUND TECHS

July 3- Rick Defibaugh
 July 10- Matt Hall
 July 17- Ryan Hall
 July 24- Chris Hull
 July 31- Rick Defibaugh

WORSHIP LEADERS

July 3- Juls Bratton
 July 10- Marjorie Lippincott
 July 17- Martha Beach
 July 24- Rich Clemens
 July 31- Shawn Shirk

ACOLYTES

July 3- Logan Cottle
 July 10- Harper Boyd
 July 17- Brynlee Boyd
 July 24- Jonathan Browell
 July 31- Jack & Wyatt Smith

RECORDING TECHS

July 3- Mariah Hall
 July 10- Mandi Cottle
 July 17- Rich Clemens
 July 24- Mariah Hall
 July 31- Mandi Cottle

GREETERS

July 3- Shawn & Megan Shirk, Betty Sue Laird
 July 10- Patty Clapper, Velma Steele, Ken & Peggy Ott
 July 17- Dennis & Linda Brumbaugh, Randy & Jeffie Singo
 July 24- Gary & Leanna Hall, Paul & Karen Turner
 July 31- Sherrie Mock & Kasey Wright, Rick & Janesa Bowman

CHILDREN'S STORY

July 3- Kelly Baker
 July 10- Gary Hall
 July 17- Stephanie States
 July 24- Mandi Cottle
 July 31- Jeanne Defibaugh

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JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>We covenant with God to witness in word and deed to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the New Testament, drawing people into a more personal relationship with God.</i></p>					1	2
3 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 Quilting	7 6am Mari-anna's Delivery	8	9 Pavilion Reserved
10 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	11	12	13 Quilting 7:15 pm– Summer Splash at Martinsburg Pool	14	15	16
17 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	18	19	20 Quilting	21 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	22	23 2 pm Picnic/ Swimming at CBD
24 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	25	26	27 Quilting	28 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	29	30 4-8 pm. Community Chaos
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August Anniversaries

6: Wayne & Jane Muntain
 11: Mike & Karen Baker
 16: Bransin & Ashlyn Reasy
 18: Chris & Christie Hull
 24: Al & Rosie Drenning
 26: Merle & Janelle Helsel
 31: Joe & Mary Lu Furry

August Birthdays

4: Jeff Boyd
 5: Steve Cottle
 9: Kyler States
 10: Jane Eshelman
 12: Vi Brubaker
 14: Logan Hull
 15: Rosie Drenning, Dixie Ebersole, Kevin Grubb
 17: Ruby Kensinger
 19: Lori King
 22: Ashlyn Detwiler
 25: Rachel Bowman, Cameron Risbon
 27: Caleb Hagelberger, Megan Hall, Dixie Miller
 29: Adam Baker, Jonathan Browell
 30: Carly Imler, Kaden Rightenour

Helping Hands For August

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Aug. 7 -
 Aug. 14-
 Aug. 21-
 Aug. 28- See explanation on p. 2



SOUND TECHS

Aug. 7- Matt Hall
 Aug. 14- Ryan Hall
 Aug. 21- Chris Hull
 Aug. 28- Rick Defibaugh

RECORDING TECHS

Aug. 7- Rich Clemens
 Aug. 14- Mariah Hall
 Aug. 21- Mandi Cottle
 Aug. 28- Rich Clemens

WORSHIP LEADERS

Aug. 7- Jeanne Defibaugh
 Aug. 14- Martha Beach
 Aug. 21- Mandi Cottle
 Aug. 28- Al Drenning

ACOLYTES

Aug. 7- Isabella Baker
 Aug. 14- Sophia Kensinger
 Aug. 21- Isaiah Baker
 Aug. 28- Catherine Baker

GREETERS

Aug. 7- Jeff & Annette Boyd, Connie Imler, Carol Price
 Aug. 14- Bill & Juls Bratton, Randie & Ruby Kensinger
 Aug. 21- Chris & Christie Hull, Jeff & Sara Browell
 Aug. 28- Ed & Jan Cooke, Dean & Elmira Grimes

CHILDREN'S STORY

Aug. 7- Marjorie Lippincott
 Aug. 14- Randie Kensinger
 Aug. 21- SS Promotion Week
 Aug. 28- Ed & Jan Cooke

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August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Quilting	4	5	6
7 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	8	9	10 Quilting	11	12 BBQ prep	13 NECOB Chicken BBQ
14 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth	15	16	17 Quilting	18 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting	19	20
21 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 6:00 pm Youth	22	23	24 Quilting	25 1:30 pm Blood Drive  6:30 pm Deacons' Meeting	26	27
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