



# GRACE

# HAPPENINGS

## **A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:**

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2019! It seems that time slips by so quickly. I remember talking to a new father some time ago and he was sharing with me his joy over his newborn daughter and how quickly she was changing; almost daily it seemed. I told him to enjoy every day and not to blink, because if you blink, the next thing you know you will be walking her down the aisle.

Isn't life like that? It is and it should not surprise us! God tells us in His Word that this life is but a vapor; here one moment and gone the next (James 4:14). One of our dear sisters used to share with me, "What a difference a day makes." Oh, the truth of that statement!

This is the time of year we celebrate many different things. We honor our mothers; we remember those who have died for our freedoms; we honor our fathers; and we celebrate our daughters, sons and others who graduate from high school and college. These weeks during the months of May and June give us much to celebrate, but they also give us much to reflect upon.

Graduation is a great occasion! It is a time of celebration that we recognize those who have completed the required work, met their obligations, and have worked hard to arrive at this day. One of the definitions Webster's Dictionary gives the word "graduate" is "to pass from one stage of experience, proficiency, or prestige to a usually higher one." Speak with any graduate; whether it is a high school graduate receiving their high school diploma, a college graduate receiving their associates or bachelor degree, or a graduate student receiving their masters or doctorate degree and you will most likely hear the same things. "I am thankful this day has come." "It was a lot of hard work." "I'm ready for some rest."

Do you realize, child of the King, there is a graduation day coming for each of us? It will be a day that we too, will be thankful has come. It will truly be a celebration as we will be absent from the body and present with the Lord. But let me ask, will you too, as many high school and college graduates

say, state that it was a lot of hard work and that you are ready for some rest? Or will you graduate with much more that could have been given for our Lord Jesus? God commands us to care for our bodies; eating properly, exercising and getting the rest we need, but some choose to take that to the extreme ready to present to the Lord on their graduation day a body and life that are like the cars we like to buy – gently used.

I do not agree with Hunter S. Thompson's views on things, but I believe this quote of his ought to be the battle cry of every believer as they live their life serving the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords:

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"



Graduation day is coming. Will you be gently used, or will you be skidding in, in a cloud of smoke, used up, and worn out for the glory of God having given your all?

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson  
Julie Lindsey  
Gerry Gladfelter

Carol Sarver  
Russ Hearton  
Rita Brewer

## **Building Together**

JUNE 2019

"....then they said, 'Let us arise and build.' So they put their hands to the good work." Nehemiah 2:18

Dwight L. Moody:

*"A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian...and most of all, his family ought to know."*



### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, June 9  
6:30 p.m.

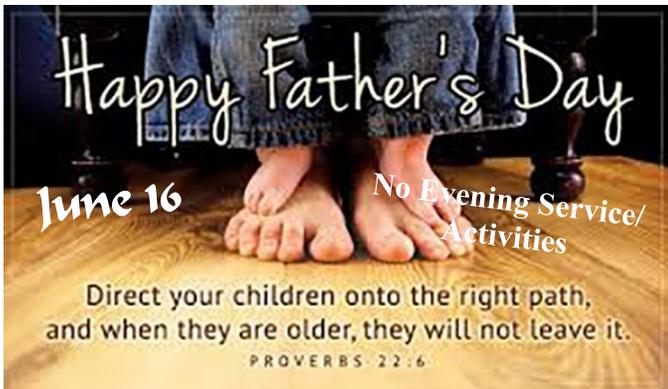
*Not just for church members!!*

**The Pastors and Deacons are proposing the following change be made to our Covenant, Constitution and By-Laws concerning creation.** The change is the addition of the statement highlighted in yellow.

This proposed change will be voted on at the Quarterly Business Meeting to be held June 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

#### Section IV – Creation

We believe that God created the heavens, the earth, and all life, each after its own kind. Creation is a direct act of the triune God and did not occur by any other means. **The days in Genesis do not correspond to geologic ages, but are six (6) consecutive twenty-four (24) hour days of creation.** (Genesis 1, 2; Psalm 33:6-9; John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:16-17)



**COMMUNION AND BAPTISM**  
Sunday, June 30  
6:30 p.m.

**Put a note in Pastor Steve's mailbox if desiring to be baptized at this time**

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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Traditional Worship  
6:30 Against the Flow Youth  
6:30 Evening Worship Service  
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults  
Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett  
Assistant Pastor

*"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."*



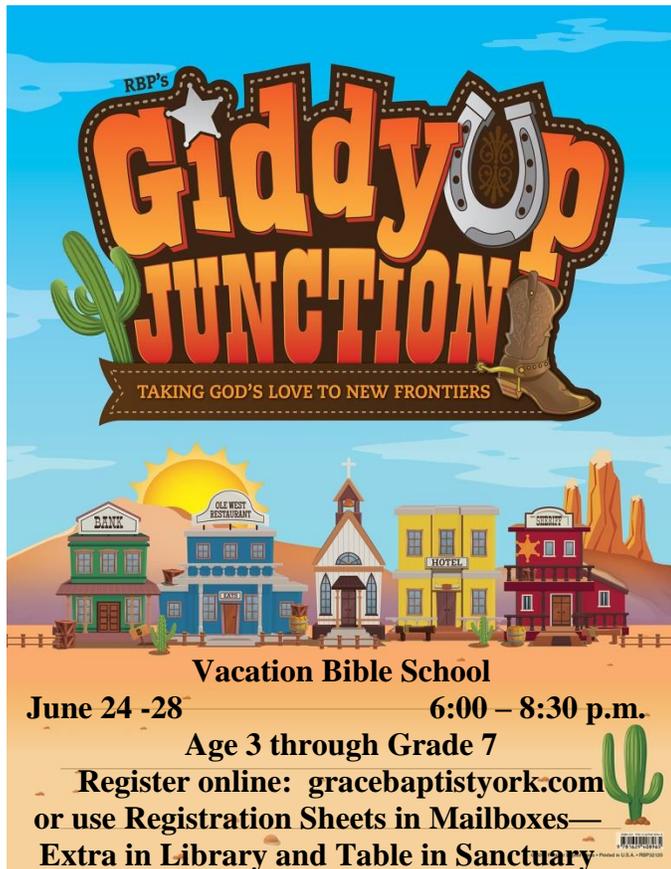
Ireland Maher, daughter of Tammy and Matt Tyson, is graduating from Dallastown High School.

Kohl Moore, son of Mac and Becky Moore, has been homeschooled by his parents.

Jensica Isiminger, daughter of Chip and Lori Isiminger, graduated from Kutztown University and will be working with DiscipleMakers.

Billy Graham:

*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."*



**RBP's Giddyup Junction**  
TAKING GOD'S LOVE TO NEW FRONTIERS

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24 -28 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Age 3 through Grade 7**  
**Register online: [gracebaptistnyork.com](http://gracebaptistnyork.com)**  
**or use Registration Sheets in Mailboxes—**  
**Extra in Library and Table in Sanctuary**  
**Staff sign-up sheet is on downstairs door**

All are encouraged to get on the Stagecoach by being a **PRAYER WARRIOR!** God tells us in His Word to  
“Pray without ceasing”  
“Pray one for another”  
“The Lord hears the prayer of the righteous”

Pray that all items needed for decorations, snacks, crafts, etc. will be provided.

Pray for strength and wisdom for those who are spearheading this great event this year and for those who are leading each committee—music, crafts, snack, games, teachers.

Pray for good weather for the week.

Pray for those who will soon begin decorating.

Pray that enough workers will volunteer to make a light load for everyone.

Pray that the hearts of the children who will be attending will be prepared and open to the Gospel message.

Pray that parents will see the need for their children to have this opportunity and be willing to bring them every night.

Pray that each child will attend regularly as much as possible.

Pray for spiritual growth for the saved children; and for salvation for each unsaved child.

Pray for our children for boldness to reach out to their friends to invite them to attend VBS.

Pray that the workers will show up every night and not grow weary as the week goes on.

Pray for safety for the workers and children while traveling to and from VBS and while at the church. Pray for good health for all.

Pray that every volunteer would be sensitive to each child's need.

Pray for workers to follow-up with each child who is saved during the week and any child who expresses a special need.

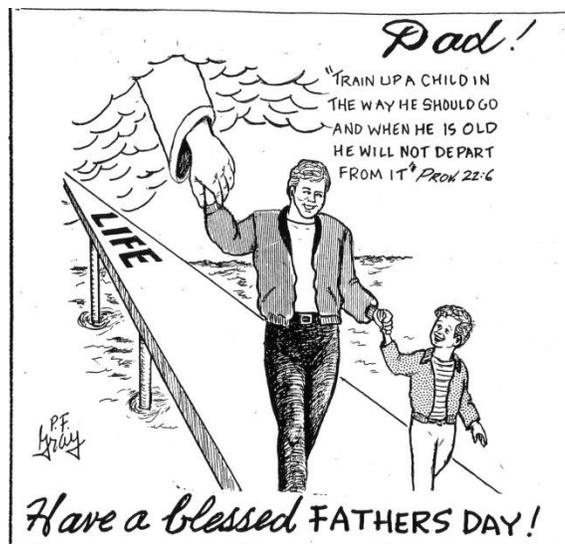
Pray for the parents who don't attend church and those who are unsaved that they would also hear the Message and receive the Lord as their Savior and see the need to attend church.

Pray for safety, strength, and extra time in their days for those cleaning up at the end of the week.

You, as a **Prayer Warrior**, are a very important part of VBS. **DO YOUR PART WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AS UNTO THE LORD!**

Charles Spurgeon:

*"Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself."*





## Delta Hiking Night

Wednesday, May 8, was a special evening for the Delta Pioneers (grades 1-6) as they met at Sam Lewis

Park to earn the Hiking Skill Award. The evening was organized by Kathy Wagaman, Pioneers Coordinator.

Those who arrived early practiced orienteering with a compass. Following a review of hiking safety tips by Brenda Apple, she led the 3/4 mile hike.

The hikers then sat as a group at the rock formation for the Bible lesson about Jesus' betrayal by Judas during the Last Supper. The lesson



was presented by Kim Wagaman. Before the evening ended, the children were able to climb on the rock formations.