



# GRACE

# HAPPENINGS

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

“One of the reasons we’re so worn out with life is that our knees aren’t!” ~Dr. David Jeremiah

Dr. David Jeremiah, in his book “Signs of Life,” tells the story of a gold miner who goes into a textile shop in California in the early 1800’s and complains about the pants he had purchased six months earlier. The knees on the pants were worn out and full of holes. The miner shared with the owner, Levi Strauss, the reason behind the knees wearing out. It is because he and the other miners work most of the time on their knees. And because of a miner with worn out knees on his pants, today we now have Levi Strauss’ jeans.



Shouldn’t Christians have the same problem as the miner as we ought to do most of our work on our knees?

It is hard to believe that it is going to be March soon. Those who have been weary of cooler weather begin to look forward to the warmer days of Spring. Spring brings about different things; watching God’s creation begin to move from its state of dormancy to new life as we see colorful flowers begin to push their way back through the ground, the grass beginning to turn green once again, leaves beginning to emerge from the buds that will soon be on the trees as well as new life as birds build their nests to lay eggs and other animals give birth as the warmer days approach.

But for many, Spring is also a time of cleaning our homes a little deeper than we do on a normal basis. We call it “spring cleaning.” Ah, the joys of moving every piece of furniture and finding those dust bunnies that have found their way into out of sight areas over the winter months. That time when we will move everything, wash everything from walls and windows to

everything that hangs on them as well and hoping for a warm breezy day that we can open the windows to bring in fresh air to a home that has been shut up tight against the cold over the last few months. And we’ll give it our all, won’t we? We will dust, scrub, vacuum, shampoo, wipe down, scour and clean. We will get down on our knees, we will stand on a ladder or step stool and we will twist and turn in search of every piece of dirt that may have found a home in our home and remove the unwanted visitor. Why? “I’ve always done it that way.” “This is what we do every Spring.” “My house just isn’t ready for warm weather until I give it a good once over.” And if you are a good Pennsylvania Dutch woman or man – “This is the time of the year we red up or rett up the house.” If you’re not sure what that phrase means, you won’t have to ask too many people in York County before you get your answer! The bottom line is this; we will wear ourselves out to get our homes “spring cleaned.” We will work hard for a day up to several days to get this chore accomplished and even to the point of being physically sore for the next several days because we went all out. We’ll put on our oldest clothes and we’ll be on our hands and knees to get the job done and done well.

It’s almost March and I have to ask, what shape are your knees in this time of year? Are your knees becoming worn out as you seek the Father’s face on a consistent basis? Are your knees sore from spending so much time on them bringing your petitions and requests before the Lord? Are you spending time on your knees praying for your GBC family? Are you praying for GBC? Are you praying for the building project and the capital campaign? Are you praying for God to use us mightily in this corner of York County? Are you praying for the unsaved you know? Are you praying for your Pastor? Are you praying for the deacons, Sunday School teachers, and our upcoming Vacation Bible School?

Are you praying at all?  
Do your knees give off signs of life?

## **Building Together**

MARCH 2020

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Traditional Worship  
6:30 Against the Flow Youth  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
6:30 Evening Worship Service  
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults  
Pioneer Clubs /  
Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner

Pastor

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Wilma Davidson  
Jack and Julie Lindsey  
Rita Brewer

Carol Sarver  
Russ Hearton  
John Klock

### SANDWICH SALE TO SUPPORT MISSION TRIPS/PROJECTS

Enjoy a Delicious Sub or Pretzel Sandwich for only \$4.50  
a variety of meats and cheeses available

Orders Due: Sunday, March 8  
Pick Up: Wednesday, March 18

Your order form is in your Mailbox  
Extra Forms available at Downstairs Usher  
Stand and Upstairs table in back of sanctuary

### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RESURRECTION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 7, 2020 9:00 a.m.  
Buffet Breakfast Special Music by Mike Riordan  
Kelby Moul, Guest Speaker

Free Will Offering Will Be Taken  
Sign-up Sheets are at Church Entrances

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8 6:30 P.M.**

**ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



**GRACE NOTES CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
IS EXCITED TO PERFORM THEIR  
NEW MUSICAL FOR YOU!!**

# Donkey Tales

**Sunday, March 15**

**During Both 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Services**

Through these Donkey Tales of Balaam's donkey, the Good Samaritan, and Jesus riding into Jerusalem, you will learn about the obedience God requires, the love we can show our neighbors and the humility that led Jesus to the cross. So quit horsing around . . . invite others and plan to attend *Donkey Tales!*



**COMMUNION AND  
BAPTISM SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
6:30 P.M.**

**CONTACT PASTOR STEVE  
TO BE BAPTIZED**

**NEW LIFE BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL  
MEN'S RETREAT  
"Building a Godly Man"  
March 27-28**

Ride the church van leaving at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and return Saturday at approximately 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$69 which includes meals, room and speaker. If paid in full by March 21, price is \$64. If not able to leave Friday, come for the day Saturday for \$39. Sign-up sheet is at downstairs church entrance. Contact Chip Isiminger with questions.



Guest speaker for this event is Mark Henson (Friday night and two sessions on Saturday). Mark is the Associate Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church in Shenandoah Junction, WV. He is a 2005 graduate of Appalachian Bible College with a B.S. in Bible and

earned a Masters in Divinity from Baptist Bible Seminary. He also studied abroad at the Baptist for Israel Institute for a year, where he met his wife Charis. They have five beautiful children. Pastor Mark enjoys playing basketball, white water rafting, kayaking, rock climbing and hiking. Come away for a relaxing weekend with good food, fellowship and solid Bible teaching.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

You will need your toiletries, Bible, notebook, pen, pillow, towel, and sleeping bag or blanket/sheets. Also bring clothes and shoes for your choice of free-time activities.

**FREE TIME OPTIONS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON:**

Classic camp activities (zipwire, horses, climbing wall, hiking), or just simply rest and relax.

Join other men from GBC and be refreshed in the Lord and each other!

**ROD AND STAFF?**

Psalm 23:4 "...thy rod and thy staff they comfort me..."

Recently a friend of mine checked in on me to see how I was doing and to let me know I was in their prayers every day. Because of their kindness and caring God reminded me of the twenty-third Psalm; in particular verse four... this reads in part "thy rod and thy staff...comfort me".

I was reminded that I could be part of God's rod and staff system and take time to make an effort to comfort someone with caring and prayers and to let them know I do.

How are you at being His rod and staff? Like me, perhaps there is room for improvement.



**CHURCH YARD SALE**

Friday, May 15 - 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Yard Sale Drop Off**

Every Monday, March 2 - April 27 (**except March 30**) - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Every Wednesday, March 4 - April 29 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Large Item Drop Off**

April 20 - May 6 at times above